

blessings as she begins the next chapter of her life.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 5012—SHINE FOR AUTUMN ACT

HON. YOUNG KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on stillbirth which is a maternal and infant health crisis that tragically accounts for the deaths of over 21,000 babies every year in our country. Studies indicate that at least 25 percent of U.S. stillbirths are preventable, and addressing these preventable cases could save at least 5,250 babies each year. Sadly, despite these alarming statistics, stillbirth is one of the most underfunded and underresearched public health issues today.

To address high stillbirth rates, we need to improve data collection, research, and awareness. I introduced the bipartisan Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act, H.R. 5012, with Rep. KATHY CASTOR that would do just that. The SHINE Act creates the first comprehensive federal-state partnership to streamline data collection on stillbirth across the Nation.

I would like to include in the record a link to more than 1,500 testimonies from parents and families affected by stillbirth: <https://youngkim.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/H.R.-5012-SHINE-for-Autumn-Act-Testimonies-1.pdf>. I hope for swift action from Congress to ensure healthier pregnancies and decrease stillbirth rates.

HONORING KAY GRANGER

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chairwoman KAY GRANGER on her retirement and congratulate her on three decades of dedicated service to the 12th Congressional District of Texas and the United States of America.

Chairwoman GRANGER has been a great friend and confidant to me, providing guidance and giving helpful advice. As a senior member of the Texas delegation, Chairwoman GRANGER has been an influential, conservative leader who prioritized the 12th Congressional District of Texas and has led the Appropriations Committee with ample experience, wisdom, and grace.

From being the first Republican Congresswoman from Texas to being the first Republican woman to chair the House Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman GRANGER will be leaving with an impactful legacy. She has always fought for our national security, our troops, and Veterans, to provide all the support they need for their daily sacrifice to our Nation.

I have been honored to work with the Chairwoman on advancing legislation that benefits Texans and strengthens our state economically. On behalf of her constituents, the Texas

delegation, and Republican colleagues, KAY will be greatly missed and our Nation thanks her for her commitment to America.

RECOGNIZING MY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, JULIA LOPEZ, FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Executive Assistant, Julia Lopez, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. I could not be more proud of grateful for her service.

Born and raised in Athens, Georgia to proud Filipino immigrants, Julia attended the University of Georgia, where she studied Anthropology and Asian American Studies. While in Georgia, she spearheaded the COVID-19 vaccine program at her family's pediatrics clinic and was one of the earliest programs in northeast Georgia to have vaccines available for under-represented communities and low-income families of color. She was active in Filipino student organizations while at UGA and has brought her passion for Asian American communities to the Hill. Julia first started in my office through the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies (APAICS) placement program in spring 2022 and joined our team full time in February 2023 as our Executive Assistant.

A proud Filipina American, Georgian, and student group extraordinaire, there's nobody better at bringing positive energy a room than Julia. Julia is a great role model for all our interns and one of the biggest reasons why they have such a great experience in our office. Julia has been a critical part of making sure the office runs smoothly. Julia's commitment to ensuring students visiting our office in Washington, DC have an engaging and informative experience is admirable. She has personally ensured that hundreds of MN-03 students have met with me and toured our Nation's Capitol.

Julia exemplified Radical Hospitality by always going above and beyond for constituents and spreading joy to those around her. She is credited with starting the "Joke of the Day" tradition in my daily briefing books, which provided much needed moments of levity during particularly stressful days. She was willing to take on any and all tasks and do it with a smile. Julia's role has shifted at multiple points during her tenure with our team—and she has been willing and eager to ride the waves as our needs as an organization have changed. From working with my Senior Advisor during my time on the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, to assisting my Staff Assistant with tours, Julia's flexibility has been a critical asset.

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

HONORING LIEUTENANT GEORGE T. MCCREE, III

HON. GLENN IVEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a true American hero, Lieutenant George T. McCree, III, from Clinton, Maryland. Lt. McCree's service to our Nation and to this Capitol deserves our highest praise and recognition.

In his various roles with the United States Capitol Police, Lt. McCree protected not only this hallowed institution, but also the principles it represents: democracy, justice, and opportunity. He served in many capacities here on the Hill including as a dispatcher, special agent, instructor, sergeant, and lieutenant. Those who worked alongside him remember his professionalism, his quiet strength, and his unshakeable commitment to ensuring that the Capitol remained a beacon of freedom and governance. Lt. McCree's story reminds us that the legacy of those who serve is not just written in the battles they fight, but also in the lives they touch and the barrier they break. As we stand here today, in a building he has protected, let us remember his myriad contributions. I know that even as Lt. McCree retires from the United States Capitol Police, that he will continue to serve his community and our region as an involved citizen, parent and proud military veteran.

RECOGNIZING SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF JEFF DAVIS

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarpy County Sheriff Jeff Davis, who has selflessly given 51 years of his life to "protect and serve" the residents of Sarpy County, Nebraska. Sheriff Davis started as a dispatcher in 1973 at the age of 18. After getting his law enforcement officer certification, Davis became a deputy sheriff for Sarpy County in 1974. Working his way through the ranks, he became a sergeant in 1985, lieutenant in 1989, captain in 1990, and chief deputy in 1999. In May 2005, Sheriff Davis was appointed to serve the remaining term of Sheriff Pat Thomas, who retired. He subsequently won reelection in 2006 and has served diligently in that capacity since then.

He was recognized in 2019 for his work when he was inducted into the Nebraska Sheriffs Association Hall of Fame. Davis's other achievements include serving as the past president and vice president of the Sarpy County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3 and receiving the "Michael J. Elman Officer of the Year" Award. He received the Bellevue Kiwanis Chapter "Officer of the Year" award. While serving a term on the Bellevue City Council in 1996, Davis was presented the "Jewel of Bellevue" award by Past Bellevue Mayor Boyd.

