

great fulfillment in inspiring his students to excel academically beyond the Mississippi Delta. Recognizing his passion for teaching, several individuals encouraged him to explore administrative roles.

Building on his master's degree, John decided to pursue a specialist degree in Educational Leadership and Administration. While serving as the Assistant Principal of Madison S. Palmer High School, he continued to teach English II. Although demanding, John's determination propelled him to succeed in his position. During his tenure, numerous students pursued higher education outside of Mississippi, fulfilling their college dreams.

Presently, John serves as the principal of Quitman County Middle School as he diligently works towards his doctorate degree in Educational Leadership & Administration from Walden University. Guided by the scripture, "Do everything with Love" (1 Corinthians 16:14), he brings this spirit to his interactions with the faculty, staff, and students at Quitman County School District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John Jossell for his dedication in serving his school and community.

#### HONORING THE RETURN OF SHEN YUN TO THE DAVID H. KOCH THEATER AT LINCOLN CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY

##### HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the return of the Shen Yun Performing Arts Company to the David H. Koch theater at Lincoln Center in New York City in April 2024.

Shen Yun Performing Arts was established in New York in 2006 and has become a worldwide phenomenon as they travel to 180 cities every year to perform. Millions of people travel to see this unique performance time and time again and with the development of new dances each year, the performers, choreographers, and conductors continually develop an amazing show for all to enjoy.

The ancient Chinese traditions that are rooted in virtue, faith, and moral values are brought to life in the performances that feature dancing and singing with performers wearing intricate costumes. Artistic freedom is essential to a society and Shen Yun expresses that ideal in the face of continued opposition from the Chinese government.

I had the privilege of meeting many members of the Shen Yun community located in my district and watched the performance in Washington, D.C. It was a huge honor to see such talent.

I want to thank the members of Shen Yun for their great success thus far and wish them all the best performing at Lincoln Center.

#### HONORING ELLISON CAPERS "E.C." GRAYSON, JR.

##### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the life of Mr. Ellison Capers "E.C." Grayson, Jr. and offer my sympathy to his family. E.C. Grayson, born in 1928 in Saint Paul, Minnesota, was known for his vibrant personality, dedication to family and friends, and lifelong commitment to civil service. From his early achievements as an Eagle Scout, student leader, and athlete, to his distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean war and as Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President Reagan, and later as a successful CEO and leader, E.C. left a lasting impact on all who knew him, celebrated in a Memorial Mass on March 1, 2024, in Tiburon, California. We deeply appreciate his exemplary service and personal courage, which epitomized the highest traditions of Navy service. I include in the RECORD the following obituary for E.C. Grayson, Jr.:

Ellison Capers "E.C." Grayson, passed away peacefully and faithfully on January 13, 2024, in La Quinta, Calif.

E.C. was born in Saint Paul, Minn., on September 7, 1928, son of Ellison Capers Grayson, Sr. and Inez Santos Grayson; and brother of Richard A. Grayson, Esq. E.C. will always be remembered for his big smile, boundless energy, eternal optimism, devotion to duty, honor, country, and his deep love of family and friends. E.C. loved the magic of relationships, knew everyone, and delighted in connecting them.

E.C. was raised in St. Paul, Minn., and was a student leader and athlete. He was an Eagle Scout, President of Central High School, a lifeguard, and a varsity football player. At the University of Minnesota, E.C. was President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Inter-Fraternity Council. He loved his summers on the Isle of Palms, S.C., where his family had a long history. E.C. was an athlete his entire life, still swimming at 95. He loved tennis, downhill skiing, running, rowing on the Bay and playing water polo on the Olympic Club team. As a member of the Saint Francis and Corinthian Yacht Clubs, he loved racing around the Bay on "The Darby" to the delight of his granddaughters and their friends.

After graduation, E.C. joined the U.S. Navy as an officer during the Korean war. From his ship, he witnessed a nuclear detonation test off the Bikini Atoll. His active duty took him across the Pacific and ultimately, to San Francisco, where he met the love of his life, Jean Amy Mason. She was a flight attendant for United Airlines and for President Dwight Eisenhower during his presidential campaign. E.C. and Jean were engaged in Honolulu and married on Treasure Island Naval Base on December 26, 1953. They spent their honeymoon driving through Europe for three months and returned home to San Francisco aboard the QE II.

