

Worth, Texas, where he attended Trimble Technical High School. In 1965, Mr. Green graduated from Multnomah University in Portland, Oregon. After graduation, he worked in the construction industry and as a real estate broker until his retirement.

Throughout his entire life, Mr. Green was passionate about a variety of sports, fishing, and hunting. He lived an active lifestyle and enjoyed playing football, basketball, baseball, golf, and bowling.

Mr. Green was a devoted man of faith and regularly attended The Bay Church in Runaway Bay. He was a gifted craftsman, skillfully carving beautiful wooden birds by hand, and was also known for his landscaping prowess which helped keep his lawn pristine. He enjoyed spending time with his family, including his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital in recognition of Mr. Green's wonderful and adventurous life. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to be present for votes on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 34, and YEA on Roll Call No. 35.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING THE CANADY FAMILY

### HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2024*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a legendary Lansing family that has broken barriers across generations, and continues to make history today.

The story begins in 1927 when the family matriarch, Ms. Hortense Canady was born in Chicago. While she didn't grow up in Michigan, she came to Michigan State University to pursue graduate studies after attending Fisk University, where she met her husband, Clinton. In the Lansing area, Hortense and Clinton, a World War II veteran and member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, settled, put down roots, and left an indelible mark on the community.

Clinton became a well-known and well-loved dentist, while Hortense put her passion for education and civil rights into action, becoming the first African American elected to the Lansing School District Board of Education in 1968. Four years later, she and several other board members were recalled for advocating for desegregation, but Hortense did not let that deter her from working toward her core belief that everyone deserves access to quality education.

She sat on the state's Women's Commission, served as the first executive director of the Lansing Community College Foundation,

and helped found a debutante club in Lansing to fill in a void for young Black women who, at the time, were not permitted to share in this tradition.

Hortense founded the Lansing alumnae chapter of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, and served as its national president from 1983 to 1988. She was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2002 and was named as one of Ebony magazine's Most Influential People. Hortense Canady died in 2010 at age 83.

Not only was Hortense Canady impressive in her own right, but her children have continued to blaze their own trails. Her daughter, Alexa Canady, is the first African American woman in the nation to become a neurosurgeon, and served as chief of neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1987 until her retirement in June 2001. She devoted her brilliant mind and her numerous talents to the healing and welfare of thousands of young patients over the course of her career, and, like her mother, is an inductee in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. She was also named a Michigander of the Year by the Detroit News in 2002.

All three of Hortense Canady's sons became attorneys, including the Honorable Judge Clinton Canady III. Before ascending to the bench, Canady practiced law for 37 years. He was a founder of the Lansing Black Lawyers' Association, director of the Ingham County Bar Association, a commissioner for the Lansing Board of Water and Light, a member of the NAACP, and served on the board of the Lansing Symphony Association, Central Michigan Legal Aid, and many other organizations. Elected to the Ingham County Circuit Court in 2010, Judge Canady served through his retirement in 2022, but returned on assignment to help address the backlog of cases from the pandemic.

He and his wife, Rita, have two children who are continuing the Canady tradition of service, one as an administrative law judge in California, and the other with the United States Department of State.

The Canady family is part of the very fabric of the Lansing community, a fabric stitched with their incredible work ethic, commitment to breaking new ground, and to clearing a path for others to follow.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PASTOR GREGORY CHRISTOPHER

### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2024*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend Pastor Gregory Christopher and to recognize his decades of service to Tacoma's Shiloh Baptist Church and the greater Pierce County community.

Pastor Christopher was called to the Ministry in 1989 and studied under the Pastoral leadership of Pastor Lonnie Brown at The Body of Christ Christian Church in Tacoma, Washington. He began his tenure with Shiloh Baptist Church in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood in 1993, where he is the Senior Pastor, and will be retiring this February 2024.

