

her tenure, the relationship between the district and the teachers' union was toxic, with strikes occurring almost yearly. However, under Clayton's leadership, strikes became a thing of the past, as she worked tirelessly to foster a more productive relationship between the two parties.

Dr. Clayton is credited with stabilizing the district's budget and spearheading a standardized curriculum that aimed to benefit the many students who frequently moved from one school to another within the city.

Dr. Clayton was a true trailblazer, a dedicated education advocate, a humanitarian, and a mentor to many. Her career and achievements served as an inspiration, especially to women and African-American women who aspired to break barriers and make their mark in the world.

Dr. Clayton's impact extended far beyond the School District of Philadelphia. As an advocate for people of color and women in leadership, she paved the way for future generations, inspiring young girls everywhere.

Her unwavering commitment to improving the lives of students through education is a testament to her remarkable leadership style described as regal and no-nonsense. Dr. Clayton demanded excellence and did not tolerate mediocrity. There was never any doubt that her primary concern was for the well-being and future of Philadelphia's children. She was the embodiment of the School District of Philadelphia.

Dr. Clayton was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including 19 honorary doctorate degrees. In 1992, the Constance E. Clayton Professorship in Urban Education was established at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education, making her the first African-American woman to have a chair named for her at an ivy League institution.

Not only was Dr. Clayton a visionary in education, but she was also a patron of the arts, with affiliations to art museums throughout Philadelphia. Her passion for both education and the arts exemplified her dedication to creating a well-rounded educational experience for students.

Dr. Clayton passed away on September 18, 2023. We mourn the loss of a remarkable individual who made significant contributions to our community. Dr. Clayton's legacy will continue to inspire and guide us as we strive for equity, diversity, and excellence in education. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and all those who were fortunate enough to know her.

HONORING THE COURAGEOUS
MILITARY SERVICE OF SPE-
CIALIST 4 MARCUS RAY
OSBORNE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor SP4 Marcus Ray Osborne from Kingsport in Sullivan County, Tennessee for his courageous service in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After receiving his draft notice, SPC Osborne reported for duty on July 14, 1969, and completed basic and advance infantry training as an infantryman at Fort Gordon with MOS 11B.

By January of 1970, SPC Osborne was assigned to the Americal Division in Chu Lai, Vietnam. For eleven months, he served with Company C 4/31st 196LIB in the surrounding areas of Hiep Duc. SPC Osborne remembers that most of his days were spent "surviving and making it back home alive." SPC Osborne returned home in December 1970 and was honorably discharged from the Army on July 13, 1971.

SPC Osborne remains grateful that he was able to return to his position at Eastman after his military service. SPC Osborne quickly resumed his career and remained with Eastman for almost 40 years until his retirement in 2007. Following his career at Eastman, he worked for a local golf course for 15 years. SPC Osborne's sacrifice to our country continued long after his service as a result of his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. SPC Osborne is blessed and deeply devoted to his loving wife Rita of 48 years, with whom he had one son, Matthew. Matthew and his wife Kelsey have given them "super loved" granddaughters, Margaret and Marion.

Please join me in recognizing Specialist 4 Marcus Ray Osborne for his distinguished military service to our great Nation.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREDO COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE TREATMENT OF ADDICTIONS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Credo Community Center for Treatment and Addictions and to honor their integral service to the health and wellbeing of New York residents.

Started in 1973 by Reverend Raymond J. Wertman and Ms. Edith Marsala, a member of his church, Credo Community Services was formed to approach and mitigate drug use in northern New York. Credo was founded with a simple, singular philosophy: anyone faced with a substance abuse problem that wanted assistance deserved to receive it. Credo's initial services included peer-to-peer treatment, coupling current and recovering drug users with mentors for strength and stability during the recovery and rehabilitation process.

In the early stages, Credo was not a breakthrough success, inhibited by social stigmas and adversity to treatment programs and worsened by a dearth of funding. Until New York State began supplying Credo with funding in 1978, staff hosted public fundraisers such as bake sales and telethons to maintain operations. In the decades since, Executive Directors James P. Scordo (1988–2019) and John Wilson (2019–) have overcome these obstacles and grown the Credo treatment network substantially.

