

Even before her time in elected office, Council Member Orozco had demonstrated a commitment to public service, serving in the White House while crafting federal education policy and later as an advisor to then Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante on tribal community and veteran issues. To this day, Council Member Orozco continues her service to the public as a prosecutor for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, with a focus on sexual assault and child abuse cases. Council Member Orozco's commitment to our community has been an ongoing facet of her life—a commitment that the West Sacramento community is both grateful for and counting on.

As a member of the West Sacramento City Council, Council Member Orozco has continued to champion the West Sacramento chapter of the Downtown Streets Team to create opportunities for unhoused individuals who are seeking to break out of the cycle of recurring systemic trauma and incarceration. Council Member Orozco's support was critical for the West Sacramento Home Run program, which provides community members with access to high-quality early learning for young children, college savings accounts, and internships. Council Member Orozco's service continues to demonstrate how diligent and focused advocacy can create real change in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor West Sacramento City Council Member Quirina Orozco for her extraordinary service to the City of West Sacramento and the Greater Sacramento Region for many more years to come.

COMMEMORATING SIXTH BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Sixth Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1923, Reverend Edward D. Caffee led 25 members from Mount Carmel Baptist Church to establish a Mission, initially known as St. Luke's Mission. Despite initial challenges in obtaining recognition, on December 12, 1923, the Mission was officially recognized as St. Luke Baptist Church.

Under Reverend Caffee's guidance, the church flourished, moving to North Sixth Street in 1924, where it held its first service on December 28, 1924. In November 1927, the Reverend Joseph Arrington was appointed as pastor of Sixth Baptist Church. At Arrington's recommendation and with the congregation's consent, the church officially changed its name from St. Luke Baptist Church to Sixth Street Baptist Church.

Despite financial struggles during the Great Depression, the church persevered, paying off its mortgage in 1944. In 1952, recognizing the changing landscape of Richmond, the congregation moved to the West End, renaming itself Sixth Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Reverend Arrington, the church's membership grew to an astounding 350 members.

After 33 years of faithful service, Reverend Arrington stepped down as pastor, paving the way for the appointment of Haywood Knight

as Sixth Baptist Church's new senior pastor. Under Reverend Knight's leadership, the church renovated its fellowship hall and established the Fellowship Club and Youth Church. Reverend Knight served as pastor until 1968, when Reverend Dr. Emmett L. Fleming Sr. became the fourth pastor of the church.

Under Reverend Dr. Fleming's tenure, the church embarked on ambitious projects, including erecting an educational building and renovating the sanctuary. His legacy of community outreach and ministry development laid a strong foundation for the future.

In 2001, Reverend Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs became the fifth pastor of Sixth Baptist Church, continuing the tradition of stewardship and community engagement. As pastor, Rev. Dr. Bibbs has overseen the church through two phases of construction and renovations to improve facilities and worship spaces for the growing congregation.

Throughout its 100 years, Sixth Baptist Church has remained a steadfast place of worship for congregants and members of the Richmond community. As we celebrate Sixth Baptist Church's centennial, we honor the past, embrace the present, and look forward to a future filled with continued growth and service.

HONORING SPARTA UNICO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sparta UNICO on its 25th anniversary.

As the name UNICO attests, this organization is truly unique. It combines a celebration of Italian-American culture with a passion for charitable initiatives and local community service. From awarding students in our school districts with academic scholarships, to fundraising for local food pantries and other charities, Sparta UNICO has impacted the lives of many residents in New Jersey's Seventh District. Our communities have certainly benefited from the noble efforts of Sparta UNICO, and I am grateful to have such an exemplary organization operating in our district.

I wish UNICO a wonderful 25th anniversary. I thank them again for promoting such incredible cultural diversity in our communities, and for admirable dedication to making our district a healthier, safer, and more vibrant place to live.

RECOGNIZING KIM HUSTON

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kim Huston on her retirement from nearly 30 years of working in local economic development in Nelson County.

As President of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency and Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation, Kim has been a tireless advocate for Nelson County

and ensuring their economic success. During her time in economic development she has overseen more than \$1,500,000,000 in investments in her area and made sure Nelson County had a seat at the table in a global economy by building relationships with business leaders worldwide.

