

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.

VETERANS DELIVER LETTERS TO  
U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OF-  
FICES ACROSS U.S., URGING  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF  
BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S ARMS  
SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL

**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.

NUMEROUS FEDERAL CRIMINAL STATUTE VIOLATIONS CITED, NO RESPONSE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR-GENERAL

In sixteen U.S. cities, March 5 through 7, members of Veterans For Peace will hand deliver an exhaustively researched letter to U.S. State Department offices that has gotten no response from the department's Inspector-General since February 11.

The cities are Buffalo, New York, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Portsmouth, NH, Greensboro, NC, Boston, San Diego, Tucson, Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Bridgeport, CT, Los Angeles, Dallas and Houston.

Josh Paul, former State Department senior official who resigned over weapons shipments to Israel said, "The Secretary and all relevant officials under his purview should take this letter from Veterans For Peace with the utmost seriousness. It is a stark reminder of the importance of abiding by the laws and policies that relate to arms transfers."

The letter from Veterans For Peace alleges violations by U.S. government officials of:

The Conventional Arms Transfer Policy, which prohibits U.S. weapons transfers when it's likely they will be used by Israel to commit genocide; crimes against humanity; and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, including attacks intentionally directed against civilian objects or civilians or other serious violations of international humanitarian or human rights law, including serious acts of gender-based violence or serious acts of violence against children. Dozens of authoritative complaints and referrals made by hospital administrators in Gaza, as well as by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Palestine Authority, South Africa, Turkey, Medecins sans Frontieres, UNRWA, UNICEF, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Norwegian Refugee Council and the World Food Programme, have confirmed that there is an ongoing human rights and humanitarian disaster due to Israel's cutoff of water and electricity, deliberate destruction of sewage infrastructure and delaying of aid shipments by Israeli forces.

The Foreign Assistance Act, which forbids the provision of assistance to a government which "engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights." Arms Export Control Act, which says countries that receive U.S. military aid can only use weapons for legitimate self-defense and internal security. Israel's genocidal campaign in Gaza goes way beyond self-defense and internal security.

The U.S. War Crimes Act, which forbids grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, including willful killing, torture or inhuman treatment, willfully causing great suffering or serious injury to body or health, and unlawful deportation or transfer, perpetrated by the Israeli Occupying Forces.

The Leahy Law, which prohibits the U.S. Government from using funds for assistance to units of foreign security forces where there is credible information implicating that unit in the commission of gross violations of human rights.

The Genocide Convention Implementation Act, which was enacted to implement U.S. obligations under the Genocide Convention, provides for criminal penalties for individuals who commit or incite others to commit genocide.

Mike Ferner, VFP National Director, said, "Just as any good soldier can recognize when they are given an unlawful order, we believe some State Department staff are horrified at the orders they're given and will decide to uphold the law, find the courage to speak out and demand an end to the carnage. VFP enthusiastically supports Josh Paul for what

he did and we believe the public does, too. The IDF has killed over 30,000 Palestinians and is utterly destroying Gaza. These actions amount to genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, and VFP wants them investigated."

Veterans For Peace has over 100 chapters in the U.S. and since 1985 has exposed the true costs of war and militarism. Its goal is to abolish war as an instrument of national policy.

## RECOGNIZING FORMER MAYOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN

### HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Mayor Christopher Brown, a distinguished resident of Dumfries, Virginia, whose dedication and service have profoundly shaped his community.

Mr. Brown's roots run deep in Dumfries, where he has spent his life contributing to the town's growth and prosperity. As a former mayor, Mr. Brown played a pivotal role in shaping Dumfries' future, demonstrating exceptional leadership and vision during his tenure.

Beyond his public service, Mr. Brown continues to be a pillar of the community through his successful accounting firm. Established in 1987, his business has provided professional personal and business tax advice and preparation for more than three decades. His expertise and commitment to supporting local enterprises has been instrumental in fostering economic growth in Dumfries.

Mr. Brown's many contributions—as a lifelong resident, former mayor, and respected business owner—have left an indelible mark on the town. His accounting firm stands as a testament to his enduring commitment to the local business community.

Mr. Brown's unwavering dedication to Dumfries serves as an inspiration to all who strive to make a positive impact on their communities. His work ethic, business acumen, and public service exemplify the values we hold dear as Virginians.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing former Mayor Christopher Brown for his outstanding service and enduring commitment to the Town of Dumfries, Virginia. His legacy as a public servant, business leader, and admired community member will continue to influence and inspire future generations in Virginia.

## RECOGNIZING RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN PHILIP KOWZAN

### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Lieutenant Colonel John Philip Kowzan. A native of Spokane, Washington, Phil joined the United States Army in 1961 and selflessly served his Nation for 28 years. During his time in the mili-

tary, he was called upon to serve in Vietnam where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 bronze service stars, and the Army Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters.

During his decorated military service, retired LTC Kowzan developed a profound respect for his fellow servicemembers. He saw firsthand the personal sacrifices of life and limb that his brothers and sisters in arms were prepared to make, as well as the invisible scars they would each carry home with them. Phil's profound understanding of these struggles motivated him to dedicate the remainder of his life to honoring those who answered our nation's call to service.

In 2001, Phil was asked to perform Taps in conjunction with a military funeral honors service for a longtime friend and fellow veteran. A musician at heart who played in a number of community bands through the years, he humbly accepted the request as a way of fulfilling the obligation cited by President Abraham Lincoln to "Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause."

Thus began a 23-year long run as a bugler in Eastern Washington.

In 2010, the community's demand for Phil's services grew exponentially when the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs opened the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, Wash. Without hesitation, Phil volunteered to assist with military funeral honors as one of the facility's three buglers. In the first year alone, he performed more than half of the 350 interments at the cemetery, which now performs more than 900 services annually. As the facility's primary bugler, Phil frequently makes the 46 mile round trip—as often as five times a week—to ensure every veteran receives the honor and recognition of a grateful nation they deserve.

Phil quickly earned a reputation amongst the region's funeral directors and soon began receiving calls to perform at community cemeteries, funeral homes, event halls, and public events across the state.

At 86 years young, Phil still carries the same burning desire he first felt 23 years ago to make sure no servicemember is ever left behind. In total, he has rendered honors for more than 3,000 military funerals in the Spokane area, making him an inspiration to every person he meets. Phil is a decorated veteran, committed public servant, and model citizen. He is simply the very best of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing retired LTC John Philip Kowzan for his more than 50 years of faithful, diligent service to our Nation.

## HONORING RAY CARLSON AS MARQUETTE COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate Ray Carlson for being named the Marquette County Veteran of the Year. I thank him for his immense sacrifices and love of country. Ray joined the United States Navy