

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. HENRY STANLEY ZAYTOUN, SR.

HON. DEBORAH K. ROSS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the one-hundredth birthday of Dr. Henry Stanley Zaytoun, a significant figure in the North Carolina orthodontic community and beloved father, grandfather, and grandfather. Henry turns one hundred on February 23, and he will be surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Dr. Henry Zaytoun grew up in New Bern, North Carolina before enrolling at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he completed his pre-dental studies. He subsequently attended the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. After graduating from the V-12 Navy College Training Program, Henry went on active duty and served as a Naval Dental Officer at the U.S. Third Army Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. Following his tour in Germany, Henry married Martha Nassif of Wilson, North Carolina, and practiced general dentistry in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Henry returned to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to earn his M.S. in Orthodontics and moved to Raleigh in 1960 to establish his orthodontic practice, where he worked for the next 50 years. He has steadfastly supported the UNC Adams School of Dentistry over the years, co-chairing the capital campaign to construct the building that houses the school, establishing an endowment for a Term Professorship in Orthodontics, and establishing the Henry S. and Martha N. Zaytoun Professionalism and Ethics Award.

In 2004, North Carolina Governor Mike Easley awarded Henry with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest honor that acknowledges exemplary service to the state. He has also been recognized for his support for the arts across the state, even endowing an associate principal trumpet chair for the North Carolina Symphony.

Henry is a beloved father to nine children, grandfather to 24, and great-grandfather to 15. He has made significant contributions to the dental and orthodontic communities in North Carolina and has led a lifetime of extraordinary dedication to the Wake County and North Carolina communities. I am pleased to celebrate his achievements as a community leader and philanthropist, and I wish him well in his next year of life.

RECOGNIZING GARRETT,
INDIANA'S FFA CHAPTER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garrett, Indiana's FFA Chapter as they celebrate 90 years of community service, leadership, and agricultural education.

Agriculture is at the very heart of Indiana. Indiana has some of the best farmers in the nation, and America has the best farmers in

the world. Perhaps no organization has had more to do with this than the FFA, which teaches the longstanding values of American farming to each subsequent generation. Farmers don't just cultivate the land and grow America's food; they serve in other ways too.

The Garrett Chapter of the FFA is an excellent example of this service on display. The students spend many of their days in Northeast Indiana giving back, showing up to community events, and advocating for farmers at every level of government.

The Garrett FFA Chapter has experienced nine decades of often tumultuous history. Since its founding in the 1930s, its members have persevered and fed America through droughts, wars, and other perilous conditions. As such, the students who currently constitute this chapter are the recipients of an impressive heritage of Northeast Indiana farmers. They and their children can be proud to carry on this legacy for the next 90 years or more.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CHAPLAIN CHARLIE GRANT

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated public service of Chaplain Charlie Grant of Loudoun County Fire and Rescue.

Before his passing on December 6th of last year, Chaplain Grant was one of the leading members of our community who was known for his dedication to others, integrity, and passion for helping those in need.

Throughout his life Chaplain Grant worked tirelessly in his service to others. He filled his time working to help those in need and to make his community a better place. This is seen in the countless hours he spent serving the members of his community although he did more than just serve. Rather, chaplain Grant established many of the systems and programs still used to help people in our community to this day.

Chaplain Grant was instrumental in creating multiple institutions in our community such as the LINK Against Hunger and the Good Shepherd Alliance which provides housing services for those in need. Further, it's this desire for service and compassion for his community which led him to establish the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Chaplain's Program, the program for which he is perhaps most well-known, in which he was instrumental in providing support and services for the brave men and women of Loudoun County Fire and Rescue.

This legacy of service will be fondly remembered in the community as Chaplain Grant exemplified the ideals of service, dedication, and compassion. The services and programs he established are being carried on by his successors. Even after his passing, Chaplain Grant is still watching over his community.

