

Through these exhibits, the museum ensures that the company's contributions to the auto industry are remembered and celebrated.

As we recognize the 120th anniversary of the REO Motor Car Company's founding, let us acknowledge not only the vehicles it produced but also its impact on the city of Lansing and generations of residents. It is with great respect that I honor the REO Motor Car Company here in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING AND REMEMBERING
FELLOW MISSISSIPPIAN JAMES
"JIM" WILLIAM ELLIOTT, JR.

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember a Mississippian whose infectious personality and energetic spirit will always be remembered by those who knew him. James "Jim" William Elliott, Jr. from Brookhaven, Mississippi, lived the embodiment of the American Dream. He loved God, family, and cheering for his favorite sports teams: the Ole Miss Rebels, New Orleans Saints, and Atlanta Braves. Jim was generous with his time and found his greatest joy in connecting with others. No matter how busy life was, Jim was there to lend a listening ear and take time to enjoy family.

Born in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1931, Jim graduated from Central High School in 1949. After graduation, he attended the University of Mississippi where he excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, president of the Cardinal Club, president of the School of Liberal Arts, and a Cadet Colonel of the Air R.O.T.C.

Jim served his country for two years in the United States Air Force as 1st Lieutenant and a legal officer. His time in the Air Force taught him the value of serving his country and what it means to uphold life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Jim attended law school at the University of Mississippi and obtained his LLB degree. His academic achievements earned him president of his senior class while in law school, and his job as assistant to the Business Manager of Athletics encouraged his love of sports.

As an outdoorsman, Jim took his love for sports to the field. From hunting and fishing to playing tennis, Jim enjoyed all sorts of sports. Of all the sports, Jim loved tennis best. He was known across Brookhaven for his willingness to teach young students how to play tennis. His children and grandchildren also received hands-on instruction from Jim on the sport. As a hunter, Jim received the Ducks Unlimited Award in 1987 for his contributions to waterfowl conservation.

The great outdoors gave Jim a deep love for the Lord and his creation. Jim was an active member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Brookhaven. While a member, he jumped at opportunities to serve and give back to the Lord. He served as a deacon, chairman of the deaconate, Sunday school teacher, president of the Men of the church, and served as an advisor to the Senior High Fellowship. The time he spent both outside and in service to

the church was with deep purpose and conviction.

Jim was a devoted family man who loved God above all. His legacy of service will live on throughout the communities that he impacted. He never shied away from meeting with people and setting an example of how to love others well. Jim was always generous with his time and presence to those who knew him. I know that he is missed by his family and community. I am honored for a chance to remember a lifelong Mississippian who loved his community and invested in those around him. I hope people across the Third District of Mississippi will see the value in serving the community around them as Jim did. I am thankful to serve a district that is home to people like James "Jim" William Elliott, Jr.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, ABIGAIL FUCHS FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Deputy Communications Director, Abigail Fuchs, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. I could not be more proud or grateful for her service.

Abbey grew up in Minnesota's Third Congressional District in the suburbs of Minneapolis (Maple Grove and Edina, Minnesota). After graduating from Edina High School, she went on to attend the University of St. Thomas where she played on the Women's Soccer Team, ran track, and graduated with a degree in marketing. Abbey worked in campaign finance right out of college and then transitioned to my office in 2021 where she began as a Legislative Correspondent, was promoted to Constituent Communications Specialist, and finally held the title of Deputy Communications Director. Abbey is a team player at work and in her personal life, where she uses her athletic and leadership skills to inspire the next generation as a youth soccer coach.

Like my grandmother, the legendary advice columnist Dear Abby, I believe in the transformative power of listening. I often say that representation itself begins with listening, which is why I am so grateful that our own "Dear Abbey" has lent her considerable talents to me—and our entire community—for the past three years. Abbey upholds the very foundation of our democracy by ensuring every Minnesotan who has an idea, question, or criticism to share is treated with compassion, receives a response, and is invited to continue a thoughtful dialogue with my office—no matter their politics.

