

Hope, Bing Crosby, Bette Davis, Steve Carell, Andy Garcia, Melissa McCarthy, Amelia Earhart, and many more. President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy Reagan, even had their wedding reception in Toluca Lake.

Today, Toluca Lake is a key community of the entertainment industry, where working families can pursue the American Dream and tell stories to the world. Toluca Lake is a place of work for many below-line workers, such as hairdressers, painters, carpenters, and caterers.

One person I would like to acknowledge was an immigrant. He came from Jalisco, Mexico, and worked at Toluca Lake's famous diner, Patys, for over 10 years. His name is Santos Padilla, the father of our U.S. Senator ALEX PADILLA.

Like Santos, thousands of people can provide for their families there in Toluca Lake, and some even make it their home. Many of these hardworking people are a part of organizations such as Toluca Lake Homeowners Association, Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce, Toluca Lake Garden Club, Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council, Toluca Lake Beautification Partners, and even a magazine called Toluca Lake Magazine.

They have volunteered thousands of hours for the community. They have organized countless community clean-ups, holiday parades, and farmers markets. Each organization is committed to addressing the diverse needs of residents, property owners, businesses, and local stakeholders.

With its rich culture and diverse constituents, Toluca Lake continues to be an extraordinary part of the San Fernando Valley. There are many communities named Toluca—in Mexico, Montana, Illinois, and North Carolina—but there is only one Toluca Lake.

Congratulations to Toluca Lake on its 100-year anniversary.

#### REMEMBERING MANUEL "MANNY" FIGUERAS

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Manuel "Manny" Figueras, an amazing public servant who spent his entire life improving the lives of many people from the city of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.

Manny was born on New Year's Eve in 1961 in Banes, Cuba. Just like many Cuban families, the Figuerases left Cuba in 1968 to pursue their dream of liberty and freedom here in the United States. The Figuerases immigrated first to Miami, Florida, and then came to Los Angeles, California.

Manny attended Roosevelt Middle School and Hoover High School in Glendale and finished his education at Glendale College with a degree in business administration.

Manny began his career in public service working for Councilmember Richard Alarcon. I saw Manny's love for and commitment to his constituents firsthand. As a field deputy, he was the first person a constituent saw when they were trying to solve a difficult issue in their community.

Manny had a special talent for helping mom-and-pop businesses. His ability to listen compassionately and then develop a plan to cut through the red tape of government made a difference in the lives of many businessowners and families.

Even after Manny moved on from his life of service in the Los Angeles City Council, constituents had his personal phone numbers and would always call him, and he was always there to help. In his trademark calm and caring manner, Manny would advocate for constituents in communities in North Hollywood, Mission Hills, Sylmar, and beyond.

We lost Manny on October 11, 2023. He was surrounded by family and friends. Manny is survived by his mother, Ana Figueras; his brother, Juan Figueras; his sister-in-law, Dora Figueras; his nephew, Andrew Figueras; his niece, Ariana LaBorico; and his nephew-in-law, Dylan LaBorico.

We miss Manny very much.

#### CONGRATULATING CULLEN TALTON ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Cullen Talton, the longest-serving active sheriff in the Peach State, the State of Georgia.

After 51 years of serving his community, Mr. Talton has decided to complete his final term serving Houston County before retiring. Sheriff Cullen Talton was elected in 1972, and he served as a commissioner before becoming a sheriff. He is known for being a trusted, respectable, and devoted servant of the community.

To honor his many years of service and dedication, local leaders, community members, and his family gathered at the Houston County Annex before the commissioners meeting to celebrate the longtime sheriff.

I congratulate Sheriff Talton on his remarkable achievements and well-deserved retirement. His dedication and years of service are admirable and greatly appreciated.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize November as National Homelessness Awareness Month.

In Georgia, over 10,000 people do not have housing. This includes fathers, mothers, and nearly 700 veterans.

During this month of recognition, many groups across the country are putting on events designed to help people struggling with homelessness. Oliver Maner LLP in Savannah is one of the many groups helping to fight homelessness during this month of recognition. Events such as Oliver Maner's Donation Drive and the Homeless Veterans Stand Down event are essential to highlighting and helping to fight this critical issue.

