

member had a valuable and enriching congressional experience.

Genesis's attention to detail, collaborative spirit, and positive attitude have made a lasting impression in my office. As her fellowship concludes, I commend her for her unwavering dedication and commitment to education policy. I do not doubt that Genesis will continue to excel and make significant contributions to the field, and I wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Genesis for her commitment and service.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JEFFERSON
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
PRESIDENT JAY DUNHAM

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Council President Jay Dunham, who will retire at the end of this month after an extraordinary 14 years of faithful and dedicated service as a councilman in Jefferson Township.

Council President Dunham's commitment to public service is rooted in a distinguished career that spans multiple industries and an unwavering dedication to his community. For 33 years, he worked for Verizon, and he later served as the manager of the Mount Paul Retreat Center in Jefferson prior to its sale, where he was in charge of a complex that included a 68-room main building, a large lake, a dam, and a cemetery.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Council President Dunham has continued to advocate tirelessly for his fellow servicemembers. He is a past commander and current quartermaster for VFW Post 564, as well as a past commander and current chaplain of American Legion Post 423. His leadership in these roles reflects his enduring dedication to his fellow servicemembers who answered our Nation's call to service.

He has been an active member of the Milton First Aid Squad, the Jefferson Township Historical Society, and the St. Thomas Church finance committee. Additionally, he is a founding member of the Jefferson Township Veterans' Memorial Committee and has contributed his time to civic organizations such as Jefferson Highlights and the Jefferson Arts Committee.

Council President Dunham's lifelong dedication to service and his leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of our community has left an indelible mark on Jefferson Township.

I want to express my gratitude to Council President Dunham for his decades of service and for the countless ways he has enriched the lives of others, and I wish him the best for a well-earned and restful retirement.

HONORING DAWSON CONNELL

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dawson Connell, for his work as an intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions he has made to the office this fall.

Dawson is from Waxhaw, North Carolina, and is currently a getting his Master's in Political Science at American University. Dawson is a graduate of Mars Hill University in western North Carolina and majored in History with both Pre-Law Studies and Political Science minors. Dawson was on the varsity baseball team at Mars Hill and is an impressive golfer.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th congressional district. Dawson was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation with his positive attitude and impressive work ethic.

It was a pleasure to work with Dawson, and I am so proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. Dawson exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our Nation has to offer. I congratulate Dawson on this successful completion of his internship, and thank him on behalf of the people of Western North Carolina.

HONORING KENNETH CARTER FOR
HIS WORK WITH THE ORANGE
COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Kenneth Carter was born and raised in Miami, Florida, by his loving Christian parents, who were both very involved in his hometown church. Their example instilled in him to serve others in whatever capacity was needed.

Mr. Carter graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in criminology in 1987. He married his wife in 1988 and has three sons.

For the past 27 years, Mr. Carter has worked for the Orange County Supervisor of Elections in various roles. He's organized mock student elections at various elementary and middle schools to teach the importance of voting to younger generations. He's also served as a poll worker for the Orange County community, making sure the voting process goes smoothly for residents.

Mr. Carter is recognized for his dedication to voters in Orange County. His dedication has not only impacted thousands, but also inspired his wife and two of his sons to follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Carter looks forward to serving the community year after year and can't wait to continue his efforts for years to come.

HONORING CHRISTIAN HOLLOWELL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service of Christian Hollowell, who was my Director of Operations, and was instrumental in advancing the mission and goals of our office and serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District.

Christian's journey in operations and management brought invaluable expertise to our team. From day one, Christian demonstrated an unwavering commitment to efficiency, innovation, and collaboration. As my former Director of Operations, she navigated complex challenges with grace and determination, streamlining processes, enhancing productivity, and fostering a culture of teamwork and excellence. Her strategic insights and leadership were pivotal in driving my office's success and achieving our legislative and community objectives.

Beyond her professional achievements, Christian's integrity, humility, and compassion have touched the lives of everyone in my office. Her ability to inspire and uplift others and her genuine dedication to public service reflects her character and values.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Christian Hollowell for her outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to public service.

