

polio, are integral in promoting higher education in south Texas.

The club also presents \$1,000 scholarships each year to a graduating student from all eight of Laredo's high schools.

Mr. Speaker, Laredo has been forever changed by the incredible work of our local Rotary organization. It's been an inspiring four decades: I look forward to their continued work in the local community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to vote in the first vote series on 12/10/24. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 493; YEA on Roll Call No. 494; YEA on Roll Call No. 495; and YEA on Roll Call No. 496.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shanelle Scales-Preston for her decades of service to the House of Representatives as she departs to begin her new role as a Contra Costa County Supervisor.

Shanelle has lived in and served the East Bay of California her whole life. After graduating from California State University East Bay, Shanelle worked for Contra Costa County and joined then-Congressman George Miller's staff, working diligently on behalf of district residents for more than ten years. When Congressman Miller retired, I was thrilled to welcome her onto our office's team. She has served as my District Director since 2015, helping lead our efforts in the district to provide outstanding service to constituents.

Shanelle has also shown unwavering devotion to her hometown of Pittsburg, California where she resides with her husband, Damon, and their sons Jaden and Ashton. She has served on Pittsburg City Council since 2018, working tirelessly to foster a strong and diverse community throughout the City. In this role, she has spearheaded efforts to expand access to affordable housing, improve public transportation, empower Pittsburg's youth, and build a vibrant hub in downtown Pittsburg. She has been a regional leader, working with a number of key groups and agencies, serving as the Chair of MCE and TransPlan and President of the League of California Cities East Bay Division. On top of it all, Shanelle is active with several community groups including the Gateway Rotary Club and Pittsburg Reads initiative.

Shanelle was chosen by the voters to serve as the next Contra Costa County Supervisor for District 5. While I am sad to see her go from our team, I'm confident that in this role, she will continue to be an effective leader for our County. It has been a joy to work with Shanelle throughout the years and I'm incredibly grateful for her service.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP McDEVITT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Bishop McDevitt Crusaders on their incredible State Football Championship victory on December 6, 2024.

The Crusaders prevailed in hard-fought overtime against the Roman Catholic Cahillites at Cumberland Valley's Chapman Field. Crusaders' head coach Jeff Weachter and Quarterback Stone Saunders—bolstered by the Team's incredible endurance, discipline, focus, and skill—led the Team to their monumental victory.

After the Crusaders were leading 14–3 at halftime, the Cahillites rallied to take the lead by 31–28 with just under 6 minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Crusaders then tied the game with a field goal before making a critical defensive stop and sending the game into overtime. After halting the Cahillites' offense one last time, the Crusaders found their way again into field goal position, where Kicker Aidan Grella solidified the Crusaders' championship—their second in only three years.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to recognize the Bishop McDevitt Crusaders Football Team on yet another State Championship victory, and wish them Godspeed in their individual and Team aspirations.

RECOGNIZING MY LEGISLATIVE AIDE, CAROLINE KENNEY, FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BE- HALF 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 Legislative Aide, Caroline Kenney, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District.

Caroline is a Minnesota native, hailing from the great city of Minneapolis. Upon graduating from DeLaSalle High School, she followed her ambition to Washington, DC, where she attended George Washington University. In 2022, she graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Starting in my office as an intern in her senior year of college, Caroline quickly stood out as an invaluable asset to the team. She envelops and promotes Radical Hospitality, which made hiring her as Staff Assistant an easy choice. As a self-proclaimed animal lover, she took it upon herself to write a letter to the Smithsonian Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute about the future of the Giant Panda Program when its future was still an open question. This year Caroline was promoted to Legislative Aide, a position in which she has thrived, introducing multiple pieces of priority legislation including the Voter Choice Act and the Porch Pirates Act. She proudly embodies the Minnesota spirit and greets all who come to meet with her with warmth and a friendly smile.

Staff and constituents alike know that Caroline is here for all the right reasons and is a tireless advocate for those without a platform. She's a pleasure to work with and our senior staff members certainly appreciated her keeping them updated on all the latest memes and pop culture trends. As an avid watcher of *The West Wing*, Caroline reflects that same good faith and passion in everything she does. Watching her grow from an intern to an accomplished legislative staffer has been an absolute joy.

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. STEVE E. LANDIN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the service of Mr. Steve E. Landin of Laredo, Texas. A lifelong civil servant, Mr. Landin has dedicated his career to the people of South Texas.

He began his career with the City of Laredo in April 1990 and obtained an Associate's Degree in Fire Technology, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Economics with an emphasis in Fire Administration.

Over the course of his 30-year career with the City of Laredo, Mr. Landin served as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator for twelve years.

He retired from the city in May 2020 and joined Webb County to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator for two years.

Then, in August 2022, Mr. Landin rejoined the City of Laredo to serve as Assistant City Manager and Acting Chief of Police. In his role as an Assistant City Manager, he oversees more than ten different departments in his current role.

This makes him one of only 22 people in American history to serve as both Police Chief and Fire Chief in their community.

He's also giving his expertise back to the community. Mr. Landin is an instructor in rescue, EMS, Haz-Mat, Peace Officer, and Fire Service.

He is also a Catholic Deacon. He serves the Diocese of Laredo at St Patrick Catholic Church in Laredo.

Mr. Speaker, let us all dedicate ourselves to public service just as Mr. Landin has.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NORMA GRIFFIN

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Norma Griffin.

Norma was born in New York City where she was raised with her sister Rita. Norma

earned her B.A. from Hunter College and her M.A. from Teachers College at Columbia University. She married her husband, Ralph, in 1960 and the couple moved to California shortly after. The Griffins settled in Concord, California where they raised their two sons, Ralph and Steven.

