

during the summers at Brown-Forman Corporation, which was founded by his great-grandfather George Garvin Brown. After graduation in 1977, he began his full-time career at Brown-Forman. He worked in sales and marketing. He served as a Brand Director and a Regional Director before becoming Vice President in 2002. After a long and distinguished career in one of Kentucky's signature industries, Mr. Brown retired in 2015.

Mac Brown accepted the role as Chairman on the Republican Party of Kentucky following his retirement in 2015. Under his leadership, the state party made historic advances. After a very successful eight years, Mr. Brown resigned his position as Chairman in 2023. He lives in Louisville with his wife Eileen. They have four children and six grandchildren.

Mac Brown has been a leader in the distillery industry and a leader in the political realm. He is a man who leads with dignity, character, and kindness. Mac Brown is widely respected, and I am honored to lift up his contributions to Kentucky before Congress.

HONORING LT. COL. EDWIN  
COTTRELL

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hendersonville, N.C. resident and 102-year-old Army veteran, Lt. Col. Edwin Cottrell, in recognition of his service and heroism as a fighter pilot in World War II.

Ed flew 65 missions in 1944 and 1945 as a P-47 pilot with the 493rd Fighter Squadron of the 48th Fighter Group of the 9th Army Air Force.

Many of Ed's missions were flown during the Battle of the Bulge, when U.S. troops on the ground were defending against a strong German counteroffensive. His missions included bombing German artillery and Tiger Tanks, as well as taking out bridges. His service saved countless of his comrades' lives.

The engine of Ed's P-47 was shot up by a German Me-109 fighter during a mission on Dec. 17, 1944. With oil splattered across his plane's windshield and only 10 out of 18 engine cylinders still functioning, Ed was guided to the nearest friendly airfield over the radio, only to have his engine freeze just before landing. He maneuvered a dead-stick landing, rolled to a stop, and kissed the ground when he got out of the P-47. To this day, he credits the reliability of the P-47's Pratt & Whitney engine for getting him back to base.

Ed's service did not end with WWII. He went on to serve in the Air Force reserves for 28 years. He worked as a director of athletics at a school for boys and later coached multiple sports at West Chester State College in Pennsylvania, where he went on to become the associate dean.

In his adopted town of Hendersonville, Ed is a local legend. Ever the adventurer, he chose to go skydiving for his 100th birthday.

Ed and his college sweetheart, Millie Cottrell, raised two loving daughters, Susan and Mary, and celebrated 76 years of marriage together before her passing in 2020.

I thank Lt. Col. Cottrell for his brave and tireless service to our great Nation.

HONORING DR. ROSLYN CLARK  
ARTIS

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the renaming of the administration building at Benedict College in honor of President Roslyn Clark Artis. Effective immediately, the building formerly known as the Benedict College Administration Building will be officially recognized as the Roslyn Clark Artis Administration Building.

This historic decision reflects the profound impact of President Artis' visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence in higher education. As the first woman President of Benedict College, President Artis has shattered barriers and inspired countless individuals with her dedication to equity, inclusion, and academic achievement.

President Artis' remarkable journey to this momentous occasion is a testament to her resilience, intellect, and passion for empowering underrepresented communities. Prior to her presidency at Benedict College, Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis served as the first woman President of Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida. Throughout her tenure, she had earned numerous accolades and honors, including being named "Female HBCU President of the Year" by HBCU Digest and receiving the American Council on Education (ACE) Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation.

Beyond her exceptional leadership at Benedict College, President Artis has been a tireless advocate for educational access and opportunity. Her impact extends far beyond the confines of the campus, as evidenced by her appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) and her leadership roles in various educational organizations.

The renaming of the administration building is a fitting tribute to President Artis' extraordinary legacy and contributions to higher education. It symbolizes our collective appreciation for her transformative leadership and steadfast commitment to advancing the mission of Benedict College.

As we gather here today to celebrate this historic moment, let us also reaffirm our commitment to supporting President Artis and ensuring that her vision for Benedict College continues to thrive for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to President Roslyn Clark Artis on this well-deserved honor. May the Roslyn Clark Artis Administration Building stand as a testament to her enduring legacy and inspire future generations of leaders to strive for excellence in all their endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MARGARET HOTOPP

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret Hotopp of Evergreen, Colorado. Margaret was selected as one of

only 15 high school students nationwide to represent the United States through the State Department's Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Abroad Program.