In his 23 years on the pulpit, Pastor Christopher has created a legacy that puts him on

hallowed ground. His dedication to his community and his faith places him in the same breath as the legendary Black faith leaders of Tacoma, including the late Rev. Earnest Brazill, who was Pastor Christopher's mentor at Shiloh Baptist Church. In addition to his congregational leadership, Pastor Christopher also serves on the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance, and is an At-Large Board Member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Pastor Christopher has been a fierce and tireless leader outside the Church as well. He is a compassionate advocate for folks experiencing homelessness, a champion for racial representation, and a catalyst for policy solutions to improve the lives of African Americans in Tacoma and throughout the greater Puget Sound region. His work has been demonstrated through his service as the President of the Tacoma branch of the NAACP, his membership in the Tacoma Pierce County Black Collective, and his past service on the board of the Tacoma Urban League.

Pastor Christopher has been at the center of efforts to promote racial justice and religious social services for decades, working to boost inclusivity through expanding partnerships with marginalized communities within Pierce County. His leadership and his mission to empower the community have shaped our community for the better.

Mr. Speaker, beyond detailing all his many accomplishments, I'd also like to express my gratitude for the partner that Pastor Christopher has been to my office and to me personally. I'm proud to call Pastor Christopher a friend and have appreciated his sage advice throughout my career. While we will miss him at Shiloh, I am happy that he will have more time with his family, including his wife, Evelyn, who also is a leader in the community, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Pastor Gregory Christopher in the United States Congress.

#### HONORING THE BERKOSKI FAMILY'S SUCCESS AT THE 108TH PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2024*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Debra Martin Berkoski and her husband, Steven Berkoski, for their combined successes at the 108th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

The week contains a multitude of meanings for her, including her birthday. Debra began attending the Farm Show at 10 years old, showing sheep. This year, as she turned 57 years old, she and Steven won a combined 89 ribbons out of the 100 competitions they entered, 22 of them being first place prizes.

Most notably, Debra took home first prize in Pennsylvania's Greatest Whoopie Pie contest with her pumpkin whoopie pie. Anyone from our Commonwealth knows that whoopies pies are essential desserts at any Pennsylvanian event.

Throughout the week, the Berkoskis commuted over 500 miles between the Harrisburg Expo Center and their home. In order to

produce all of their entries, they used a total of 360 eggs, 60 pounds of sugar, 55 pounds of flour, and 25 pounds of butter.

Mr. Speaker, it is the dedication of people like the Berkoskis that honor Pennsylvania's rich agricultural traditions. In addition to being active participants in the Farm Show, the Berkoskis operate a 200-year-old family farm in Conestoga.

I want to congratulate the Berkoskis on their success at this year's Farm Show and thank them for their tireless dedication to honoring our community's rich agricultural heritage and sharing their skills and passion with the thousands of individuals who attend the Farm Show each year.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING REV. LILLIAN ARCHIBALD**

### **HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2024*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a woman who defied not only the odds but her own family's wishes to become a pioneer in the pulpit at a landmark Black church in Livingston County, Michigan.

Though her father was a devout Baptist preacher in the early part of the 20th century, Lillian Archibald was taught from a young age that ministry was strictly for men. The fourth of five children, Lillian's father was clear in his message to his daughters: love the Lord, but find another calling for work.

Skeptical but obedient, Lillian attended a business college in her hometown of Memphis and spent time as a missionary before starting a family of her own. Tragically, the youngest of her four children was killed in 1977 in a crash between a car and a train. Despite her profound grief, Lillian took solace in her unshakeable faith, and made the decision that it was time to answer the call that had been placed upon her heart.

Lillian enrolled at Payne Theological Seminary, and entered the ministry at age 50. She spent some time as an itinerant elder before being ordained as a full minister in 1985. And of course, she broke the news to her father, who she says grew quiet before finally giving her his blessing.

She brought that blessing to Michigan, first serving six years assisting the pastor at a church in Jackson, before being assigned to pastor St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brighton—the only African American church in predominantly white Livingston County—in 1990.

With her melodic voice and charismatic style, Reverend Archibald is credited with breathing new life and hope into the congregation, where she stayed for four years. During her tenure, the church grew in size and in spirit, and began reaching out to the community and joining with other churches with a sense of common purpose and passion.

Though her time in Livingston County was brief, her impact was profound. She received numerous recognitions for her commitment to the community, including her work with victims of domestic violence at the Women's Resource Center in Howell, and her efforts to shelter the unhoused through Habitat for Humanity.

