

through the ranks to become the General Manager, a position he held for 28 years. His leadership not only enhanced our wastewater management but also set a standard for excellence that continues to benefit our community today.

Bill retired as an employee of Valley Sanitary District in 1985, but his passion soon brought him back. In 1991, Bill was elected to the Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors, where he has served tirelessly for over 33 years, including two decades as President from 1992–2011. His contributions have been invaluable, ensuring that our local water resources are managed with care and innovation. Bill also served on the East Valley Reclamation Authority, taking on various leadership roles, including President and Treasurer, further demonstrating his commitment to environmental stewardship.

Throughout his career, Bill has received numerous accolades, including the prestigious Wm. D. Hatfield Award and recognition from both the Santa Ana Basin and Colorado River Basin for his significant contributions to the wastewater industry. His work with the California Water Pollution Control Agency and other organizations underscores his passion for public service and community improvement.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bill has actively engaged with various community organizations, from the Indio Chamber of Commerce to the Coachella Valley Boys Club, always seeking to uplift those around him. His service on multiple committees and boards reflects his dedication to fostering a better community for all.

As Bill retires from the Board of Directors in December 2024, we celebrate not only his professional achievements but also the lasting impact he has made on the lives of countless individuals in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Bill Teague's outstanding contributions to our community and extend our heartfelt gratitude for his years of dedicated service. On behalf of California's 25th Congressional District, we wish him all the best in his retirement, knowing that he leaves behind a foundation of excellence that will inspire future leaders.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF GREGORY "DON" HUNSUCKER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Gregory "Don" Hunsucker, a beloved husband, brother, father, and leader.

Born on August 29, 1947, Gregory was one of two sons born to Gragrie and Jolene (Frazier) Hunsucker. Growing up, Don learned lessons such as to always fight for what is right, to help those who can't help themselves, and to never, ever give up which served him well when doctors told him he would never walk again due to an accident he sustained while riding a horse at Church camp. True to his virtues, Don not only walked again but went on to pursue his athletic aspirations at Parlier High school and even college after.

Parlier High is also where Don met the love of his life, Linda Mae, who he described as

the prettiest girl he ever saw. Lucky for him, her devotion matched his infatuation and the two shared a bond for the next 55 years, dedicating their lives to their greatest gifts, Jerry and Michelle. As a husband and father, Mr. Hunsucker cherished every moment with his family. Whether it was dressing up as Santa on Christmas or teaching them how to throw a football, he always made sure to not just tell them he loved them but showed them as well.

In 1971, Don decided to join the fight of the labor movement and began serving as a Special Representative and Organizer for the Retail Clerks International Association. Eventually, he became the Union Representative for the Retail Clerks Local 1288, and following the merger of several unions he was elected as the President—Chief Executive Officer of the United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 1288. As the youngest person to ever be elected President of a local union, Mr. Hunsucker was fearless in his struggle to advocate for his members but always managed to conduct himself with respect when interacting with others. Whether it was at the negotiating table or heading a picket line, Don always put his members first which grew tenfold by the time he retired in 2007.

Throughout his distinguished career, he also held many titles in other organizations such as Vice President of the California Federation of Labor, Chair of the Northern California Caucus, Trustee of the Northern California Joint Pension Fund, President of the Fresno-Madera-Tulare-Kings Counties Central Labor Council, and Vice President of the Fresno Area Coalition of Organized Labor. Even after his retirement, Mr. Hunsucker continued to help and honor workers of the Central Valley by becoming President of the UFCW Local 1288 Retiree's Club where he was instrumental in founding Union Park, and Workers Memorial Foundation, Inc. For all of these efforts and more, Don was named Labor Leader of the Year three times in his lifetime.

In addition to his commitment to labor, Don was extremely involved within his community as well. For example, he helped raise money for the Cancer Society, Leukemia Society, Muscular Dystrophy and the Fresno State Boosters Club. He also served as a board member for several organizations including United Way, the Easter Seal Society, and the City of Fresno's Bid Compliance Committee. Don truly did it all and was more than deserving of all the recognition he received, including the Key to the City of Fresno as well as the City of Parlier.

