

been his dream to bring comprehensive cancer care to El Paso, and this year, that dream came true when the Texas legislature approved a historic \$65 million plan to build a cancer center. The Fox Family's investment will support clinical trials, research and recruitment of world-class physicians, nurses, and researchers to the center.

With Cancer being one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Hispanic population and El Paso having an 83 percent Hispanic population and 395 cancer cases per every 100,000 Hispanics, the Steve and Nancy Fox Cancer Center is expected to help close gaps and increase Hispanic participation in cancer research and clinical trials.

Today, it is my privilege to honor Steve and Nancy Fox, and their two daughters, Paige, and Ashley, for the magic they have produced through their several community initiatives and thank them for helping bring a center that will serve as a beacon of progress in the fight against cancer.

HONORING JOANNE EPPS,
PRESIDENT, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of JoAnne Epps who passed away unexpectedly on September 19, 2023, while serving as President of Temple University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. JoAnne Epps was an exceptional leader who left an indelible impact on Temple University and the Philadelphia community at large.

JoAnne Epps was a true embodiment of everything that is great about Temple University. She exemplified grace, passion, humor, humility, empathy, energy, intelligence and so many of the values and ideals that Temple University holds dear.

JoAnne dedicated so much of herself to Temple, as a professor and administrator. Her journey from working in the bookstore over 40 years ago to holding the esteemed position of University President was an inspiration to all.

During her tenure as the Dean of Temple Law School, JoAnne proved to be a strong partner in our judicial education efforts. She relentlessly worked towards preparing the next generation of legal professionals, ensuring that they would become active members of the organized bar.

JoAnne is credited for so much more than her legal expertise and academic administration. Many acknowledge her passion for people, especially African American women, their relationships, and opportunities, and how she could help them advance social justice and equality. During an interview in 2014, she is quoted as saying, "Too often it doesn't even occur to women that they can run the world."

Her professional accomplishments are numerous and include being the first African-American woman to serve as President of Temple University. JoAnne was among those considered for the U.S. Supreme Court by President Barack Obama. She was named one of the 100 most influential Black lawyers in the country by several publications and won the 2014 Justice Sonia Sotomayor Diversity Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association.

JoAnne's legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts, and her contributions will continue to inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP THOMAS
SCOTT AND HIS LIFETIME OF
PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a faithful and impactful leader for the Tampa Bay community and our country, Bishop Thomas Scott. Bishop Scott has made an extraordinary contribution to the lives of our neighbors as a pastor, public servant and community activist. We celebrate his lifetime achievements with immense gratitude and call to others to learn from his example in public service. Bishop Scott continues to serve as pastor for the 34th Street Church of God, a role which he has held since April of 1980, demonstrating that he is grounded in humility and committed to his faith mission.

Bishop Scott was born in Macon, Georgia to the late William and Jessie Lee Scott. He received a calling and started preaching in August of 1971 at the Community Church of God in Macon, under the ministry of Rev. G. H. Williams. Through his time at the Community Church of God, Bishop Scott was encouraged and called to church leadership.

During the latter part of the 1970's, Bishop Scott relocated to Jacksonville, Florida to work in ministry with his spiritual Father, the late Rev. Dr. Richard Harry Patrick Cleaveland, at the 4th Street Church of God, where he served as the pastor of youth and young adults.

For over 40 years, Bishop Scott has served as the senior pastor for the 34th Street Church of God. Under his leadership, the church has experienced significant growth. His support and commitment to education directed him to open the King's Kids Christian Academy, one of the premier schools in Tampa, Florida. Bishop Scott's work with the community motivated him to initiate the Tampa Bay Family and Community Development Corporation, as well as many other ministries that are far reaching and touching the lives of my Tampa Bay neighbors.

His commitment to the community did not stop at the church leadership. Bishop Scott was elected in 1996 to serve on the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioner until 2006, in which I had the honor to work alongside him for four years. After just one year in the job, his colleagues on the Board elected him chairman. Furthermore, he was elected in 2007 to the Tampa City Council, serving for three terms as chairman. Bishop Scott has a long reputation of building bridges across the community through his work as a public servant and church leader, gaining the trust of colleagues and members of the community. In his public roles, Bishop Scott was an outspoken advocate for affordable housing, health care and care of elders.

