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Notably, Kern Energy was just the second refinery in the United States to produce renewable diesel by co-processing biofeed, and it proudly became the first small refiner in California to blend biodiesel. Today, Kern Energy continues this legacy of excellence, serving as the only refiner between the Bay Area and Los Angeles producing gasoline and renewable diesel. As the number one transportation fuel supplier in Kern County, Kern Energy employs 200 full-time staff members, demonstrating its commitment to powering communities and supporting families. Their contributions to the Central Valley's economy and quality of life are truly invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kern Energy on 90 years of remarkable service and innovation. I look forward to witnessing their continued success as a leader in energy as they approach a century of being a vital part of our community's future.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND
RETIREMENT OF STEVE RED-
HEAD FROM THE CONGRES-
SIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself as Chairman and Ranking Member Joe Morelle of the Committee on House Administration to congratulate Congressional Research Service (CRS) Deputy Assistant Director Stephen Redhead on his retirement, and to thank him for his thirty-three years of dedicated service to Congress.

Mr. Redhead is a graduate of Cambridge University, where he received a bachelor's degree and a Master of Arts in Biology, and Aberdeen University, Scotland, where he received a Master of Science in Biology. Steve conducted predoctoral research in the Ecology and Evolution graduate program at SUNY Stony Brook. After moving to the Washington, D.C. area, he taught for 13 years in the Department of Biology, George Mason University. In 1980, he became a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) in honor of his service to the Society on the International Karakoram Expedition to mark the 150th anniversary of the RGS.

Steve joined CRS in 1991, and came to serve as a biomedical policy analyst, specializing in the health effects of tobacco and cell phones, among many other topics. He established himself as an invaluable resource for Congress as he helped to lead CRS's work on critical issues such as pandemic flu planning and response, health information technology, electronic health records, and telehealth, among many others. As an analyst, he authored an impressive portfolio of more than 500 products and memoranda for Congress.

Since 2017, Steve has served as Deputy Assistant Director of the Government & Finance Division. In that role, he has helped to hire and cultivate a workforce of more than 80 staff, provide painstaking and timely review of nearly 3,000 public and confidential written

products written by the division's workforce during his tenure, and steer the division through the COVID-19 pandemic and shifts in agency leadership. We understand Steve has committed himself to mentoring staff, new and established; he's known for demonstrating genuine interest in the work of his employees as well as their lives and obligations outside of the office.

CRS relies on civil servants like Steve, whose patience and kindness towards his employees is matched only by his focus on how best to serve Congress. Congress is better informed because of Steve's dedicated service, and we are grateful for his longtime commitment to the institution.

HONORING MR. JOHN WHITRIDGE
III

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Whitridge III, an esteemed member of the Napa community, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Napa County Landmarks. Mr. Whitridge is being recognized today for his outstanding service in developing Napa County Landmarks and preserving historic structures in our community.

Mr. Whitridge was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1937. After graduating from Yale University in 1960, he married Jean Maschal in 1961. The couple moved to Napa in 1969 after Mr. Whitridge earned a second degree from the University of Washington. He relocated to Napa to take a position as a city planner and remained for the rest of his life. He dedicated himself to the community, with a particular focus on historic preservation, until his death in 1997. He is survived by his three children Anne, John, and Catherine.

Throughout his life in Napa, Mr. Whitridge committed himself to serving the community. He founded Napa County Landmarks—now celebrating its fiftieth anniversary—and initiated the Napa Historic Resources Inventory. Additionally, he co-founded the Napa County Land Trust and played a key role in the restoration and preservation of the First National Bank on First Street, the Opera House on Main Street, the Napa County Hall of Records, and Churchill Manor.

His collaboration with others and passionate commitment to preserving our history for future generations solidify his place as a pillar of service in Napa County. His contributions and unwavering dedication to public causes have undeniably enriched our community and ensured that our history will be preserved for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. John Whitridge III for his service to Napa County and his dedication to safeguarding our heritage. It is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
BEVERLY JEAN HUNTER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to pay tribute to the late Tribal Chairperson Beverly Jean Hunter, a beloved and dedicated leader who made profound contributions to her Tribe, the greater Indigenous community of Central California, and the advancement of Indigenous people's rights.

