

a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence and his profound impact on the dermatological community.

Currently serving on the American Academy of Dermatology Association's Board of Directors, Dr. Brod continues to be a driving force in shaping the future of dermatological care and advancing the mission of our organization.

On behalf of the entire dermatological community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Bruce Brod for his years of exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to the American Academy of Dermatology Association. I thank Dr. Brod for his unwavering commitment to excellence and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING TERRY MCFADDEN'S CAREER IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate award-winning television journalist Terry McFadden, who is retiring from WNDU-TV this month after more than 40 years of covering news in the South Bend market.

A fellow South Bend native and Notre Dame graduate, Terry has called St. Joe County home his entire life. To this day, Terry still lives on the same street he grew up on. It is undoubtedly this love for the South Bend community that has made Terry such a trusted name in local news over all these years.

Terry made his start in broadcasting in 1982 as a news and sports reporter with WNDU. In the time since, Terry has become one of South Bend's favorite television journalists, and he has epitomized the highest standards of professional and journalistic integrity.

The various broadcast journalism awards and accolades he has received over the years—including the Radio Television Digital News Association's prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award—are a testament to Terry's many career accomplishments, commitment to the community, and his passion for his profession and presenting the news in a compelling way.

As he prepares to retire from journalism, spend more time with his family—especially his wife Laurie and their sons Michael, Sean, and Charlie—and write the next chapter of his life, I am proud to congratulate Terry on more than four decades of dedicated service and excellence in journalism.

While I will miss him bringing us the news every day, I join so many others in expressing our gratitude to this lifelong Hoosier and in wishing Terry best wishes for a very happy and full retirement. I thank Terry.

HONORING JERRI SUTTON OF BEAUFORT

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Geralene "Jerri" Mills Sutton of

Beaufort. Mrs. Sutton recently finished her time here on Earth. She was known for her dedication to others and her appreciation of the simple things in life.

Mrs. Sutton started off as a talented educator. She ascended to Senior Director for the Virginia Department of Education and was the youngest woman to assume this role. Her position led to working with the United Nations, traveling to developing countries, and helping improve educational outcomes for children.

Mrs. Sutton's dedication to the people of Eastern North Carolina eventually led her home to Greenville where she focused on improving her hometown community. All who knew her can attest to her unwavering devotion to the historical preservation of Eastern North Carolina. She led the restoration efforts of the Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church, which was set ablaze during the Civil War.

After relocating to Beaufort, she immersed herself in the Town's rich maritime history and culture. She became a founding trustee of the Maritime Heritage Foundation and served as the President for five years. She also won the Volunteer of the Year award in 2015 from the Beaufort Historical Association. Her passion and fantastic fundraising prowess led to securing \$1.5 million from small and big donors and the North Carolina General Assembly to build the North Carolina Maritime Museum on the Gallants Channel.

As all can see, Mrs. Sutton was especially attentive to the people and places she loved. I hope we can all learn from her legacy and do more for the people and places around us. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring this incredible woman.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DANIEL FREDERIC PACKER, JR.

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand to honor the life of Daniel FredERIC Packer, Jr., who was born December 8, 1947, in Mobile, Alabama and peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren on January 31, 2024. Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel F. Packer, Sr., and Algie Ervin Packer; his sister, Debra Packer Albright; and his first wife, Carlene Banks Packer. He is survived by his loving wife, Catherine August Packer, and devoted children, Timothy Packer (Nicole), Vanice Packer Zenon (Alfred), Randall Ross (Natasha), Dr. Reginald Ross (Leslie), and Maria Michelle Ross Burke. He was the loving grandfather of nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dan learned the value of hard work at an early age. Dan was raised in a hard-working household along with his younger sister, Debra. During the summer, he joined his cousins on a family farm where he did everything from churning butter to grinding corn. "Work was never something we were afraid of," Packer told New Orleans City Business. Packer inherited a strong sense of self and a strong work ethic from his parents. Like most of the South during Packer's childhood, Alabama was segregated, but his mother's motto

was, "Don't let anything defeat you," Packer recalled to Black Collegian. His father also imparted words of wisdom that resonated with Packer. "Some days peanuts, some days shells," Packer recalled to the Times-Picayune. The result was a can-do attitude that helped Packer overcome the inequities of segregation and racism. "The fact that (the South) was a segregated place didn't mean we couldn't find a way to be successful," Packer told New Orleans City Business. "It never dawned on us to use (our race) as an excuse to not be successful."

