

Through his work with AKT Development, Mr. Tsakopoulos built entire communities, universities, and homes, helping California and its residents thrive. Since its founding, AKT Development has built over 60,000 homes and today, it manages nearly 20,000 acres of farmland in Northern and Central California. Mr. Tsakopoulos' critical work is characterized by his commitment to balancing the need for natural spaces with real estate development. His philosophy is simple: plant as many trees as possible and preserve the existing ones whenever possible.

Mr. Tsakopoulos' passion for environmental stewardship led him to establish the Sacramento Tree Foundation, which is dedicated to protecting and growing the urban forest within Sacramento. His dedication to planting and preserving trees as both a developer and lifelong advocate will continue to benefit California for generations.

Mr. Tsakopoulos' leadership, generosity, and compassionate spirit have impacted the lives of countless members of his community and beyond. I join the American Hellenic Institution in honoring the critical contributions of Mr. Tsakopoulos.

RECOGNIZING THE SALINE FIDDLERS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, a premier youth fiddling show band from Saline, Michigan, on their 30th anniversary. Comprised of students from Saline High School the fiddlers present an energetic and polished show that features a diverse range of music from American folk, fiddle, bluegrass, jazz, western swing, and Celtic traditions. Their 30 years of unforgettable performances are remarkable, and their commitment and skill are worthy of commendation.

The Fiddlers began in 1994 with the simple idea of introducing an alternative style of musical education to public school students to maintain and expand their interest in musical performance. Since 1994, these remarkable students have set the standard for extracurricular music programs in the United States and have become a model for instruction and motivation that other schools across the nation have added to their own programs.

With over 1,500 performances in the majority of the states in our nation, the Fiddlers have a storied history that includes three performances at the White House, two performances on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, and a performance at the State of Michigan's Presidential Inaugural Ball. The Fiddlers have also traveled to Canada and Europe for performances and have made multiple trips to Saline's sister cities of Brecon, Wales and Lindenberg, Germany. Each year, the group performs 50–60 times, with around a third of their annual schedule being donated to community service events. I still fondly remember their performance at the Saline Celtic Festival this past summer.

Working alongside the artistic team, the Saline Fiddlers help plan each aspect of their shows by crafting arrangements and making

diverse organizational decisions that helps teach the students collaborative ownership while giving students the opportunity to explore their creativity and showcase their enthusiasm throughout the show making process. These accomplished members of the Fiddlers are selected through competitive auditions that assess their musical talent and personal maturity. They balance academics, school organizations, jobs, and other extracurricular activities. Teaching students not just about music but about maintaining a balanced schedule and workload is a true testament to how the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic has helped 30 years of students prepare for their futures through music.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic on their 30th anniversary. Their commitment to music and community is an incredible accomplishment and has helped preserve music and tradition for future generations. I cannot wait to see all they accomplish in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERVICE OF DR. WILLIAM "BILL" GREER

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. William "Bill" Greer, a distinguished leader, educator, and advocate for higher education who has announced his retirement as the 15th President of Milligan University. Dr. Greer's exemplary tenure, spanning more than 13 years, is marked by significant transformation, growth, and achievement for Milligan University.

A proud alumnus, Dr. Greer graduated from Milligan in 1985 and returned to his alma mater in 1994 as a Professor of Economics and Business. With a wealth of experience after a decade in the private sector, Dr. Greer led the institution's business initiative as the founding director of Milligan's MBA program. His leadership as Vice President for Institutional Advancement was instrumental to the success of the "Forward Ever" campaign, raising \$28 million for the university in its first phase of implementation.

Since assuming the role of president in 2011, Dr. Greer has been a visionary, guiding Milligan University to unprecedented levels of achievement. Under his leadership, the university has received recognition as one of the Best Regional Universities and Best Values in the South. In 2020, Dr. Greer helmed the impressive modernization and expansion of 25 additional academic programs, elevating Milligan's status from a college to a university.