I want to formally recognize the service of Chaplain Grant to our community and the Nation. He exemplified the ideals of service, charity, and compassion and has irrefutably benefited the lives of countless people of the 10th District of Virginia and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I returned home to Green Bay, WI and was unable to participate in Roll Call Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 44; YEA on Roll Call No. 45; YEA on Roll Call No. 46; YEA on Roll Call No. 47; YEA on Roll Call No. 48; and YEA on Roll Call No. 49.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF VICKI MODELL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart but fond memories that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of an extraordinary woman and my good friend, Vicki Modell. Along with her husband, Fred, Vicki became a respected leader and fierce advocate for those diagnosed with Primary Immunodeficiency and their loved ones. Though she will no longer be a daily presence in our lives, those fortunate enough to have known and worked with her will most certainly carry on her legacy.

In 1986, Vicki and Fred Modell lost their only son, Jeffrey, to Primary Immunodeficiency, a genetic disorder that leaves the body unable to fight off infections. Not long after their son passed away, the Modells created the Jeffrey Modell Foundation—not to commemorate Jeffrey's death, but rather to celebrate his life by giving life to others who suffer from the same illness. Today, the Foundation is a global organization devoted to early and precise diagnosis, meaningful treatments, and research toward a cure. Vicki was the heart and soul of the Foundation, and its continued mission to meet its ultimate goal—to find a cure—is her legacy.

I first met Vicki and Fred when they came to me to advocate for increased federal investments in research of Primary Immunodeficiency. From our very first meeting, I was impressed, not only with their determination but their passion. They transformed the devastating loss of their child into a lifelong advocacy effort. Today, the Jeffrey Modell Foundation is recognized as a respected voice for advocacy, education, and research. I could not be more proud of the work we have done together to ensure federal investments in this critical work.

In one of many remembrances, Vicki's family recounted the story of Jeffrey asking his parents to "do something." Through her work at the Foundation and her unwavering advocacy, that was just what Vicki did. Whenever faced with challenges or obstacles, Vicki never took no for an answer—she just kept going. In doing so she made such a difference in people's lives. One of her favorite programs, Roots & Wings, provides lifesaving travel and related support to families whose child has

been identified with a potentially life-threatening Primary Immunodeficiency requiring life-saving medical care far away from home. Jeffrey asked Vicki to “Do Something,” and she did.

As I stand today and extend my heartfelt condolences to Vicki’s husband, Fred, as well as her family, friends, and colleagues, I am inspired to continue to work with them and the Jeffrey Modell Foundation to honor Vicki’s memory by making a difference in the lives of those diagnosed with Primary Immunodeficiency and their loved ones. I look forward to the day when we realize her ultimate dream of finding a cure. I know I, like so many others, will keep the memory of Vicki Modell close as we continue this important work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSSELL FRY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday February 14, 2024, I voted NO on Roll Call No. 48, when I intended to vote AYE.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE N. SCOTT MOMADAY

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor N. Scott Momaday for his remarkable and unforgettable life, a legend to the last word. Mr. Momaday passed away on Wednesday, January 24 in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the age of 89. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family. They are in my prayers to find peace and healing.

Mr. Momaday was born in Lawton, Oklahoma on February 27, 1934. After moving to Arizona, his family moved to Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico, also known as Walatowa—meaning the “people of the valley.” There is no surprise in my mind as to why N. Scott Momaday was inspired by this beautiful place, which was often featured in his brilliant works.

Indeed, Mr. Momaday received the 1969 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for his House Made of Dawn, which is largely credited with igniting a wave of modern Native American literature. He showed us the power of storytelling and the oral tradition—of bringing imagination to life—and shed light on the Native experience and culture. As he once said, “Our very existence consists in our imagination of ourselves.”

Mr. Momaday also reminded us of the importance of the land. He wrote, “We Americans must come again to a moral comprehension of the earth and air. We must live according to the principle of a land ethic. The alternative is that we shall not live at all.”

Today I say thank you to N. Scott Momaday for these stories that preserve the beauty of our lands so that in a changing world, they remain indispensable to our collective well-being for years to come.