The commitment to his values and his family are demonstrated by his 41 years of marriage to his wife, Marva. Bishop Scott and

Mrs. Marva have two sons, Marcus and Marlon, one daughter, Marla, and two daughters-in-law, Tanya Y. Scott and Tiese N. Scott. Their growing family is completed by twelve grandchildren.

Bishop Scott is a role model to my neighbors. His extensive educational background is composed of B.A. in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Sociology from the University of North Florida. Additionally, he earned a M.A. in Biblical Studies from the Assembly of God Theological Seminary. Later, in 1995 he earned a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Southern California School of Ministry. To complete his education, Bishop Scott was conferred a Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the Florida Metropolitan University.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I am honored to celebrate Bishop Thomas Scott for his lifelong dedication to service—to his church, his family, and his community. His story is one that embodies the best of American values and spirit, guided by faith and compassion.

IN MEMORY OF BRERETON C.
JONES

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary Kentuckian, former Governor Brereton Chandler Jones. He was born in Ohio on June 27, 1939, and was raised in West Virginia. Mr. Jones passed away on September 18, 2023. He will long be remembered for his contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the thoroughbred horse industry.

Mr. Jones was raised on a West Virginia dairy farm. A star football player and class valedictorian, he went on to attend the University of Virginia, where he played football and graduated in 1961. At the age of 25, he was the youngest person ever elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates and served there until 1968. Mr. Jones met his wife Libby on a trip to Kentucky's Keeneland racetrack and they were married in 1970. They had two children, Lucy and Brereton, Jr. (Bret). The family moved to Woodford County, Kentucky in 1972 and established Airdrie Stud. The farm grew from 350 acres to its current size of over 2,500 acres and is internationally recognized for its horses. A leader in the thoroughbred industry, Mr. Jones chaired the Kentucky Thoroughbred Commission and served as treasurer of the Breeders Cup. Mr. Jones founded the Kentucky Equine Education Project in 2004 and served as KEEP's chair until 2011.

Mr. Jones was elected Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky in 1987 and in 1991 he became Kentucky's 58th governor. His administration highlights included strengthening ethics laws, streamlining state government, and passing health care reform. He advocated for an amendment to the state constitution which allowed governors to succeed themselves once, but he exempted himself from the succession provision. Other accomplishments included increasing funding for state parks and phasing out the state inheritance tax.

Governor Jones was a highly respected leader in the political realm in Frankfort and

was also well-respected in the thoroughbred industry. He was a man who led with ingenuity and integrity. Brereton C. Jones was a true leader, and I am humbled to honor his contributions to Kentucky and to the Nation before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE WORK OF
ZACHARY ISAKOWITZ

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a valued staff member and trusted advisor, Zachary Isakowitz, as he leaves to embark on the next steps in his career. Although he will be greatly missed, I could not be happier for the impact he will continue making within the technology sector.

Zach has served as my Legislative Director for the last two and a half years. His role has been vital to the passing of some of my most important legislation, including the CHIPS for America Act.

Zach's work was, foremost, dedicated to promoting the growth of semiconductor manufacturing in America. Together, we have seen billions invested in the technology industry in Texas and across the nation. We have secured funding for dozens of projects in Texas—10, including many at institutes of higher education. And we've passed crucial legislation combatting childhood cancer.

I would like to thank Zach for a job well done. I am grateful for the dedication and support he has given to me, the staff, and the people of Texas' 10th Congressional District. I wish him all the best, both in life and throughout the remainder of his career.

While his presence in my office will certainly be missed, I know Zach will continue to leave a positive mark on D.C. and our Nation. And remember, once a member of team McCaul, always a member of team McCaul.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT
WILLIE MANNING

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, as a partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration, I recently had the privilege to honor Master Sergeant Willie Manning of Erwin for his distinguished career of service in the United States Air Force. Throughout his multidecade career, Master Sergeant Manning received numerous accolades and awards from his superiors for his outstanding performance and countless mission accomplishments. From achieving the highest level of training in his field as an "Informational Superintendent" to his numerous AF Commendation Medals, including for his support to the 9th AF during quality inspections of the 116th Fighter Wings' operational readiness, Master Sergeant Manning proved an invaluable member of our nation's military.

