

Gretchen Malone, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Officer Jarren Mann, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Officer Jessica Gutsick, High Bridge Police Department, Officer John M. Simonetti Jr., Mount Olive Police Department, Captain Jonathan Rachel, Springfield Police Department, Captain Michael Jackson, Mountaintop Police Department, Captain Miguel Acabou, Clark Police Department, Officer Nicholas J. Villa, Raritan Township Police Department, Patrolman Peter Zabita, Hopatcong Police Department, Corporal Ryan Kamieniencki, Far Hills Police Department, Captain Scott Rayack, Rahway Police Department, Lieutenant Thomas Polito, Bedminster Township Police Department, Sergeant Timothy Richard, Bernardsville Police Department, Sergeant Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department, Officer Vincent Conti, Scotch Plains Police Department. We are grateful for the commitment and sacrifice they make every single day.

HONORING COLONEL TIMOTHY
EARL BOOK

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and humbled to recognize the distinguished career and tireless service of Colonel (Col.) Timothy Earl Book, United States Air Force, upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 30 years of selfless and loyal service to our Nation.

Col. Book's legacy—most recently as Assistant Professor and Director of Strategic Management Systems at the United States Army War College—is a testament to his unwavering commitment and dedication in myriad ways.

Col. Book's service began in 1989, when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He initially served as an F-16 crew chief in Misawa, Japan and Spangdahlem, Germany. He separated briefly to pursue higher education, while working in aviation maintenance, and was commissioned in 2000 through Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. On the horrific day of September 11, 2001, then-Second Lieutenant Book was in pilot training. He served in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle, Inherent Resolve, and Enduring Freedom—where his exceptional performance earned him numerous awards and commendations, to include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, six Air Medals, and an Aerial Achievement Award. His talents were further used as Branch Chief at United States Strategic Command, where he successfully integrated the Joint All-Domain Command and Control with the Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications Branch, streamlining operations and eliminating redundancies.

Col. Book's military career concludes as a command pilot with 4,152 flight hours—1,376 in combat—a flight instructor and evaluator pilot in the RC-135 and E-3 AWACS aircrafts, and having served in theaters around the globe. He has served in key positions across Squadron Wing, Headquarters Air Staff, and Combatant command levels, and notably deployed to U.S. Central Command as Director

of Operations for the 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron—leading over 1,000 Airmen in the operation and maintenance of a \$712 million aircraft fleet, finally executing 645 critical missions. He went on to lead the 55th Operations Support Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, commanding 234 personnel while providing operational support to twelve active component and two Air National Guard squadrons across five worldwide locations—further demonstrating his leadership and excellence at all levels.

In addition to his exceptional service, Colonel Book is fiercely dedicated to education; he's earned three Masters Degrees, and currently is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Command, Leadership, and Management at the United States Army War College. His instruction of graduate-level Joint Professional Military Education for Joint and Coalition Officers and select civilian members of the U.S. Government, and his contributions to the design, execution, and evaluation of care and elective curricula and research projects, underscore his commitment to our Nation and his critical role in shaping future leaders of America.

Colonel Book is fiercely dedicated to his wife, Julia, with him tirelessly on their lifetime of service, and his sons, John and Colin. Their sacrifices and unwavering support were pivotal to Colonel Book's successes and legacy, as were the sacrifices of the Veterans upon whose shoulders he stood throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I commend and render heartfelt thanks to Colonel Timothy Book for his unwavering dedication, tireless service, and faithful duty to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING APPLE VALLEY
POLICE OFFICER JORDAN MACK

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor Apple Valley Police Officer Jordan Mack for his courageous service during the tragic February 18th incident in Burnsville, MN which lost officers Matthew Ruge and Paul Elmstrand and firefighter/paramedic Adam Finseth.

Officer Mack provided mutual aid support to Burnsville and was in the Bearcat and helped extract the mortally wounded officers and the rest of the Burnsville staff that were on scene.

Officer Mack has been with his hometown Apple Valley Police Department since 2019. During high school he was part of the local Police Explorer Post and earned a bachelor's in law enforcement from Winona State University. Prior to joining the Apple Valley Police Department, he worked as a park ranger for the Dakota County Sheriff's Office.