This month is a time when we come together as a community and as a nation to reflect on the issue of homelessness and its impact on countless lives. By raising awareness, we can show our support and help those who need it the most because every family, especially veterans, deserves a safe and stable home.

#### REMEMBERING BILL MILTIADES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Bill Miltiades, who passed away on August 31, 2023.

Bill was a knowledgeable and committed Realtor. For many years, he had been dedicated to the success of the Savannah Area Realtors Association. He served on countless boards and received many awards in both his work and personal lives. This past year was Bill's 24th year as a member of the Distinguished Sales Society.

Bill received his bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia and his master's at the Institute of Textile Technology in Charlottesville, Virginia. He started Bill Miltiades Management in 2011 and then became a broker of his own realty company in 2018.

Bill was loved by many, including but not limited to his devoted sister, Marta; brother-in-law, Sean; and his favorite person in the world, his niece, Starlyn. He will always be remembered as a genuine soul with endless kindness and care for the people around him. Bill was very proud of his family, his country, his church, his friends, and his community.

#### CONGRATULATING CONNOR DANIEL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Connor Daniel, who won sixth place at the Junior World FITASC Championship this summer.

FITASC is a unique and difficult shooting sport. It requires participants to keep their guns still until the shooting clay they are targeting becomes visible.

This summer, Connor joined Team Beretta USA, an honor in its own right. From there, he traveled and competed in the 2023 World FITASC Sporting Championship Finale Beretta World Cup in Hungary. Connor said that he is honored to have joined Team Beretta, and his results show that he has represented them and his country well.

I again congratulate Connor on winning sixth place. I look forward to seeing his sporting career continue to flourish.

#### PROMOTING HOUSING ACCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, we face a housing crisis in our country. In metro Detroit, there are three extremely low-income renter households for each unit that is both affordable and available.

In response, State and local public developers are using innovative policy

tools to build new housing developments that are financially sustainable and affordable.

That is why I co-led the introduction of the Public Housing for the 21st Century Act, which provides public housing authorities and housing finance agencies with the latest best practices for mixed-income public housing.

While Federal subsidies have long been insufficient to address the housing crisis in our country, Mr. Speaker, the Public Housing for the 21st Century Act would ensure that communities have access to the latest models and policy options, creating a pathway for real affordable housing.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please join me in promoting housing access in every single district across our Nation by cosponsoring this bill.

RHETORIC INCITES VIOLENCE AGAINST  
PALESTINIANS

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, Hisham, Kinnan, and Tahseen are all Palestinian college students who were shot while wearing a keffiyeh and speaking Arabic on their way to a family dinner in Vermont.

Just weeks ago, a 6-year-old Palestinian-American child, Wadea, was stabbed 26 times in a hate crime in Illinois. They had to take the knife out of his body.

Mr. Speaker, the constant dehumanization of Palestinians has real consequences. It is fueling anti-Palestinian racism and violence. The dehumanization and rhetoric repeated by many elected officials, many in this Chamber, is inciting violence against Palestinians.

My heart goes out to every family affected by violence, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian racism, and any form of hate.

One of the Palestinian victims who was shot in Burlington, Hisham, wrote: "This hideous crime did not happen in a vacuum. As much as I appreciate and love every single one of you here today, I am but one casualty in this much wider conflict.

"Had I been shot in the West Bank, where I grew up, the medical services that saved my life here would likely have been withheld by the Israeli Army. The soldier who shot me would go home and never be convicted. . . . Any attack like this is horrific, be it here or in Palestine.

"That is why when you say your wishes and light your candles today, your mind should not just be focused on me as an individual but, rather, as a proud member of a people being oppressed."

When I talk about Hisham, Kinnan, and Tahseen, I think of my two Palestinian boys living right here in the United States.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM "BILL" GOODMAN

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize my friend William "Bill" Goodman, a true people's lawyer who never wavered in his pursuit of justice.

I met Bill over 15 years ago when he was president of the Maurice and Jane

Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice. He was a mentor of mine and so many movement lawyers and a hero to those who sought justice.