Thereafter, E.C. had a successful career as an insurance industry CEO. He was very active in civic affairs, including as President of St. Mary's Hospital and The Navy League, a Regent at Saint Ignatius College Prep, Commanding Officer of a Naval Intelligence Reserve unit and an advisor to Mayors George Moscone and Dianne Feinstein and Governor Pete Wilson.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed E.C. as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He received numerous awards, including the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service medal. After serving in the Pentagon, E.C. returned to San Francisco and joined Spencer Stuart, becoming one of the country's top "headhunters" of Fortune 500 CEO's, CFO's, and board members. In later years, E.C. joined the Grayson Group as senior advisor and loving mentor to its founder, Laurie Grayson.

E.C. especially loved The Bohemian Club and Grove. He was a true Bohemian in spirit and deed. He also greatly enjoyed The Alfalfa Club, The Knights of Malta, The Metropolitan Club of Washington, D.C., and serving on The Guardsmen board. He was a member of The Springs Country Club in Rancho Mirage and a devout parishioner of St. Hilary Church in Tiburon.

E.C. is survived by his wife of seventy years, Jean Mason Grayson; his children, Darby Grayson Sutherland (Bruce) and William Ellison "Bill" Grayson (Laurie); his four granddaughters, Katherine (Washington, D.C.), Elizabeth and Caroline Grayson (Manhattan), and Lauren Gordon (Austin, Texas). He is also survived by Shadow, his beloved standard poodle. E.C.'s zest for life, service to his country, devotion to his family and love of his friends will continue to live on in all of us.

The Memorial Mass was on Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Hilary Church in Tiburon, Calif.

#### COMMEMORATING THE WORK OF THE NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

##### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the Navy Federal Credit Union and its strong support for the military community throughout California and the United States. With a statewide membership totaling almost 1.5 million, with 18,000 residing in my district, I applaud the work they do everyday to ensure that our beloved servicemembers have access to convenient financial services.

Spread throughout its 50 branches in California, the Navy Federal Credit Union has worked tirelessly for the past 90 years to ensure that their mission of being the preferred financial institution to members of the military and their families stands true. As a member-owned and not-for-profit credit union, their worldwide membership consists of 13.3 million members. Additionally, they have 356 branches worldwide, ensuring that all servicemembers can take advantage of their services and products in the pursuit of financial wellbeing.

Furthermore, their awards and recognition speak to the impact of their mission for both their employees and members. With branches spread across the United States and the world, they've proven that they provide a well-rounded workplace for their employees. Most notably, they have been awarded the FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For and have been named a Top Workplace by the

Washington Post. In addition, they have proven to have a strong military focus when they were named the Best Military Bank/Credit Union by the US News and World Report.

Their member-focused mission, including serving with compassion, putting members first, and championing community helps to ensure that there is a strong understanding of the needs for service members, while displaying integrity and honesty in their services.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the work of the Navy Federal Credit Union and the services they provide for servicemembers in California and the United States.

HONORING LATONZIA DORSEY-  
EVANS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Mrs. LaTonzia Dorsey-Evans. LaTonzia has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

LaTonzia, a resident of Mayersville, Mississippi, is currently working on her Doctorate at The University of Memphis in African American Literature and Cultural Studies. Her research interest includes the Black Arts Movement, African American Literature, and Hip-Hop. She also holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts from William Carey University.

LaTonzia spent a year as the 11th and 12th grade English teacher at South Delta High School before transitioning to Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) as the Sophomore Year Experience Coordinator in University College. Currently, she serves as an Instructor of English in the English and Foreign Languages Department at MVSU. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, she was awarded the title of Humanities Teacher of the Year for 2023–2024 by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. LaTonzia Dorsey-Evans for her passion and dedication to the Arts & Social Justice.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA HELICOPTER NOISE INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Washington, D.C. Area Helicopter Noise Information Exchange Act, which would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to create and implement a helicopter noise-sharing

mechanism for all helicopter operators in the National Capital Region (NCR) and to make such mechanism accessible to the public online. I got this bill included in the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (H.R. 3935), which the House passed last year.