Created in 1993 after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the FLEX program sought to foster meaningful relationships between students from countries in Eastern Europe and Eurasia with Americans and citizens of other countries. The modern FLEX Abroad program sends high-achieving American students to Eastern Europe and Western Asia to develop leadership skills, learn new languages, and represent our country as citizen ambassadors.

This year, Margaret will travel to Poland, attending school, living with a host family, and collaborating with the Department of State to integrate into her host community and promote mutual understanding between Americans and the Polish people.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Margaret Hotopp for this impressive accomplishment and I wish her all the best for her year in Poland.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN YARBROUGH,  
COOK COUNTY CLERK

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Cook County Clerk, Karen Yarbrough, who passed away on April 7, leaving decades of community family and political service. Karen was an active member of the Westside Black Elected Officials of Chicago, Illinois, a group for which I serve as Secretary and reflect their views.

Clerk Yarbrough was born on December 19, 1957, into a prominent family and from an early age began serving others, following in the footsteps of her father, Rev. Don Williams, a businessman, minister, and politician, at one time the Mayor of Maywood, Illinois.

Clerk Yarbrough's dedication to public service and her passion for advocating on behalf of people led her to be elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 2001 where she represented her district with energy, integrity, insight, and tenacity—earning the respect and admiration of her constituents and colleagues alike.

Clerk Yarbrough had a long list of legislative accomplishments, including bans on the death penalty and indoor smoking and the first ever lottery ticket, the Quality of Life Ticket, named "Red Ribbon Cash" to support HIV/AIDS prevention and education.

Clerk Yarbrough's commitment to fairness, transparency, and efficiency in government inspired her to seek the office of Cook County Recorder of Deeds in 2012, where she became the first African American to hold this position and worked tirelessly to modernize operations, increase accessibility to public records, and ensure equitable access to homeownership for all residents of Cook County.

Clerk Yarbrough's exemplary leadership and dedication to public service were further recognized when she was elected as the Cook County Clerk in 2018, where she continued her legacy of advocating for transparency, accessibility, and accountability in government

while also overseeing critical functions, such as elections, vital records, and property tax administration.

Clerk Yarbrough's lifelong commitment to public service, her unwavering dedication to improving the lives of others, and her remarkable leadership have left an indelible mark on our community, inspiring countless individuals to pursue their dreams and work toward a more just and equitable society.

We, the Westside Black Elected Officials, express our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Clerk Karen Yarbrough during this difficult time, and extend our heartfelt gratitude for sharing her with us.

Further, we honor the memory of Clerk Karen Yarbrough by reaffirming our commitment to carrying forward her legacy of service, compassion, and advocacy and by working tirelessly to build a more just, equitable, and inclusive society in which all people can thrive and be included as equal members.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF NOBIE MAE HILL

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize longtime Inkster and 12th District resident Nobie Mae Hill as we mourn her passing at the age of one hundred eleven.

Born and raised in Alabama, Ms. Hill was no stranger to a life of hard work, having spent years working on a plantation. After marrying and starting a family, Ms. Hill and her family moved to Michigan, settling in Inkster in the 1940s. She lived a full and vibrant life and became an integral part of the community. A trailblazer, Ms. Hill owned and operated two beauty salons in Inkster. She was also an active member of Inkster's Springhill Baptist Church.

Nobie Mae Hill was a beloved member of the community. Her kindness and warmth will be missed by all who knew her. Please join me in honoring her memory.

#### HONORING NANCY S. DAWKINS

#### HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy S. Dawkins, an outstanding educator and community leader, on the momentous occasion of her 100th birthday.

Nancy S. Dawkins was born on October 11, 1923, in Dania, Florida. She received degrees from Bethune Cookman College, Florida A & M University, and the University of Northern Colorado. She worked in the Dade County Public School System for over 30 years. She was married for over 52 years to the late former Miami City Commissioner, Miller Dawkins.

