

Sheriff Quire's many years of service to Franklin County make him the perfect choice for Kentucky's Sheriff of the Year. I am confident that Sheriff Quire will continue to serve as an exemplary role model for law enforcement officers across the 1st Congressional District and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**HONORING THE INVESTITURE OF
DR. STANFORD E. ANGION AS
THE 25TH PRESIDENT OF SELMA
UNIVERSITY**

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Inaugural Convocation and Investiture of Dr. Stanford E. Angion as the 25th President of Selma University.

A lifelong learner, Dr. Angion obtained his Bachelor of Soil Science at Alabama A&M University. He went on to earn multiple postgraduate degrees, including a Master's of Journalism and Mass Communication from Marshall University in Huntington, WV, a Master's of Education from the University of West Alabama, a Master's of Arts in Bible and Pastoral Ministry from Selma University, and a Doctor of Education from Alabama State University.

An esteemed educator and administrator, Dr. Angion began his tenure at Selma University in 2016 as the Vice President for Academic Affairs. During this period, he oversaw the responsibilities of administering the development, implementation, and evaluation of course materials and methods, along with recruiting faculty and supervising the Chairs of all academic divisions. Moreover, he played a critical role in decision-making regarding the testing placement of new students, admissions, student-faculty relations, academic counseling, college catalogs, and student academic records. His diligence and hard work were recognized in June 2020 when he was assigned to the position of Provost/Vice President, a capacity in which he served until he was appointed as Interim President in 2021.

Dr. Angion began his professional life in 1987 when, upon graduating from Alabama A&M University, he received an active-duty commission into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. During his thirteen years of honorable service, he attained the rank of Major. In October 2000, Dr. Angion accepted his call into the gospel ministry to preach and was honorably discharged from the Army.

After accepting his anointed call, Dr. Angion was licensed as a Baptist preacher in March 2000 and ordained later that year. He served for two years at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Hinesville, GA, as a Youth Pastor before being installed in 2003 as Pastor of Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church in Coy, AL, where he still serves today.

As pastor of Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Angion has implemented programs and completed projects to uplift his congregation and the greater community. Under his leadership, the congregation built a Family Recreational Park, renovated the sanctuary, and started the MGS&A Institute, which offers a plethora of courses designed to train

students in the performing arts and enhance elementary and secondary student learning.

Dr. Angion is a proud member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity incorporated and is an active member of the Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter in Montgomery. He joined the fraternity during his sophomore year at Alabama A&M University as a member of the Gamma Epsilon Chapter.

Under his strong and level-headed leadership, Selma University is planning for both today and tomorrow. Dr. Angion's transformational vision is building a framework for the university that will create lasting change and growth. Continuing the core mission of Selma University, Dr. Angion is dedicated to the quality of education the university provides to its students. Through his insightful planning and forward-thinking, Dr. Angion is taking strides to create a better and brighter future for Selma University.

On a personal note, I have long admired President Angion's steadfast leadership at Selma University. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to upholding the standard of excellence for its students, faculty and administration, even in the face of major adversity. I congratulate him. I look forward to our continued partnership in uplifting this historic institution and extend my best wishes for his long and successful stewardship of Selma University.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the investiture of Dr. Stanford E. Angion as the 25th President of Selma University.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSE
MARIE HANSEN**

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of longtime Concord resident Rose Marie Hansen.

Rose Marie was born in Kansas, where she spent many of her formative years working on the family farm with her father and brother. She eventually moved to Oakland, California where she worked as a nanny. Shortly after, Rose Marie met her husband Alfred "Bud" Hansen at a dance in Alameda. The two married in 1941 and were together for 52 years until Bud's passing in 1993.

She and her husband owned a contracting business and later partnered with a local businessman to open a bowling alley and retail complex, known today as Clayton Fair Properties. When Bud passed away in the early 90s, Rose Marie took over as manager, a position she held until 2023, helping lead the successful business for more than sixty years.

