

Democrats have tried and tried again to meet Republicans in the middle on this.

Instead of working with us, however, our colleagues across the aisle have remained entrenched.

Instead of focusing on the welfare of our American people, they are attempting to pass out a giant handout to Big Oil and Gas that will simultaneously enrich many of our economic adversaries.

Many of these companies already enjoy billions in taxpayer-funded subsidies and are taking in recordbreaking profits since Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Republicans may point out that last month, President Biden announced a temporary pause in the Department of Energy's (DOE) approval of LNG exports while DOE completes a public interest analysis.

Importantly, however, this pause only applies to new export applications.

It does not impact currently-operating export capacity or impact capacity that is under construction, and it does not impact capacity that is permitted but has not yet started construction.

DOE's updated public interest determination is an opportunity to take long-overdue action to make sure additional exports are benefitting Americans.

This extreme bill would kill all efforts to ensure that our LNG exports are in Americans' best interests.

I will always stand behind the hardworking middleclass individuals that are the backbone of our society.

As such, I urge my colleagues to do the same and vote no on this reckless and overbroad bill.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
ELI TREMONTI AS VETERAN OF  
THE MONTH FOR MICHIGAN'S  
NINTH DISTRICT

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2024*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valor and contributions of Private First Class Eli Tremonti, who I am honored to select as the Veteran of the Month for February from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. It is with great honor that I highlight the exemplary service and dedication of this true American hero, whose courage and commitment has left an indelible mark on our Nation's history.

Born on December 8, 1923, in Vassar Township, Michigan, to an immigrant family with deeply rooted values of hard work and patriotism, Eli Tremonti was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943, during a pivotal moment in world history. His service during World War II as a B-24 tail gunner in the European theater is a testament to the bravery and resilience of the Greatest Generation.

PFC Tremonti's military accolades reflect his exceptional service and dedication. During his service, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, adorned with one Bronze Star and one Silver Star, which recognizes his participation in critical battles and campaigns. These include

Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and "Air Offensive, Europe." His accolades as a Carbine Expert and Rifle Marksman were beyond distinction, and also showcased his proficiency and steadfast service in the face of remarkable adversity.

Beyond the battlefield, Eli Tremonti's story is one of love, commitment, and community. Married to his beloved wife Virginia for 65 years, he has exemplified the virtues of loyalty and devotion not only on the front lines but in his personal life as well. After returning from the war, he dedicated himself to his work at Eaton Manufacturing in Vassar, contributing significantly to his local community until his retirement in the early 1980s.

PFC Eli Tremonti's life story is one of heroism, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication to our Nation. His service during one of the most challenging periods in world history reminds us of the profound impact that one individual's courage can have. It is with immense pride that I honor him today as the Veteran of the Month for Michigan's 9th District, a fitting tribute to a distinguished veteran who truly embodies the American Dream.

It is an honor to express my deepest gratitude and respect for PFC Eli Tremonti. His legacy serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by our service members and their families, inspiring future generations to uphold the values of freedom and democracy that define the United States.

VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY  
CONTEST—1ST PLACE HIGH  
SCHOOL WINNER, ZAHARA FLOWERS

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2024*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following essay by 1st Place High School Winner, Zahara Flowers:

As a student and a future voter, the words of Barack Obama resonate deeply within me. In a world that constantly calls for transformation, it is crucial that we do not wait for others to usher in the change we desire. Instead, we must recognize our own influence and seize the opportunity to become active participants in shaping the future of our communities and our nation. Through a combination of education, advocacy, and civic engagement, we can harness our collective power to effect meaningful change.

Education is the foundation of empowerment. As students, we have a unique opportunity to expand our knowledge and understanding of the pressing issues facing our society. By immersing ourselves in subjects such as history, civics, and social sciences, we gain valuable insights into the root causes of inequality, injustice, and structural barriers. Moreover, education equips us with the critical thinking skills necessary to analyze complex problems and develop innovative solutions. As such, I encourage my peers to prioritize their education and to actively seek out opportunities for learning both inside and outside the classroom.

However, education alone is not enough. We must also translate our knowledge into action through advocacy. This involves raising awareness about key issues, amplifying the voices of marginalized communities, and

holding our elected officials accountable. One way to do this is by engaging in community outreach efforts. Whether it's through volunteering with local nonprofits, participating in protests and demonstrations, or simply having conversations with friends and family, every action we take has the potential to create ripple effects of change. Additionally, we can utilize social media platforms to share information, mobilize support, and build solidarity around important causes. By harnessing the power of our collective voices, we can create a momentum that compels policymakers to take meaningful action.

