

HONORING ROBERT M. "MIKE"  
DUNCAN

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary Kentuckian, Robert M. "Mike" Duncan. Mike was born in Oneida, Tennessee but came to Kentucky as a boy, where his father was a storekeeper in McCreary County. He is a graduate of the University of the Cumberlands and, in 1974, earned a degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Mike Duncan has a distinguished list of professional, political, and personal accomplishments. People that know Mike Duncan will agree that he is an honorable man with a genuine love for his fellow Kentuckians and for this great Nation.

Mike has served as Chair, President, and CEO of the Inez Deposit Bank. He has served as president of the Kentucky Bankers Association and as a Director of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank's Cincinnati Branch. He is chair of the Board of Trustees of Alice Lloyd College. Always passionate about education, Mike has been a mentor to numerous students over the years. He has served as chair of the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY and as a trustee of the Christian Appalachian Project. In 2012, he became the President and CEO of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, a non-profit advocacy group.

At the federal level, Mike served our country as Assistant Director of Public Liaison under President George H. W. Bush. In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed him to the President's Commission of White House Fellows. Bush also nominated Mike to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board where he served as chair in 2009 and 2010. He also served as a member and former chair of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service beginning in 2018.

Mike began his political career as a driver for Bob Gable. He has gone on to serve in numerous political campaigns and has been a delegate to 10 Republican National Conventions. He served the Republican National Committee as treasurer and general counsel from 2002 until 2007, when he was elected as Chairman. He was first elected as Kentucky's National Committeeman to the RNC in 1992, a position that he has held since that time.

Mike Duncan has been a leader in banking, in education, in federal service, and in the political arena. He is a man who leads with dignity, character, and selflessness. Mike Duncan is a true servant leader and I am humbled to honor his contributions to Kentucky and to the Nation before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
DONALD WOODFIELD

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Donald Woodfield.

Sadly, Mr. Woodfield passed away on September 3, 2023, at the age of 81.

Donald Woodfield was born in Buffalo, New York on November 24, 1941. A lifelong patriot, Mr. Woodfield joined the U.S. Air Force, where he proudly served for 8 years, including during the Vietnam War. Among his many awards were the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Shortly after leaving the military, he was called again to a life of serving others and he pursued his passion of being a teacher. He served as an educator for over 30 years, both teaching and coaching at B'Nai Shalom, Ballinger Academy, Greensboro Day School in Greensboro, and finally The O'Neal School in Southern Pines.

Mr. Woodfield had a profound love of teaching and mentoring young people, a notion that carried into nearly every aspect of his life. He was an avid golfer, pickle baller and active member of the local Southern Pines Veteran of Foreign Wars Post No. 7318, serving as quartermaster and holding numerous roles in the Military Order of the Cooties. Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Woodfield was a man of faith, who loved God and his family above all else.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life of Donald Woodfield and to offer our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on September 20, 2023, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 20th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Ronald P. Aleo; Terry J. Baldwin; Henry J. Balkema; Robert W. Becker, Sr.; Robert A. Bernacchi; Robert G. Blackwell; Peter I. Boer; Dennis M. Bolsega; Daniel L. Bridy; Kenneth W. Bruzek; William Bruzek; Carl J. Capolillo; Henry P. Castillo; Donald A. Chivas;

Robert Ciesiel; Thomas J. Cogozzo; Lidio S. Cordero; Leon K. Dahlberg; Terry L.

Davis; Leavy Deal, Jr.; Harry W. DeBruin; John H. DeGroot; Richard A. DeHeer; Roger A. Dexter; Frank P. Disler; Charles M. Doane; Arnold W. Domin; Richard Dublin;

Mark R. Dykstra; Donald J. Ferrone; Ralph E. Fisher; John F. Fitzpatrick; Joseph J. Gallagher; Don J. Garrett; Larry G. Garza; Dennis J. Gawczynski; Albert Giuliano; Kenneth M. Gray; Eric A. Greene; David E. Grote; Frederick P. Guerrero; Vince Gugliuzza; Robert J. Hahn; Robert A. Hudik; Charles E. Hughes, Sr.; Gerald E. Ilc; James M. Inendino; James M. Jacob; Richard E. Jensen; Donald L. Johnson;

Raymond Jubera; James G. Karones; Jesse Kimp; George N. Koch; James L. Koeling; Henry F. Kohut; Richard W. Kostecki; Larry A. Krog; Donald J. Kucera; Charles A. Lazzara; Joseph V. Lombardi; Frank S. LoPresti; Joseph Lubovich; Tommie T. Lymon; John L. Maisura; Michael S. Malinowski; James P. Mammoser; Leonard F. Marak; Glenn D. Marrs; Richard J. Martin; Edward R. McCabe;