Residents of the NCR have been plagued by helicopter noise for years. Yet, there is no centralized complaint system nor any comprehensive data about helicopter noise in the NCR. Helicopter noise can harm health, quality of life, and the structural integrity of homes. In 2019, I led members of the NCR in requesting that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study helicopter noise in the NCR. In 2021, GAO recommended that the FAA implement a noise sharing mechanism for helicopter operators in the NCR.

In 2022, the FAA initiated a pilot program with a private company to create a helicopter noise sharing mechanism in the NCR. After the end of the pilot program, Fairfax and Arlington Counties contracted with the private company to maintain such a mechanism solely for Northern Virginia. However, the company is not required to share the collected data with any jurisdictions, other than those in Northern Virginia, or the public. The FAA must be involved in the collection and analysis of helicopter noise data in the NCR to effectively address the impacts on the public, and the public has a right to know the source of the noise.

This bill would direct the creation of a more effective information sharing mechanism, which would allow for better, more comprehensive data on helicopter noise complaints. This data would in turn help us develop solutions to address helicopter noise.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

SPECIALIST JUSTIN MEDINA,  
CLEMENTON TOWN HALL HOME-  
TOWN HERO

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, born and raised in Blackwood, New Jersey, Specialist Justin Medina has shown dedication and commitment throughout his life. During his time at Highland Regional High School, he was involved in sports. Immediately after graduating from Highland Regional High School, Specialist Justin Medina enlisted in the United States Army.

Specialist Justin Medina enlisted in February of 2021 and served for two years, achieving the rank of PSE E-4, before he was honorably discharged in 2023. Specialist Justin Medina served as a paratrooper during his enlistment, and he was stationed at Fort Bragg, now known as Fort Liberty.

During his tenure in the United States Armed Forces, he served with distinction. Specialist Justin Medina was the recipient of multiple Army Commendation Medals which are granted for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service.

Following his military service, Specialist Justin Medina began working as a security officer

and is presently employed at a local smoke shop. Throughout his career he has shown a willingness to learn in different environments.

Today, Specialist Justin Medina is determined to further his education and pursue a college degree and he desires to earn a Real Estate License. Specialist Justin Medina has a strong work ethic, and there is no doubt that he will continue to make significant contributions to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Specialist Justin Medina for his service to his community, the United States Army, and to the United States of America.

HONORING ED MELL

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Ed Mell, who we lost at the age of 81 on February 21, 2024. An inspiration to the Arizona arts community and the world, Ed will forever be remembered as the originator of some of the most iconic depictions of the desert landscape.

A Phoenix native, Ed was born in 1942 and at a very young age was drawn to the arts. He went on to graduate from Phoenix Junior College and the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena. After a six-year stint in New York City where he pursued his interest in commercial advertising, Ed aspired to have greater creative freedom which he was only able to find back in his home state of Arizona. In 1970, Ed accepted a teaching position on the Hopi Reservation during which he rediscovered the charm and beauty of the desert. Ed then relocated to Phoenix and in the decades that followed, he became one of the most respected and venerated artists of Arizona, dedicated to capturing the Southwest desert landscape.

Throughout his long career, museums and galleries around the globe exhibited his work, while private collectors sought the chance to add one of his pieces to their possessions. Although recognized globally for artistic accolades, Ed will always be remembered as generous and kind. He was a devoted friend and a loving and proud husband and father. Beyond his personal relationships, Ed's impact can be seen in numerous city projects including the imposing bronze rider astride a bucking horse in the middle of Old Town Scottsdale and his U.S. Postal Service Centennial stamp.

Ed's depictions of the vibrant Arizona sunsets, sweeping vistas, and dramatic mountains will forever cement him as one of the greatest landscape artists of all time. Ed is survived by his wife, Rose Marie, and his son, Carson, along with a deeply admiring and extensive fan base.

I thank Ed for his years of inspiration and dedication. Godspeed.