Despite his countless achievements, Don always remained true to the virtues he learned as a child and committed his life to fighting for what he felt was right. He was a leader of the community and his willingness to stand up for others was admired by many. Although his love and thoughtfulness will be missed greatly by those fortunate to know him, his legacy will live on through the love of his life, Linda Mae, and their greatest gifts, Michelle and Jerry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gregory "Don" Hunsucker for his contributions to labor and the community. May we continue to be inspired by his story.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF POLICE CHIEF HARRY HASKINS

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Harry Haskins, Jr., who passed away on September 1, at the age of 87. Mr. Haskins dedicated his life to law enforcement and the well-being of Virginians.

Mr. Haskins was born in Clifton Forge, Virginia on October 8, 1936. He graduated from the old Clifton Forge High School. He later earned an Associate's degree from Virginia Western Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Roanoke College.

His service to law enforcement began in 1958 as a trooper with Virginia State Police, where he dedicated 16 years of his career.

In 1974, he became a Special Agent with the U.S. Forest Service, before accepting a position as Chief of Police for the City of Salem in 1975.

As Chief of Police, Mr. Haskins excelled at his job and became a fixture in the Salem community. His contributions to Salem's police force included establishing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

Mr. Haskins was a founding member of the Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy, serving as Chairman of the Governing Council for 10 years. His experience on the Executive Committee of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, which included a stint as President, allowed him to advocate for law enforcement officials and improve department practices.

His outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and City of Salem would last two decades until his retirement at the end of 1995.

The City of Salem elected Mr. Haskins in 1996 to serve on City Council. I worked with Mr. Haskins during his time as Chief of Police and as a member of Salem City Council. He was a classic southern gentleman, and it was an honor to know him.

The recognition of Mr. Haskins' character and accomplishments is evident. He received in 1996 the Roanoke College Medal, the highest honor bestowed on Roanoke College alumni who best exemplify the ideals of leadership, integrity and citizenship that Maroons hold dear. He also received the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judith Barrett Haskins; daughters and husbands, Melanie and Scott Leweke of Blue Ridge, Virginia, and Kathryn and Kevin Glasgow of Georgia; and Nadine Kelley of Roanoke, mother of his children. Also surviving are stepchildren, Will Abernethy of Roanoke, Nathan and Julie Abernethy of Roanoke, Whitney Miller of Dillwyn, and Steve Wilson and Ken Wilson. Surviving grandchildren are Greg and Sam Glasgow, Emma and Mary Leweke, and step-grandchildren Kaylee and Rachel Goin, Elijah, Nora and Isaac Abernethy.

The City of Salem and the law enforcement community is forever grateful to Chief Haskins, the professionalism he embodied during his law enforcement career, and his dedication to the safety and well-being of the people of Salem.

RECOGNIZING TAMARA  
HENDERSON

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor Ms. Tamara W. Henderson, the Headquarters Training and Doctrine Command G8 (Resource Management) Director of Finance and Accounting and Financial Management Officer, who is retiring after 42 years in Civilian Federal Service.

Ms. Henderson earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and Management from Longwood University. Following her time at Longwood, she went on to earn her Master of Business Administration in Public Administration from Old Dominion University. Ms. Henderson has spent her entire career under the TRADOC Command at both Ft. Monroe and Ft. Eustis. She gained valuable experience in installation Finance as a student trainee in the Fellowship Program, held various accounting positions, and served as TRADOC G8's Supervisory Systems Accountant prior to her assignment as Director.

As Director, she provided oversight in fielding, sustainment, training, and help desk support for the Army's financial systems for over 1600 end users across the command in the execution of a \$5 billion annual operating budget. Ms. Henderson also directed the TRADOC Risk Management and Internal Control Program. She ensured sound fiscal compliance and safeguarded government resources against fraud, waste, and misuse as manager of the Anti-deficiency Act prevention/reporting program.

Ms. Henderson holds a Level III DoD Financial Management Certification. She has earned many significant awards and honors throughout her 42-year career, including 2 Civilian Service Achievement Medals and The American Society of Military Comptrollers Award for Meritorious Performance in Accounting and Finance. She also received a Letter of Appreciation from the Secretary of the Army.