Over the course of his career, Bill sought to focus his work on the protection of civil liberties, holding the powerful accountable to the Constitution, and fighting for the working class at home and around the world. He was always ready and willing to fight for the most vulnerable among us.

Bill was a pioneering people's lawyer, both in private practice in Detroit and leading the Center for Constitutional Rights and the National Lawyers Guild.

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He was proud of representing the Attica prisoners, the Guantanamo Bay detainees, the Vietnam survivors of Agent Orange, and so many victims of police violence and corrupt persecution.

It speaks to Bill's character that one of the most important lawyers in American history will best be remembered by those close to him and for his endless jokes and bottomless love for his children and comrades. Please join me in honoring Bill Goodman and remembering his life and legacy.

HONORING ALBERT BURR "A.B."  
MCCALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a one-of-a-kind man, father, husband, businessowner, U.S. veteran, and a great friend of mine, Mr. Albert Burr McCall, or A.B., as many called him.

Mr. McCall passed away on September 13, 2023, at the grand age of 94. Living to that age is obviously quite a feat, but in A.B.'s case, the real feat was the full life he lived and the accomplishments he achieved.

A.B. was a man of faith, a loving and loyal family man, a proud and patriotic American. He was an unwavering believer in the preservation of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, and he contributed generously to those causes that shared his convictions.

He saw the importance of hard work at a young age when he worked at the general store his grandparents started in 1896. That entrepreneurial spirit would prove to run in the family.

A.B. graduated from Smith County High School in Carthage, Tennessee, and later earned an undergraduate college degree in agriculture from my alma mater, Tennessee Tech. He then earned a master's degree in animal nutrition from the University of Missouri.

Mr. McCall started his professional career as a teacher, but after only 1 year, he found himself answering the Nation's call to serve in the military in the Korean war from 1952 to 1954. He was later discharged with the rank of

first lieutenant after being wounded in combat by enemy fire.

When he returned to the States, A.B. headed back to the classroom to teach agriculture to World War II veterans at an Iowa high school. While holding down that job and four others, he also worked toward a Ph.D. at Iowa State University, and most importantly, he met his wife, Virginia.

They wed just 9 months after their first meeting and soon thereafter moved to Smith County, Tennessee, where he would buy into his father's furniture and appliance business and eventually open D.T. McCall & Sons, which is still thriving today in the Smith County town of Carthage and surrounding middle Tennessee towns and cities.

A.B.'s success in business is attributable in no small part to his uncanny ability to sense a profitable opportunity when it came along. In 1958, he learned that a local cheese company was changing the way it made its product, which he realized would in turn require approximately 1,700 Tennessee dairy farmers to obtain a new type of industrial cooler in order to keep supplying milk.

A.B. did some digging and found a surplus of these coolers in North Carolina that were perfect to fill the needs of dairy farmers in Tennessee. After several trips east, he bought approximately 1,000 of these coolers to sell to Tennessee dairy farmers. He even stopped in South Carolina on the way home, filling one of the coolers with peaches to sell back in Carthage.

Mr. McCall clearly had an eye for finding deals and passing savings on to his customers, but he was also a marketing genius. He is still known throughout middle Tennessee from his days as a regular on Nashville's "The Ralph Emery Show." Thousands would tune in to watch him list all the deals he had on furniture because he made them laugh while doing it. He ended his live television ads by holding up his right hand and fist and saying, "hey," which became an unofficial trademark of his.

According to Home Furnishings Daily, D.T. McCall & Sons is ranked in the country's top 50 independently owned furniture dealers today. In terms of warehouse and sales floor footage, it is the largest furniture and appliance store in the United States.

Albert and Virginia McCall leave behind two children, A.J. McCall and Menda McCall Holmes, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Menda and her husband Howard are with us in the gallery today.

D.T. McCall & Sons continues to be a family business, something in which A.B. took great pride. Mr. Speaker, A.B. McCall's life is a lesson for us all—that while a long life is a wonderful blessing, having a life well lived is the superior goal. Albert McCall did both.

My prayers go out to all of his family and friends as they continue to mourn