Master Sergeant Manning first began his career as a Clerk Typist in 1971. Stationed at

Dobbins Air Force Base, Master Sergeant Manning employed his expertise in quality information management for both operations domestic and abroad. This included ensuring quality maintenance for all forms of information management, from simple communication letters to the most protected forms of classified documentation. And revered for his leadership and computer systems expertise, when the Air Force received new technology, the Georgia State Adjutant General personally asked Master Sergeant Manning to provide the software training to his staff.

However, Master Sergeant Manning always highlights the brotherhood he shared with his comrades as a source of joy and gratitude. In his own words, "we had each other's back . . . I could be counted on, and I knew I could count on my fellow airmen." He fondly remembers his experience flying with officers in F4 and F15 fighter jets as the second seater in appreciation of his administrative efforts; or his ability to pilot Cessna 125, the smallest two-seat single engine aircraft.

After 25 years of distinguished military service, Master Sergeant Manning retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1996 as a Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of base administration for a fighter wing in Georgia. Following his retirement, Master Sergeant Manning continued to use his skills to benefit his community, assisting the Chamber of Commerce and supporting his local church and nearby senior center. I thank him for his service and sacrifice. Interested Vietnam era veterans and their families can sign up for recognition at: <https://harshbarger.house.gov/.../honoring-vietnam-veterans>.

COMMEMORATING THE "SGT
JAMES L. SHIPLEY MEMORIAL
HIGHWAY"

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the naming of the portion of U.S. Highway 50 from Bahner Quarry Road to Tower Road the "SGT James L. Shipley Memorial Highway." Sergeant Shipley was a great man who served his country valiantly during the Second World War. At only 19 years of age, Mr. Shipley made the decision to go to his local recruiting station and serve his country during a time of war, which led to him becoming a crew chief and mechanic for the 332nd Fighter Group. Little did Mr. Shipley know this decision would place him in one of the most respected military organizations from World War II which would pave the way for African Americans' service in the armed forces.

After Germany's surrender, Sergeant Shipley returned home to Tipton, Missouri where he ran a farm and operated a gas station along U.S. Highway 50 with his loving wife Mildred. While working hard to support his family, Sergeant Shipley frequently made time to share his experiences with community groups and schools in the area.

Sergeant Shipley's long and storied life charts several important chapters in our state's and country's history. The "SGT James L. Shipley Memorial Highway" will stand as an

important reminder of his tremendous dedication to his community and country for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the "SGT James L. Shipley Memorial Highway."

RECOGNIZING KAMI WELCH

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kami Welch for being named an Outstanding Woman in Business by the Denver Business Journal.

Each year, Denver Business Journal chooses 34 exceptional women in the Denver metro area who are the area's top executives, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and influencers. This year, Kami was selected for this award after 14 years in the Chamber industry, including 10 years with the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. She is an outstanding leader, dedicated to the success of the Arvada community and focused on supporting women in business.

Kami's efforts to develop meaningful industry and business solutions have led to significant improvements in the city's domestic tourism, a more diversified economy, and a stronger environment for local and small businesses. Those who have had the privilege of working with Kami attest to her unwavering commitment to the Arvada community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I thank Kami Welch for her dedicated service to Arvada as well as the citizens of Colorado.

HONORING SCHUYLER FALLS'
175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a momentous occasion in the history of New York State, the Town of Schuyler Falls' 175th anniversary.

In the early 19th century, a group of visionaries established a settlement bordered on the north and east by the Saranac River. Through their determination and perseverance, these settlers laid foundations for what would become the prosperous town of Schuyler Falls, formally erected from the Town of Plattsburgh on April 4, 1848. Residents have preserved its unique heritage, embraced progress, and fostered a vibrant spirit of unity that continues to this day.

Schuyler Falls has beautiful rolling hills, accessible agriculture, timber, and waterpower, all of which provided early residents with key resources in the Town's founding industries. The initial successes of the Town's founders paved a way for a stalwart, close-knit community that values hard work and dedication.

Today, Schuyler Falls continues to flourish with a plethora of local farms, small businesses, and a growing commercial businesses sector. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate the