

Award by the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce.

She also devoted her time to the Moody support group for Moody Air Force Base in 1991, where her husband, Parker, was named executive director.

I commend Dr. Lucy Greene for her tireless efforts as an educator and advocate for our Nation's servicemen and -women.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Greene for everything she does.

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CELEBRATING PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL PRESERVATION ACT

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Black and indigenous soldiers who played a crucial role in winning our Nation's independence.

Soldiers of color made up a quarter of George Washington's forces by the time they marched to victory in Yorktown, but they have been largely erased from the story of our Nation.

At best, the teaching of Revolutionary War history fails to highlight the contributions of Black and indigenous Americans. At worst, it actively whitewashes them.

This Black History Month, I celebrate the passage of my National Liberty Memorial Preservation Act, which President Biden signed into law as part of last year's omnibus funding package.

My bipartisan legislation will establish a memorial to honor the soldiers of color who risked everything for American independence.

By establishing this memorial, we can write these brave soldiers back into the narrative of our American history.

RECOGNIZING AVA LAWLESS

(Mr. ALFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ava Lawless, a resident and constituent from my district in Missouri, and I am so honored to appoint her to the United States Air Force Academy.

Ava was my first appointee to a military academy, and we took in a lot—a lot—of qualified applicants on this one.

Ava is active, focused, and driven. She is going to the U.S. Air Force Academy, and she is proudly going to serve our great Nation.

She comes from a strong family. Her dad is, in fact, a graduate of the Air Force Academy. Her family instilled in her great dedication and a foundation of understanding and respecting our Nation.

They cultivated a real patriotism and passion for service, and her family taught her the value of hard work.

We are so, so very proud of Ava Lawless and her commitment to serving our Nation. I couldn't be more proud and honored to recognize her today as our first appointee to the United States Air Force Academy.

God bless you, Ava. God be with you, and we look forward to seeing you here on Capitol Hill some day.

HONORING THOMAS W. DORTCH, JR.

(Mr. BISHOP of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give honor, along with the members of the Georgia delegation, to my friend of longstanding for almost 50 years, Mr. Thomas Dortch of Atlanta, Georgia.

Thomas is a fine gentleman, a Fort Valley State University graduate, a strong alumnus, a big supporter of the Fort Valley Foundation, and he is a founder of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation.

He is a stalwart, a pillar of the 100 Black Men of the United States, and he has done so much for so many in mentoring youngsters.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Tommy has given so much to so many for so long, and we are so delighted to honor him and his legacy today.

OPPOSITION TO THE NEW YORK 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL

(Mr. MOLINARO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul's 2023 budget proposal.

Each year, Congress directs billions of Medicaid dollars to the State and local government to administer programs to help our most vulnerable neighbors.

Governor Hochul's budget puts these programs at risk and the people served in danger. Her budget steals \$1 billion in Federal Medicaid dollars from the most vulnerable to subsidize a bloated and broken State bureaucracy.

It puts programs that are meant to serve hungry children, impoverished seniors, and working mothers on the chopping block.

That is what is at risk: Things like food assistance and senior nursing care and addiction treatment services.

Governor Hochul is stealing from programs that help children, seniors, and those living in poverty and putting Albany bureaucracy in control of another billion dollars in taxpayer money.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose this budget and seek that we protect the most vulnerable of our neighbors all across New York.

QUESTIONING SUPPORT FOR DONALD TRUMP

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to question my Republican colleagues' continued support of Donald Trump. He does not support our country nor their party.

He rejects our American Constitution. He steals Republican funds. For example, he raised \$150 million for Republican candidates and then kept all the money for himself and his rallies.

He insults Americans of faith and used the Bible as a prop during a promotional shoot. He attacks Republican officials and works to remove them from office. Now he could face Federal prosecution for his role in the January 6 insurrection.

I am proud to be part of the Democratic Party that works for the American people, not one person. Yet, too many Republicans support Donald Trump more than our country. It does not make sense to me nor the American people.

DEBT CEILING HYPOCRISY

(Mr. BACON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the President's hypocrisy when it comes to the debt ceiling. He opposed raising the debt ceiling three different times.

Here are some of those quotes when he voted to oppose debt ceiling increases. He said, "My vote against the debt limit increase cannot change the fact that we have incurred this debt already, and will no doubt incur more."

He also said, "It's a statement that I refuse to be associated with the policies that brought us to this point."

He also said, "There is just so much of our debt that other nations want to hold. The more of it they accumulate, the closer we are to the day when they will not want any more."

He also said, "Our interest rates will go up, the value of their U.S. bonds will drop, and we will have big problems."

The roots of that threat lie in the disastrous policies of this administration. I could go on and on. It is all in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Three times he has opposed raising the debt ceiling. The way you spell hypocrisy when it comes to the debt ceiling is simple. It is B-I-D-E-N.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING PETE REED

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Pete Reed, an alum

of the Community College of Rhode Island and former U.S. Marine who was killed while on a humanitarian mission delivering aid to evacuees in Bakhmut, a besieged city in the Donetsk region of Ukraine.

