

GREENVILLE MISSISSIPPI ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greenville Mississippi Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. for their 70 years of service.

The Greenville Mississippi Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on February 14, 1954, by the late G.P. Maddox, the late B.L. Bell, the late Dr. Charles Holmes, the late Ray Brooks, the late A.C. Isaac, the late Robert Hall, the late Dr. Henry St. Hille, the late Sunny Kyles, and the late Arthur B. Peyton, Sr.

Today, the brothers who make up the alumni chapter are from Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

The Greenville Mississippi Alumni Chapter has sought ways to acknowledge brothers within their chapter who have made individual achievements in their path of life.

Seventy years of the Greenville Mississippi Alumni Chapter has come with scholarship awards for men and women to highlight citizens who have contributed to serving the community, exceptional educational achievement, professional achievement, service to the fraternity, outstanding leadership, and brotherhood.

Their continual leadership and service around Greenville, MS, and the greater Mississippi Delta have contributed positively to the region. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. has sponsored events such as football bowl games, high school Greek shows, all-star basketball games, Miss Kappa Alpha Psi pageants, and the Arthur B. Peyton golf tournament. The chapter has also participated in the United Way housing initiative and pioneered events such as the inaugural All-White and Jean social events and New Year's with the Nupes.

Celebrating 70 years of service is only possible with the hard work and dedication of brothers who have committed their time and effort to their fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Greenville Mississippi Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for parts of the day on September 14, 2023 and October 26, 2023. On September 14th, had I been present, I would have voted: Nay on Roll Call No. 391, H.R. 1435—Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act, and Yea on Roll Call No. 390, H.R. 1435—Motion to Recommit.

On October 26th, had I been present, I would have voted Nay on the following bills: Roll Call No. 558, H.R. 4394—Energy and Water Appropriations Final Passage; Roll Call

No. 556, H.R. 4394—Rosendale of Montana Part B Amendment No. 60; Roll Call No. 555, H.R. 4394—Rosendale of Montana Part B Amendment No. 59; Roll Call No. 554, H.R. 4394—Rosendale of Montana Part B Amendment No. 58; Roll Call No. 553, H.R. 4394—Pflugger of Texas Part B Amendment No. 57; Roll Call No. 552, H.R. 4394—Pflugger of Texas Part B Amendment No. 56; Roll Call No. 551, H.R. 4394—Norman of South Carolina Part B Amendment No. 51; Roll Call No. 550, H.R. 4394—Norman of South Carolina Part B Amendment No. 50; Roll Call No. 549, H.R. 4394—Norman of South Carolina Part B Amendment No. 50; Roll Call No. 548, H.R. 4394—Norman of South Carolina Part B Amendment No. 47; Roll Call No. 547, H.R. 4394—Luna of Florida Part B Amendment No. 43; and Yea on Roll Call No. 557, H.R. 4394—Motion to Recommit.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JOSEPH ANTHONY "AMP" FIDDLER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Joseph Anthony Fiddler, better known as "Amp," as we mourn his passing.

Amp Fiddler was born May 16, 1958 in Detroit, Michigan. His family instilled in him a deep appreciation for music. He grew up surrounded by the sounds of Detroit's Motown, rock, jazz, and funk. As a child, Mr. Fiddler studied piano and eventually keyboard. He found his first professional work as a musician with Enchantment, a Detroit-based soul act. He was eventually discovered by the legendary George Clinton and went on to perform regularly with Parliament-Funkadelic between 1985 and 1996. It was during this time that Fiddler honed his skills on the keyboard and synthesizers, contributing significantly to the band's distinctive sound.

Beyond his work with P-Funk, Fiddler collaborated with notable artists such as Prince, Seal, and Maxwell. His studio, Camp Amp, became a hub for aspiring musicians. He mentored J Dilla, another notable Detroit musician, putting him on the path to developing his signature style. Fiddler enjoyed a successful solo career, marked by his blending of classic funk with contemporary sound, in addition to his numerous collaborations. Despite his stellar career, Fiddler always remained humble and dedicated to his craft and community.

Please join me in recognizing the musical contributions of Amp Fiddler, a true guiding force for Detroit's musical culture, as we mourn his loss.

HOMETOWN HERO—MARK "HAWKEYE" LOUIS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, host of the popular radio show, Hawkeye in the Morning, Mark "Hawkeye" Louis is an avid baseball

card collector. Since his childhood, Hawkeye spent years collecting Major League Baseball cards, with the collection eventually totaling an impressive 17,000 cards. Instead of letting the collection continue to collect dust, he decided to give back to our community by selling the cards and donating the proceeds.

Hawkeye decided the enormous impact of donating the more than \$10,000 in proceeds would make him more proud than hanging onto the cards ever could. His background in volunteer work and fundraising at DFW children's hospitals made Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth the perfect choice.

Hawkeye's story is inspiring and his selfless donation will help hundreds of children in our district. I want to thank Mark "Hawkeye" Louis for his ongoing support of North Texas children and children's hospitals throughout our community.

RECOGNIZING THE UC DAVIS WOMEN'S CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE PROGRAM

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program at the University of California, Davis, and to acknowledge National Red Dress Day, which seeks to raise awareness about heart disease being a leading cause of death for women in America.

Established in 1994, the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine program and clinic was the nation's first program dedicated to women's cardiovascular health. Since then, the program has continued to lead the industry in cardiovascular care in the Sacramento region, providing personalized, equitable, and women-centered care to tackle cardiac conditions unique to women. The remarkable clinical team offers a comprehensive and preventative range of care options that include, but are not limited to, dietary counseling, cardiac rehabilitation, and risk factor analysis, diagnosis, and treatment.

