

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

include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

Robert H. Baron, John E. Barry, Bradley R. Beall, James C. Boland, Kenneth R. Burmeister, Charles L. Cassidy, Patrick J. Clayton, Dean R. Clough, Michael P. Collins, Philip J. Collins, Danny L. Crull, Allan G. Dalgleish, Ronnie L. Dandurand, Dennis W. Desmond, Michael A. Desmond, Larry R. Dodgers, Robert J. Donat, Rocco Esposito, Robert J. Falkman, Stephen R. Farrar, Ambrose A. Fayard, Ronald F. Feltz, Richard K. Finn, Edward B. Fitzpatrick, Dennis A. Fronek, William Frye, Wayne F. Gade, Ralph W. Gault Jr., Robert J. Gault, Roger A. Gault, James A. Germany, Frank E. Gillie Jr., Javier Gonzalez, Jack Gonzalez, Peter D. Gravante, Edward B. Gut, Durwood N. Hafenrichter, William E. Haggerty, James R. Hanson, Spiro S. Hayes, John R. Heckman Jr., David G. Hill, Gregory T. Hill, David O. Howe, Robert D. Jackson, Ronald J. Jerzyk, Everett L. Johnson, Joe W. Johnson, Kenneth J. Johnson, Glenn M. Jones, Herbert B. Joseph, Benjamin Kahn, Terry E. Kaiser, Dale A. Kats, Thaddeus J. Kolke Sr., Louis R. Kollwitz, Alice A. Kowalski, Kenneth W. Krochmal, Robert F. Lewis, Ronald J. Matonovich, James H. McCollum, John A. McCollum, Nathaniel McCoy, Richard M. McGathey, Gordon W. Millerin, John R. Mitchell, Thomas Moritz, John L. Mroz, James T. Mundt, George G. Munley, William J. Nieckula, Howard F. Noey Jr., Edward P. O'Connor, James P. O'Connor, Virgil D. Oostendorp, Thomas R. Osborne Jr., Bernard J. Passananti Jr., Joseph J. Perry Jr., Terry G. Piper, Martin S. Pogvara, Peter P. Pogvara, Alan Potkin, Richard C. Raish, Timothy M. Rehmer, Jaime D. Rivera, Lonnie Satterlee, Neil G. Schilling, Joseph J. Schneider Jr., Edward J. Serafino, Edward W. Seykowski, Terry L. Short, Philip C. Sirotzke, James H. Smalley Jr., Robert C. Smith, Robert L. Smith, John B. Spoor Sr., Michael R. Stark, Rudolf E. Starr, Larry R. Stegall, Martin R. Sterrett, Richard A. Strong, Wayne L. Szara Sr., Gary L. Tate, Daniel N. Thomas, Roger L. Thompson, Linzy Waters II, Thomas J. Weidemann, Steven W. Westerlund, Evan L. Wilson, Paul L. Windish, Michael P. Witte, Donald E. Young, James M. Yunker, Adam W. Yurkiw, Robert R. Zaborowski, and Richard R. Zawislak.

HONORING SUE DONAHUE

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I would like to recognize the president of the Arrowhead Republican Women, Sue Donahue.

Sue has distinguished herself by providing exceptional service to the members of this organization, with roots in the West Valley dating back to 1993. As president, Sue has been an advocate for educating members on philosophies of smaller government, reduced taxes, and personal freedoms. The efforts of Sue and the Arrowhead Republican Women have been pivotal to the success of elected officials and candidates in the State of Arizona.

As a member of the Arrowhead Republican Women, I am thankful for Sue's leadership

and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to Congressional District 8 and the State of Arizona.

APPRECIATING GEORGE SHISSIAS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the obituary of George Constantine Shissias clearly presents a loving review of his meaningful achievements for the citizens of the Midlands of South Carolina. In addition to the successes listed, he was a co-founder of the First Tuesday Republican Club of Richland and Lexington Counties, which worked to provide a low-cost Rotary-like opportunity for political involvement. Having lasted for over 50 years, it is now the longest surviving political luncheon in South Carolina.