Perhaps one of her greatest gifts was the mentorship she offered to other women contemplating the call to ministry. Reverend Archibald is still warmly remembered today by many of them as a compassionate guide and a listening ear. Her courageous ministry and her golden voice still guide the work of St. James AME Church.

## **POVERTY AND INEQUALITY**

SPEECH OF

### **HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2024*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the ongoing challenges that too many families in America face coping with poverty and income inequality. I thank my dear friend, Congressman DESAULNIER, for hosing this Special Order hour, and for his tireless work on these issues.

In the richest country in the world, poverty is a policy choice. In early 2023, the poverty rate in California rose to 13.2 percent, and the child poverty rate to 13.8 percent.

You cannot disentangle poverty and inequality from systemic racism. Latinos remained disproportionately poor. Latinos comprise about half of poor Californians, but only around 40 percent of all Californians. Additionally, about 13.6 percent of African Americans and 11.5 percent of Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders lived in poverty in California at the beginning of 2023 compared to 10.2 percent of white residents. That is why I reintroduced legislation calling for the establishment of the first U.S. Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation. This Commission will examine the effects of slavery, institutional racism, and discrimination against people of color, and how our history impacts laws and policies today.

But while poverty has a disproportionate impact on people of color, poverty afflicts millions of people in America of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. That is why I have worked with the Poor People's Campaign to introduce a resolution calling for a Third Reconstruction to fully address poverty from the bottom up. A Third Reconstruction would prioritize the needs and demands of the 140 million people in America who are poor or one emergency away from economic desperation, with policies focused on healthcare, welfare, water, public education, and housing.

Across the country, rents and home prices continue to rise much faster than income, exacerbating housing instability during an affordable housing supply crisis. A staggering 78 percent of extremely low income renters in California are severely cost burdened, meaning they spend more than half of their income on housing and utilities. This is unacceptable when we have the power and tools to eliminate poverty entirely.

Access to safe and affordable housing, regardless of income, is a human right. I am proud to sponsor the DEPOSIT Act, which would provide security deposit assistance to low-income renters.

As Chair of the House Democratic Caucus Poverty Task Force, I won't stop fighting until we pass comprehensive legislation to eradicate poverty, economic inequality, and racial

injustice. There is a strong correlation between U.S. poverty reduction initiatives and declining poverty rates. We must work to ensure that the Child Tax Credit is restored to American Rescue Plan levels, which cut child poverty in half.

We must ensure the House remains focused on combating poverty in all forms and creating economic opportunity for all Americans. Together, we can work to reduce disparities and secure justice for those struggling to put food on the table.

**REMEMBERING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF AZERBAIJAN'S BLACK JANUARY**

### **HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2024*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the 34th anniversary of Azerbaijan's Black January. During this horrific January 1990 event, Soviet troops marched into Baku, Azerbaijan to suppress the freedom and the sovereignty of the Azeri people. This condemnable action by the Soviet Union during Black January contributed to the deaths of 147 civilians and the injuring of 744 more.

The desires of the Azeri people were fair and reasonable, but to Soviet leaders, these desires were unacceptable and had to be crushed. Despite the savage Soviet opposition on Black January, the Azeri people remained steadfast in their strong dedication to freedom and self-determination. This dedication contributed to Azerbaijan ultimately gaining its independence in 1991.

Black January is a striking reminder of communism's horrors. The death and despair caused by the Soviet Union is shocking example of this destructive ideology's violent response to dissent and free thought. Such a reminder is important not only for America, but the whole world. We can never let the odious forces of communism prevail against the honorable ideals of liberty and individualism.

Today, the Republic of Azerbaijan is a key ally of the United States. Azerbaijan's economic and security partnership advances American interests in Eurasia. It is in the best interest of the United States and Azerbaijan to maintain close bilateral ties with each other. Because of this, I hope the friendship between our two countries will flourish for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in somber remembrance of Black January and the lives tragically lost during this sadening event. I also urge my colleagues to join me in strong condemnation of the evils of communism, as well as in recognition of the stalwart friendship between the United States and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING DR. SAMUEL EDWARD HOLLOWAY**

### **HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2024*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a man who was a trailblazer in athletics and