

dedication earned him great respect among his colleagues and everyone he encountered at the Port.

Jim's storied career paralleled the growth of the Port of Everett. When Jim first started working at the marina in the 1970s, the Port hosted fishermen, mill workers and log tug crews; its central marina was home to fewer than 1,000 slips. Over the next 50 years, Jim played a central role in the transformation of the Port from an industrial waterfront into the largest public marina on the West Coast, helping to design, build, maintain and upgrade many of the marina's facilities, as well as the Jetty Landing boat launch, Jetty Island docks and Boxcar Park. Today, the new and improved Port is the "jewel of Snohomish County," a place where people can work, shop, go out to eat and enjoy the outdoors, thanks to the hard work of people like Jim Weber. Jim was involved in and had time to enjoy many of the great events the Port offers throughout the year, including Wheels on the Waterfront, Sail-In Cinema, Holiday on the Bay, waterfront concerts, Opening Day of Boating and fishing derby events.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Weber's accomplishments are many, and his commitment to the Port of Everett is remarkable. As Jim told the Everett Herald in a recent article, he plans to dig his toes in the sand a bit and buy a few more classic cars in retirement. Congratulations to Jim on a well-earned retirement. We hope to see him showing off his newest classic car at Wheels on the Waterfront.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN FIELDER

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Representative DEGETTE, to honor the life of an extraordinary Coloradan.

John Fielder was a prolific nature photographer who lived in Summit County since 2006. Over 50 books have been published showing his photography.

John also worked to protect Colorado's ranches, public lands, and wildlife. Over his 40 year career, John was recognized on several occasions for his work. He received the 1993 Sierra Club Ansel Adams Award, the 2011 the Aldo Leopold Foundation's first Achievement Award ever given to an individual, and an Honorary Degree in Sustainability Studies from Colorado Mountain College.

We thank John for his work elevating the natural beauty of Colorado and for fighting to protect our pristine lands.

HONORING KELVIN REED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Kelvin Reed. Kelvin Reed has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve.

Kelvin Reed was one of Warren Central's top boys' basketball players in the late 1980s. He led the Vikings in scoring as a sophomore, and steals and assists as a junior and senior, and was twice selected to The Vicksburg Post's All-County team. Reed averaged 15 points, 7 assists and 3 steals per game over three varsity seasons.

After high school, Reed moved on to Pensacola Junior College in Florida. He set the school's assists record and led the team to the 1993 NJCAA Division I national championship.

Reed was inducted into the 2022 Vicksburg Warren School District Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Kelvin Reed for his passion and dedication to the Vicksburg Warren School District.

HONORING OFFICER URBANO RODRIGUEZ, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Officer Urbano Rodriguez, Jr., a dedicated civil servant who is retiring from the Denton Police Department, having honorably served his community for over a decade.

Prior to joining the Police Department, Urban, as he is fondly known, worked for over two years at the Denton Animal Shelter. During that time he bonded with one particular disabled dog, personally constructing a make-shift walking device that was equipped with wheels to allow the dog to walk freely. This act of compassion and needs-based service is symbolic of the character and calling that quickly led him to leave the shelter to become a Police recruit for the City in 2014.

Upon completion of his training, Urban joined the front lines of the Denton Police Department as a part of the thin blue line protecting the public he had committed to serve. He knew from the outset that he belonged on the streets. Recognized as a "go-getter" with a strong work ethic, Urban quickly became a valued member of the Denton PD team. During his service he was involved in a number of notable traffic stops, including a large and unexpected confiscation of methamphetamine. Through the dedication and effort he and his shift partners brought to the streets, he helped disrupt a damaging delivery, protecting the community by preventing it from reaching its intended market.

Urban was confronted with the full weight of his commitment when, on October 29, 2019, as a five-year veteran of the Denton Police Department, he was unexpectedly attacked and struck by multiple bullets from an assailant's weapon during a routine traffic stop. It was at that moment that Urban's inner strength and character were defined. Unimaginably, he survived the trauma, beginning the long, difficult path to become the walking miracle he is today.

When many felt it unlikely that he would even leave the hospital, Urban's strength and resolve led him through a challenging rehabilitation process to not only leave the hospital bed, but push beyond the damage of his injuries to regain his strength and mobility to once

again walk freely. An outcome that seemed a fantasy to those who saw him during his initial recovery less than four years ago, is a testament to the enthusiasm and determined work ethic he was known for when he joined the department.

