

students, along with their families and those in their lives who support them, should be incredibly proud of the work they have done.

#### RECOGNIZING AMY TRUJILLO

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Amy Trujillo for receiving Denver7's "Everyday Hero" award in recognition of her service to the Wheat Ridge community.

Amy has been volunteering for the Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation's 50+ Trip & Outdoor Recreation (Ramblers) Program since 2021. This was a critical time for Wheat Ridge Parks and Rec, as they were rebuilding and restarting programs shuttered during the pandemic. During a time of staff shortages, Amy led volunteer trips to hiking destinations, concerts, hot springs, and much more from as far south as Pueblo and as far north as Cheyenne, Wyoming. Without the help of volunteers like Amy, the Ramblers Program could have been canceled and the trips and experiences they offer our seniors would not have been possible.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Amy Trujillo for her extraordinary civic service and thank her for her dedication to our community.

#### HONORING NINA GLEE HILL AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Nina Glee Hill was born and reared in Orlando, Florida, and is a 1975 graduate of Jones High School. After graduation, she and her family decided to make Kissimmee, Florida, their home.

She is the mother of two sons, Cory and Jarvis, and grandmother of five. She is the matriarch of her family, not excluding extended family and friends, and enjoys spending her time with them all. Nina began a career in the medical field, where she enjoyed over 30 years as a massage therapist and front desk outpatient coordinator for HCA Florida Osceola Regional.

Nina offers her assistance in her community as an advocate for those in need. She sits on the Citizens Police Review Board for the Kissimmee Police Department and has held positions as first and second vice president for NAACP, Branch 5121 of Osceola County. She is presently nominated for president of this branch. Her major concern is the initiative to get more people out to vote.

She is recognized in the literary world as an accomplished author. She has been the Mistress of Ceremony for the African American Read-In for several years, hosted by the City of Kissimmee and Osceola Library for Black History Month.

Nina feels that her greatest accomplishment is her call to the ministry. She is licensed and

ordained, and now pastor's her own church, which will soon celebrate their third year as Agape Faith Based Ministries.

On February 22, 2024, Nina Glee Hill was honored as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Black History Month.

#### RECOGNIZING JAMESON FRENCH'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

##### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jameson (Jamey) French of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Jamey has dedicated his life thus far to New Hampshire and its forest industry, impacting our state and public lands immensely. As President and CEO of Northland Forest Products, Inc., headquartered in Kingston, New Hampshire, and a 4th generation business owner, a passion for the forest industry's interests runs deep in Jamey.

Throughout Jamey's career, he focused on creating sensible solutions to forest usage issues while bringing the forest products industry and the environmental community to a common ground. Jamey was one of a small group of industry leaders in the mid-1990s who embraced the concept of forest certification. Jamey played an instrumental role in forming the national initiative for the Forest Stewardship Council in the United States (FSC-US) and was elected to the FSC-US Board for three years, serving as the first chairman from the economic sector. In addition to receiving many honors and awards, including the Sustainable Standard Setter Award by the Rainforest Alliance in 2004, Jamey is the Vice Chair of the National Wildlife Federation Action Fund and chairs Friends Forever International.

Over the last several decades, Jamey has donated his time, energy, and expertise to local, regional, and national environmental and charitable organizations. His deep-rooted passion for his work and community earned him the title of Portsmouth's most friendly face and a placement on The Portsmouth Herald's top 10 Most Influential list. Outside his dedication to New Hampshire's forests, Jamey's time is devoted to his wife and three beautiful children. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to recognize Jamey French on his 70th birthday for his lifetime achievements. He continues to amaze the individuals of New Hampshire with his pure devotion to environmental advocacy, and I look forward to seeing what his next chapter holds. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### COMMENDATION OF BRICE HIATT OF JOHN I. HAAS, INC.

##### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brice Hiatt of John I. Haas, Inc. in Yakima, Washington.

