

also active with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). She led The O'Neal School's FCA chapter for 10 years and supported the FCA Golf Ministry's initiatives in the golf industry.

Sadly, Mrs. McGowan passed away on January 12, 2023, due to complications associated with pancreatic cancer. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all who knew and loved her. Mrs. McGowan's love for golf and commitment to teaching, supporting, and helping others represents the very best of our community. She leaves behind a remarkable legacy, and I join our entire community in gratitude as we honor her extraordinary life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Bonnie Bell McGowan.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF LARRY R. ROGERS, SR.

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**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of attorney Larry R. Rogers, Sr. Chicago recently lost a powerhouse in the legal community, a dedicated leader in the civil rights fight, and a man who inspired me. America was a better place because Larry lived in it, and I am proud to recognize him in Congress.

As a native to the Roseland neighborhood in the south side of Chicago, Larry was raised by his mother who worked 2 jobs to support their family and pay for her children to attend Catholic school. Larry was inspired by her work ethic and commitment to a good education, which was evident in the path Larry pursued for himself.

After graduating college, Larry put his dreams on hold in order to provide for his own family. While working at 1 of his 3 jobs, Larry struck up a friendship with a customer at a gas station, which ultimately changed his life. Joe Power, a young attorney at the time, encouraged Larry to finish law school. Once he did, Joe recruited Larry to work at the law firm he was in at the time and the two eventually went on to found a personal law and medical malpractice firm, Power Rogers LLP.

Shortly after starting the law firm, it became evident that Larry was destined to be a lawyer. He secured multimillion-dollar verdicts and recoveries for his clients, including a record \$27 million product liability verdict against an infant formula company, which in 1985 was the largest personal injury verdict in Illinois history, and a \$55 million verdict for a brain-damaged woman, which is the largest medical malpractice verdict that went to judgment in Illinois history. In addition to this history-making victories in the courtroom, Larry also achieved historic victories for himself. He served as the first African American President of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, was the President of the Cook County Bar Association, and was awarded the John Paul Stevens Award, the Chicago Bar Association's highest and most prestigious award.

While these successes are worthy of mention, Larry's work was more than legal accomplishments. He was often a mentor to young lawyers by being a trailblazer when there

weren't many African American lawyers reaching the same heights as Larry so often did. Throughout his entire life, Larry understood the importance of helping others and advocating to those who needed it most, and that included supporting the young people at the start of their careers. Larry often told those who were new to the legal profession, "Work hard. Maintain your integrity and be willing to associate with others in your field. Get to meet them and learn from them whether the others are African Americans or whites or whatever their ethnic background may be." As I begin my service in Congress, and proudly represent the First District of Illinois, I will carry Larry's words with me and commit myself to helping those in need.

Larry's formidable legal career also had a profound impact on his son, Larry Rogers, Jr., who I am grateful to call a friend. I can see the generational impact of Larry Sr.'s work. Larry Jr. carries the mantle of his father's success, along with several other family members who have become lawyers. And while Larry Sr. has left this world, his spirit will remain as we continue to see the work being done by all of those he mentored, including his own children. Larry was a man who walked the corridors of power and never forgot those who are far too commonly left behind, and his influence will continue to be seen for generations to come.

Larry reached the heights of corporate success while carrying the compassion of the community he came from. In addition to his remarkable career, Larry Sr. was a champion for civil rights and remained a man who kept his heart and commitment with the people who needed it most. I also speak on behalf of my father, Rev. Jesse Jackson, who is grateful for Larry, Sr.'s friendship and dedication to equality throughout their relationship. Larry and my father often worked together, including at Rainbow/PUSH, and I know that we are better because of Larry's focus on social justice, both professionally and personally. The passing of Larry Rogers marks a significant loss for civil rights and a fighter for our community. My family will carry Larry's wisdom with us as the fight continues.