In his service commitment to the community he swore to protect, and through the courage he has shown through his recovery, Urban embodies the very essence of Texas values. Each day he is continuing to build the example for those who will follow in his footsteps.

On behalf of a grateful community, I want to thank Urban Rodriguez for his service and example. I truly wish him the very best in a well-deserved retirement and for the continued contribution I know he will make in his new role and as an inspiration for his children and all who hear of his story.

IN MEMORY OF JACK DELBERT STEWART II

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, on September 2, 2023, Jack Delbert Stewart II, died peacefully at his home in Denton, Texas at the age of 88. He was born on July 6, 1935, in Ennis, Texas, to the late Jack Delbert and Dora Ellen (Johnson) Stewart. He graduated from Ennis High School in 1953 and Abilene Christian College in 1957. During his summer breaks, he and some friends worked for the U.S. Forest Service backing up the Hot Shot teams fighting wildfires out of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

In 1958, a roommate set Jack up on a blind date with Jean Pogue. They went to the King and I at the State Fair. After a two-year courtship, they were married on January 23, 1960.

Jack served for six years in the 49th Armored Division of the Texas National Guard, which was mobilized in April of 1961 during the Cuban Missile Crisis. They spent one year stationed at Fort Polk in Leesville, Louisiana.

Jack and Jean returned to Dallas where he worked for Industrial Indemnity Insurance until he was transferred to Beaumont. In 1970, they moved to San Antonio to work with SP Personnel Associates. He was a member of the MacArthur Park Church of Christ where he was active in church leadership, serving as both a Deacon and an Elder. He also served on the founding board of Christian Heritage Schools.

In 1992, they moved to Abilene for Jack to be the director of the Career Center at Abilene Christian University. There he helped students prepare for life after college, including helping to counsel them on career next steps as well as resume writing, interviewing skills, choosing the right majors, and setting up job fairs and job interviews. Of all the careers he had, this was his favorite because he loved working with the students and helping to put them on a path to success. He was an active member of Hillcrest Church of Christ and served as an Elder.

Jack always had a servant's heart, and he volunteered frequently at the food pantry in Abilene. A committed family man who always wanted everyone to be together, Jack and Jean fulfilled a dream of buying a cabin in Angel Fire, New Mexico where they shared

many wonderful memories with their friends and family. He was also a lifelong Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs fan. He rarely missed a game and loved to talk sports, including the latest on his ACU Wildcats. In April of 2021, Jack and Jean moved to Denton to be closer to family and UT Southwestern.

He is survived by his wife Jean of 63 years and their children, Jeff, Jay, and Jill. Jack was blessed with seven grandchildren who knew him as Papa, including Joshua Stewart, Jackson Stewart, Meghan Tapia, Morgan O'Connell, Jamie Barber, Clarke Bartholomew and Grant Dowdy. Papa was also a great-grandfather to Grace and Evelyn O'Connell, Elliot Stewart, and Willow Tapia. He was known as Apple Jack to his nephew Todd and nieces Tracy and Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his brother Michael G. Stewart and wife Barbara.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL "DANNY"
LEE CROMER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a proud South Carolinian, a devoted public servant, and a dear friend, Daniel "Danny" Lee Cromer. Danny transitioned to eternal rest on September 5, 2023, in Columbia, South Carolina. His brilliance and personality will be remembered by all who were fortunate to meet him.

Daniel Lee Cromer was born on August 19, 1958, in Greenville, South Carolina. He was a proud graduate of Carolina High School and of the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1980. He furthered his studies in public administration and social work at his beloved alma mater.

In 1981, Danny embarked on what would become a lifetime career in public service beginning in the office of two governors of South Carolina, Governor Richard Wilson Riley, a Democrat, and Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., a Republican. In those offices, Danny coordinated federal grant applications and intergovernmental review for all federal programs across the state of South Carolina.

Following my election to Congress in 1992, Danny moved to Washington, D.C. and joined my staff as Legislative Director, a position he would serve in for 18 years. Danny quickly developed expertise in federal spending and the appropriations process. He viewed his role as a champion of poor communities in South Carolina and was committed to channeling federal investment to people that needed it most. Building on his experience in my office, he served on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee before retiring in 2013. Danny was integral to many of my legislative accomplishments but perhaps his proudest achievement was his work creating the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. Having worked for years on the legislation which passed in 2006, the Secretary of Interior appointed Danny to the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission where he served for 14 years.