Brice is a veteran of the hop industry and has been with John I. Haas, Inc. for over 40 years. He is an asset to the team at the HAAS Yakima Golding Farm in Yakima which is home to over 1,800 acres of trellised fields, harvesting facilities, hop kilns, and bailing operations.

Using his expertise and passion, Brice helped to design a state-of-the-art pellet plant that ensures the highest quality pellets from every hop variety. HAAS has been refining the pellet-making process for over five decades, and Brice has been at the forefront of this innovation.

He exemplifies true leadership qualities and his dedication to hops has helped HAAS deliver the highest quality products to its customers across the state and country. His colleagues have called him the "hop pellet whisperer" which even further illustrates Brice's devotion to his work.

It is an honor to represent hardworking individuals like Brice, and all the employees at the HAAS Yakima Golding Farm who provide the best hops throughout Central Washington and beyond.

#### HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE HERBERT E. MILLEN AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

##### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the importance of February as Black History Month, a time to remember and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans in the United States.

In that spirit, I want to recognize the Honorable Judge Herbert E. Millen of Strasburg, PA. Judge Millen was a man of great integrity, high-esteem, and persistent courage.

Judge Millen was born in 1888 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Millen name is well-known in Lancaster County for being actively involved in their community and promoting equality following the Civil War.

In the fall of 1906, Judge Millen enrolled at Lincoln University of Oxford, PA, to study Sociology and Economics. There, he established himself as a powerful orator by participating in competitions.

In 1917, he was accepted into the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Upon graduating, he began working for George Mitchell, a lawyer who advocated for racial justice. Mitchell's approach espoused faith in our justice system, a conviction shared by a young Judge Millen.

In his fight for equality, Judge Millen fought against segregation in Philadelphia public schools by offering legal advice to groups filing complaints.

Judge Millen was continually active in his community, often visiting schools, congregations, and fundraising for Mercy and Frederick Douglas Hospitals.

Despite his widespread public support, he was continually passed over to serve as a judge in the Pennsylvania Courts due to his race. Yet, he never ceased fighting for a seat to bring representation of African Americans in the Pennsylvania justice system.

This changed in 1947, when he was appointed to a vacancy in Philadelphia's Municipal Court.

We are proud of the work of Judge Millen in the 11th District. Strasburg Heritage Society Magazine recently published an article celebrating Judge Millen's legacy. Remarks from his funeral by Reverend E. Luther Cunningham expressed, "He brought a sincerity of dedication, an integrity of mind, and a grasp of principle which commanded the respect of all associated with him."

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Judge Millen embodies the spirit of what we celebrate during Black History Month. Today, we remember and honor his legacy and continue to advocate for a more just world.

#### CONGRATULATING THE FORMATION OF AMERICA'S CREDIT UNIONS

##### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of credit unions in the financial services marketplace. In Pennsylvania alone, there are 315 active credit unions, representing over 4.9 million members.

America's two national-level credit union trade associations, the Credit Union National Association and the National Association of Federally Insured Credit Unions, recently merged into a new organization called "America's Credit Unions."

As a long-time credit union member and supporter, I appreciate the difference between credit unions and banks. Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that are democratically controlled. Every member, regardless of how much they have in savings or loans at a credit union, has an equal voice and vote in the governance of their credit union. Credit unions also have no outside shareholders, allowing these institutions to act purely in the interest of members and provide outstanding member services.

For these reasons, credit unions consistently rank as the most popular form of depository institution in America. I congratulate the formation of America's Credit Unions, now the largest credit union trade association in the United States, and I expect great things to come from this new organization.

#### HONORING PHYLLIS HANCOCK AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Phyllis Hancock has been the president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) Orlando, Florida chapter, for over 20 years serving Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Lake Counties. A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin founded the A. Philip Randolph Institute in 1965 to continue the struggle for racial equality, political, and economic justice for all working Americans. APRI is the senior constituency group of the

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). APRI consists primarily of trade unionists. Phyllis has been a member of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) since 1975. Local CWA 3108 Orlando is where she found her passion for working in the Black community.