Packer graduated from Mobile's Central High School in 1965 with high enough grades to land several college scholarships. Unfortunately, Tuskegee Institute—the school Packer had his heart set on—was not among them. Tuskegee, a historically black college, was one of the few in the South that offered an engineering program for African Americans. Packer scraped enough money for tuition and enrolled in the five-year engineering program. After three years, his father fell ill, and the money ran out. In 1969, Packer left Tuskegee and joined the United States Navy. His high entrance marks and engineering training helped land him a position in the Navy's nuclear power program. During an intense one-year course at a secret base in Idaho, Packer learned to operate nuclear reactors used to power submarines, aircraft carriers, and destroyers. After training, he was posted on the USS *Truxton*, a missile destroyer based in the South China Sea during the Vietnam War.

During his military training, Packer met his first wife, Carlene Banks. After he left the Navy in 1975, the pair moved briefly to Washington state, where their first son, Timothy, was born. The family moved to Connecticut, where Packer landed a job as a training coordinator with Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company. Packer's second child, Vanice, was born soon after. The birth happened quite suddenly, and Packer delivered the baby at home. "It wasn't a problem because I knew how to operate a nuclear reactor," he told New Orleans City Business. "Both are very procedure oriented." Packer juggled his job and fatherhood well enough to earn an associate degree in 1978 from Middlesex Community College and a bachelor's degree in business from Charter Oak College in 1980.

Tragedy struck Packer's life in 1980 when his wife Carlene died suddenly of a rare liver disease. Left alone to care for his two children, Packer decided it was time to move back home to the South. The closest he got, however, was Columbia, Maryland, where he landed a job as a senior engineer at General Physics Corporation. It was a good job, but he wanted to be closer to the family with two young children. With his background in nuclear power, including a senior operator's license—a highly specialized license for the nuclear industry—he looked for a power plant near Mobile, Alabama. The closest was Entergy's plant in Taft, Louisiana. He called the plant, and though there were no openings, his credentials made him a great candidate as a consultant. He joined the plant as a consultant in 1982 and helped Entergy build the Waterford III plant. His expertise landed him a position as training manager of the plant.

Dan met Catherine upon his arrival at Waterford, and they later married on July 22, 1983, recently celebrating 40 years of marriage. It was "love at first sight" when their

blended families met. By 1990, Packer had moved up the ranks at Waterford to become the plant's general manager. His promotion made him the first African American to manage a nuclear power plant. He was responsible for the entire operation of the site, from nuclear safety to profitability. It was a massive job, performed under the shadow of the immense environmental damage that could happen if an accident occurred. Dan believed there was nothing more complicated than being the plant manager of a nuclear power plant. Under Packer, the Waterford plant received some of the highest ratings in the country.

After 27 years in the nuclear industry on the technical side, Packer made the move to the executive offices. In 1996, he became a director of Entergy New Orleans. In that role, his main task was dealing with local government regulators. "He moved into a very political environment when he moved downtown," another Entergy executive told the Times-Picayune. "It was an interesting move. The stereotype of technical people is that they don't mix well in the political area, but he did an excellent job of understanding politics." Packer landed in New Orleans in the middle of a simmering pot of discontent. Since the early 1980s, New Orleans and Entergy had been brewing trouble. Rising energy costs, poor customer service, and over-billing charges plagued the company. In addition, the city of New Orleans and Entergy had engaged in a legal battle that went up to the federal level over the shared costs of building a Gulf Coast nuclear facility. Packer impressed those on both sides of the debate by using an approach that has become a hallmark of his leadership—diplomatically building bridges between opposing parties. "At the beginning, he was a quiet guy. He had been in nuclear before that, but obviously, he was a quick learner," a city council member told the Times-Picayune. "I think he learned early on that the way to get things done was to develop a relationship with the council and consumers, and I think he did a pretty good job of that." Entergy Corporation's CEO Wayne Leonard was also impressed. "[Packer] never came to me once and said: 'This was unfair; I shouldn't have been held accountable,'" Leonard told the Times-Picayune. "The bottom line was that he was an adult. A lot of times, you look around, and you see a lot of talented people, but you don't see a lot of grown-ups." The result was that Packer was appointed president of Entergy New Orleans in 1997. The CEO title was added in 1998. As CEO, Packer is responsible for all aspects of the company: power distribution, customer service, economic development, financial performance, and regulatory and governmental affairs.