Danny was an iconic character on Capitol Hill. While a passionate Democrat, he was

often called on by members of Congress and staff from both sides of the aisle to find solutions to thorny appropriations and legislative issues. Never shy with his opinions or his unique Southern sense of humor, Danny made an indelible impression on all who met him, from visitors to my office to colleagues. He was passionate about mentoring interns and young staffers, always taking time to teach and impart lessons from his experiences.

Danny was a devoted, longtime parishioner of St. Monica and St. James Episcopal Church on Capitol Hill, often inviting his friends and colleagues to join him for worship. His love for the church knew no bounds and he was particularly proud of his service on the vestry. He relished the high mass, organ music, and rituals of the Episcopal Church. After relocating to Columbia, he joined St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the remarkable life of Danny Cromer. Danny often quoted a Mormon hymn: "Do what is right, let the consequence follow." Danny lived by those words, and the people of South Carolina are better off because of his adherence to them. I will always remember Danny and he will be sorely missed.

HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN
OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Vietnam and Korean War Veterans from Oregon's Second Congressional District who, through the efforts of Honor Flight of Oregon, are visiting their memorials on the National Mall. When I meet these heroes, I am reminded of the enduring words of George S. Patton, Jr., who said, "The highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country." These words, Mr. Speaker, still ring true today. Those who value liberty are indebted to these heroes, for each one of them defended our freedom through acts of service, sacrifice, and bravery on behalf of our country. It is my privilege to include in the RECORD their names.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are: Joshua Alvarez, Army; Dennis Anderson, Navy; Thomas Beckley, Army; Jerry Chartier, Sr, Marine Corps; Fredd Conn, Marine Corps; David Cunningham, Navy; William Duncan, Army; Richard Gehrke, Navy/Marine Corps; Edward Goodman, Navy; Roger Haynes, Air Force/Army; Robert Howerton, Navy; Michael Hoffman, Navy; David Johnson, Army; Earl Kilpatrick, Air Force; Jesse Redding, Navy; Paul Lofland, Army; Robert Long, Marine Corps; Jesus Lopez, Air Force; Preton Manville II, Marine Corps; William Mathews, Army/Air Force; Lawrence Mixon, Jr, Army; Charles Owen, Army; Robert Rammin, Army; Steven Rolston, Army; Loyd Thurman, Army; Jerry White, Army; and Otto William, Air Force. These heroes join over 260,000 Veterans, who since 2005, have been honored through the nationwide Honor Flight Network of volunteers. I would also like to recognize the volunteers and guardians traveling on this

trip: Janet Wilkerson, and the guardians who have also served our country: Kathrine Berg, Army; Jody William, III, Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, in his 1983 Memorial Day address, Ronald Reagan said, "We are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free." As a Nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of the brave Veterans who voluntarily underwent the dangers necessary to preserve our country. Colleagues, please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

RECOGNIZING DR. AUSTIN AND
MRS. BEA FLINT FOR THEIR
DECADES OF SERVICE

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable couple that have had a significant impact on Northwest Georgia and have become pillars of the community in and around Cherokee County, Georgia, Dr. Austin Flint and his lovely wife, Mrs. Bea Flint.

The Flint's contributions to their community and the state of Georgia are immeasurable. Their positive impact in north Georgia inspired the Georgia General Assembly, in 2021, to designate the portion of Georgia State Highway 108, which runs through the heart of Reinhardt University in the town of Waleska, Georgia as the Dr. Austin Flint Highway.

Born in 1937, Austin Flint grew up south of Atlanta in the town of Hapeville, GA. While attending college in Atlanta, Austin Flint met a lovely young lady from Dublin, Georgia named Bea. Austin and Bea were married in Dublin on June 27, 1959, and recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

Dr. Flint continued his education, enrolling in the Emory University School of Medicine. He graduated in 1962, joined the United States Air Force as a Flight Surgeon, and was stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Following his military service, Dr. and Mrs. Flint returned to Georgia, where he served his residency in radiology at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. After completing his residency, Dr. Flint wanted to utilize his medical training where he could have a significant impact. The North Georgia community of Cherokee County had gone for many years without a new doctor, and there were no radiologists in the area; so, in 1969, Austin and Bea Flint chose to move to Cherokee County, where he became the first radiologist in the county's history.

Bea, an English Major, began teaching and raising a family, as well as continuing her education. In 1978, Bea took a teaching position at a local private college which, at the time, was known as Reinhardt Junior College. Bea continued to teach at Reinhardt for over a decade, still speaking of the school and her colleagues as being like a family.

Bea and Austin made their home near the small college town of Waleska, where they