

He has continued to excel, recently breaking more records, and taking home the gold in the 200 meters individual medley course at the World Junior Championships. As if Maximus taking home gold wasn't impressive enough, his performance at the championships is matched by only 1 other American teenager, a man who went on to win 4 consecutive Olympic gold medals in the race. His time compares to what the great Michael Phelps accomplished at that age.

I congratulate Maximus on his win and thank him for representing North Texas well. I wish him all the best in his future competitions and will be rooting for him.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE SAVANNAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Savannah Fire Department for its unwavering service towards our community. Throughout my time in government at the local, state, and federal levels, I have always known them to be a reliable force for good in the Savannah area. For example, in early March the Savannah Fire Department saved the life of a young girl at a swim meet.

An 11-year old girl was swimming at the Chatham County Aquatic Center when she began to drown. Savannah Fire responded to the call and found the young girl unable to breathe and in cardiac arrest. The Firefighters quickly began CPR, and they continued until she regained breathing and a pulse. Thanks to the quick actions of Savannah Fire, she is still with us today.

I would like to personally thank Advanced Firefighter Phil Haag, Captain Brian Smith, and Advanced Firefighter Mario Smith for their actions in saving this young girl. This is just one of the many ways they keep our community safe every single day.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF STEVE DENSMORE

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize Assistant Fire Chief and Melvindale City Council Member Steve Densmore for his 27 years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Assistant Fire Chief Densmore got his start in public service in 1996. After only 1 year of service, he received the first of many Meritorious Company Commendations. In addition, he has been recognized numerous times for valor and lifesaving. Over the course of his public service career, Assistant Chief Densmore has committed himself to continuous professional development, completing numerous certification programs in various rescue operations techniques and other technical programming.

Assistant Chief Densmore has been an outstanding public servant to the communities

served by the Dearborn Fire Department. Please join me in recognizing his 27 years of commitment to protecting our families' safety across Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.

CELEBRATING CHOWCHILLA'S CENTENNIAL EVENT

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the city of Chowchilla's Centennial Celebration being held on September 23rd.

Since its incorporation 100 years ago on February 7, 1923, Chowchilla has distinguished itself as a vibrant agricultural city, idyllically nestled between the cities of Fresno and Merced, with close access to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Pacific Coastline, and Yosemite National Park.

Chowchilla hosts a rich culture that traces its roots back to the Chowchilla tribe who inhabited the area; the name 'Chowchilla' being a byword for bravery to the southernmost end of the Yokuts territory in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley.

At the heart of its celebratory traditions is the Western Stampede Cattle Drive which arrives in Chowchilla every year with great fanfare and excitement, showcasing the city's rich history. And Downtown Chowchilla displays the city's historical buildings and storefronts.

While home to only about 19,000 people, it's the birthplace of Ronald D. Moore, best known for his work on Star Trek, and Cameron Worrell, former NFL player of the Chicago Bears.

Chowchilla is now a part of a unique collective history—along with other small communities such as Kerman and Patterson—that emerged from the foresight of a real estate promoter O. A. Robertson who envisioned the productive and agricultural significance of the area to California's Central Valley.

On behalf of the people of California's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Chowchilla on 100 years of community-building that contributes so greatly to the Central Valley, and the state of California.

RECOGNIZING ALLAN AND KIM OVERHISER INDUCTION TO MICHIGAN FARMERS HALL OF FAME

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate both Allan and Kim Overhiser for their incredible service to Allegan County and on their induction to the prestigious Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. It is an honor to express my gratitude for their dedication and commitment to our community and Southwest Michigan.

Mr. Allan Overhiser was raised on the Overhiser farm and decided to follow in his family's fruit growing tradition. When his father retired, Allan and Kim Overhiser took over the

business and became the fifth generation of family farmers. Under their combined leadership, the farm has expanded to 325 acres and includes more than 30,000 fruit trees. Allan and Kim have brought on their son, Alex, to continue managing the family's farming operations.

Coinciding with his agricultural and business leadership, Allan has also diligently served his community. Allan spent 16 years as the Casco Township Clerk from 1988 to 2004 and has continued his service as the Township Supervisor since he was first elected in 2004. On Allan's watch, his constituents have directly benefitted from the development of a 20-acre park overlooking Lake Michigan, the creation of the South Haven Area Water and Sewer Authority, and the establishment of the South Haven Area Emergency Services Authority. He is a recipient of the Michigan Horticultural Society Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to helping run their family farm, Kim Overhiser has also distinguished herself as a community leader. She is a founding member of the Michigan Agritourism Association, a board member for the Lakeshore Harvest Country Association, a Cub Scout leader, and as a strong supporter of Fennville High School Athletics and Bands. Kim's passion for service has helped make Southwest Michigan an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the House for joining me to congratulate Allan and Kim Overhiser on their well-deserved Hall of Fame induction and for their years of dedicated service to Allegan County and Michigan's 4th Congressional District.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF INA YVONNE WHISENHUNT TILLMAN

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of an educator, administrator, and all-around phenomenal woman, Ina Yvonne Whisenhunt Tillman, who passed away on August 8, 2023, at the age of 85.