Today, Credo operates outpatient centers in Watertown and Lowville, residence homes for men and women in Watertown, and a renowned rehabilitation program in Pamela known as The Farm, a diversion site for youths faced with juvenile detention to recover. Their range of services includes individual and group counseling, Medication-Assisted Treatment, life-saving Narcan kits, and

connecting patients with detox programs and residential sites outside of their network.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the lifechanging services that the Credo Community Center has provided to the people of New York State for 50 years, and I applaud their continued efforts to expand these critical treatment practices.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
W.K. WEBB

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of W.K. Webb, who passed away on August 13, 2023. Born in Saltillo on January 26, 1941, to the late Elzy Carr Webb and Myrtle Parker Webb, W.K. graduated from Saltillo High School and remained a devoted, dedicated and engaged citizen of the town he dearly loved all his life. He was married on August 25, 1961, to Jewell Franks, his life partner for over 60 years, and they were blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

W.K. served 20 years as Saltillo's mayor in a time of unprecedented growth and development for this north Lee County town. A "people's mayor," he was beloved by the citizens and his family. Prior to serving as mayor, he served 12 years on the Board of Aldermen. W.K. won numerous awards and served as president of the Mississippi Municipal League, was on its Board of Directors for 18 years and was inducted in the Mississippi Municipal League Hall of Fame. Under his leadership, the town was selected as one of the top 100 best places to live and one of the fastest growing towns in Mississippi.

A longtime member of the Saltillo Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, W.K. was also president of the Saltillo Men's Club. He and his wife, Jewell, were members of the Saltillo Methodist Church at the time of his passing. Locally, he served as chairman of the Lee County Council of Governments and for 16 years, was chairman of the Lee County 911 Board. He was active in the Mississippi Municipal Association and won many awards for his stellar leadership. One of W.K.'s proudest commitments to civic leadership and youth engagement was forming the first Park and Recreation Department, which resulted in Saltillo City Park, Wesson Park, and the W.K. Webb Sportsplex, which was named after him.

W.K. was a devoted public servant and trusted friend. It was an honor to know this distinguished and extraordinary Mississippian. He is survived by his wife, Jewell Franks Webb of Saltillo; his children, Randy Webb (Renie) of New Albany, Mike Webb (Amy) of Oxford, and Kristi Montgomery (Mark) of Saltillo; his grandchildren, Isabella and Amelia, Victoria and Brayden, and McKinley and Ramsey; siblings, Hazel Raines of Guntown, Ann Taylor of Saltillo, and Larry "Tody" Webb of Saltillo. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elzy Carr Webb and Myrtle Parker Webb, and his brother, Miles "Spud" Webb.

HONORING THE COURAGEOUS
MILITARY SERVICE OF COR-
PORAL THOMAS RAMEY

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Corporal Thomas Ramey of Kingsport in Sullivan County, Tennessee for his heroic military service during the Vietnam War. CPL Ramey reported for duty in the United States Marines in 1968 after receiving his draft notice. He then transferred to Parris Island for Basic Training before joining the Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Lejeune. At Camp Lejeune, CPL Ramey also received training at the Motor Transport School for Jeeps, as well as 6x6 and PC trucks.

The following year, CPL Ramey was assigned to Camp Pendleton to prepare for a combat tour in Vietnam. Traveling across the Pacific, CPL Ramey stopped in Hawaii and Okinawa, Japan, before he finally arrived in Vietnam. During his tour of duty, CPL Ramey was stationed at Hill 327 Marine Base to conduct transportation operations with the 1st Marine Division Battalion 327 in the Transportation Corps.

As a truck driver, CPL Ramey transported everything—from North Vietnamese POWs to ammunition supplies. On August 12, 1969, within weeks of his arrival, CPL Ramey and his unit were ambushed by North Vietnamese Army Sappers in their own compound. Sappers were commando units, who trained to inflict devastating attacks on key road and bridge assets. During this engagement, CPL Ramey saw many of his comrades, including his roommate, pay the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation.

Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, CPL Ramey reported to the USS El Paso, where he sailed from Norfolk, VA to Alexandroupolis, Greece. In Greece, he participated in wargaming exercises along with an international coalition of 5 other countries. In 1970, the El Paso was put on standby by President Richard Nixon due to civil unrest in Jordan in preparation for hostage rescue. Shortly after, CPL Ramey was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps later that year. I join East Tennessee and the Nation in saying thank you to CPL Ramey for his service, and welcome home.