Kim has been a champion for making Nelson County a global tourist destination. Alongside keeping Bardstown the Bourbon Capital of the World, she oversaw the city being named the most Beautiful Small Town in America by USA Today and Rand McNally in 2012. Her passion for Nelson County is felt by everyone who has met her and she captured that passion by proudly authoring three books about her hometown.

I want to thank Kim for her work in Nelson County and wish her a happy retirement as she spends more time with her family.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND DR. TOMMIE L. LEWIS AS PASTOR OF BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PRATT CITY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of a faithful servant leader, Reverend Dr. Tommie L. Lewis, as he celebrates his retirement as senior pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Pratt City after 42 years of service to the Birmingham community.

Pastor T.L. Lewis answered the call to ministry on January 6, 1973, becoming licensed to preach at the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and was ordained by incumbent Reverend G.W. Sloan on July 29, 1973.

Pastor Lewis is an accomplished biblical scholar. He attended the Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College, earning a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Theology before earning a Master of Divinity degree at Universal Bible Institute in Brunswick, Georgia. Pastor Lewis received two honorary doctoral degrees from both his alma maters for his contributions to ministry through his public service.

Pastor Lewis accepted his first pastoral assignment at the First Baptist Church Carver in Bessemer, Alabama. He then served at the Antioch Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama. In 1982, Pastor Lewis was commissioned to his final home in Birmingham as head pastor of Bethel Baptist Church Pratt City, where he has remained for the past 42 years of his career.

During his tenure, Pastor Lewis has served "Bethel Nation," well, expanding its congregation to thousands and positioning the church to its status as a beacon of hope in the Pratt City community. Pastor Lewis' legacy has been fueled by his servant's heart, commitment to community, and passion for improving the lives of others. His position as a powerful force for good extends far beyond the sanctuary walls.

Pastor Lewis has dedicated his life to building a coalition of community servants that will far outlast him. His tutelage led to fifty-three

others heeding the call to ministry that Pastor Lewis himself answered fifty-two years ago. In 1990, the Bethel Baptist Church erected a new Worship Center, including a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1800, an office plaza, a conference room, a library, and a nursery. Pastor Lewis worked to expand Bethel's community service by commissioning a new Family Life Center. This building also became a permanent home for the Bethel Community Learning Center, which garnered thousands of state and federal dollars to support community development and education initiatives.

Tragically, in April of 2011, these buildings were destroyed by a devastating tornado. In the face of adversity, Pastor Lewis did not hesitate to spring into action, leaning on his faith to rally his community together and restore their church home. He then established the Bethel Emergency Management Agency, which led the restoration and revitalization efforts of Bethel Baptist Church Pratt City and the surrounding community. Pastor Lewis facilitated the construction of a new sanctuary beginning in April 2012, and the new home of Bethel Nation was completed and consecrated on August 24, 2014.

In addition to his leadership in Birmingham, Pastor Lewis has also been the guiding force behind international missions, spreading his spiritual teachings across the globe. He has delivered sermons on different continents throughout the world. No matter how far his ministry has taken him, Pastor Lewis has always remained committed to home. He has displayed his commitment to public service through his leadership and religious affiliations, which include the Pratt City Ministerial Alliance, the Birmingham Metropolitan Baptist Ministerial Conference, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Beyond his work in the clergy, Pastor Lewis' civic affiliations include former Captain for the Bessemer Police and Fire Department Chaplaincy Corps, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Transit Authority, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Commission of Economic Opportunity, and State President for the National Rainbow Push Coalition. Pastor Lewis was honored by the Magic City in 1988 with his induction into the City of Birmingham's Gallery of Distinguished Citizens—a bust of him is displayed in the Birmingham City Hall to commemorate this achievement.

On a personal note, Pastor T.L. Lewis holds a special place in my heart as a dear friend and trusted spiritual advisor. I was honored to host Pastor Lewis at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., as one of the first pastors in our district to attend. I know I can always count on his wise words and counsel when I need inspiration. Pastor Lewis' mentorship has meant so much to me over the years and has positively impacted me as a public servant. After the devastating storms of 2011, Pastor Lewis' leadership and faith were a beacon of hope for me and so many others as we rebuilt. His deep love for his community renews my passion for public service and reminds me of why I am in Washington. I am proud to congratulate him for his 42 years of service to the Bethel Baptist Church Pratt City congregation and surrounding community. Though he is retiring, I know his service will not end here, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and exemplary service of Reverend Dr. T.L. Lewis and his contributions to the Birmingham community and the State of Alabama as the senior pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Pratt City.