Our great nation is not able to function properly without the work of people like Tamara Henderson. Few people have dedicated their entire career to Civilian Federal Service, and it is my great pleasure to offer my own congratulations for Ms. Henderson on the happy occasion of her retirement after 42 years of service to the United States. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the dedicated career of Tamara Henderson.

RECOGNIZING DAVID BAKER'S  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE

**HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. David Baker on winning the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. The Nobel Prize award recognizes Dr. Baker's tremendous achievement in utilizing computational protein design to turn amino acids into proteins. He has made significant strides in the field of bio-

chemistry through his groundbreaking research and has trailblazed various methods to build new proteins.

Dr. Baker is currently a Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is the eighth University of Washington faculty member to receive a Nobel Prize. Dr. Baker's research has been described as visionary. His lab pioneered the field by developing much of the world's most popular and effective software for computational protein design. Dr. Baker's research has helped analyze database information about existing proteins to develop new proteins that do not exist in nature.

His success has allowed for the creation of novel proteins to tackle some of the greatest challenges in medicine, technology, and sustainability. He has deepened scientific understanding of protein prediction and made immense contributions to biochemistry research. Dr. Baker's career has been remarkable—to date, he has published more than 640 peer-reviewed research papers, been awarded more than 100 patents, and co-founded 21 biotechnology companies.

I was proud to secure \$550,000 for the Institute for Protein Design at the University of Washington where Dr. Baker's lab is housed. I am committed to ensuring that Washington's 7th Congressional District remains a hub for science and innovation. Scientists like Dr. Baker are at the forefront of innovation and must have the resources to continue to change our understanding of the world.

On behalf of Washington's 7th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dr. David Baker on receiving the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. I am so proud to recognize his tremendous contributions to science and innovation.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF MYRA BUSHARD

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the retirement of Myra Bushard, Executive Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Anniston.

Myra was born on August 24, 1962, to Reverend S.E. and Lousie Dulaney and grew up in the Blue Mountain area as the youngest of seven siblings. She graduated from Saks High School and then New World Business College in Anniston in the Executive Secretarial Program in 1981. She worked as secretary to the President and Vice President at Fort McClellan Credit Union. From 1986 through 1993, she worked in Birmingham at the Birmingham Credit Union, then worked as receptionist and Administrative Assistant at the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce from 1993 through 1995. In 1995, She worked as Trust Operations Officer at SouthTrust Bank Trust Department for 10 years.

Myra has served in her role with the City of Anniston since February 28, 2005. She has served under four Administrations including Mayor Chip Howell, Mayor Gene Robinson, Mayor Vaughn Stewart and Mayor Jack Draper. She has served many City Managers in-

cluding John Seymour, George Monk, Don Hoyt, Brian Johnson, Kent Davis, James Johnson and Steven Folks.

Myra's official retirement date is October 31, 2024, and a reception in her honor will be held on October 30, 2024.

She is married to her husband of over 40 years, Bryan. They are blessed with two children, Jonathan and Alicia, and six grandchildren. Family is everything to Myra.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Myra and thanking her for her service to the City of Anniston. I congratulate Myra.

TRIBUTE TO DEBRA HEMBREE  
LAMBERT

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debra Hembree Lambert on being elected to be the first female Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court. She has served as a judge for seventeen years, including six years on the Kentucky Supreme Court.

I have had the privilege of getting to know Justice Lambert over the years. I have always admired her commitment to ensuring every person in Kentucky receives the impartial justice they deserve.

During her time on Kentucky's Supreme Court, Justice Lambert has headed the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health, which works to address Kentuckians' mental health needs, through improvements to the judicial system.

Justice Lambert serves many counties in the 1st Congressional District, and they are served well due to her hard work and dedication on our state's highest court.

I congratulate Justice Lambert on her election to this prestigious position. I am confident that Kentucky will continue to greatly benefit from her leadership.

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**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following press release from Veterans For Peace, brought to my attention by Jim Brasile, a constituent and leader of a local chapter of Veterans For Peace who cares passionately about the situation in Gaza. While I may have a difference in opinion with some of the content, I feel that in a democracy, it is important to consider a variety of viewpoints. Mr. Brasile witnessed the violence of war first-hand when he served in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. Since then, he has been a steadfast advocate against conflict and for non-aggression. I thank Mr. Brasile for his service to our country and commend him for his commitment to peace.