Abbey embodies the spirit of radical hospitality, is quick to internalize and act upon strategy, and has capably forged a new path in congressional communications. Abbey creatively transformed our email and mass communications program into a branding superpower and is the only communications professional we know to have received unprovoked

thanks from constituents on the receiving end of mass emails—high praise in the age of digital spam. Her innovative approach to congressional communications has been identified by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House as best-in-class and helped propel me to a leadership position on the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee in 2022.

In addition to her outstanding work products, Abbey is a thoughtful and supportive teammate—always willing to lend a hand when needs arise. She is bright, energetic, and always looking outside the box to accomplish the goals of the office. Abbey brings optimism and a can-do attitude to whatever projects she is a part of.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have her dedication and leadership, and she will be dearly missed. I wish Abbey all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for almost four years of faithful service to this Nation in my office.

CONGRATULATING MICHELLE
BAKER

HON. GREG LOPEZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, Colorado high school women's volleyball coach Michelle Baker was recently awarded the Horizon Award from the Colorado High School Athletics Association. This award is presented to Michelle for the significant improvements to Wiggins High School's volleyball program she has brought about over the past few years. Her dedication to her team and the women's volleyball program at Wiggins High is an inspiration to all.

Every student deserves the opportunity to compete in sports. Coaches like Michelle make that possible by coaching their players towards success on and off the court, teaching them skills like discipline, teamwork, and work ethic that will benefit them for years to come.

It is my distinct privilege as the United States Representative of the 4th District of Colorado, to congratulate Michelle for her hard work in achieving this award, and for improving Wiggins High School's women's volleyball team. Her dedication to the development of Colorado athletics cannot be understated, and I encourage Michelle to continue cultivating the best women's volleyball program at Wiggins High for the betterment of her players and the school at large.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DAVE
HUDSON

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Dave Hudson as he retires from the City of San Ramon.

Throughout his career, Dave has been dedicated to his community and to improving the lives of Bay Area residents. Dave began his career with the City of San Ramon on the

city's planning commission. He served on City Council for 23 years and was elected as Mayor of San Ramon in 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership and dedication helped guide the city through this challenging time. During his time on City Council, Dave worked to protect the East Bay's open spaces, improve transportation throughout the region, and improve quality of life for all San Ramon residents. He was instrumental in the development of the CityWalk Master Plan, a mixed-use district in Bishop Ranch that would provide residents access to retail, dining, and recreational amenities. Dave's leadership has helped to increase access to affordable housing in the Tri-Valley and foster a vibrant community in San Ramon.

Dave has also been a strong advocate for all Bay Area residents, working to improve regional transportation efforts, ensure California continues to lead the way in curbing carbon emissions, and more. He served as Board Chair for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority in 2008 and 2016, was part of Tri-Valley Transportation Committee, and played a key role in the development of the Valley Link Rail and Caldecott Tunnel. Additionally, Dave has worked with a number of regional organizations including the League of California Cities, the Association of Bay Area Governments, East Bay Municipal Utility District, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, and more and served as Chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) in 2018. Dave has worked tirelessly throughout his career to bring community members together and to foster opportunity within the Bay Area.

Please join me in congratulating Dave Hudson on his well-deserved retirement after decades of public service.

HONORING TIM MASSA'S CAREER

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the incredible achievement of Tim Massa, Chief People Officer and Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Labor Relations at The Kroger Co., and his induction as a Fellow into the National Academy of Human Resources (NAHR).

Since its creation in 1992, the NAHR has only recognized 195 individuals for their leadership, innovation, and service to the human resources profession. Tim's induction is a testament to his incredible leadership in and commitment to the profession.

Between his 21-year tenure with Procter and Gamble and his 14-year career at Kroger, Tim has demonstrated unparalleled leadership development and employee engagement throughout his career. As Chief People Officer at Kroger, Tim leads critical HR and labor relations functions, which have set the standard for the culture at Kroger and throughout the Country.

Not only has Tim committed more than thirty years to two stalwart Cincinnati companies, but his commitment to civic engagement, which includes serving on the boards of the Cincinnati Zoo, the City of Cincinnati Workforce Innovation Center, and the American Health Policy Institute, has benefited all Cin-

cinnatians and underscores his belief in the power of good leadership.