Walter T. McCarthy; Robert W. McKee; Richard A. Meister; Frank H. Michalek; Edward S. Moy; Dennis C. Northrop; Patrick G. O'Connell; John E. Painter, Jr.; Howard M. Parker; Joseph A. Pesch, Jr.; David W. Piekarczyk; Richard S. Pincuspy; Dennis C. Polakowski; Charles E. Pryor; Joseph R. Racine; Carl A. Razor; Gerald L. Reese; James L. Riforgiato; Leo J. Roberts; Ignacio Rodriguez;

Robbie L. Rollins, Jr.; Laurence D. Rolph; Herbert R. Rosen; James L. Rossbach; Angelo Sanchez; Glenn D. Sanders; Leroy C. Schmitz; James J. Slacanian; Patrick E. Small; Dennis L. Soszynski; Milan Stojkovic; David E. Strein; Michael J. Stumpf; Anthony J. Sutylo; John E. Thompson; Edward J. Trznadel; Ralph W. Tummond, Jr.; Richard H. Van Verst; Joseph S. Varanauski; John W. Watkins; Geary L. Weaver; Maynard O. Welch; Fontaine Winston, Jr.; Terry L. Xavierius; John T. Zick, Jr.; and Thomas B. Zimnawoda.

RECOGNIZING LAVINIA PERKINS  
MATHIS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Lavinia Perkins Mathis on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Born on September 24, 1923, in Jacksonville, Florida, Ms. Mathis is the proud daughter of Camilla Bolton Perkins, a Jacksonville elementary school teacher, and Daniel W. Perkins, a prominent lawyer in Jacksonville. Ms. Mathis and her 2 sisters grew up in the Lavilla neighborhood of Jacksonville where she attended a wooden 2-story schoolhouse. She graduated from Old Stanton High School in 1942.

Ms. Mathis attended Florida A&M College (now Florida A&M University) and graduated in 1946 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. For 30 years, she taught science in Duval County Public Schools including at James Weldon Johnson Jr. High, Stilwell Jr. High, and Northwestern Jr. High until 1977.

On June 15, 1948, she married Clarence F. Mathis, and they had 2 children Cecelia Mathis and Marcia Mathis. Ms. Mathis is also a proud grandmother of 3 and great-grandmother. A devoted Catholic, Ms. Mathis loves her family and the Lord.

She became a Catholic while at Florida A&M College and when Ms. Mathis returned home to Jacksonville, Florida she joined St. Pius V Catholic Church. While a member of St. Pius, she served on several committees including the Altar Rosary Society, the Welcome and Outreach, and All Saints Auxiliary.

Ms. Mathis is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and in 2019 she became a Diamond member of Alpha Kappa Alpha having served faithfully as a member of the sorority for over 75 years.

I am honored to recognize a dedicated servant to our community and the Lord, and I wish Ms. Mathis a wonderful 100th birthday.

## SAVING AMERICA

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 20, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Stephen Moore of the Committee to Unleash Prosperity provides a daily Hotline ([steve@committeetounleashprosperity.com](mailto:steve@committeetounleashprosperity.com)) with very informative research on economic issues facing American families. A very thoughtful analysis was distributed on September 18, 2023.

“House Budget Committee Chair Jody Arrington’s [ . . . fiscal plan] won’t solve our financial problems—but it will stop the bleeding. ‘The plan reaches a balanced budget in 10 years without a penny of new taxes,’ said Arrington. ‘We grow the economy and cut spending.’

“The Democrats and Biden are hysterical and threatening to shut down the government to keep the current runaway train of spending over the cliff.

“To get a sense of the stakes here, consider that the fastest growing component of the budget over the next decade—other than the Green New Deal—is interest on the . . . national debt. Interest payments, which will soon reach \$1 trillion, will be like a Pacman swallowing up more and more of the entire budget.

“Our ace economist EJ Antoni highlights a troubling trend. Almost \$8 trillion of low-interest-rate debt will roll over at much higher rates. Instead of paying 2 and 3% interest on bonds, we will be paying close to 5% and maybe more if the Fed has to raise interest rates again. Biden has created a fine fiscal mess, and it will take years to get out of it. Arrington is right: let’s start right now.”

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with open Biden borders.

## RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON GAS

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 20, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of Washington Gas, a leading provider of energy services in the national capital region.