Sheriff Davis has worked on many initiatives to handle the growing population of Sarpy County. The department routinely trains in Standard Response Protocol, working with

schools, first responders, and medical facilities. Another area of focus for Sheriff Davis has been the Sarpy County Sheriffs Sex Offender Registry, which allows residents to locate sex offenders on a website. He has also focused on resources to identify and treat mental illness, with a goal of reducing crime and to better assist victims of mental health illness.

Sheriff Davis is proud of these accomplishments and more, but the one he is most proud of is the "Project Life Saver" program. Through this program, over 80 autistic children and adults with dementia have been fitted with bracelets so they can easily be found when they wander.

A native of Bellevue, Nebraska, Sheriff Davis also serves on the Nebraska Crime Commission, Nebraska Crime Victims Reparations Program, and the Nebraska State Council for Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. He is also a member of the Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

I thank Sheriff Davis for his longtime service to Sarpy County and the entire state of Nebraska.

RECOGNIZING THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF COLORADO

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office of Colorado, led currently by District Attorney John Kellner, and serving Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties.

In January 1962, the 18th Judicial District was established. Initially comprised of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, Elbert County was added in 1965, followed by Lincoln County in 1969.

The 18th Judicial District, with a geographic size larger than the state of Connecticut, has grown more than any other Colorado judicial district during that time and now has a population exceeding one million people. Within the next decade, Arapahoe County's population is expected to grow to be the most populous county in the state.

In 2020, the Colorado General Assembly established a new judicial district. Next year, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties will form a newly created 23rd Judicial District, while Arapahoe County will be the sole county in the existing 18th Judicial District.

Officials of the 18th Judicial District—prosecutors, victim witness specialists, support staff, and law enforcement officers—work hard every day to pursue justice, advocate for victims and support our community. As a Member of Congress, I look forward to continuing to work with our local law enforcement officials to promote public safety.

REMEMBERING LEWIS W. ESSEX

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lewis W. "Sparky" Essex, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 92. A leader on all fronts, Lewis was dedicated to his family, his work, and his community.

After graduating from Columbus High School, he attended Purdue University and Harvard Business School, and he served his country in the U.S. Navy in the Korean War. Lewis started in business at Golden Foundry, eventually serving as President for five years before founding his own company, Essex Castings, Inc. His compassionate leadership was unmatched, governed by wisdom and understanding.

He was an active participant in his community, serving countless organizations, including as a member of the Purdue Board of Trustees, the Bartholomew County Hospital Board, and the Mayor's Advisory Committee, and as director of the Bartholomew County Red Cross, Rotary Club, and Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Lewis and his late wife Margaret left a legacy through their four children, Stephen, LuAnn, Michael, and Patricia; their fourteen grandchildren, and their fourteen great-grandchildren. As we remember Lewis, I'd like to thank them for sharing this servant leader with us and God bless her and family.

RECOGNIZING MY STAFF ASSISTANT/LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT, ERIN DAILEY, FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Staff Assistant/Legislative Correspondent, Erin Dailey, 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.

Although she was born in Wisconsin, Erin was raised in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. After graduating from Armstrong High School, she attended Wesleyan University, where she played varsity soccer and received her degree in Government with a minor in Economics in 2023. Her experience studying abroad in Amman, Jordan, cemented her goal to move to Washington, D.C. after graduation and work in the public sector.

After interning for my office in the fall of 2023, she returned full time as my Staff Assistant in February of 2024. Being a constituent herself, Erin has been a natural at making visitors to our office feel right at home when they walk through the front door. From organizing Donuts with Dean to assisting with D.C. tours, Erin has been a critical part of my mission of Radical Hospitality. Her recent promotion to Staff Assistant/Legislative Cor-

respondent was an easy decision, as she has always been happy to handle constituent communications, even during the most challenging times in our office.

Erin has been an amazing Staff Assistant that always keeps the trains running on time. She is full of life, vitality and positive energy. She is always looking to help the team and constituents make the best of their time in D.C. She practices the ethos of Radical Hospitality regularly to whoever she may meet. She always is learning and growing to broaden and develop her skill set even more. Hiring Erin was one of the best decisions we've made. As our final D.C. Staff Assistant, she is proof that sometimes the best is saved for last.

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

HONORING JAMES LOTT III

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Alderman James Lott III, a dedicated veteran, educator, and community leader, who has exemplified the spirit of service and commitment to uplifting others. Currently serving as the Alderman for Ward 6 in Clinton, Mississippi, James represents the city's only minority-majority ward with distinction and purpose.

In his professional role as the Student Coordinator of Campus Culture and Diversity at Hinds Community College, James has been instrumental in fostering inclusivity and enhancing student success, particularly for underrepresented populations. His leadership extends beyond the classroom, as he strives to break down barriers and create opportunities for marginalized students to thrive in higher education.

James' commitment to public service is deeply rooted in his diverse and impactful career. From inspiring and mentoring young minds as a high school teacher and coach to leading efforts as the Commander of the Hinds County COVID-19 Vaccine Site during the pandemic, his work has consistently made a tangible difference in the lives of those around him. His military service with the Mississippi Air National Guard further underscores his dedication to the community and country, where he was recognized as National Recruiter of the Year for his exemplary performance.

As he works toward his Ph.D. in Urban Higher Education at Jackson State University, James is channeling his expertise into building pathways for student populations often left on the margins. This pursuit reflects his unyielding belief in the power of education as a tool for empowerment and progress.

James' election as Alderman was powered by the very democratic principles, he passionately champions. He is a fervent advocate for civic engagement and voting, inspiring young people to understand and exercise the power of their voices at the polls.

Today, I commend James Lott III for his enduring service, his visionary leadership, and