At the memorial service, Governor Henry McMaster provided heartfelt appreciation of the dynamic couple, George and his wife, State Representative June Shissias. The Governor cited the success of electing Charlie Boineau to the State House in August 1961 as the first Republican legislator of the Twentieth Century. This achievement led to now super Republican majorities in the State House and Senate with all statewide offices, and eight of nine Federal offices held by Republicans.

The following obituary was published upon his death:

George Constantine Shissias, of Columbia, died October 13, 2024. A memorial service will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow. There will be a private interment at Fort Jackson Military Cemetery. Born in Camden, NJ, to immigrant parents, George graduated from Cornell University in 1957 with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. He served in the Army and was honorably discharged as first lieutenant, having run an Officers Club during his military service where he met his future wife June. In 1959 he began his career in hospitality management by accepting a position as manager of Forest Lake Country Club in Columbia. He held that position for 42 years until his retirement in 2001.

George was one of the founders of the Richland County Republican Party. In 1961, George was instrumental in the election of the first Republican candidate to the South Carolina State House of Representatives since Reconstruction. In the early years, victories were few, but George never gave up and worked tirelessly on behalf of Republican candidates to build a two-party system in South Carolina. It was George's grit and determination that contributed to the growth of the Republican Party to dominance in South Carolina, all while managing one of the finest clubs in South Carolina. He was a charter member of the Forest Acres Rotary Club which he served faithfully since 1968.

George was born June 20, 1936 in Camden, NJ, to the late Constantine N. Shissias and the late Alexandra (Kazantzis). He is survived by his wife of 63 years June (Strother), brother Nick Shissias and his wife Sophia, and many wonderful nieces and nephews. Surviving also are sons Charles and his wife Marlo Smith, Alexander and his wife Anne (Abercrombie), and beloved grandchildren Hunter Alexander Shissias, Charles Logan Shissias and Janna Shissias.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to The Tunnels to Towers Foundation or MPN Research Foundation.

RECOGNIZING AMOGY FOR SAILING THE WORLD'S FIRST CARBON-FREE AMMONIA-POWERED MARITIME VESSEL

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary milestone in clean energy innovation achieved by Amogy, a trailblazing company in the sustainable energy sector. On September 22nd, Amogy successfully demonstrated the world's first carbon-free, ammonia-powered maritime vessel on Rondout Creek and the Hudson River, located in my district in New York.

This achievement reflects Amogy's commitment to addressing one of the most pressing challenges of our time—reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the maritime industry. The successful voyage of this vessel marks a historic step forward in the global push to transition to cleaner energy solutions, and it serves as a beacon of what can be achieved when we leverage groundbreaking technology for the good of our planet.

Amogy's innovation lies in its advanced ammonia-to-power platform, which enables the use of ammonia as a renewable, carbon-free fuel. This vessel's demonstration is a tangible example of how we can reimagine existing industries—such as shipping—and move toward a more sustainable future.

Not only is this accomplishment a testament to the technical prowess of the engineers, scientists, and visionaries at Amogy, but it also represents a significant moment for environmental policy and industrial decarbonization. By replacing fossil fuels with alternative, cleaner energy sources like ammonia, we can dramatically reduce emissions in sectors that have historically been difficult to decarbonize.

I would like to commend the entire team at Amogy for their pursuit of innovation and sustainability. Their dedication to pushing the boundaries of clean energy is a vital contribution to the fight against climate change. I would also like to recognize that this historic demonstration took place at Feeney Shipyard, in Kingston, New York, which has long been a hub of maritime activity in the Hudson Valley.

I congratulate Amogy on this monumental achievement and look forward to witnessing the continued advancements the company will bring to the clean energy landscape. It is through the efforts of companies like Amogy that we will continue to make strides toward a more sustainable and resilient future.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL PRICE

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Michael Price, an outstanding citizen who serves the south San Diego community as a chef and small business owner. Mr.