HONORING PETTY OFFICER ART
SCHNEIDER, CHERRY HILL
HOMETOWN HERO

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Petty Officer Art Schneider, Cherry Hill Hometown Hero.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Art Schneider was born in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Following in the footsteps of both of his grandfathers and two of his uncles, Petty Officer Schneider enlisted into the United States Navy on September 5, 1990.

After joining the United States Navy, Petty Officer Schneider became a Nuclear Machinist Mate and throughout his service was stationed in Orlando, Idaho Falls, Alameda, Puget Sound, Naval Shipyard, Ballston Spa Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, and was deployed during Operation Desert Storm. Throughout his tenure in the armed services, he earned several military commendations including but not limited to the Navy Achievement Medal, two Good Conduct Awards, a Letter of Commendation, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with a Bronze Star, the Battle Effectiveness Award, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Following his active-duty service, Art pursued a career in Cryogenic Field Service, became a Mechanical Instructor, and went on to become a Welding Equipment Repair Technician. Today, Art Schneider is a member of the Cherry Hill American Legion Post 372, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8051, American Veterans Post 101, and Disabled American Veterans E J Newton Memorial Chapter 4. Petty Officer Schneider continues to serve his community assisting veterans throughout the region and specifically in his role as the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Aide-de-Camp from 2016 to 2017, and Senior Vice Commander of the Philadelphia Veterans of Foreign Wars District 1 from 2016 to 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Petty Officer 3rd Class Art Schneider of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his family, community, and country, who has intrepidly served each to the best of his ability.

CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD FOR MICHAEL WYSOCKI

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Wysocki of Dallas, Texas, and present him with the Congressional

Patriot Award. Michael is an experienced jurist and courtroom litigator who has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

Michael is a distinguished graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler and Texas Tech University School of Law. In 2006, he was admitted to the State Bar of Texas and became board-certified in Family Law in 2011. Michael is licensed to practice law in Texas, New Mexico, and before the U.S. Supreme Court. He became the Managing Shareholder of O'Neil Wysocki, P.C., with offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston. Over the years, Michael has successfully represented many clients who are experiencing family and domestic legal issues.

For his extensive work and efforts, Michael was named a Texas Rising Star lawyer three times and recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer since 2014, a prestigious title awarded to less than five percent of all lawyers statewide. Additionally, he has been honored by the Annette Stewart Family Law Inns of Court for his professionalism. In his free time, Michael volunteers on political campaigns to elect Republican candidates and helps appoint qualified Judges throughout Texas. Whether he is in the courtroom or on the campaign trail, Michael is a fierce fighter and advocate for American values.

It is an honor to bestow Michael with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas. I wish him continued success for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING ELAINA MURPHY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elaina Murphy for her service to Kentucky's Second District. A Nicholasville, Kentucky native, Elaina obtained her Bachelors Degree from Centre College in 2015 and her Masters Degree from George Washington University in 2017.

Nearly a decade ago, I welcomed Elaina to my team as a summer intern in July 2015 before she transitioned to become my Staff Assistant until December 2015. In August 2016, I welcomed her back to my office as my Legislative Correspondent. She has since advanced to roles as Legislative Assistant, Senior Legislative Assistant, and most recently Senior Policy Advisor. Elaina has worked tirelessly in nearly every legislative area in my office with particular interests in foreign affairs, energy, and telecommunications. She has been essential to many projects in my office, including spearheading the Spectrum Caucus, and has been a passionate advocate for America's gold standard military installation, Fort Knox.

I want to thank Elaina for her work serving her home state and Kentucky's Second District as a constant, reliable member of my team. I wish her the best as she excels in this next chapter of her career on Capitol Hill expanding her work in foreign affairs as she goes to work for the House Intelligence Committee.