Along with the support of her members, she has engaged the community along with students at the Evans High School ROTC in the nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign, voter registration/education, sign waving, phone banks, restoration of civil rights, and canvassing within Black communities. APRI hosted voter education activities in local churches, union halls, and community centers in Congressman DARREN SOTO's district. Phyllis' joy comes from watching students enhance their community pride.

Phyllis has run unopposed throughout her tenure partly due to her God-given, harmonious leadership ability. She built the largest APRI chapter in Florida under the direction of the APRI national President Clayola Brown. Her sisters, Sharon, and Fonda were natural leaders. Phyllis' leadership ability was taught and sparked by her mother, Mae Belle Whitley Hancock, Pete Bohaczky, her Campbell Middle School history teacher, and membership in the Church of Christ.

Phyllis is the middle daughter of three girls born to Jadie and Mae Belle Hancock, Jr. She is a second-generation union member. As a child, she watched her parents host civil rights meetings.

Jadie, a member of the Transport Workers Union, used his influence to help Black people obtain employment at the Kennedy Space Center.

On February 22, 2024, Phyllis Hancock was honored as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Black History Month.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DAVID R. CASTELLANO

##### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Castellano, who retired this month after 42 years of faithful and dedicated service as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army and in the Senior Executive Service.

After graduating from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Mr. Castellano chose to apply his knowledge and experience to the U.S. military's armaments enterprise, including at Picatinny Arsenal located in NJ-11. The contributions he has made to our national defense, and to our allies' defense, are enormous, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

In 2003, Mr. Castellano was appointed to the Senior Executive Service. He later became the first Executive Director of the Weapons and Software Engineering Center, where he was in charge of over 1,400 employees between Picatinny Arsenal and other installations in New York and Maryland. The Center provides software support for critical combat and weapons systems.

In 2016, Mr. Castellano tackled a new challenge in innovation and modernization efforts

as the Executive Director of the Munitions Engineering and Technology Center at the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center. There, he led a top team of engineers and researchers in the development and implementation of over 1,200 munitions and armaments systems for the Army, the Marine Corps, and Special Forces combat teams. Thanks to his efforts, the Armaments Center has continued to develop and sustain combat systems that both our warfighters and our allies depend on and will continue to into the future.

In gratitude for his outstanding service, Mr. Castellano has been awarded the Presidential Rank Award, the Secretary of Defense Medal, and the NATO Certificate of Recognition. In addition, he also received several prestigious awards from the National Defense Industrial Association including: the Lt. Gen. Thomas R. Ferguson, Jr. Systems Engineering Excellence Award, the Firepower Development Award, and the John A. Ulrich Lifetime Achievement Award.

I want to thank Mr. Castellano for the critical engineering and systems work that he and his team have done over his career to support our national defense, and I wish him the best for a well-earned and restful retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. FRANK BEBEREIA

##### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2024*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Frank Bebereia on his 100th birthday and thank him for his service to our Nation. Mr. Bebereia was born in Laton, California on February 22nd, 1924 to Emily Gonzalez and Manuel Bebereia. He grew up in the Central Valley and attended Lemoore High School. Following his graduation, Mr. Laton spent time as a farmer in Hanford before being drafted to serve in World War II. After completing Army boot camp in 1945, he was deployed to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. During his service, Mr. Bebereia was a member of the 43rd Engineer Construction Battalion, 27th Division. He served in Okinawa, Japan as a Heavy Equipment Operator and quickly moved up the leadership ranks—even being promoted to Sergeant after only 7 months of deployment. Mr. Bebereia received in many awards and recognitions to honor his service during the war, including the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, and Army Good Conduct Medal. His fellow soldiers often spoke about their time serving with Mr. Bebereia, remembering him as a capable, strong, and fearless leader. Mr. Bebereia was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946. Following his service in the war, Mr. Bebereia returned to the Central Valley where he's spent most of his life. Today, we honor Mr. Bebereia's service to our country, commitment to his family, and dedication to the Kings County community. Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mr. Frank Bebereia and wishing him a happy 100th birthday.