Tim Massa's induction into the NAHR is a recognition of his tireless and his ability to lead change. As Chairwoman of the NAHR Tracy Keogh said, "Members of the 2024 Class of Fellows have been acknowledged by their peers as reaching the highest level of achievement in the Human Resources profession." Tim Massa embodies this standard of excellence and has consistently demonstrated vision in driving transformative initiatives.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tim Massa on this extraordinary achievement. His work has not only elevated Kroger and Cincinnati but has also made a lasting impact on the human resources field, exemplifying the very best of leadership, integrity, and service.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN SLOCUM

HON. KEVIN MULLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a distinguished public servant who has dedicated his career to improving the lives of others. Warren Slocum is ending his twelve-year tenure on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and I'm proud to share his many accomplishments.

Born in 1948 in Michigan and raised by a single father, Warren grew up in San Diego, California. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam for one year, honorably discharged in 1969. This experience planted the seed that would yield fruit decades later in his pivotal work for veterans. He attended San Diego State University where he earned his B.S. Degree in History.

Prior to his election to the Board of Supervisors, Warren served as the Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County for 24 years. His decades of service were marked by innovation and a focus on continuous improvement. He was driven to provide better service, improve access, and embraced technology as a tool for positive change. As County Clerk, he was the first in the nation to offer couples the opportunity to broadcast their wedding ceremonies on the internet so that families and friends all over the world could share these special moments. As Recorder, he oversaw the conversion of recorded paper documents to recorded electronic documents and the creation of a publicly searchable database which made it easy to research property information. As the Chief Elections Officer, he introduced accessible voting equipment with language and adaptive features to ensure that all voters could participate in fair, private, and secure elections.

Warren was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in 2012, and subsequently re-elected in 2016 and 2020, and is concluding his tenure as Board President in 2024. The 4th Supervisorial District he represents includes the cities of Redwood City, East Palo Alto, portions of Menlo Park east of El Camino Real, and the unincorporated community of North Fair Oaks. His Supervisorial District includes some of the

most culturally diverse areas in San Mateo County. He always focused on strengthening families, advancing educational achievement, and fostering community connections.

Understanding the challenges his constituents experience, Warren approached his work through the lenses of equity and social progress. Vast disparities exist in San Mateo County, and he knows that systemic inequality diminishes us all. His desire to be of greater service and help our community move forward drove his commitment to making San Mateo County stronger and more vibrant. To achieve these results, Warren worked collaboratively—with people from every quarter of our community, including faith-based organizations, businesses, youth, renters, homeowners, schools, nonprofits and many others—building more affordable housing, moving the needle on reducing homelessness, particularly for families and veterans, and reducing traffic congestion.

As part of his responsibilities, Warren has represented San Mateo County on Regional Boards and Commissions including the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, where he advocated for and protected San Mateo County's interests. In addition, he serves on the San Mateo County City/County Association of Governments, the Emergency Services Council, the Local Agency Formation Commission, the San Mateo County Libraries Joint Powers Authority Governing Board, the Sheriff's Oversight and Engagement Subcommittee, and the South Bay Waste Management Authority. He serves as the liaison to the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities, the North Fair Oaks Community Council, and Redwood City Together.

Along the way, I had the privilege of working closely with Warren as we explored our shared interest at the intersection of government and technology through our annual Connect conferences. For close to a decade, we explored how emerging technologies could be embraced by government to provide better service to our communities. Our focus on social media, artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, and the digital divide, among others, proved prescient as these continue to pose significant policy considerations for all levels of government.

With lack of affordable housing a pressing community concern, Warren has prioritized seeking solutions. This includes serving on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust Board and the Housing Our People Effectively Interagency Council. He led early efforts to address the jobs-housing imbalance which transitioned to Home for All, a collaboration of the County of San Mateo, cities, school districts, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, advocacy groups, and businesses. During his tenure on the Home for All Steering Committee, the jobs-housing gap was reduced through a model that allows communities to move forward with solutions uniquely tailored to their needs. Warren has prioritized increasing affordable housing designated for low-income residents, particularly seniors, veterans, and families, with projects completed and underway.

As a proud U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam, Warren knows the importance of recognizing the work and sacrifice of our veterans and their advocates. Warren is known as the "Godfather" of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. He advocated for its