Chairperson Hunter, who passed away on September 30, 2023, at the age of 75, served her Tribe, the Table Mountain Rancheria, with great distinction. She dedicated many years of her life to Tribal service, holding numerous leadership positions, including Tribal vice chairperson of the Table Mountain Rancheria Tribal Gaming Commission, chairperson of the Table Mountain Rancheria Pow-Wow Committee, and chairperson of the Table Mountain Rancheria Enrollment.

Beverly Hunter's commitment extended beyond her Tribe. She was a tireless advocate for the greater Indian community in Central California. She served as a board member of the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB) and was the board chair for the CRIHB Traditional Indian Health Committee. Her dedication was further evident in her founding and chairing of the Phil D. Hunter and Warren Lee Jones Scholarship Fund since 2012, providing educational opportunities for future generations.

Beverly Hunter's leadership was vital in numerous organizations. She held roles such as treasurer of the California Rural Indian Health Board, chair of the California Indian Legal Services, and served on the Title IV Parent Committee, the American Indian Health Women Association, and Central Valley Indian Health. Her involvement with Central Valley Indian Health began from its inception, highlighting her deep-rooted commitment to the betterment of Indian health services. In 2012, Chairperson Hunter took on the role of founding chairperson for the Central California Yokuts NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) Coalition. Alongside Tribal leadership from several Tribes, she advocated successfully for the return and reburial of ancestors and funerary objects held at UC Berkeley and the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago. Her work in this area helped to uphold the dignity and respect of Indigenous peoples heritage.

Beverly Hunter is preceded in death by her parents, Warren Lee Jones and Rosie Jones, her husband, Phil D. Hunter, as well as her sister Loretta Ann Jones, and her brothers Myron Jones, Lyle Jones, and Matthew Jones. She is survived by her sons, Craig Martinez and Mark Martinez, as well as sisters Charlene Jones, Bernadine Jones, Juanita Jones, and brother Lonnie Jones. Her legacy lives on through her family, nieces, nephews, and the many lives she touched during her lifetime.

Beverly's life was a shining example of unwavering dedication to her Tribe and the greater Indian community. Her contributions to the advancement of Native American rights, health, and education have left an indelible mark. She will be remembered with the deepest respect and gratitude for her extraordinary

leadership and service. As we offer our condolences to her family and Tribe, we honor and commemorate the life of Chairperson Beverly J. Hunter. Her legacy will continue to inspire and guide us in the ongoing pursuit of justice and recognition for Indigenous people.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Tribal Chairperson Beverly Jean Hunter. Her indomitable spirit, commitment to justice, and passion for the welfare of her community will remain an enduring source of inspiration. As we remember her invaluable contributions, may we honor her memory by continuing the vital work she began, striving for equality, education, and the preservation of Indigenous peoples heritage.

RECOGNIZING DECLAN CASSIDY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Declan Cassidy, an outstanding constituent from my district. Declan is guided by a sense to better his community and has always demonstrated his ability to overcome complex challenges and situations.

When Declan was just ten years old, he founded the initiative "Socks for The Streets". In 2023, his team provided over 29,000 socks to homeless individuals in the Southeastern Region of Pennsylvania. Since its founding in 2022, Socks for The Streets has evolved into an initiative that provides a variety of essential needs. Declan and his team would bring homemade meals to over 300 residents that are struggling each month, offer family support services and most importantly, regardless of their background, strive to create an environment where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

In his spare time, Declan continues to find ways to give back. He serves as the Youth Ambassador for Philadelphia Toys for Tots. Declan is also a proud member of the Bucks County 4-H program and a participant of the Swenson Arts and Technology High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Program.

We are all incredibly proud for the positive impact Declan has on our community and wish him the best of luck in his bright future ahead.

HONORING RAOUL CUNNINGHAM IN HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Raoul Cunningham, one of Kentucky's greatest civil rights leaders, who recently announced his retirement after two decades serving as President of the Louisville Branch of the NAACP. His extraordinary leadership in the fight for equal rights has etched an indelible mark on our community.

Raoul Cunningham's commitment to justice began early, when, at just 14 years old, he

joined the Louisville NAACP Youth Council in 1957. During his high school years, as college students across the South initiated sit-ins and protested segregation, Raoul was inspired to bring similar action to Louisville. With the relative dearth of Black colleges in Kentucky compared to the rest of the Deep South, Cunningham and his young peers convinced their local NAACP branch that high school students could advocate just as well as college students. By the end of the year, the NAACP Youth Council, alongside the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), began organizing protests in downtown Louisville.