In 1848, Congress passed, and President James Polk signed, an Act that chartered the

Washington Gas Light Company, making Washington Gas the first congressionally chartered gas company in the country. Washington Gas was originally responsible for installing gas lights in the United States Capitol, the White House, and along Pennsylvania Avenue in the District of Columbia. Washington Gas expanded its service into Maryland and Virginia around the turn of the 20th century, and today provides energy to more than 1.2 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the national capital region.

Over the years, Washington Gas and its employees have supported various nonprofit, community, civic, and charitable organizations. This support has enhanced the quality of life for countless individuals and families in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, providing millions of dollars for vocational training, job placements, and other paths to long-term employment, including more than \$500,000 in scholarships for underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Since 2018 alone, Washington Gas’ philanthropic programs and initiatives have contributed more than \$7 million in local support. This funding has advanced programs that support healthy and safe communities.

Washington Gas employees have provided more than 140,000 hours of volunteer service since 2005 to organizations in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, including the Capital Area Food Bank, Special Olympics DC, Healthy Babies Project, The Latino Student Fund, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, INROADS, Junior Achievement, The March of Dimes, YMCA of Greater Washington, A Wider Circle, and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF). Since 1983, WAFF has provided over \$33 million to help more than 308,000 local families heat their homes during challenging times, no matter their heating source. Washington Gas pays all administrative fees to ensure that every WAFF dollar goes to a family in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Washington Gas on its 175th anniversary and thanking Washington Gas for its service to its customers and community.

## RECOGNIZING THE LOSS OF A GREAT EDUCATOR AND OUTSTANDING CAREER OF DR. MATTHEW CAUSEY

### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 20, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an outstanding gentleman and dear friend, Dr. Matthew Causey. Dr. Causey departed this life on September 6, 2023. He was born on August 5, 1943, in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Helen Kelly Jones and Matthew Causey. For most of his childhood, he grew up in St. Charles Parish in the small town of Killona. It was there that life-long values were formed under the loving and watchful eyes of his late grandparents, Eva and Andrew Kelly, Sr., and his 7 aunts and uncles. To him, his many first cousins were more like brothers and sisters, and to many close relatives, he was known as “Snook.”

Dr. Causey’s early education preparation culminated in his graduation from George Washington Carver High School in Hahnville, LA. Thereafter, he enrolled at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), and eventually transferred to the Baton Rouge campus, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics Education in 1966. He began his professional career as a math teacher in Orleans Parish Public Schools at Samuel S. Green Junior High School.

Always yearning to learn more, Matthew earned a Master of Science degree in Mathematics from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1970. Continuing his steadfast commitment to education, Matthew applied and was accepted into a doctoral program in mathematics education at the University of Houston. It was there that he met the love of his life, Lynette Smith, as they were both pursuing doctoral degrees. Upon completing their respective graduate programs, they returned to New Orleans. They married in 1978. Their lifelong love lasted 45 years and was the epitome of a love supreme. Their family grew to include 2 sons with a daughter in the middle: Erik Matthew Causey, Lauren Lynette Causey, and Alan Charles Causey.

He was an exceptional husband and father, as well as a true “Village Father” who always worked to help as many children as he could. Dr. Causey sought to advance academic excellence at SUNO by teaching, motivating, and inspiring his students with a love of learning. He rose to the rank of Associate Professor, served as Chair of the Mathematics and Physics Department, was Dean of the College of Science, and served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Throughout his tenure, the defining principle underlying all his decisions was his sincere love and respect for the students and the university.

His achievements were acknowledged in 1996 when he received the Presidential Faculty Excellence Award at SUNO. After a stellar and impactful career, Dr. Causey retired with more than 40 years of service to SUNO. Dr. Causey’s involvement and contributions to education reached beyond the walls of classrooms and into the community.

One of his proudest contributions is that in 1993, he was one of three trailblazing founders of the New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School, which focused on enriching STEM initiatives for high school students. That school is still in operation today. Dr. Causey also wrote a chapter in a book, entitled *Called to Sankofa*, which was a narrative account of post-Katrina New Orleans, highlighting the importance of maintaining an education system following a disaster. His academic work and contribution extended to many professional and advocacy organizations.

Dr. Causey was a long-time judge for the Regional Mathematics and Science Fair and was a board member of the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory. In appreciation for his involvement and contribution, he received numerous honors, awards, and special recognition from peers and community organizations. He was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was active for years in the Gamma Rho Chapter.

Above all, Matthew was a man of Faith and a dedicated member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. He served as a longstanding member of the Finance Council. For his outstanding service to the church, in 2019 he was