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Sarah's contributions to my office and my success in serving the Fourth District of Oklahoma and the Rules Committee have been invaluable as an experienced communicator with a wealth of knowledge and insight. I will forever cherish and have gratitude for her guidance, creativeness and counsel.

Mr. Speaker, after 11 years in Washington, D.C., Sarah is moving on and moving back to Oklahoma for now. I know she has family and friends in Oklahoma to welcome her home and she will excel in amazing ways in everything she sets her mind on. I hope she always remembers she has friends in Washington, D.C. as well. I am excited to see what she will accomplish next.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was attending the funeral of my constituent Tyre Nichols in Memphis and was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on the following bills:

H. Res. 83—Roll Call 101 and Roll Call 102;
H.R. 139—Roll Call 103;
H.J. Res. 7—Roll Call 104; and
H. Res. 76—Roll Call 105.

I would have voted Present on the following bill:

H. Con. Res. 9—Roll Call 106.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CHARLES "CHUCK" ALEXANDER OF SAN JOSE, CA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Charles "Chuck" Alexander, whose lifetime of service and commitment to California's South Bay warrants special recognition. Chuck had a relentless commitment to bettering others and his community. His loss will be profoundly felt by myself and so many others in the South Bay.

Born in Vernon, Texas, Chuck and his family made their way to Stockton, California in 1950. A few years later, Chuck graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and moved to San Jose State University on a football scholarship. He was one of the founding members of San Jose State University's Kappa Alpha Psi-Delta Rho fraternity. During this era of great unrest and long overdue calls for racial justice, Chuck operated the Good Brothers home in San Jose, which ensured Black students and Black student-athletes had housing. Chuck graduated from San Jose State University after meeting the love of his life, Ms. Saphrona Williams.

Chuck's dedication to his community did not end with completion of his undergraduate studies. Instead, he embarked on a career with the Santa Clara County Probation Department. Serving first as a counselor for one of

the Juvenile facilities, Chuck assiduously worked his way up in the department, eventually becoming head of the County's Juvenile Hall.

Chuck was a crucial member of the South Bay's civil rights movement. Chuck's spirit, character, and gregariousness made him one of the area's most beloved historians. Among many others, Chuck captured iconic photographs from his time at the Good House in the 1950's and at the San Jose Woolworth sit-ins in the 1960's. On the occasion of his passing, I join Chuck's many loved ones in mourning his loss, while also celebrating and honoring his extraordinary life.

HONORING 211 DAY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor National 211 Day, which recognizes the vital services provided by this hotline for vulnerable folks in our community.

The 211 Hotline provides free and confidential crisis and emergency counseling, disaster assistance, food, health care and insurance assistance, veteran services, and so much more.

The specialists on this hotline take the time to listen to those calling on, and work hard to find the underlying problems they are experiencing and connect them with the resources and services in their community that can help with whatever they need.

It helps nearly 25 million Americans across the country, and the Tennessee network has been recognized as leaders in this service. This makes sense, since East Tennessee was the 2nd area in the United States to launch 211, and now 96 percent of the country has this service in place.

Too often, members of our community experience major issues and simply don't know where to turn for the help they need. The Hotline helps with that problem in a major way, and I want to recognize the dedicated professionals at 211 for their service.

JUSTIN PFANNEBECKER

HON. YADIRA CARAVEO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Ms. CARAVEO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate all who were involved in this tremendous year for the National Western Stock Show. Not only was it a successful year for the world-class Stock Show, held right here in our backyard, but it was a special year for our community in the 8th Congressional District.

I would like to recognize two young Weld County residents who made a big impression this year.

Eighteen-year-old Justin Pfannebecker from LaSalle was the first teen from Colorado to win the title of the Grand Champion steer in more than a quarter-century. He auctioned his grand champion steer, Stan the Man, for a record \$200,000.

Sixteen-year-old Karsyn Fetzer from Kersey also excelled in the show ring and auctioned

her Reserve Grand Champion Hog, Lil G for a record \$75,000.

These accomplishments speak to the hard work and perseverance these young Coloradans embody. They are tremendous representatives of our community, and I have no doubt this year's success is a harbinger for what is to come for these exemplary young people.

In large part because of these accolades, the National Western Stock Show raised a record \$585,000 that will go to scholarships for agriculture studies, rural medicine, and students' agricultural endeavors across Colorado.