Pete dedicated his life to the service of others. He deployed twice to the Helmand Province in Afghanistan, joined Team Rubicon after Hurricane Sandy, and helped to train medical teams in both Haiti and Iraq.

Pete and fellow veteran Derek Coleman decided to form Global Response Medicine, an NGO dedicated to serving the world's most vulnerable people in the midst of conflict, war, or disaster after seeing the need for such an organization during the battle of Mosul in Iraq.

His work brought him to Global Outreach Doctors, which he joined in January, to lead its efforts in Ukraine.

A remarkable man, Pete Reed was not only a veteran and a humanitarian but also a mentor to CCRI students and veterans. It is impossible to know how many lives he touched.

My thoughts and prayers are with Pete's entire family and all those who loved him and called him a friend.

HONORING YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF GARY DENNIS TINDEL

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the memory of Yuba County Sheriff Gary Dennis Tindel.

Gary was born in October of 1947. He graduated from Marysville High School in 1965 and then went on to attend UC Davis and Cal State, Chico shortly afterward.

He joined the Yuba County Sheriff's Department in 1971. In 1975, he married his wife, Irene Chesini, and together they raised three children: Josh, Michelle, and Alicia. In 1990, he was elected Sheriff in Yuba County and served two terms in that role.

In his spare time, he taught law enforcement classes at Butte College and served as assistant coroner down in Marin County.

Even after retiring from public service, he continued to serve his people, his community, as an active member of the Kiwanis Club, helping with local Little Leagues and Boy Scouts.

He was a devoted family man and a paragon in his community. From his outstanding public service to his volunteering to keep our streets safe, his influence was felt everywhere.

It is with deep condolences to Gary's family and everyone who knew him that I rise today. This ideal American man will be dearly missed. May he rest in eternal peace.

UPLIFTING AND CELEBRATING THOMAS DORTCH, JR.

(Mrs. McBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McBATH. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dortch is the National Chairman of 100 Black Men of America, Incorporated, and his life and career have truly been exceptional.

Whether serving our government, consulting major American businesses, or giving back through philanthropic endeavors, Thomas Dortch, Jr., has excelled at the highest levels.

As a staff member for Senator Sam Nunn, he became the first African American in history to become chief administrator for a United States Senator.

As a speaker and mentor, his voice was always in high demand, including for our very own Congressional Black Caucus.

As the founder of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, he created a space for our country to celebrate the achievements of graduates of our Nation's historically Black colleges and universities and ensure that we continue to protect and invest in educational opportunities for Black Americans.

During Black History Month, it is good and proper that we celebrate the legacy of one man who has done so much for our community.

On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus and the United States House of Representatives, we send our deepest love and appreciation for all that he has done.

Thank you, Mr. Dortch.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

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CELEBRATING YATES COUNTY, NEW YORK'S BICENTENNIAL

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the bicentennial of Yates County, New York, named after New York State Governor Joseph Yates, the seventh Governor of New York who commissioned the county in 1823.

Yates County is home to rolling hills and spectacular lakeside views of three of the Finger Lakes: Keuka, Seneca, and Canandaigua.

Comprised of nine townships, Yates County is home to just over 24,000 New Yorkers, only a small increase from the 20,000 people that called Yates County home at the time of its founding in 1823.

Yates County has preserved its pristine beauty over these years and played an important role in our State's history, including being home to some of the State's oldest stone mills and the lovely town of Branchport, which served as an important trade hub for steamboats along the Finger Lakes.

It was my distinct honor to have as my guest at the State of the Union, Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike, the longest serving sheriff in the history of the State of New York.

It is an honor to represent Yates County in Congress, and I am proud to celebrate Yates County on its bicentennial.

HIGHLIGHTING ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight Elizabeth City State University, an HBCU that understands the importance of educating and empowering remarkable leaders.

This year, Elizabeth City State University will celebrate 133 years of service and, over those years, the university has left a significant mark on our district, State, and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Elizabeth City State University is home to the only 4-year aviation science program in North Carolina. I am proud of students such as Aleathia Hudson, who is not only a student in this program, but was my special guest for the State of the Union.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to help provide resources for Elizabeth City State University, those resources they deserve to be successful.

I commend Chancellor Karrie Dixon for her commitment to preparing the next generation of Viking leaders for their future.

Viking pride.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONN J. THOMPSON

(Mr. McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a fellow marine and a great American patriot, Mr. Donn J. Thompson of Spokane, Washington.

Donn was a student at the University of Washington when Pearl Harbor was attacked. But he left after his freshman year to join the Marines in 1943.

He took part in multiple assault landings, including the Battle of Okinawa, where he helped capture Sugar Loaf Hill with the 6th Marine Division in one of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific theater.

This month, Donn celebrates his 100th birthday. Last spring, Donn celebrated his 75th wedding anniversary