Furthermore, civic engagement is essential for fostering a culture of democracy and social responsibility. As future voters, we have a responsibility to participate in the electoral process and to exercise our right to vote. This means registering to vote, staying informed about candidates and ballot measures, and turning out to the polls on Election Day. Moreover, we must recognize that our civic duty extends beyond casting a ballot every few years. We must also actively engage with our elected officials, advocating for policies that reflect our values and priorities. Whether it's writing letters, making phone calls, or attending town hall meetings, our voices have the power to shape the political landscape and influence decision-making at every level of government.

In conclusion, the journey toward meaningful change begins with recognizing our own power and embracing our role as change makers in our communities. Through education, advocacy, and civic engagement, we can harness the power of collective action to address the pressing challenges of our time. As students and future voters, we have the opportunity and the obligation to shape the future we want to see. Let us heed the call to action, knowing that the power to create change lies within each and every one of us. As the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama, once said: "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 NORTHERN  
VIRGINIA FOOTBALL HALL OF  
FAME INDUCTEES AND AWARD  
RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame (NVFHOF) and congratulate the 2024 inductees, youth and high school award winners, citizen volunteers, and scholarship recipients.

Participation in organized sports instills many values that will serve our youth well throughout life, including sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, and the work ethic developed by striving for success and working together to achieve a common goal.

This year, the NVFHOF recognizes the efforts of players, coaches, officials, and dedicated volunteers from local youth and scholastic football programs, and will induct two exceptional individuals, who have made significant contributions to the game. In addition, the NVFHOF presents several outstanding student athletes with scholarship awards to help defray the cost of college.

I commend the NVFHOF and congratulate the following players, coaches, and community leaders who are being recognized during the 2024 NVFHOF Awards Banquet:

Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame 2024 Inductees: David Hall and Oren Burks

Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award: Michael Terence—Musician

Karl Davey Community Achievement Award: Ed Miller—Assistant Commissioner CYA

Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award: Jeff Fehrman—Gainesville/Haymarket Football

Football Official of the Year: Steve Lorenzetty—Northern Virginia Football Officials Association

High School Players of the Year: Cord Yates—Madison HS, Kevin Kabasele—McLean HS, Brady Echols—West Springfield HS, Elijah Williams—Edison HS, Brandon Binkowski—Battlefield HS, and Luke Jarvis—Madison HS

High School Coaches of the Year: Justin Counts—James Madison High School and Mike Dougherty—Lake Braddock High School

Youth Coaches of the Year: Luis Siguere—Gainesville/Haymarket, Damon Raymond—Ft. Hunt Football, Calvin Parker—Vienna Youth Inc., Scott Diep—DI Sports & Athletics

Youth Players of the Year: Giovanni Noble, Scott Shaw, Tyler Cabrera, Jeremiah Rosario, Karim Jean, Kaden Golston, Gabriel Helmstutler, Cole Henson, Thomas Polivka, Anthony Hunter, Benjamin Scheuerman, Hudson Rita, Elijah Otchere, Josiah Bolme, Zachary Lesniewski

Scholarship Recipients: Ivan Flores-Gomez, Annandale HS; Charles Beamon, Westfields HS; Ryan & Lucas Matheny, Lake Braddock HS

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these remarkable students, coaches, and community leaders for their tireless dedication to becoming the best that they can be. As their achievements are memorialized during the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame Banquet, I hope that we can all learn from the example these individuals have set, working as a team to accomplish great things.

#### RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF BOB MOORE

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the amazing life of my friend, Bob Moore. He was an icon in so many ways.

It was such a delight to visit him in his company headquarters. The connection he had with all his employees was astounding. He was an evangelist for healthy foods, understanding nutrition, and giving quality products to the public. He built a thriving business, and then turned it over to his employees to continue his amazing tradition of quality, innovation, and service.

I learned a great deal from Bob about healthy food and of course caring for the public. We are all richer for his legacy. Evidenced each time young people go overseas with packages of his food to help sustain them.