I'm proud of the immense amount of time, work, and talent that ensures the success of this event every year—and the important economic impact it has on the Denver Metro Area.

Thanks to all who contribute to the success of the Stock Show. I look forward to more sweet victories for CO-08 residents in the years to come.

DR. HOWARD NELSON JR.'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 100th birthday of a very special Kansas Citian who also happens to be a native Washingtonian. Dr. Howard Nelson, Jr. was born February 11, 1923, the youngest of 4 children. His parents, Howard and Florence Nelson, came from a community outside Charlottesville, Virginia. His parents' mantra was "education, education, education." They dedicated their lives to ensuring that their children would be college educated. As the youngest child, Dr. Nelson was affectionately called "babe," a name that family and close friends still use when referring to him today. In 1939, Dr. Nelson graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C. In the 1940s, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and was one of 12 Black soldiers selected to attend Officer Candidate School, where he was one of 3 to graduate. Dr. Nelson was then assigned to the 92nd Infantry Division, which was the only Black division to see combat during WWII in Italy. After serving this great country with distinction, Dr. Nelson attended Howard University and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. During his time at Howard, Dr. Nelson was inducted into the men of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. In 1957, Dr. Nelson moved to Kansas City and opened his dental practice where he served the community for almost 45 years. Dr. Nelson was married to Evelyn, with whom he had 2 children—a daughter Karon (now 72) who is a local attorney, and a son Howard Drake "Skip" Nelson III, who followed in his dad's footsteps and became a successful dentist. Sadly, Skip predeceased his dad in September 2007. Dr. Nelson has several grandkids.

In 1964, Dr. Nelson became Chairman of the Kansas City Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality ("CORE"), an organization founded in 1942 that became one of the leading activist organizations in the early years of the civil rights movement. On June 26, 1964,

Dr. Nelson, then a successful 41-year-old dentist, and dedicated to the escalating fight for civil rights, suddenly found himself being lifted and physically removed from the Parkway Bowling Club, now long gone from 49th and Prospect Avenue. Dr. Nelson led a group of CORE members in a peaceful protest of the Parkway Bowling Club, which refused to allow Black people to bowl. The group refused to leave the premises and were later arrested and charged with disturbing the peace. This moment was historically memorialized by a then virtually unprecedented photo of Dr. Nelson being carried away by police. This fact was acknowledged in a Kansas City Star series of articles entitled "The Truth in Black and White," which recognized that a decade into the struggle for civil rights, the newspaper had deliberately not published photos of any Black leaders of the movement on the front pages of either the Kansas City Star or the Kansas City Times. Consider for a moment that the paper did not publish photos of Emmett Till upon his horrific death in 1955, nor when his killers were unjustly acquitted, nor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. when he came to Kansas City in 1957, nor the Black Kansas Citians picketing outside segregated downtown department stores in 1958, nor the NAACP's protests in 1960 over segregation at restaurants and movie theaters. Consider during that same week of June 26, 1964, three CORE field workers—James Chaney of Mississippi, along with Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner from New York—would go missing and were later found brutally murdered as part of what are now known as the "Mississippi burning" murders. What was the crime Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner committed justifying being murdered? Registering Black folks to vote. Hence, the foregoing contextual facts are a testament to Dr. Nelson's profound courage and convictions, and they show his willingness to risk his life, liberty, and livelihood.

In addition to leading sit-ins at the local bowling alley, Dr. Nelson also challenged housing segregation. In the early 1960s, Dr. Nelson and his family lived on 36th and Cleveland, but he and his wife Evelyn wanted the best education for his children, so they started looking for a place to build a new home near good schools. They looked in Johnson County, Kansas, a suburban enclave that had seen rapid growth in the post-war years, a population aided in no small part by racist deed restrictions and housing covenants that had shut out people like the Nelsons. One lot was left in an area that Dr. Nelson liked in an up-and-coming neighborhood along 103rd Street in Overland Park. Banks ignored him when he tried to get a loan to build the house even though he had the finances, and architects were unwilling to design a house for a Black family in a white neighborhood. So, Dr. Nelson's wife Evelyn's Episcopal church group stepped in to help. They bought the house for the Nelsons and then turned around and sold it to them. Dr. Nelson and his family fastidiously maintained the home, the yard, and the swimming pool out back, and they "never had any trouble with the neighbors." Living in a segregated neighborhood in Overland Park was, in its own way, an act of defiance in Dr. Nelson's book. Dr. Nelson sought to "raise the consciousness of the people in Kansas City." Coincidentally, that house is today occupied by another Black man named Mr. Byron

Roberson, who happens to be the first Black Police Chief for the Prairie Village Police Department.