In addition to the program's clinic providing care to women with cardiovascular conditions, it also trains the next generation of healthcare workers. Students are given the opportunity to directly engage with women with heart disease through resident rotations and the opportunity to shadow leading experts in women's heart care.

The UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular program is a great representation of how the Sacramento community leads the nation on some of the most critical issues of our time. Some of this program's many feats include collaborating with the California Department of Public Health to draft California's Master Plan for Stroke Prevention, now designated as a model women's heart program by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor the Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program at UC Davis Health for 30 years of excellence in women's heart care and education.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ELZA PERRY, JR.

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Elza Perry, Jr., a true American hero who served in the United States Air Force, who recently passed away at age 90.

Before his military service, Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. was born in Gorman, Texas as the only child of Elza, Sr. and Myrtle Perry. Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. demonstrated his aptitude for leadership while a student at De Leon High School, where he was the president of the Class of 1950, valedictorian, and captain of the football team. After graduating from De Leon High School, he went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from North Texas State College and an MBA from Michigan State University.

Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. distinguished himself as a 22-year Airman, obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serving in Germany, Okinawa, Vietnam, Taiwan, Florida, California, and five years at the Pentagon. During his military service in the Air Force, he served honorably in various positions, such as weapons director, commander, inspector, and instructor. In Vietnam, Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. served as a battle commander at an aircraft control center near Danang and stayed in the country until January 27, 1973. His honorable leadership earned him the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

After retiring from the Air Force at Norton Air Force Base, Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. decided to remain in Southern California and dedicated himself to his work as the Director of Vehicle Services and Assistant County Administrator. He later retired in 1991 and lived in Redlands, California for many years before settling in Calimesa, California in 1998. As a retired veteran, Elza spent the remainder of his life with his wife Bonnie in a retirement community in Calimesa where he continued showing his leadership through acts of service for his friends and neighbors. He enjoyed taking exercise classes and was an avid fan of the L.A. Dodgers and Angels.

Lt. Col. Perry, Jr. is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bonnie; two stepsons, Captain Robert Perry, USN (Ret.) and Ralph Perry; two daughters, Reverend Karin Kaye and Barbara Perry; two stepdaughters, Susan Reidel and Jackie Filbeck; and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and commemorating the life, legacy, and service of Lieutenant Colonel Elza Perry, Jr.

HONORING COMMUNITY OPTIONS
ON THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my warmest congratulations to Community Options on their 35th anniversary.

Community Options is a non-profit organization based in New Jersey, and it is dedicated to promoting self-determination and community involvement for people with intellectual and development disabilities. By providing these individuals with accessible housing and equipping them with skills to pursue careers of their choice, Community Options has changed more than 5,000 lives. This exceptional organization has tackled barriers that historically impeded people with disabilities, and in doing so they have brought extraordinary vibrancy, creativity, and diversity to our communities. New Jersey is both proud and grateful to house the headquarters of this exceptional organization.

I wish Community Options the best of luck as they continue with their outstanding work. It has been a true pleasure to watch their organization grow and prosper over the past 35 years, and I have no doubt that they will touch many more lives in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE PROMOTION OF
BRIGADIER GENERAL LISA J.
HOU, D.O. (USA) TO MAJOR GEN-
ERAL

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the promotion of Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou to the rank of Major General. Major General Lisa J. Hou has served as the Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs since June 2021. As a daughter of immigrants raised in New Jersey, General Hou's journey is a prime example of the American Dream and of our nation's spirit. It is my privilege to honor a true patriot that has served and supported New Jersey and our country.

Major General Hou has commanded the more than 8,400 Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard with steadfast determination. The wide range of missions the New Jersey National Guard responds to presents a challenge Major General Hou has risen to accomplish. Whether through state-to-state partnership with the Republic of Albania, supporting the Global War on Terror, or providing assistance during natural disasters, the Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard have executed their missions with the utmost professionalism and success under Major General Hou's command.

In addition to her role as Adjutant General of the National Guard, Major General Hou also serves in the New Jersey Governor's cabinet as Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), Major General Hou leads, directs, and manages all state veterans' programs, commissions, and facilities in the Garden State, providing services and benefits to over 300,000 veterans statewide. I extend my most heartfelt thanks to Major General Hou for her service and sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 11, H. Res. 969; YEA on Roll Call No. 12, H.R. 5862; NAY on Roll Call No. 13, H. Res. 957; YEA on Roll Call No. 14, S. 3250; YEA on Roll Call No. 15, H.R. 2872; YEA on Roll Call No. 16, H.R. 6918; NAY on Roll Call No. 17, H.R. 6918; YEA on Roll Call No. 18, H.R. 6914; and NAY on Roll Call No. 19, H.R. 6914.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO-
TECTING HOMES FROM TRAINS
ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Protecting Homes from Trains Act of 2024, which would establish a grant program for the design and construction of barriers to mitigate rail activity that may harm homes and their occupants, including derailments, noise and vibrations.

The Noise Control Act of 1972 created the Office of Noise Abatement and Control within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), granting EPA authority and oversight over noise control regulations. However, years of defunding left this office without any resources to conduct enforcement, forcing EPA to phase out the office in 1982. District of Columbia residents frequently tell me about the negative impact of train noise and vibrations on their lives. The noise and vibrations can harm health and quality of life, and can even harm the structural integrity of homes. Congress and the executive branch must do more to reduce this harm.

As a senior member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, I have been working to reduce transportation noise and vibrations. I have convened community meetings with the Federal Railroad Administration, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to examine how to reduce train noise and vibrations.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was quarantining after testing positive for COVID-19 and was unable to vote on March 27–29, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on the following bills:

Roll Call No. 165—H. RES. 260;

Roll Call No. 166—H. RES. 260;