Rose Marie was also very active in her community, volunteering at Concord's First Presbyterian Church where she served as an accountant, Deacon, and Elder. She also volunteered at The American Cancer Society as their coordinator of transportation for over 21 years, served as President of the Concord Diablo Historical Society for over 7 years, and traveled the world as International President of the USA Inner Wheel Association. On top of it all, she was also Vice President for the Con-

cord Homes Board of Directors, overseeing the development of two multi-story residential buildings for seniors.

Rose Marie will be greatly missed, but I am confident her impact will be felt in the community for generations to come. Please join me in recognizing Rose Marie for her many contributions to our community and devoted service to the City of Concord.

**COMMEMORATING THE PASSAGE
OF THE 2024 U.S. CAPITOL
CHRISTMAS TREE THROUGH
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the passage of the 2024 U.S. Capitol Christmas tree through Fort Wayne, Indiana.

From its origins in Alaska's National Forests to its final destination in Washington D.C., this distinguished tree has traveled through many of North America's beautiful landscapes. It has visited small-town main streets, grand state capitals, elementary schools, and local businesses. And now, it has passed through Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Situated in the heart and crossroads of America, Fort Wayne introduces the tree to a vibrant community that exemplifies Midwestern values, patriotism, and the true essence of Christmas. Each Christmas season, this city's festive spirit is reborn through longstanding traditions that celebrate togetherness, generosity, and faith.

The Capitol Christmas Tree has been affectionately dubbed "The People's Tree," and this journey it undertakes truly cements it as such. While the tree may not see, hear, or remember the communities it encounters, the people of Fort Wayne will long recall the honor of hosting a symbol that will stand proudly before the U.S. Capitol, embodying all that makes Christmas in America so special.

I thank Mike Nutter and the TinCaps organization for hosting the tree at Parkview Field, allowing Northeast Indiana to enjoy the occasion.

**HONORING THE USDA'S CENTEN-
NIAL GRAPEVINE BREEDING
PROGRAM**

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today we gather to celebrate an extraordinary milestone in American agricultural history, an occasion of profound significance—the 100th anniversary of the USDA Grapevine Breeding Research Program. This monumental event offers a unique opportunity to reflect upon a century of innovation, dedication, and visionary research that has shaped the grape industry in the United States.

The story of the USDA Grapevine Breeding Research Program commenced in 1923 within the fertile soils of Fresno, California. Founded

at the USDA Experiment Vineyard, it became an integral part of the USDA Bureau of Plant Industry. Its mission was clear—to redefine the grape industry through groundbreaking research.

In 1972, the program found a new home within the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the USDA's premier in-house research agency. Throughout its remarkable journey, the program remained unwavering in its commitment to developing high-quality, disease-resistant cultivars of *Vitis*, spanning table grapes and raisins.

The San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Sciences Center (SJVASC) has been the hub of innovation for this program. Its dedicated researchers have consistently led the charge in scientific advancements within the field of grape breeding. Their efforts have not only met the demands of U.S. agriculture but have also supplied top-tier, nutritious fruits to both national and international markets.

As we convene to mark this momentous centenary, we acknowledge the program's profound influence. For one hundred years, it has been a pillar of grape production and innovation, perfectly situated in the heart of American grape cultivation, the Central Valley of California.

The 100th anniversary ceremony is not merely retrospective; it is a glimpse into the future. Their collective wisdom and vision will chart the course of grapevine breeding in the years to come. This anniversary of the USDA Grapevine Breeding Research Program is a momentous occasion that deserves our highest regard. It celebrates a century of scientific excellence, unwavering dedication, and the pursuit of a resilient and prosperous grape industry.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the USDA's grapevine breeding research program. Let us come together to honor a century of dedication to the growth and prosperity of American agriculture.