As a dean in South Florida's political arena, her activism and influence ranges from Federal, Local and State Judges; Members of the United States Congress on both sides of the

aisle; Members of both Houses of the Florida Legislature; Dade County and the City of Miami Commissioners and Managers along with numerous employees in all these institutions. Mrs. Dawkins worked tirelessly and supported many elected officials during their successful campaigns, such as Governor Bob Graham, U.S. Congressman Claude Pepper, U.S. Congresswoman Carrie Meek, U.S. Congresswoman FEDERICA WILSON, Florida Representative Joe Lang Kershaw, County Commissioner Barbara Carey, Florida Representative and School Board Member Dorothy Mindingall, Florida and Miami City Commission Miller Dawkins, Miami Mayor and Commissioner Xavier Suarez, and Florida Representative Gwen Cherry.

This Miami activist was a founder of the Theodore Gibson Oratorical Contest. This contest is named after the late Reverend Theodore Gibson, a former City of Miami Commissioner and community activist. The competition is designed to refine school children's public speaking skills. Mrs. Dawkins is a former Girl Scout Troop leader. She is a member of the American Association of University Women. She is a member of Mt. Zion AME Church in Dania Beach, Florida where she serves as a Stewardess. She has received numerous awards for her service to the community, including a "Women of Impact", Sojourner Truth Award, Dr. Martin Luther King Service Award, U.S. Congressional Award, and numerous other awards and appreciations. Mrs. Nancy Dawkins served as Founder and Charter member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women—South Florida in every official and organizational position. At the 2015 District Conference, she was presented a "Strands of Wisdom" golden medallion for her 50 years of service to the Business and Professional Women's Club. In 2018, she was recognized by Bethune Cookman University as the institution's oldest living graduate and Ms. Mary McLeod Bethune's last living student.

The City of Miami has recognized Mrs. Dawkins countlessly throughout the years. Northwest 50th Street between 12th and 17th Avenues was designated "Mrs. Nancy S. Dawkins Way" in her honor in 2018. Also, the Miller and Nancy Dawkins Swimming Complex was named after her and her husband at Charles Hadley Park.

She is a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and is still active in the Delta Dears. She is a charter member of National Council of Negro Women, charter member and founder of Northwest Miami Chapter No. 4686 of AARP. She is still active in her National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, the Allapattah Homeowners Association.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mrs. Dawkins for becoming a centenarian, and her ten decades of dedication and service to the community.

#### HONORING MIDWAY UNIVERSITY EQUINE PROGRAM

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Equine Studies program at Midway University.

Midway University is located in the heart of Kentucky's horse country. The equine industry is one of Kentucky's signature industries. Seeing an opportunity to train Midway students for support staff jobs, the University began their equine program in 1974. Stables and horses were leased, and in the first year 50 students were enrolled. The program grew, and in 1978 plans were underway for an indoor arena on campus.

Over the years, the program has evolved from basic horsemanship and hands-on skills to much broader studies. Riding courses developed into competitive college-sponsored teams. Students now have the opportunity to concentrate in Equine Management, Equine Rehabilitation, or Equine Science. Students have access to a large equine herd of various breeds and disciplines. Hands-on learning experiences are available on Midway's working horse farm. In 2023, Midway University started an online program in Equine Business and Sales. They also offer an online MBA with Equine Management concentration.

Graduates from Midway have entered every type of equine business throughout Kentucky, the United States, and internationally. Over the past 50 years Midway has provided high-quality equine educational opportunities for students from across the country.

I appreciate the work of the dedicated staff at Midway University. They have many accomplishments to celebrate as they look back at 50 years of equine education. The future for the Equine Studies program is bright and it is my honor to recognize Midway University before the United States Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING ANTHONY YAN

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Yan of Westminster, Colorado. Anthony is one of only a few high school students across the country to be awarded the prestigious National Security Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship. As part of this program, Anthony will travel to Taiwan this summer to engage in intensive instruction in the Mandarin language, while living with a local host family and becoming immersed in Taiwanese culture.

Launched in 2006, NSLI-Y gives high-achieving American high school students the opportunity to gain rigorous instruction and immersive experiences learning languages critical to America's national security and global cooperation. Many NSLI-Y alumni go on to distinguished careers in national security and public service using the language skills gained through this scholarship program.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Anthony Yan for this impressive accomplishment and wish him all the best on his upcoming travels to Taiwan.