I'm grateful for Officer Mack's service to Apple Valley, Burnsville and Minnesota. He represents the best of law enforcement and it is a privilege to represent him in Congress.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD AND BERNADETTE KRINGE'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize outstanding constituents from my district, Richard and Bernadette Kringe, as we celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Richard Kringe and Bernadette Kringe were married on September 14, 1974 in Philadelphia, PA and soon moved to Croydon, PA where they have lived ever since. Rich recently retired from a life-long career as a plumber, and Bern was a school bus driver for many years: gaining the moniker "Driver."

They raised two sons, Rich and Bob, and instilled in them the importance of family. They are also the proud grandparents of RJ, Dennis, and Jack.

Congratulations to Rich and Bern on their golden milestone anniversary.

CELEBRATING MS. LILLIE
CUNNINGHAM'S 110TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, Lillie Cunningham, of Florence, Alabama, has hit a milestone in her life that few will ever reach. Born in 1914, she celebrated her 110th birthday on September 26, 2024.

It's difficult to imagine how different times were when Lillie was born. President Woodrow Wilson was in his first term as President, the United States had not yet entered World War I, and movies still had no sound.

Lillie has lived a life of service to her community, volunteering with the kitchen ministry at her church, and exemplifying a true servant heart in all she does.

When Lillie turned 108, she joked that she had found a secret diet that was responsible for allowing her to live to that age. Now, when asked how she has made it to 110 years old, Lillie says that there is no secret. Instead, she contributes her long, healthy life to the grace of God. Even at 110 years old, Lillie continues to do some of her favorite activities, such as cooking and finishing puzzles.

Despite all the festivities surrounding her birthday, which included: receiving a golden key to the city, a proclamation designating September 26, 2024, as Lillie Cunningham Day, and being sent over two hundred cards from people across the nation, Lillie never neglects reading her Bible.

I want to personally wish Lillie a Happy 110th Birthday. I pray that she will enjoy many more birthdays surrounded by those who love her and care for her. I know that her servant heart and love for her community will continue to inspire all those who have had the privilege of knowing her for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the entire United States House of Representatives will join me in sending our best wishes to Lillie as she continues to celebrate this remarkable milestone in her life.

Happy Birthday, Ms. Lillie.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MAUREEN KINDEL

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Maureen Kindel, who passed away on September 26, 2024 at the age of 86.

Maureen was a longtime civic leader who mentored and advised dozens of elected and appointed officials in Los Angeles and was a special contributor to the political, educational, and business life of our city. As an adviser to Mayor Tom Bradley, she was appointed as the first woman in the history of the city to serve as President of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works. In that role, she initiated the city's first program to increase the participation of minority and women-owned businesses in public contracting. Maureen was a leader in business: she co-founded two prominent public affairs and lobbying firms, and was a founding director of the Los Angeles Business Federation, the Los Angeles Business Council, and the Pacific Council on Foreign Relations.

Maureen served as a member of the Organizing Committee for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, and founded the LA84 Foundation alongside Rafer Johnson, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Gil Vasquez, and Peter Ueberroth. She also helped organize the hugely successful Los Angeles Summer Arts Festival preceding the games.

In addition, Maureen contributed her personal and professional passion to public education. She helped design, organize, and lead three major education summits in Los Angeles, integrating participation by business and civic leaders, educators, and public officials in examining the status and acute needs of the public education system. For her years of service, Maureen received many honors and awards, including the Los Angeles League of Women Voters Founder's Award. Among her proudest achievements was working with President Nelson Mandela when he was released from prison and after he was elected President of South Africa.

Maureen is survived by sons Tom and Gerry Flintoft, daughters-in-law Ingrid and Jannette, and grandchildren Chelsea, Stefan, Collin, Caroline, and Aidan.

Mr. Speaker, I hope everyone will join me in mourning the loss of Maureen Kindel and celebrating her dedication to a life of service.

HONORING THE 85TH BIRTHDAY OF
FORMER REP. JOHN LAFALCE

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Rep. John J. LaFalce on his 85th birthday.

Born on October 6, 1939, in Buffalo, New York, John LaFalce has served, throughout his entire life and career, as a public servant to

the American people. He undoubtedly gave his very best to representing the needs of every American, and Western New York will never forget the care, attention, and dedication that Rep. LaFalce provided for our community.

Rep. LaFalce began his career of service in Vietnam, where he committed himself to fighting to protect American values and democracy. After rising to the rank of Captain in the United States Army, LaFalce returned home to Western New York. Continuing his journey and commitment to service, John LaFalce decided to run for the New York State Senate and later for the New York State Assembly. While in the Legislature, LaFalce worked tirelessly for his constituents.