Please join me in recognizing Corporal Thomas Ramey for his bravery, courage, and valiant military service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on September 26, I was unavoidably detained during the vote on Roll Call No. 409.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 409.

HONORING THE ST. JOSEPH COUN-
TY INDIANA BAR ASSOCIATION
ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate the St. Joseph County Bar Association on their 150th anniversary this Fall.

For a century and a half now, the St. Joseph County Bar Association has been dedicated to advancing the principles of justice and the Rule of Law. As the oldest county lawyer organization in Indiana, the St. Joseph County Indiana Bar Association has long been a leader in raising the standard for the legal profession in the Hoosier state.

In their distinguished history, the St. Joseph County Bar Association has proved instrumental in bringing a federal district court to northern Indiana with a seat in South Bend. From offering referral services to connect clients with attorneys to implementing programs that provide low and no-cost legal services, the St. Joseph County Bar Association is a body that embodies sharing common ideals to serve the common good.

On the wall inside the chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives are 23 marble relief portraits of great lawgivers throughout history, from Moses to Thomas Jefferson. The portraits serve as a constant reminder of the foundational role the law plays in an ordered society and our daily lives.

The Rule of Law tradition we have inherited helps secure individual liberty, promote justice, and ensures the conditions necessary for human flourishing. It is incumbent on us to do our part to make sure the principles of justice and Rule of Law precepts are passed seamlessly from one generation to the next. I know that mission is one the St. Joseph County Bar Association shares wholeheartedly and works tirelessly to advance.

I am proud to congratulate the St. Joseph County Indiana Bar Association on reaching this impressive milestone and on 150 years of dedicated service. I wish them continued success and many more anniversaries to celebrate going forward.

HONORING THE VALIANT MILI-
TARY SERVICE OF SERGEANT
MALCOLM E. WOLCOTT

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sergeant Malcolm E. Wolcott of Sevierville in Sevier County, Tennessee for his distinguished military service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War Era.

SGT Wolcott proudly served our country between March 29, 1965, and October 28, 1968. During his military service, SGT Wolcott received many assignments both domestically and abroad, including Lackland Air Force Base in Texas; Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii; Griffiss Air Force Base in New York; as well as duties at Clark Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan; the Philippines; Taiwan; and a temporary duty at Yakota Air Force Base in Japan.

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SGT Wolcott honorably served as Security Police, providing security for nuclear weapons storage areas, perimeter security for Presidential and dignitary arrivals, central security as a Control Communications Plotter, and led as an Area Supervisor. During his last assignment, he inspired the next generation of our service members, providing training to new security police arrivals at Griffiss Air Force Base.

Please join me in recognizing Sergeant Malcom E. Wolcott for his distinguished military service to our great Nation.

HONORING MARY DENNY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mary Denny.

For those who did not have the privilege of knowing her, Mary was a valued public servant who gave back to her North Texas community for nearly five decades. Today, North Texas mourns her unexpected death on September 14, 2023.

Mary graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Texas in 1973, with degrees in education and mathematics. Almost immediately after graduation she heeded the call to public service, entrusted in the role of Denton County precinct chair for ten years. Recognizing her dedication and abilities, her friends and colleagues elevated her as Chairwoman of the Denton County Republican Party in 1983.

During her eight years in that position, she became well known not just in North Texas, but across the state of Texas—all the way to Austin. In 1990, Governor William Clements appointed Mary to the Texas Committee for the Humanities for her work in the community.

One of the greatest honors of her professional life came in 1993, when her neighbors and fellow North Texans elected Mary to a seat in the Texas House of Representatives, a position they would keep honoring her with over and over again.

While in Austin, her fellow Representatives learned what Mary's community already knew. She received numerous awards for her service, including the Outstanding Texas Legislator Award and the 1995 Star of Service Award from Common Cause.

Even when her time in the State House drew to a close, that did not stop Mary. For years after retiring from elected office, the Denton Benefit League, United Way, the Arts Council, City Federation of Women's Clubs, the Current Century Department of Ariel Club, and the board of the YMCA were all enriched through her involvement. Her personal contributions to her community culminated in 2018 when she returned to her alma mater, to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of North Texas. Of all of her achievements however, she always felt her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to her beloved son Bryan.

The Honorable Mary Denny will be remembered in towns as small as Aubrey and cities as big as Austin. Her memory and dedication