Mr. Momaday will be forever remembered across Native America and New Mexico. His writing sparked our imagination and took our

hearts to places our bodies have never touched. He had the ability to paint the picture of a story through the finesse of power in his words. He created space necessary for creative culture to follow. For all this and more, we recognize N. Scott Momaday for his indelible influence on the state of New Mexico and to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM LYNCH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Lynch for his dedicated service to the Kings County community and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement from the Kings County Fire Department.

Mr. Lynch’s passion for the fire service began 40 years ago as a volunteer firefighter for Kings County Fire Department. After a few years with the department, Mr. Lynch joined the Hanford Fire Department as a professional firefighter. He quickly moved up the leadership ranks, and was promoted to Captain in 1995, Assistant Chief Fire Marshal in 2004, and Deputy Chief in 2008. In 2011, Mr. Lynch was named Kings County Fire Chief following 24 years of dedicated service with the Hanford Fire Department. After his retirement from the department in 2016, he returned as the Fire Chief in 2020. Over the course of his career, Mr. Lynch has received many professional certifications by the California State Fire Marshal’s Office, including Fire Instructor, Fire Investigator, and Fire Prevention Officer. Mr. Lynch has served as an instructor of fire technology at College of the Sequoias, as well as an instructor of hazardous materials for the California Standardized Training Institute, where he teaches students the skills required to protect their communities from fire hazards and other dangers. Throughout his entire career, and in his many different roles, Mr. Lynch continually demonstrated his commitment to ensuring the safety of our community. Mr. Lynch’s decades of service to his community serve as a true testament to his character and leadership abilities. I am confident the impact he has left on the Kings County Fire Department and the broader Central Valley community will be felt by generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Lynch for his decades of service to the Central Valley and wishing him a happy and well-earned retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 5TH ANNUAL SOJOURNER TRUTH LIFE WALK

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 5th annual Sojourner Truth Life Walk, happening this Saturday, February 17th, at Kingston Plaza in Kingston, N.Y.

Truth was an advocate for civil and women’s rights, abolition, and temperance. Born in

Ulster County, NY, in my district, Sojourner Truth endured the brutal and violent punishments of slavery. In 1826, a year before New York’s abolition law went into effect, she and her young daughter ran away to the household of an abolitionist family in New Paltz, New York. Truth became the first Black woman to sue a white man and win, after her son was illegally sold to a plantation owner in Alabama.

Truth joined the Northampton Association of Education and Industry, an abolitionist organization, where she launched her activist career.

In 1851, at the Ohio Women’s Rights Convention, Sojourner Truth spoke powerfully about equal rights for Black women and her experience, as an emancipated Black woman living in America. Her speech moved audiences and captured the attention of many.

As I commemorate her life on Saturday with the Kingston community, I would like to thank the organizers of the event, Black History Month Kingston, My Kingston Kids, Harambee, the City of Kingston, and Seasoned Gives, and all they have done to put this together. Their work has not gone unnoticed.

VIRGINIA’S FOURTH DISTRICT BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST—1ST PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER, FRANCES WIDMER

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following essay by 1st Place Middle Schooler, Frances Widmer:

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm did many amazing things to pave the way for Black women in politics during her life and legacy. Her childhood, experience in national politics, and tenure as a congresswoman all speak to the remarkable legacy she left behind. She paved the way for Black women to lead in politics by pushing against the odds, by running against white men, and by challenging the political system.

Shirley Chisholm was born in Brooklyn, New York, but when she was three she moved to her system parents’ homeland of Barbados to live with her grandmother. She was an intelligent girl and excelled in school and was “bossy” to all her older cousins. When she was eight years old, she moved back to Brooklyn with her parents. There she would listen into the political conversations her dad would hold and she became more and more interested in politics. She continued in her education and went to Brooklyn College to study Spanish and sociology, but she was not allowed to study political science because she was a Black woman.

As Shirley became more interested in politics, she attended political meetings and joined the 17th Assembly District Democratic Club. In her club, she realized that they did more chores, like writing thank you cards and holding fundraisers, than helping their community. Shirley Chisholm also began to realize that the congressmen were making promises they could not keep. Wanting to change all of these things, she got into action.

In 1968 Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman to be elected to congress. For her to get to this point, she had to face lots of opposition both because of her race and