After a successful few years in New York State politics, at the age of 35, LaFalce ran to represent the people of New York's 36th congressional district. Serving in Congress for almost three decades, Congressman LaFalce achieved an incredible list of legislative and personal accomplishments. LaFalce worked hard to provide Western New York with quality representation, whether through his advocacy for residents in his district affected by the Love Canal disaster, or through Renewal Community legislation that greatly benefitted Buffalo, Rochester, and Niagara Falls.

While achieving so much for Western New Yorkers, LaFalce also pushed forward legislation that has had a monumental impact on all Americans. Specifically, during his time on the Committee on Small Business and the then-Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs, Rep. LaFalce crafted consequential legislation, including the Financial Services Modernization Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which both revolutionized the United States' banking and financial sector.

Today, we honor John J. LaFalce on his 85th birthday. We also celebrate his ongoing commitment to serving Western New York, and his inextinguishable desire for seeking to better his community. I, and many Western New Yorkers thank him tremendously for his service to our region, and to our country.

HONORING TAMMIE HOLLAND

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, I, along with the people of St. Louis, rise today to honor and commemorate the exceptional life and legacy of Ms. Tammie Holland, a beloved on-air media personality and a voice for the community. Ms. Holland used her platform to connect with and inspire her listeners, engage with community issues and promote positive change. Her voice served as a guiding light to the St. Louis region for over three decades and will remain forever imprinted on our hearts.

Tammie Holland, a St. Louis native, broke barriers for Black women throughout her work at "Majic 108" KMJM, KDHX radio, Channel 5 KSDK-TV and Channel 46 WRBU-TV. We can all remember her as our morning motivator on the Breakfast Crew with co-host Tony Scott. She continued to break barriers becoming the leading voice on FOX 106.9 FM's first all-Black female radio show.

Throughout her life, Tammie always centered love for her community. Her career re-

flected her unwavering commitment to her audience. She gave back in countless ways, always showed up, and used her voice to help whenever she could. Her warmth and authenticity and sweetness brought comfort to many.

On behalf of Missouri's First District, our prayers are with her beautiful daughter, Meadow, her family, her friends, and all who loved her. Tammie Holland has built a remarkable legacy, and she will continue to inspire future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE REV-
EREND DR. CHARLES EDWARD
KIRBY, SR.

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2024

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the remarkable life of Reverend Dr. Charles Edward Kirby, Sr., a true servant of our community and an extraordinary and iconic Louisvillian.

Reverend Kirby was born in 1928 in Trigg County, Kentucky, "a real country place," and for nearly a century, he lived a life dedicated to serving his Lord and the people of Kentucky. After coming to Louisville and with the support of just a handful of dedicated followers, Reverend Kirby answered a divine call and established the work of his life, the Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church, in the 1950s. Under his leadership, the church quickly grew to 34 members and secured its first permanent building, but Reverend Kirby knew he wanted to expand his reach, and he made Southern Star the first church to broadcast live services on WLOU Radio.

Reverend Kirby was called to a still higher mission, and he became one of Louisville's great civil rights leaders. He joined 10,000 Kentuckians, alongside Martin Luther King Jr., in a 1964 demonstration in Frankfort advocating for equal public accommodations for Black Americans, and Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church served as a vital meeting place for civil rights groups in Louisville throughout the civil rights movement. Reverend Kirby spoke out against injustice wherever he saw it, and he held a number of demonstrations against investments in Apartheid South Africa and used his voice and his influence to attend open housing marches in Louisville where he, side by side with other community leaders, marched into white neighborhoods for multiple nights in 1967. Eventually, the Kentucky Fair Housing Act was passed.

In 1972, his deep commitment to service led him to establish the Martin Luther King Free Food Store, a pioneering food distribution program run from his church. He was recognized by Louisville and Jefferson County for feeding thousands of people citywide, and he even received an Outstanding Community Service Award. Years later, Reverend Kirby became president of the Kentucky Southern Christian Leadership Conference, from which he received the Chapter of the Year Award and a Leadership Award.

Reverend Kirby's influence extended beyond his church and civil rights work. He began recording gospel music in 1961 and produced records well into the 1980s. His gospel classic "Lord Come On," was recorded