

CONGRATULATING GENERAL DONAHUE ON HIS PROMOTION TO FOUR-STAR GENERAL AND THANK HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of General Chris Donahue and congratulate him on his promotion to four-star General as he relinquishes his long and distinguished command of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Liberty.

A proud West Point graduate, General Donahue has dedicated his life to serving this country. Starting off as a Ranger, General Donahue has deployed over 20 times throughout his career. His deployments took him to active combat zones including in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria.

General Donahue has served in numerous leadership positions including Director of Operations for Joint Special Operations Command, the Commandant at the Infantry School in Ft. Benning, and most recently as Commanding General of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Liberty. During his time at Fort Liberty General Donahue embodied his motto of "leaders jump first and eat last" as he always put the service members under his command first. General Donahue instituted the Sunset Liberty March, designed to honor veterans, active-duty service members and Gold Star Families. This incredible initiative brings together members of the community, veteran groups and active-duty service members to remember and commemorate those who have given their lives in defense of this country, as well as their family members. I am so proud to have worked with this great American and am excited to see him succeed throughout the rest of his honorable career.

Because of his vast leadership experience, and clear dedication to his country, I can think of no one better to be promoted to four-star General. While Ft. Liberty is sure to miss General Donahue's leadership, we look forward to his continued service to our great Nation as a four-star General.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating General Chris Donahue on his promotion to four-star General and I thank him for his years of uniformed service to the United States.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE ANAHEIM TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Annual Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival, which will bring our community together this Sunday, December 8, 2024. The festival rings in the holidays with a very special tree-lighting celebration on the steps of Anaheim City Hall in Downtown Anaheim.

For the past 30 years, the Annual Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival has provided holiday fun

to everyone in our community—and it is one of my hometown's favorite annual celebrations.

The City of Anaheim worked together with many community partners to create this event, including Children Dental Fun Zone, Credit Union of Southern California, Home Comfort USA, Knorr, Land Care, Taqueritos, The Frida Cinema, Zambos, and the Orange County District Attorney's Office. This year, the Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival includes entertainment and food, a Holiday Village, the Candy Canine Costume Contest, a visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, a brief performance of The Nutcracker by the Anaheim Ballet Company, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of City Hall.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival, which for 30 years has brought joy and festive spirits to help greet the holiday season.

HONORING CHARLES M. HALE, JR.'S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and give thanks to Charles M. Hale, Jr. for his longstanding service to his community as a first responder.

It takes incredible courage to be a firefighter, and Charles M. Hale, Jr. of Hanover exemplifies this trait unequivocally. Mr. Hale recently retired from Hanover Area Fire and Rescue after 34 years of service. In that time, Mr. Hale has received numerous awards and citations for his actions in the line of duty. In 1992, Firefighter Hale was involved in the rescue of multiple civilians from an apartment fire. For his actions, Mr. Hale was awarded the Medal of Valor, the highest award in the country for public safety officers. In 2012, Mr. Hale was awarded the Medal of Merit for his actions on a vehicle accident and entrapment.

With more than 50 years of experience with fire and EMS service, Mr. Hale was a key asset to the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue. Not only was his experience vital, but his mentorship to all the other firefighters was crucial in making the Hanover Fire Department what it is today. For more than three decades Charles M. Hale, Jr. represented his community with bravery and courage. It is heroes like Mr. Hale that remind us of what it means to truly be a servant to your community. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Hale on his retirement, and I sincerely thank him for his service to the community.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT LACEY MCCUEAN

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Technical Sergeant (TSgt) Lacey McCuean on her retirement from the United States Air Force.

TSgt McCuean enlisted into the Air National Guard on March 15, 2023, with the 171st Air

Refueling Wing with a Personnel AFSC. She quickly distinguished herself through exceptional dedication and service, taking it upon herself to initiate and revamp ten Squadron file plans and earning an outstanding score during staff-assisted visits. TSgt McCuean completed 30 promotion packages—no mean feat, and true commitment to developing her peers.

Then transitioning to the 193rd Special Operations Wing, TSgt McCuean played a pivotal role in enhancing mission readiness by enlisting 55 new Airmen, briefing over 1,000 individuals on Air National Guard opportunities, and mentoring future leaders through the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. She was a key figure during Operation Allies Welcome, serving in a senior leadership role, and streamlining in-processing operations that reduced reception time by 25 percent for three lodging compounds for over 16,500 refugees, and chaired the Commander's support staff for a 200-member squadron.

In addition to exemplary service, TSgt McCuean volunteered at local food banks aiding over 1,000 at-risk families, while balancing her academics, maintaining a 3.5 GPA, and earning a dual Bachelor's degree in business and non-profit leadership. TSgt McCuean is known by her peers for her remarkable energy, demeanor, confidence, leadership skills, and contagious morale.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to congratulate Technical Sergeant Lacey McCuean on her well-earned retirement. Her tireless and faithful service to our Commonwealth and Nation sets the standard by which we all should be judged.

TRIBUTE TO THE SYLVAMO EASTOVER PAPER MILL

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a longstanding employer in Eastover, South Carolina. The Sylvamo Eastover Mill is celebrating 40 years of operation, and I join them in marking this significant occasion.

Sylvamo operates some of the most technologically advanced paper mills in the world and is driven by the promise of paper to educate, communicate, and entertain. The Eastover Mill is the largest, lowest-cost producer of uncoated freesheet paper in North America and the fourth-largest manufacturing employer in Richland County, South Carolina. Iconic paper brands like Hammermill, HP, and Williamsburg are all produced at the Eastover Mill, along with a variety of paper products that are staples of American businesses and homes.

Sylvamo's Eastover Mill proudly employs 800 men and women and supports over 5,000 additional jobs in related industries in surrounding communities. Additionally, through its Community Council, the Mill has demonstrated a longterm commitment to listening to and addressing community concerns.

Over the last few years, Sylvamo has provided several hundred thousand dollars to local nonprofits like Transitions Homeless Services, Harvest Hope Food Bank, and the local United Way. Employees participate in

community cleanup days, Reading Is Fundamental book giveaways with local schools, the Lunch Buddies School Program, and holiday events with the Eastover Senior Resources Group. In honor of Eastover's 40th anniversary, Sylvamo has also pledged an additional \$40,000 donation to local organizations, including Webber Elementary, Richland County Library, Mother DeVeaux Adult Day Care, and Harvest Hope Food Bank.

The Eastover Mill and Sylvamo are also committed to the long-term health of our forests and ecosystems. They partner with For-

est Stewardship Council (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)-certified suppliers to ensure that the fiber used in their paper products is harvested from responsibly managed forests in surrounding areas. The Mill also proudly produces over 90 percent of its energy in-house from renewable, carbon-neutral biomass residuals.

As part of its 2030 Sustainability Goals, Sylvamo is committed to increasing workforce diversity by achieving 30 percent women's representation, 35 percent women in leadership, and 25 percent minority representation in

North American salaried positions alongside specific regional targets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Sylvamo's Eastover Mill on its 40th Anniversary. The Eastover Mill is a shining example of the future of American manufacturing—producing the paper we rely on responsibly and sustainably, supporting family-wage jobs, and contributing to the Eastover and Richland County communities. I wish Sylvamo continued prosperity and success in the years to come.