HONORING BATTALION CHIEF
TONY R. GARRISON

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Battalion Chief Tony R. Garrison who was killed in the line of duty on September 27 when Tropical Storm Helene hit Western North Carolina. Tony was a native of Western North Carolina and by every account, Tony was a great man.

Known for his outgoing personality and compassionate nature, Tony enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and most of all, spending time with his family. Tony leaves behind the love of his life and wife of 28 years, Mary Chantelle Garrison, his daughter Hannah, and his son Dylan.

I would like to extend my appreciation for the work he accomplished during his time with the U.S. Forest Service, as a volunteer with the Garren Creek Fire Department, member of the Buncombe County Task Force, and as an instructor at A-B Tech in Asheville. Tony dedicated his life to serving others and protecting his neighbors.

As a Battalion Chief with the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department, Tony was used to running towards danger when others would run away. Friday, September 27 was a day of confusion and destruction in Western North Carolina.

Helene made landfall Thursday night and by Friday morning millions of people were left

without cell service, power, or any way to contact the outside world as trees fell and landslides washed away their houses, neighbors, and family members.

Tony's community of Fairview saw historic levels of flooding and suffered from catastrophic damage. During the confusion, Tony did what he was trained to do and what he spent his life doing—helping save others. While Tony worked with his nephew Brandon Ruppe to rescue neighbors during a landslide, a second landslide occurred and both Tony and Brandon tragically passed away from their injuries.

I offer my deepest condolences to the Garrison family. I will continue to keep them and their loved ones in my thoughts and prayers. Tony is a hero and will be remembered for his lifetime of service.

RECOGNIZING THE MO BETTER JAGUARS

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize the Mo Better Jaguars of Brownsville, Brooklyn, who capped off an undefeated season by overcoming their opponent 13–7 in the national Pop Warner Super Bowl in Orlando. Truly, these exceptional young men have defied all the odds and proven precisely what Brooklyn is capable of.

While the team's skill, cohesion, and passion were never in question throughout their sensational season, when challenges brought

upon by high travel costs arose that would have prevented the Jaguars from competing for the D2 Title, their community stepped in. Through their support, the team succeeded in raising the funds they needed to reach the championship game, where they ultimately prevailed.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to every player, coach, family, and fan whose collective efforts led the Mo Better Jaguars to their well-deserved victory. Our community is incredibly proud of their achievements and their dedication, and we look forward to watching their athletic careers continue as they reach new and exciting triumphs.

HONORING SHANELLE ANIMLEYI63

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding service of Shanelle Animley, an intern in my office who served the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District with distinction.

Shanelle, currently a rising senior at South County High School, has brought her willingness to learn and her open-mindedness to public service. In particular, her commitment to creating a more equitable and inclusive environment for international students is evident. Her diligent support of mental health for South Floridians is also impressive.

One of Shanelle's greatest strengths is her positivity and maturity, which allowed her to tackle the demanding work of serving the constituents of Florida's 24th Congressional District with skill and ease. Shanelle has con-

cluded her internship in my office, and she leaves a legacy of excellence and service. Her next chapter will undoubtedly be marked by her continued success and impactful work.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Shanelle Animley for her drive and dedication to the office and beyond.

RECOGNIZING POLLY'S PANCAKE PARLOR

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a small business in my district that is an important part of the Sugar Hill community: Polly's Pancake Parlor.

Since it was opened in 1938 by Willfred and Pauline "Polly" Taylor, Polly's pancakes has served up some of the lightest, fluffiest pancakes in New England, attracting visitors from across the Nation. Beyond serving excellent food, Polly's helped popularize maple syrup as a sweetener, contributing to the success of New Hampshire's world-renowned maple syrup industry.

What truly makes Polly's standout is the generous hospitality. When you visit Polly's, you're treated like a member of the family. That is why I have relished the opportunity to bring my family and friends to Polly's both before and during my time in Congress. Polly's is an important part of the fabric of the White Mountains community, and I am proud to recognize this outstanding business.