

liaison, Major Starks expertly balanced a collateral duty as the White House Social Aide Senior Program Manager. His professionalism has resulted in strategic success across the Executive Branch. Due to his exceptional efforts, he was selected to lead over 100 White House events, to include two Medal of Honor Ceremonies and three State Visits.

In addition to his military-based contributions to our great nation, which have included service in many parts of the United States as well as in other countries, to include Germany and Korea, Major Starks is well-versed educationally, having invested himself in various levels of university programs. Major Starks's education includes studying at George Washington University, pursuing a master's degree in Legislative Affairs, from 2020 to 2021; studying at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Strategic Studies Fellow, in 2019; studying at Abilene Christian University, pursuing a doctorate's degree in Education, from 2018 to 2021; and studying at Stephen F. Austin State University, pursuing an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Government, from 2006 to 2010. He is currently a doctoral candidate.

Major Starks is an outstanding individual who has already served his country in many ways, and it is my honor to esteem him today.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM BOONE  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

**HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 25, 2023*

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dr. William H. Boone on his retirement from the illustrious Atlanta-based HBCU Clark Atlanta University, his appointment as Professor Emeritus, and thank him for his impact on the people of Georgia's Fighting Fifth District.

Called the "Dean of Atlanta City Politics," Dr. Boone has spent the last 40 years researching, advising, and commenting on Atlanta political life and Black political power across the South. He earned the respect of his peers and colleagues, serving as Assistant Provost, Dean of Graduate Studies, and the Chair of the Political Science Department at Clark Atlanta University as well as a president of the National Conference of Black Political Science.

Dr. Boone's talent as an educator is evident by the students he has produced. The people of Atlanta, of Georgia, and of the South have greatly benefited from the thoughtful, critical, and thorough analysis and scholarship Dr. Boone and his students have produced and will continue to produce for decades. As we all know, Atlanta Influences Everything, especially Black political power. Dr. Boone's focus on Black politics has improved our understanding of our own community and America's understanding of the cultural and political factors that inform and shape our present.

Dr. Boone takes his role as a leader in Black intellectual thought seriously. He always aims to be unapologetic when looking at the Black experience in this country, and to critically examine how the American experience

affects Black people. And he always makes sure to connect training and education to activism; to fighting for our community.

Congratulations to the Dean of Atlanta City Politics, Dr. William Boone. The people of Georgia's 5th Congressional District have learned so much from him for the last 40 years, and we will continue to learn from him and those lucky enough to learn from him, for decades more to come. I hope he enjoys his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. CLARENCE B.  
JONES

**HON. RITCHIE TORRES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 25, 2023*

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the historic "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I rise to honor not only the transformative impact of this iconic address but also to recognize the significant contribution of Dr. Clarence B. Jones to its creation. Furthermore, it is imperative that we acknowledge the instrumental role that the vibrant Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale played in the enduring legacy of this momentous event.

The "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered on August 28, 1963, during the March on Washington, stands as an indelible marker of American history. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s eloquence and vision, as expressed in that speech, continue to inspire and challenge us to this day. His words called for unity, justice, and equality, transcending the barriers of time and space to resonate with generations that followed.

Yet, we must not forget the individuals who labored behind the scenes to shape Dr. King's words into a powerful message that moved hearts and ignited change. Among them, Dr. Clarence B. Jones, a brilliant and dedicated speechwriter, lawyer, and trusted advisor, played a pivotal role in crafting the speech's content. His intellect, passion, and commitment to justice were integral to capturing the essence of the civil rights movement and encapsulating the dreams and aspirations of millions.

Moreover, as we reflect on the "I Have a Dream" speech, we must recognize the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale's important connection to this historic moment. Riverdale, known for its diverse community and rich cultural tapestry, served as an inspirational backdrop for discussions and dialogues that fueled the civil rights movement. It was a place where individuals from various walks of life gathered, exchanged ideas, and organized actions that contributed to the momentum for change.

Riverdale's commitment to social justice and equality is a testament to the enduring values that continue to shape our Nation. As we commemorate this 60th anniversary, let us not only celebrate the progress we have made but also recommit ourselves to the unfulfilled aspects of the dream. Let us strive for a society where justice prevails, where all individuals are judged by the content of their character, and where the legacy of the "I Have a Dream" speech lives on in our actions.

It is a great privilege to honor Dr. Clarence B. Jones' contribution to the crafting of the "I

Have a Dream" speech and in recognizing the vital role that the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale played in shaping the ideals and aspirations that continue to guide our Nation toward a more just and equitable future.

RECOGNIZING TERESITA  
BATAYOLA, AAPCHO AND NACHC  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
RECIPIENT

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 25, 2023*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Teresita Batayola for receiving lifetime achievement awards from the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) and the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC).

Over the years, I have had the immense privilege of witnessing Teresita's tireless work to improve health outcomes for refugee, immigrant, and underserved communities in Washington's Ninth District and across the Puget Sound region. Teresita's career as the President and CEO of the International Community Health Services (ICHS) was remarkable. She helped transform ICHS from just 2 clinics into a growing regional health care network that continues to provide comprehensive care to over 27,000 patients.

Teresita's work went beyond just leading ICHS for 18 years. During her tenure at ICHS, she also took on leadership roles at the local and national level to help expand access to health care and other services for those that need it most. Her dedication to expanding health care access in Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities led her to serve on the AAPCHO's Board of Directors for well over a decade. Her years of steadfast leadership has been instrumental in advancing the resources and capacity of community health centers across the country, building a legacy that communities will continue to benefit from for decades to come. These lifetime achievement awards from AAPCHO and NACHC are a well-deserved testament to that legacy and to Teresita's exemplary service.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Teresita for her visionary leadership, and I congratulate her on these achievements.

IN MEMORY OF SSGT. DARREN  
JAMES BRETON

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 25, 2023*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the life of Staff Sgt. Darren James "DJ" Breton, who has recently passed away at age 32, and to honor his service to the Nation.

Born in Wiesbaden, Germany, DJ embarked on a remarkable journey that took him across the globe and led him to proudly serve his country through his role as a crew chief in the United States Air Force.

His passion for sports, particularly hockey, became the heartbeat of his life. DJ generously shared his love for the game by dedicating his time to the Youth Hockey League, where he not only nurtured young talents but also found immense joy. To both the youths he mentored and the family he deeply cherished, DJ brought a lighthearted sense of

humor and an essence of selflessness, dependability, and respect for others.

DJ will be remembered for his legacy of service, care, and joy. He is survived by his loving father Dennis; his devoted mother, Kimberly; and his 2 adoring sisters, Cassandra and Hanna. DJ was, and is, well-loved and highly respected amongst his family and com-

munity, and his memory will not soon be forgotten.

I pray that his loved ones may be comforted as they mourn his loss. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring the life and legacy of Staff Sgt. Darren James Breton.