Above it all, Larry is remembered as a wonderful father, grandfather, and friend to those he left behind, including life partner Pam, his children and stepchildren Larry Jr., Dom, Ann Marie, and Frederic, and many grandchildren, sisters, brother, nieces, and nephews. Larry made life better for all of us and we thank God for blessing us with his presence. I hope memories of him serve as a blessing and provide comfort to all he knew.

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RECOGNIZING DUNCAN CAMPBELL  
AND THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN

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**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I want to take the opportunity today to celebrate the accomplishments of Duncan Campbell who, in addition to being a business entrepreneur and a philanthropist, I am grateful to call a friend. Duncan is a pioneer in changing the way we help America's children and young people who

are facing the greatest challenges in life. Starting as a childcare worker for juvenile offenders and later working on the Governor's Children Agenda and serving as Chairman of the Multnomah County Juvenile Services Commission, Duncan has spent decades dedicated to the pursuit of improving the lives of children who are born into unfortunate circumstances. I especially want to highlight a program he created, Friends of the Children, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Friends of the Children is a mentoring organization that enrolls children ages 4 to 6 who are facing the most extreme challenges, and provides them with salaried, professional mentors who meet with them every week through high school graduation. Each professional mentor, called a Friend, works with 8 to 10 children. Children spend 16 hours per month with their Friends, working to achieve a set of individualized goals that place them on a path to success.

The Friends model created by Duncan is now gaining national recognition as a solution to some of our greatest challenges, and I find it a privilege to advocate for it here in Congress. It can be used to prevent foster care placement and improve stability for children already in the system. Investing in paid, professional mentoring would reduce the burden on existing systems and increase the number of children receiving evidence-based services. The program has been carefully analyzed by a wide variety of experts. It works. It's extraordinarily successful, having grown into a national network of 30 cities.

Friends of the Children is a program unlike any other. It is the solution to breaking the cycle of poverty and trauma. With the intensity and duration to change life trajectories, it provides more equitable opportunities for youth experiencing trauma or living in extreme poverty. The Friends of the Children relationship-based service model addresses the needs of our country's most vulnerable youth, empowering them to move beyond their circumstances to become healthy, contributing citizens. I encourage my colleagues to partner with chapters that serve their constituents and hear more about how their communities benefit from this program.

I offer my congratulations to Duncan, on the work he's done these last 30 years and I look forward to working with him for years to come.

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HONORING FIRST LIEUTENANT  
KYLE ANDERSON UPON RECEIVING  
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING  
CROSS

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**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend First Lieutenant Kyle Anderson of the 349th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 349th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest

noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 349th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 349th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like First Lieutenant Kyle Anderson epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate First Lieutenant Kyle Anderson of the 349th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

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HONORING THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON GROUP'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023*

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Thursday Luncheon Group, an organization established in 1973 with the goal of increasing African American participation in the formulation, articulation, and implementation of United States foreign policy.

Since joining Congress more than 20 years ago, and as the first African American to lead the House Foreign Affairs Committee, promoting diplomacy, democracy, development, and diversity in U.S. foreign policy has been one of my main priorities. I have seen firsthand the important benefits of the work of the Thursday Lunch Group to ensure that those making and implementing foreign policy are reflective of the diversity of the United States.

The Thursday Luncheon Group celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and as the U.S. Department of State's oldest Employee Affinity Group, the organization has served as a beacon of light by upholding and advocating for more diverse recruitment, retention and leadership at the State Department, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Two senior officers working at what was then known as the U.S. Information Agency: Mr. William B. Davis and Mr. Robert Duman established The Thursday Lunch Group In 1973. Mr. Davis and Duman gathered friends and colleagues at the Department of State and USAID to explore possibilities for greater inclusion and promotion of African Americans in the international affairs. These two founders and those who organized around this important mission began to meet every first Thursday of every month to share professional development opportunities for Foreign Service and Civil Service personnel, while also created

opportunities to interact with leaders in the foreign affairs community.

