

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

education, and used his talents to break barriers and change the lives of generations of young people. Dr. Samuel Edward Holloway lived to serve others: his nation, his community, and his family. It is fitting that as we mark Black History Month, we shine a light on his place in the history of Michigan's 7th District and the many doors he opened for others to pass through.

But before he was Dr. Holloway, he was simply "Sam," a young man who came to Michigan with his father, who had left the deep South as part of the Great Migration. After spending his childhood in various parts of the Midwest, Sam and his family settled in Michigan in the 1940s, where he would eventually join the Ann Arbor High School class of 1951. Sam's athletic abilities were evident from a young age, as he was crowned state champion in his wrestling class during his high school years. Also clear was his desire to use his life for the greater good, as he enlisted in the United States Army upon graduation, and was honorably discharged in 1953.

It was then that Sam began embarking on what would become his life's calling: public education. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, during which time he also began his teaching career. And so it was, at the height of the civil rights movement in 1963, when Samuel Edward Holloway became the first Black faculty member in the history of South Lyon Public Schools. During his tenure there, he is also credited with becoming the first Black person to serve as head wrestling coach for a high school team in the state of Michigan.

Eventually Holloway earned his PhD in education, and went on to serve in numerous districts, including Ypsilanti Public Schools and Romulus Public Schools. In the late 1970s he became a building administrator at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, a full circle moment for the man who had graduated from that very district. He held that post until his retirement in 1990, a retirement that he and his wife Janet enjoyed to the fullest. Still an athlete at heart and in practice, Holloway competed each year in the Arizona Senior Olympics, and rode his motorcycle across the United States and Europe.

Dr. Samuel Edward Holloway passed away in 2022, leaving behind his devoted wife, his four children, a large and loving extended family, and an incredible legacy. Dr. Holloway didn't set out to be a pioneer; he simply wanted to do the things he loved in the service of others. I now ask that the People's House reflect his groundbreaking contributions and the gratitude of the institutions forever changed by his presence.

**HONORING MR. HOWARD MAUTNER
ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY**

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we wish Mr. Howard Alan Mautner a very happy 100th birthday.

Howard was born in Rockford, Illinois, on April 28, 1924. When Howard was eight years

old, his family moved to Madison, Wisconsin. He lived there until he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in October 1942 at age 18.

Howard was inducted into the military at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and went to recruit training at what is now known as Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was then assigned to radio school in what is now Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois. He learned Morse code and radio training. After schooling, he served several months at Marshall Army Airfield, adjacent to Fort Riley, Kansas. He then reported into an overseas duty staging area at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina. In September 1943, Howard headed to Naval Base Norfolk, Virginia, where he boarded a Liberty ship for the port of Casablanca (Morocco).

Howard served in Naples, Italy between September 1943 and December 1944 before heading onto Venice, Italy from December 1944 to May 1945. By August 1945, the war was over, but Howard was sent to Vienna, Austria, as part of the occupational force. Howard was especially grateful to have visited Vienna, as that was his father's birthplace in the late 1880s. In December 1945, he was transported back to America aboard the USS *Randolph*, landing at Fort Dix in New Jersey, where he was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

For the last several decades, Howard has lived in Ocala, Florida, and has been a treasured member of the Marion County veterans' community. We are honored to wish him a happy 100th birthday and to thank him for his dutiful service to our Nation. Congratulations to Howard on this milestone. We are elated to celebrate with him.

HONORING CINDY MACHADO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cindy Machado upon her retirement from the Marin Humane Society (Marin Humane) after 40 years of extraordinary public service.

A longtime Northern California resident, Cindy has been fighting for the rights and welfare of animals with Marin Humane since 1984. At that time, the animal service officer role was dominated by men, but Cindy's knowledge of animal science, equines and livestock made her an effective enforcer of animal control and cruelty laws. She was quickly promoted to Field Services Sergeant in 1985 and assumed the role of Animal Services Director in 1996, a position she held until her retirement.

Cindy's impeccable leadership was critical to establishing Marin Humane as a highly respected organization locally, and at the regional, national, and international levels. She was instrumental in creating the Animal Law Enforcement Academy, a program hosted by Marin Humane through Santa Rosa Junior College, in partnership with the California Animal Welfare Association (Cal Animals). She also served the Academy as an instructor on issues including animal cruelty investigations, animal hoarding, and inspections, and man-

aged an annual Advanced Academy program for almost two decades.

From pet shops and cock fighting rings to circuses and amusement parks, Cindy has worked tirelessly to end animal cruelty. She has led investigations, testified in court, and participated in many legislative hearings. Her influence has been far reaching as an advocate and educator, leading trainings and workshops on behalf of Marin Humane across the world, including at the Brazilian Animal Welfare Congress in 2000, in Taiwan with the Humane Society of the United States in 2001, and in Mexico with Compassion Without Borders in 2005.

Cindy has also been an animal advocate in preparation and response to natural disasters. She co-founded the Marin Horse Council's Equine Evacuation Committee in 2006, represented Marin Humane with Marin's Emergency Operations Center since 1996, and spearheaded a Marin County Veterinary Medical Association and Marin Humane joint committee to educate the community on impacts on animals. When a disaster hit, Cindy was always quick to act. She deployed to Houston during Hurricane Katrina to assist with animal evacuations, the 2009 Cosco Busan oil spill in San Francisco Bay, and nearly every wildfire in the region.

Among her numerous commitments, Cindy is a member and former chair of the Marin Humane Advocacy Committee, member and trainer of the CalAnimals Training Committee, Advisory Member of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance, and co-founder of the Marin County Hoarding Alliance Taskforce. Cindy was also pivotal in creating a non-lethal predator control model in collaboration with Marin's Agricultural Commission and Project Coyote, which remains in use today.

Mr. Speaker, I have personally witnessed Cindy in action and can attest to her knowledge, skills, and commitment to animal welfare. As Cindy Machado retires after 40 years of service, she leaves an indelible legacy of good deeds for animals in Marin County and the extended region. I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing heartfelt gratitude to Cindy for her generosity of spirit, innumerable achievements and in sending her best wishes on her next endeavors.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024:
HONORING XAVIER DAVIS**

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to shine a light on the incredible accomplishments of a member of the Michigan State University jazz community: Associate Professor of Jazz Piano, Xavier Davis.

It was 1994 and Xavier Davis, then a college student from Grand Rapids, Michigan, was performing with a small ensemble at a convention in Boston when his tunes caught the ear of the legendary jazz vocalist Betty Carter, a native of Flint. Carter scooped him up and brought him to New York, hiring him to work exclusively as the pianist for her jazz trio.

Davis spent many years in New York, cultivating his talent, learning from and playing with some of the greatest names in jazz, including Carl Allen, James Williams, Billy Hart,