Raoul Cunningham was among the first students arrested during these demonstrations, including at Stewart's Department Store, where customers of color were barred from the lunch counter. His arrest, the first of many, was a badge of honor for him. He famously said, "That jail ain't no big thing to any of us." For over two years, Cunningham and fellow students protested tirelessly after school, contributing to the passage of the first public accommodations law south of the Mason-Dixon Line. This achievement, which Cunningham considers his greatest, laid the groundwork for future civil rights fights.

After graduating high school, Cunningham attended Howard University, where his activism only grew stronger. He remained active in the NAACP through his college chapter, joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and founded Howard's first Young Democratic Club. Upon returning to Louisville, he managed the historic campaign that led to Georgia Davis Powers becoming the first African American and first woman elected to the Kentucky Senate. He continued his work in politics before rejoining the NAACP as a regional coordinator for the Voter Empowerment Program.

Through demonstrations, negotiations, economic boycotts, and voter participation efforts, Cunningham helped bring an end to segregation in Louisville. The city of Louisville decided to honor him by inducting him into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2003. The following year, he was elected President of the NAACP's Louisville Branch, where he has proudly served since. He was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Award by the city of Louisville, an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from Simmons College of Kentucky, and has been President of the Kentucky State Conference of the NAACP and served on the Kentucky Advisory Committee for Help America Vote (HAVA).

Mr. Speaker, Raoul Cunningham's lifelong commitment to civil rights transformed our community and inspired generations. I ask that the House of Representatives join me in recognizing his contributions to our country and congratulating him on his retirement.

CONGRATULATING SISTER JUDITH ANN ON 18 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS AND OSF HEALTHCARE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Sister Judith Ann Duvall for her 18

years of honorable service as the major superior of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis and as Chairperson of the OSF Healthcare system in Illinois.

Sister Judith Ann was born just outside of St. Louis, Missouri as the middle child in a modest Catholic family. She entered the convent in September of 1964 and then went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Northern Illinois University, a master's degree in Catholic doctrine from St. John's University in New York City; and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Administration from Bradley University. Since entering the convent, Sister Judith Ann has devoted her life to her vocation and the advancement of the mission of OSF.

During her time with OSF, Sister Judith Ann worked tirelessly in support of improving the healthcare system in Illinois. Under Sister Judith Ann's leadership, OSF experienced dramatic growth. The OSF Healthcare system grew from 6 hospitals to 16 hospitals across the state and has expanded its employment level from 13,000 to 25,000 employees.

In 2013, she helped Peoria welcome the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home which provides individuals facing chronic illness with compassionate and merciful caregivers during their journey to eternal life. Additionally, Sister Judith Ann worked to build a strong relationship between the Children's Hospital of Illinois and Easter Seals. This partnership and collaboration, stemming from Sister Judith Ann's work, has inspired innovation for children's healthcare across Central Illinois.

In recognition of her dedication to Catholic healthcare and leadership, Pope Benedict XVI granted Sister Judith Ann the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross in October of 2012. Additionally, Sister Judith Ann's incredible service and leadership to the Peoria area, through OSF Healthcare, earned her the Pere Marquette Award and the Edythe A. Cohen Business and Industry Award.

Sister Judith Ann's tireless work has greatly impacted the Peoria community and the state of Illinois. Her commitment to her vocation and service to others is truly inspiring. Congratulations to Sister Judith Ann on 18 years of service to the Third Order of St. Francis and to OSF Healthcare. We are grateful for her dedication to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEADERSHIP OF COACH AMIR ABDUR- RAHIM

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Amir Abdur-Rahim who inspired students and our Tampa Bay community with his sincerity, generosity and passion. As the vibrant Head Coach for the University of South Florida Men's Basketball team, Coach Abdul-Rahim set high moral standards for all and displayed an uncommon commitment to students, players and the entire USF Family.

Amir Abdur-Rahim grew up in Marietta, Georgia, and held his first head coach position at Kennesaw State University from 2019 before joining the Bulls family in 2023. Coach