Professionally, Dr. Nelson continued his list of being a man of many "firsts" including first Black to serve on the Board of Governors of the Dental Association in 1972, where he served 2 terms. In 1986, the Missouri Governor appointed Dr. Nelson to be the first Black person to serve on the Missouri State Dental Board, eventually becoming the body's first Black President in 1991. Dr. Nelson was one of the first Black people to teach at the UMKC School of Dentistry, and Dr. Nelson served on the founding board of the Wayne Minor Health Center now known as Dr. Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. As you can see, I am so very proud and honored to stand before you today to wish Dr. Howard Nelson a very happy 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 91.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HOPE DERRICK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Congressional staffer, trusted confidante, and friend. Hope Derrick has served the people of South Carolina's 6th Congressional District as a member of my staff for over 20 years throughout the last 3 decades. She is the model image of a public servant and deserves to be celebrated and congratulated on her retirement.

Hope was born on July 13, 1968, in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Charles Warren Derrick of Marion, South Carolina and Ann Berry Derrick of Spartanburg, South Carolina. They returned to the Palmetto state when she was 8 years old. She has called Columbia, South Carolina home ever since. Hope attended Spring Valley High School and upon her graduation pursued further education at Boston University, where she received a bachelor's in journalism with a concentration in broadcasting.

After graduation, Hope began her career as a reporter for a local TV and radio station, covering political news relating to the South Carolina Congressional Delegation. In 1993, she became Communications Director for the South Carolina Democratic Party. Two years after I began my Congressional career, Hope joined my staff as Communications Director in my district office. In 1998, shortly after giving birth to her son, Ethan, she left for a year to live in London with her husband, Marc Turner, during his teaching Fulbright. She returned to my office in 1999 and shortly thereafter gave birth to her daughter Emery in 2000.

Hope served diligently in this role for almost 19 years, until stepping away from congress-

sional work in 2013, to work at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. She first served as the Associate Director for Strategic Communications, and later as the Assistant to the Dean of Libraries for Special Projects.

During this time Hope al earned a master's degree in Library and Information Science. In 2019, after 5 years at the University, Hope returned to my staff as Communications Director in my Majority Whip office.

Throughout her many years in my office, Hope has been crucial in navigating the press and helping to communicate my message to constituents. From my highly charged efforts to name the Matthew J. Perry, Jr. United States Court House to my controversial establishment of the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency; to hosting innumerable Presidential candidates at my "World Famous Fish Fry" to assisting in the production of my memoir, *Blessed Experiences*; and truly countless other moments, Hope was there. She has played a critical role in the development of my career and service, and in her retirement, I hope to continue utilizing her talents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing this dedicated public servant. Hope Derrick's retirement is well-earned and well-deserved. I wish her all the best as she embarks upon new adventures in the state she and I hold so dear.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARIE ANTOINETTE (NETTER) HEFLIN

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marie Antoinette (Netter) Heflin, who unfortunately passed away earlier this year. I am grateful to have grown up knowing Marie and her children and my prayers are with them as they cherish the legacy of their mother.

Born in Rosedale, Mississippi, Marie Heflin moved to Chicago as a child. Deeply committed to her faith at even a young age, Marie gave her life to the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church on the west side of Chicago. And in combination with her seriousness in her relationship to the church, Marie also understood the importance of education at an early age.

While attending Lucy Flower High School, Marie studied nursing and went on to continue her education at the Chicago Teachers College. In her desire to keep learning, Marie earned a Master's Degree in Education at the prestigious University of Chicago and worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Marie's tireless commitment to academic pursuits was evident throughout her life as she returned to school to become an English teacher while raising a family of her own. She taught at the Joseph Brenneman Elementary School and later at the Walter H. Dyett Middle School and instilled the same love of learning in her children.

During the beginning of her career, Marie met, and became friends with, Gloria Allen. Gloria would soon introduce Marie to her brother, James Edward Heflin, affectionately known as "Chico." This introduction changed