Half a century later, the Thursday Luncheon Group has over 600 members, including retired and current Department of State and USAID employees, and dedicated members from 5 other federal agencies. Their members have taken prominent roles in the development and execution of U.S. foreign policy, including Chiefs of Mission, Career Ambassadors, and Assistant Secretaries. TLG members monitor recruitment, assignments, employment practices, training, and other matters of vital interest to historically excluded groups at the State Department and USAID. The organization remains committed to mentoring entry-level and mid-level officers to prepare them to become the future leaders in international affairs. Moreover, TLG members are dedicated to giving back to their communities. The organization raises funds to support paid summer internships at the Department of State and established the Terence A. Todman Book scholarship (named after the first African American to be named Career Ambassador, the highest rank among the diplomatic corps) for students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. I applaud the Thursday Luncheon Group's efforts to promote excellence and inclusion in international affairs and congratulate the members of the Thursday Luncheon Group for 50 years of service in ensuring our country is represented with excellence around the world.

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REINTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO HUMANITARIAN AND SPORTING LEGEND MUHAMMAD ALI

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, as we kick off the start of Black History Month, I am proud to reintroduce legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his contributions to our Nation. I believe it is long past time to recognize this American civil rights activist and sporting legend with Congress' highest honor. Sadly, we were unable to act swiftly enough to honor him prior to his passing at age 74 in 2016, so that is why I am asking my colleagues to join me now in honoring an American hero. Over the course of his illustrious career, Muhammad Ali produced some of our Nation's most lasting and impactful sports memories. From winning a Gold Medal at the 1960 Summer Olympics, to lighting the Olympic torch at the 1996 Summer Olympics, his influence as an athlete and a humanitarian spanned over 50 years.

Despite having been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in the 1980s, Ali devoted his life to charitable endeavors. Ali, and his wife Lonnie were founding directors of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center and Movement Disorders Clinic in Phoenix, AZ and helped raise over \$50 million for Parkinson's research. In addition to helping families cope with illness, Ali led efforts to provide meals for the hungry and

helped countless organizations such as the Make-A-Wish-Foundation and the Special Olympics.

Muhammad Ali's humanitarian efforts went beyond his charitable activities in the United States. In 1990 Muhammad Ali travelled to the Middle East to seek the release of American and British hostages who were being held as human shields in the first Gulf War. After his intervention, 15 hostages were freed. Thanks to his devotion to diplomatic causes and racial harmony, Ali was the recipient of many accolades, including being chosen as a "U.N. Messenger of Peace" in 1998 and receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005 from President Bush.

Through his unyielding dedication to his sport and to struggling populations around the world, Muhammad Ali still serves an example of service and self-sacrifice for generations of Americans. The Congressional Gold Medal is a fitting commemoration of his life and work, for which he is deservedly known as "the Greatest."

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing one of our Nation's most lasting and influential figures by signing on to this important legislation.

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RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPS AIRLINES

**HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023*

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize UPS and celebrate the 35th anniversary of UPS Airlines' first flight. From its founding as a small bike messenger operation, UPS has grown into one of the most recognized brands in the world, and it continues to be a shining example of good corporate citizenship.

Thirty-five years ago, UPS did what many, including the Federal Aviation Administration, said could not be done—it built an airline in less than a year. UPS Airlines remains the fastest built airline in FAA history, and 3 decades later, it is one of the world's largest, safest, and most on-time airlines, moving the equivalent of 6 percent of the U.S. economy and 2 percent of global economy in goods and services through its supply chain each day.

Louisville is the proud home of UPS Airlines' primary global hub, Worldport, a facility that processes more than 2 million packages every day, employs more than 20,000 hardworking Kentuckians, serves nearly 800 airports worldwide, and plays a critical role in the supply chain ecosystem year-round. Over decades of global supply chain changes, UPS Airlines has remained a constant, providing good-paying jobs for hardworking Louisville families and adapting to ensure reliability for both customers and consumers.

On this 35th anniversary, I'm honored to recognize the tireless work of UPS Airlines serving our communities and creating pathways to success for thousands of employees across the Nation.