I thank Bob for enriching our lives with a model that everyone should embrace.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAWRENCE D. MCRAE UPON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Lawrence D. McRae and to honor his retirement as vice chairman and corporate development officer of Corning Incorporated in Corning, New York.

A native of Berkeley, California, Mr. McRae earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Morgan State University and an MBA from Harvard University.

Mr. McRae began his career as a senior accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He joined the Controllers division at Corning in August 1985 and held a broad range of leadership positions in finance, sales, marketing, and general management. In 1990, he was named manager of International Sales, before being named business director for Revere Ware Corporation, a unit of Corning Consumer Products Company, in 1993. He was then appointed vice president of Corning Consumer Products Company and president of Revere Ware Corporation in April 1995. He next moved to Telecommunications Products, serving as division vice president of Global Development from 1996 to 2000. McRae led Corporate Development beginning in 2000 and joined Corning's Senior Leadership Team in 2007. In 2015, Mr. McRae was named vice chairman.

For nearly four decades, Mr. McRae played a pivotal role in shaping Corning's evolution—contributing to its past successes and helping build its strong future. He was a key partner and leader on many of Corning's most critical and successful projects, including the acquisition of Samsung Corning Precision Materials, the strategic realignment of Corning's ownership interest in Dow Corning Corporation, and Corning's majority ownership position in Hemlock Semiconductor. Over the course of his career, Mr. McRae also served on the board of directors of the Dow Corning Corporation, Samsung Corning Precision Materials, Samsung Corning Advanced Glass, LLC, Hemlock Semiconductor Group, and the Corning Foundation. In 2023, the Corning Black Employees Network honored him with a lifetime achievement award named for its inaugural recipient, Lawrence D. McRae.

Corning Incorporated is the beating heart of the Southern Tier's economy. On behalf of the state of New York, it is a privilege to thank Mr. McRae for his 38 years of distinguished service to Corning Incorporated and his important contributions to our great state and Nation. I wish the McRae family—including his wife, Sharon, and daughters, Lauren and Rory—health and blessings in the years ahead.

#### RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND RE- FLECTION ON THE LEGACY OF BLACK BUSINESSES

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during Black History Month, to reflect on the legacy builders that contributed to the rich entrepreneurial history and culture of the great city of Chicago and beyond. Manufacturing, banking, retail, grocery, and restaurant ownership are among the industries that the 6 Collins brothers dominated on the south and west sides of Chicago for more than 50 years.

The eldest Collins, Ernest T., founded Seaway National Bank in 1965 and was credited with pioneering the 24-hour supermarket concept at his four grocery store locations called The Food Basket, founded in 1952. Argia B. Collins, Sr., the youngest Collins brother, an accomplished restaurateur, created Chicago's original barbecue sauce brand—Argia B's Mumbo Sauce in 1950. Crafted as a signature sauce for his popular southside restaurants, the Mumbo Sauce brand debuted in a national advertising campaign in Life magazine. Collins not only tantalized the taste buds of Chicagoans but also became an integral part of the local community. A visionary entrepreneur and champion of small business, Argia B. was passionate about economic development and the growth of the African American business community. In fact, Collins was involved with Operation Breadbasket, a program initiated in 1966 by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to address economic issues affecting African American communities. He assumed a key position in operation breadbasket's efforts in Chicago, working alongside Reverend Jesse Jackson and other business leaders in the Chicago chapter. Argia B. utilized his business acumen to help advance the organization's goals, particularly in promoting economic empowerment and financial opportunities for African American businesses. The association with Operation Breadbasket resulted in the Argia B's Mumbo Sauce brand being among the first products manufactured by an African American company to gain chain-wide distribution with major grocery retailers in 1967. Other Chicago brands that were part of this significant campaign included Joe Louis Milk Company, Parker House Sauce, Grove Fresh Orange Juice, and Conway Cleaning Products, all quality brands created and manufactured by African American producers.

I recognize and commend the contributions of the Collins brothers and the other African American business vanguards of the Operation Breadbasket movement which embody the spirit of resilience and ingenuity that defines the city and exemplifies the legacy of Black entrepreneurship. Indeed, the Collins family's Chicago roots run deep, anchoring them to the values of integrity, generosity, and solidarity that define the city's spirit.

Today, Allison Collins, the daughter of Argia B., carries the torch of her father's vision as CEO of Select Brands, preserving its important 74-year legacy and ensuring that the spirit of the Mumbo Sauce brand continues to