Dr. Greer's presidency is highlighted by a series of significant accomplishments, including record enrollment, giving, and endowment growth. He presided over the integration of Emmanuel Christian Seminary, the establishment of Milligan Village, and the growth of multiple academic and athletic facilities. His efforts have significantly increased the university's footprint to 355 acres and brought numerous national recognitions to Milligan.

Additionally, Dr. Greer's focus on Milligan's mission as a premier, Christian liberal arts institution has resulted in the education and

support of thousands of students, overseeing nearly 4,000 graduates under his tenure. Furthermore, his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic exemplified compassion and resilience, guiding the university through unprecedented challenges.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Bill Greer for his outstanding service to Milligan and our region. His retirement marks the end of an era of exceptional service and dynamic leadership. I am certain his legacy will continue to inspire current and future generations of Buffs. I wish him and his family all the best in his retirement and his continued service as Chancellor of Milligan University.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL PRITZ

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Daniel Pritz, who serves as a volunteer Board Member for the local non-profit, Brooksville Main Street. These outstanding volunteers put in hundreds of hours while running their businesses and organizations.

They have all come together for a common cause—to serve the community by bringing much-loved events to downtown Brooksville. Each of these board members have servant hearts, and their dedication and commitment to our community is impressive. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others.

Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Daniel Pritz and fellow board members have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

HONORING DELTA MISSIONS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, Delta Missions.

Delta Missions Ministry is a nonprofit Christian outreach organization dedicated to advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ, offering discipleship training to local residents, and empowering them to actively engage in their local churches. Our mission is to impact lives and nurture spiritual transformation through weekly Bible studies, lay training, recreational activities, and mentoring programs tailored for youth, adults, and senior citizens.

Under the guidance of Reverend Herron Wilson, Delta Missions was born out of a desire to replicate the impactful work experienced during his time with The Sonflowers, a mission focused on Vacation Bible School (VBS) camps in the town of Sunflower. Upon returning to the Southgate Community in

Indianola, Rev. Wilson identified an opportunity to utilize the vacant Bethune Center at the heart of the community to launch a VBS camp. The Executive Director of South Delta Housing generously granted access to the center without charge.

The inaugural VBS camp took place in the summer of 1995, drawing over 100 enthusiastic kids. The overwhelming positive response led to the transformation of the summer camp into a weekly gathering, providing not only spiritual education but also recreational activities, arts and crafts, and occasional outings for children and their families.

This grassroots initiative laid the foundation for Delta Missions, which is proud to celebrate its 30th year of service to the Indianola community this summer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Delta Missions for their passion and dedication to serving their community.

CELEBRATING “ELIZABETH’S”
AND “THE OLDE PINK HOUSE”

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two hardworking Georgia establishments that were named among the Nation’s top 100 restaurants.

Recently, the restaurant review website ‘Open Table’ released its Top 100 Restaurants in America for 2023 list. Both ‘Elizabeth’s’ and ‘The Olde Pink House’ made it on the list.

The review states that ‘Elizabeth’s’ has “Southern hospitality, fine coastal cuisine, and well-chosen wines in a comfortable, elegant 1900 mansion have made Elizabeth on 37th a favorite destination in Savannah since 1981.”

As far as the ‘Olde Pink House’ goes, the review states it is “Savannah’s only 18th-century mansion [and] is famous for memorable dining experiences featuring seafood caught daily in local waters, prime aged beef, and traditional southern fare.”

Congratulations to these establishments, and I wish them both continued success.

HONORING THE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MS. CHLOE STEMLER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in deep appreciation of Ms. Chloe Stemler for her service to the American people as a member of my staff.

Ms. Stemler joined my office in January of 2023 as an intern, having graduated from George Washington University. In June of 2023, she started her role of Press Assistant and, from day one, helped revitalize and significantly increase our online engagement. Many of my highest-performing social media posts occurred during her tenure, for which I am grateful. She raised the bar for my office’s digital media and set an example I will hold my staff to for years to come.

During her tenure on my staff, Ms. Stemler demonstrated an unfaltering work ethic and a high level of creativity. Whether it was taking videos or writing captions, she approached every task with enthusiasm and humor. She cared deeply for her colleagues and was always willing to lend a helping hand. These same qualities will serve her well in her future endeavors.