As CEO, Packer continued to impress people within and outside the industry. In 2001, gas prices surged, leaving many New Orleanians struggling to meet payments. Packer announced that Entergy would not cut off power for non-payment. "It may sound like it was a natural thing to do, but, from a business standpoint, it was an extraordinary move," an Entergy executive told New Orleans City Business. "Dan's decision was, for some people, the difference between waking up in the dark and being able to turn the lights on. That was a defining moment in my professional relationship with him. In business school, you learn to make sure you can earn

and collect on any amount. What you don't learn in school are the leadership traits it takes to make a tough decision." Packer's most challenging job arrived on August 29, 2005, in the form of Hurricane Katrina. The storm flooded half of the utility's substations and two power plants. Nearly 100 percent of its clients were left without power. In September, Entergy New Orleans filed for bankruptcy protection. By the end of the year, almost 70 percent of Entergy New Orleans's client base was gone, and large swaths of the region were still without power. History has watched to see whether Packer's renowned strategic skills and unflappable attitude could save his company and restore regular services to its clients. He proved successful and retired from Entergy year-end, 2006. Though retirement was never in his plans, Dan continued his skills as President and CEO of Urban Solutions Inc., a multi-faceted firm involved with projects associated with an urban environment.

Key appointments and memberships included the American Association of Blacks in Energy, president emeritus; NFL Stadium Advisory Commission, chairman, 2001; New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce, chairman, 2001; New Orleans Aviation Board, chairman, 2002; Bring New Orleans Back Commission, member; Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons Acacia Lodge No. 248 and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Alpha Boule (New Orleans Chapter). Notable awards include YMCA, Black Achievement Award, 1988; Tulane University, Weiss Award, 2001; Boy Scouts of America, Southeast Louisiana Council, Whitney Young Service Award, 2004; and King of the Mobile Mardi Gras.

The Man, the Legacy, will never be forgotten. He touched so many in every facet of his life, fulfilling opportunities and dreams throughout his career. I am honored to say he was my dear friend and mentor. Rest well friend. His legacy will live on forever.

REMEMBERING JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a remarkable individual who dedicated his life to shaping our community and advancing our nation's energy sector. Joseph L. Fiordaliso, a true visionary and champion for renewable energy, passed away on September 6, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of innovation and progress that will continue to inspire generations to come. As President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities since 2005, Joseph was a fierce advocate for affordable and reliable utility service. In May 2023, President Fiordaliso was appointed to the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Joseph Fiordaliso's passion for service has never wavered throughout his storied career of public service to the people of New Jersey. Beginning with his role as Student Council President at Newark's East Side High School, Joseph carried an innate passion for education and leadership. He served more than

18 years as an educator for the Bloomfield and Valisburg communities. As a teacher, Joseph enjoyed cultivating the talents of countless students and the thrill of catapulting his students towards true academic achievement.

Shortly thereafter, Fiordaliso began serving his community of Livingston, New Jersey as Councilman for the Township. As a local leader, Joseph advocated for greater resources for seniors and revitalized the Livingston Arts Council. For 12 years as Mayor of Livingston, he formed long-lasting state and federal relationships by hosting Members of Congress, U.S. Senators, Governors, and Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Clinton in 1992.

Through his steadfast advocacy for Livingston, Joseph Fiordaliso was able to coordinate and host an official stop of the Olympic Torch of the 1996 Summer Olympic games.

Joseph Fiordaliso held leadership positions as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way, the Board of Directors of the Livingston YMCA, the Board of Directors of the First Occupational Center of New Jersey, and was a proud member of UNICO, the largest Italian American service organization in the United States. Later, Joseph was honored as UNICO's Citizen of the Year in 2003.

Now, as we honor Joseph Fiordaliso's memory as a prominent leader and public servant for New Jersey, we will always appreciate the tremendous progress in the transition to cleaner forms of energy. Joseph's signature windmill lapel pin served as a reminder for his vision of making New Jersey an offshore wind industry hub. His extensive work and legacy earned Fiordaliso due recognition as a national leader on utility and energy issues.

Mr. Speaker, from the bottom of my heart, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing Joseph Fiordaliso for his outstanding work. I thank Joseph Fiordaliso. May God bless his soul and may his wife Marilyn, two children Joe and Dana stand proud.

CONGRATULATING DR. TERRENCE CRONIN FOR HIS COMPLETION OF HIS TERM AS THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY PRESIDENT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate Dr. Terrence Cronin on his completion of his term as the American Academy of Dermatology President. For eighteen years, Dr. Cronin has been involved with the Academy at a leadership level and helped represent thousands of dermatological physicians and the patients they serve.

As President, Dr. Cronin led the world's largest dermatologic society, representing more than 20,800 physicians. He has also been a staunch advocate for Medicare payment reform to help ensure good quality of care for seniors by fighting cuts to physician reimbursement.

Dr. Cronin earned his medical degree from Wake Forest University in North Carolina and completed his dermatology residency at the University of Miami. At the University of Miami, he also served as the chief resident, where he