IN MEMORY OF SHERIFF HENRY
CULLEN TALTON, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor and remember a loving husband and father, doting grandfather and great-grandfather, lifelong public servant, the longest tenured sheriff in the United States of America, and my friend of long standing, the Honorable Henry Cullen Talton, Jr. Sadly, he transitioned from labor to reward on Saturday, October 19, 2024. The funeral service honoring and celebrating Sheriff Talton's life will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at Southside Baptist Church in Warner Robins, Georgia.

Sheriff Talton was born to the union of Henry Cullen Talton, Sr. and Lois Ammons Talton on October 16, 1932, in Bonaire, Georgia. Early on in his adult life Sheriff Talton began his career as a middle Georgia dairy farmer before making a successful run for the Houston County Commission. In 1972, he won his first term as Sheriff of Houston County,

and he would go on to win 12 additional successive terms in his lifetime. For nearly 52 years, Sheriff Talton served as Houston's top law enforcement officer, and he became nationally known as America's longest-tenured sheriff.

Rarely seen wearing his sheriff's badge or his firearm, Sheriff Talton was truly a man of the people. His commitment to fostering public safety and building relationships with the people he served earned him the respect and admiration of both the people of Houston County and the Georgia law enforcement community. Sheriff Talton presided over the Houston County Sheriff's Department during a period of substantial population growth in the county. Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Talton made sure his department was responsive, effective, and on the cutting edge of law enforcement. At the time of his election as sheriff in 1972, Houston County was home to about 63,000 people; today, the county is home to nearly 170,000 people.

As Sheriff, Talton made a point to engage with and collaborate with leaders from across the state in order to improve public safety for all. He actively contributed to various organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes where he received special recognitions multiple times for his fundraising initiatives. Throughout his career, Sheriff Talton was honored with numerous awards, including the Golden Eagle Award (2010); the Meritorious Service Master Award (2022); the President's Award from the Georgia Sheriffs Association; the Warner Robins/Houston County Chamber of Commerce Good Government Service Award; the Liberty Bell Award; and was named Sheriff of the Year in 2019.

Sheriff Talton contributed so much to his community and accomplished so much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God, and the love and support of his family, to include his late wife of 68 years, Peggy; his devoted children, Carlene Talton, Patty Redmond (Ed), Cully Talton, and Neal Talton (Ginger); grandchildren, Kitt Orr (Brandon), Lindsey Farrar, Tal Talton (Amanda), Sydney Morstad; along with 10 great-grandchildren.

Sir Winston Churchill often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Sheriff Talton gave so much to so many for so long. His over 50 years of servant leadership on behalf of the people of Houston County has left his community stronger, more prosperous, and more secure. Truly, the world is a better place because Sheriff Henry Cullen Talton, Jr. passed this way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second District. In celebrating the life of Sheriff Henry Cullen Talton, Jr. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, loved ones and all who mourn his loss. We pray that they all will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING MARTIN COUNTY
HOSPITAL DISTRICT IN STANTON,
TEXAS

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I often refer to West Texas as the Food, Fuel, and Fiber Capital of the World—where our hardworking cowboys and plowboys feed, power, and clothe this great country and the entire world. However, the greatest contribution we make as a community is not our ag and energy product. It's our people and their values of hard work, faith, and love of neighbor—exemplified in Stanton, Texas, by Martin County Hospital District.

Despite being a small community of about 3,000 residents, Stanton boasts an award-winning hospital recently recognized as one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in 2023 and 2024. With over 1,300 critical access hospitals nationwide, we take great pride in having one of the best for back-to-back years.

I would like to commend Martin County Hospital District CEO Nancy Cooke who said, "Our results as a top patient care hospital means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."

Our great country does not reap the benefits of energy independence and food security without excellent rural health care keeping our hard-working, freedom-loving workers in Rural America healthy and taken care of. Nobody understands this better than Martin County Medical Hospital District.

On behalf of the 19th Congressional District of Texas and untold grateful patients and families, I thank them, God bless them, and go West Texas.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN
WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who will travel to Washington, D.C., on October 23, 2024, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who will travel here on October 23 answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to