Ms. Stemler will be starting a new role as a Communications Associate at the Pew Charitable Trusts. Her contributions have left an indelible mark on my team, and I am confident that she will excel in her new position.

While we will miss her deeply, we all look forward to Ms. Stemler’s bright future. She will always remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi.

RECOGNIZING DR. COURTNEY
STACEY LIM FOR HER DECADE
OF EXEMPLARY CARE AND
SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Courtney S. Lim, on the occasion of her 10 years of practicing medicine. Her continued dedication and service to her patients in Ann Arbor, Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Dr. Courtney Lim attended the University of Michigan Medical School in 2008, then went on to complete her residency at the McGaw Medical Center at Northwestern University in 2012, earning a board certification for obstetrics and gynecology. Afterwards, she returned to Ann Arbor, where she continued her education through a fellowship, achieving a Focused Practice designation in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery in 2014 from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Now practicing as Service Chief of Gynecology at the University of Michigan’s Von Voigtlander Women’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, Dr. Lim is serving patients with extreme care and compassion.

Dr. Lim is committed to caring for those afflicted with complex gynecologic disorders. She is open about her approach to health care and continuously strives to determine what the best course of action is for each individual. Dr. Lim truly listens to her patients and recommends a treatment plan that is best aligned with that patient’s values and wishes. Dr. Lim offers both medical and surgical treatment options and strives to be as minimally invasive as possible when it comes to surgery. In her work, Dr. Lim is conscientious, knowledgeable, and addresses even the smallest of concerns from her patients. She exemplifies the values of what it means to be an excellent caretaker and serves as a leader in her field of work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Courtney S. Lim for her continued service to her patients. Dr. Lim conducts herself in a way that our future doctors should aspire to: thoughtfully listening to each and every patient, and serving as a steady, compassionate force for patients to find comfort with. I have no doubt she will continue to exhibit her dedication and genuine care in treatment for many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
NATHANIEL “RAY” TUCK, JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nathaniel “Ray” Tuck, Jr., who passed away at the age of 52 on February 11, 2024, after battling cancer for the past two and a half years.

Ray was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on April 30, 1971, to Nathaniel Ray and Barbara Z. Tuck. He later graduated from Radford University in 1994 and earned his Doctor of Chiropractic from the National University of Health Sciences in 1997. After graduating, he joined his father’s chiropractic clinic in Southwest Virginia where they practiced together for many years. His son, Nathaniel R. Tuck, III is currently in chiropractic school, hoping to continue the family legacy.

During Ray’s incredible career, he served as the President of the Virginia Chiropractic Association, Chairman of the Board, and later President of the American Chiropractic Association, and was also appointed to be the chiropractor on the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Ray is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of 29 years, his daughter Abi Dolgos (husband Dakota Dolgos and grandson Gatlin Dolgos), his son Nathaniel (girlfriend Abby E. Markham), his mother Barbara, his sister Amelia Martin (husband Buddy Martin), and his brother Ben M. Tuck (wife Priyam Chipper). I wish them peace and strength during this difficult time.

I was lucky to know Ray personally, as my daughter, Abby, has dated his son Nathaniel for a number of years. He was a good man, and I was glad to have been able to know him before he passed. We will all greatly miss him.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY CLARA
WILLIAMS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all South Carolinians, I am grateful to wish Mrs. Clara Singleton Williams a happy 100th birthday.

Clara Williams, a native of South Carolina, was born on April 9, 1924, to parents Isaiah Singleton and Annie Livingston Singleton. She attended schools in Fairfield, Aiken, and Orangeburg County, where she graduated from Wilkerson High School. After, she furthered her education at Claflin University for two years.

In 1946, Clara married Blanton Everett Williams, and together they had eleven children, twenty-nine grandchildren, forty-five great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. They purchased land and a home in Salley, South Carolina, where to this day Clara enjoys watching her vegetables and flowers grow. Blanton and Clara were happily married for sixty-one years until his death in 2007.

Clara lives each day to the fullest with warm-hearted memories. Over the years, she has embraced diverse pursuits, including