Throughout her life, Norma was deeply committed to her community and empowering young people. She was a devoted educator for over three decades, teaching in the New York public school system, Oakland Unified School District, Mt. Diablo Unified School District, and overseas in Japan and France. On top of her teaching, Norma was also dedicated to serving her community and was a leader in Contra Costa County. She was a founding member of the Black Families Association of Central Contra Costa County, a member of the Friends of the Concord Library, and served as president of the American Association of University Women's Concord Chapter. Norma received a number of accolades for her contributions, including the 1995 Mason McDuffie Teacher of the Year award and being named Woman of the Year for State Assembly District 11 in 2008.

Norma was a multifaceted woman with many interests and hobbies. She was a talented musician and was a member of the Schola Cantorum of New York, Oakland Symphony Chorus, and a piano student at Julliard School of Music. She also enjoyed reading, crocheting, and traveling. She visited 36 out of 50 states and traveled to six continents.

Sadly, Norma passed away, leaving behind her sons, niece Michelle Cambridge, cousin Joyce (Edwards) Palmer, longtime friend Cheryl Hazell-Small, and her godchildren Monique and Shadrick Small.

Norma will be remembered for her courage, kindness, and determination. Please join me in honoring Norma Griffin.

CONGRATULATING MR. JACK NANCE ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 32 YEARS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CAROLINAS GOLF ASSOCIATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Jack Nance, Executive Director of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) after 32 years of dedicated service in this role.

Jack is a proud North Carolina native, he was born and raised in Clinton, North Carolina and attended high school and college in our great state. Jack is an avid golfer and has been a huge fan of the sport ever since his college days where he played golf at Wake Forrest and even served as the assistant coach for the golf team following his graduation.

Throughout his tenure at the CGA, Jack has seen the organization grow to over 700 affiliated clubs that represent over 200,000 members. We will always appreciate the dedication Jack has shown to ensuring that golfers in the Carolinas have a great sporting experience and North Carolina maintains its reputation of the best state for golf.

Jack has worked for the CGA since 1984 and has served as a rules official, communications point of contact and a course rater, before finally serving as Executive Director, a position he has held since 1992. Jack even qualified for the 1980 US Amateur as a player. Nobody knows our courses quite like Jack and we will certainly miss his unique perspective.

We know Jack is looking forward to being able to spend more time with his wife DeAnn and his two daughters Caroline and Liza. While we are sad to see Jack go, we wish him and his family the best as he begins this new and exciting chapter in his life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Mr. Jack Nance on his well-earned retirement after 32 years of serving as the Executive Director for the CGA.

HONORING BETA PHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. AS CENTENNIAL PARTNER TO NCCU

HON. VALERIE P. FOUSHEE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mrs. FOUSHEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of The Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for their outstanding service, leadership, and brotherhood. Since its chartering in 1924, the Beta Phi Chapter has been a beacon of excellence, making significant contributions to NCCU and the Durham community by upholding the high standards of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Over the past century, the Beta Phi Chapter has achieved numerous milestones and accolades, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the fraternity's cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. The chapter has been instrumental in fostering academic excellence, providing scholarships to deserving students, and supporting various educational initiatives.

In addition to its support and countless contributions to NCCU, the Beta Phi Chapter has been a pillar of community service. Members have dedicated countless hours mentoring youth, organizing health and wellness programs, and participating in civic engagement activities. The chapter's efforts have positively impacted countless lives, reinforcing the fraternity's mission to uplift the community. There are many buildings and structures named after Omega men on campus and in Durham to include:

Buildings On NCCU Campus Named in Honor of Omega Men: Farrison-Newton Communications Building (William E. Farrison); H.M. Michaux Jr. School of Education Building (Henry McKinley "Mickey" Michaux); Dr. LeRoy T. Walker Physical Education Complex (Dr. LeRoy T. Walker Sr.); McLendon-McDougald Arena (John B. McLendon); W.G. Pearson Dining Hall (William Gaston Pearson); William Jones Building (J. William Jones); A. Leon Stanback Jr. Legal Clinic Conference Room in Turner Law Building (A. Leon Stanback Jr.).

Buildings in Durham Named in Honor of Omega Men: William Daniel (W.D.) Hill Recreation Community Center; Rencher Nicholas Harris Elementary School; Charles Clinton

Spaulding Elementary School; Lucas Middle School (John Harding Lucas, Sr., and House Senator Jennie Lucas); John H. Wheeler Federal Courthouse; Lowell Silver Administration Building II Lobby; Carl Dubois Hodges, Sr. Durham County Cooperative Extension; Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity (Duke University); Dr. J. Randaldo Lawson Community Bench at Hillandale Golf Course; McDougald Terrace, Durham, North Carolina (Richard L. McDougald); A. Leon Stanback, Sr. Middle School, Hillsborough, North Carolina.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we reflect on the rich history and legacy of the Beta Phi Chapter. We honor the trailblazers who laid the foundation for our success and the current members who continue to uphold the fraternity's values with pride and dedication.

On behalf of North Carolina Central University, we proudly recognize the Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as our Centennial Partner.

HONORING THE WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. GREG LOPEZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wellington High School football team for making it to the Colorado 2A State Championship game in only their third season with a record of 10-3. The town of roughly 12,000 residents last had a High School between 1926 and 1964. Wellington Middle-High School opened in August of 2022, choosing to honor the previous school's colors and mascot, the Eagles.

The combination of the players' determination and their coaches' admirable leadership throughout their playoff run culminated into a remarkable season. They are great examples of the extraordinary potential of the young people of Colorado.

I thank the players for setting an example that will serve as an inspiration for future generations of high school athletes. They should all be extremely proud of what they have accomplished and know that this is just a precursor for the many great achievements each of them will have in their lifetimes.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for