Ina was born in Vredenburgh, Alabama, to the late Martha Packer Whisenhunt and Walter Carver Whisenhunt, Sr. Upon graduating high school, Ina followed her passion for education at Alabama State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1960. Returning home from Montgomery as a teacher, Ina spent the next decade teaching in the Selma City School System.

As a college student, Ina was inspired to get involved in the fight for civil rights by influential activists like Thelma M. Glass and Attorney E.D. Nixon, who served as her professors and frequent speakers. When she returned to Selma, she continued to stay involved in the Movement, participating in numerous marches and demonstrations. She was a proud member of the Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak, solidifying her commitment to fighting for liberty, equality, and justice for all, especially the African-American community. Bringing her activism to her classroom, Ina bravely

took on the task as 1 of the first Black teachers to integrate Cedar Park Elementary School.

In 1971, Ina left home again, relocating to Mobile, AL, to advance her career in academia. She served as the Educational Director of Head Start in Pascagoula, MS, before transitioning into the Mobile County School System as a Title-IV Assistant Director and Chapter 1 Assistant Director. Ina made her mark as a dynamic educator and always worked to improve the lives of her students both inside and outside the classroom. Aspiring to become a principal, Ina continued her education at the University of South Alabama, earning her master's degree in 1974 and then at the University of Alabama for her associate's degree 2 years later.

Following a battle between local Black educators and the school system, where a judge ruled in favor of the educators regarding discriminatory hiring practices, Ina accomplished her goal, becoming the Assistant Principal of Mattie T. Blount High School. She later served as Principal of E.T. Belsaw/Mt. Vernon School until her retirement in 1995.

Throughout her life, Ina was an active member of her community, no matter where she relocated. She was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; The Links, Incorporated; and Phi Delta Kappa.

She also received many awards and recognitions, including the Outstanding Educational Service Award from Blount High School; the Outstanding Educator Award from Phi Delta Kappa; the Top Career Woman of the Year in 1988; and the Area Director's Award from The Links, Inc.

Later in life, Ina expanded her community impact through the written word. She authored books and papers, even writing one on her life growing up in Selma, titled "Just Live," a compilation of short stories. Ina's penmanship led her to contribute to the Mobile Press-Register and win first place in the 1992 National Convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for her position paper.

Ina's is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Willie James Whisenhunt and Walter Carver Whisenhunt, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Felicia (Marvin); son, Joseph (Renunda); 6 grandchildren, Jeremy Populus Jones, Ari Clayton-Brinkley (Calvin), Kobi Jones, Mikah Jones, Charles Clayton, Chloe Jones; sister-in-law, Patricia Whisenhunt; 2 nephews, Bradley Whisenhunt and Corey Whisenhunt; 4 nieces, Angela Whisenhunt, Cheryl Whisenhunt Young (Kimmer), Denise Whisenhunt Carey (Rodney), and Erica Whisenhunt; 2 cousins, Mary Powell and Jacquitta Powell Green; 1 step-daughter, Gracie M. Anderson (Brosowski); and a host of other family and friends.

On a personal note, my twin brothers and I affectionately called her "T'Vonne". Our families were close forever friends. Growing up in Selma, I have so many fond memories of the good times we enjoyed with her children. Her daughter "Lisa" and son "Jojo" were our childhood best friends. When those boys got together it was triple trouble. Even when they moved to Mobile, we continued to stay connected. Over the years, we have celebrated family triumphs and comforted each other during times of sorrow and pain. T'Vonne was like a second mother to me—always providing wise counsel and words of encouragement. She will be missed, but I know that her incredible legacy will live on in the many people she impacted.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Ina Yvonne Whisenhunt Tillman for her contributions to generations of scholars and decades of exemplary service as an educator and community activist.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the unofficial formation of the Palos Verdes Peninsula community. One hundred years ago, a small real estate rally took place that is credited with the inception of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Today, the Palos Verdes Peninsula is comprised of 4 beautiful cities. The first city to be incorporated on the peninsula was Palos Verdes Estates in 1939, followed by Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates in 1957, and most recently Rancho Palos Verdes in 1973.

On June 17, 1923, real estate developers hosted a rally to encourage individuals to buy property on the peninsula. This event invited people to hear about the development plan for the Peninsula and led to one of Nation's first planned communities. The original site of the rally is where the offices of the Palos Verdes Unified District now stands. What was once empty land with rolling hills and scenic views has transformed into a beautiful community with an amazing school district, businesses, and homes. Today, the Peninsula is home to roughly 80,000 residents—all of whom are my constituents.

The illustrious history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula was celebrated on June 17, 2023, with Doors Open Peninsula 2023: Celebrating 100 Years of History on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Community leaders, residents, elected officials, and business owners worked in conjunction to honor the Peninsula's history. On behalf of the residents of California's 36th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Palos Verdes Peninsula community on their 100-year anniversary and wish the cities a prosperous future.