

His leadership had a profound impact on West Point and the surrounding communities. The Church thrived as a source of spiritual support to those in need, not just in Virginia but the entire world.

Rev. Dr. James Goebel has stood as Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church for almost nine years. During that time, he has continued the traditions of the great pastors who came before him, ensuring that his congregation will continue to prosper for generations to come.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in honoring the First Baptist Church for its dedication to serving the people of West Point for 150 years.

HONORING CAPTAIN CLAUDE A.
ROWE

HON. SHRI THANEDAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 2024

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas Claude Rowe was born to Jamaican immigrant parents and raised in Detroit, Michigan, and was accepted as one of the first Black Americans into the prestigious Cast Technical High School where he excelled in engineering.

Whereas Claude Rowe interrupted his aeronautical studies at the University of Michigan at the outbreak of World War Two to serve his country as a pilot.

Whereas Claude Rowe, discovering that no black Americans were permitted to be pilots, took advantage of his dual American and Canadian citizenship and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force where he was the only black man in his unit who was trained to be a pilot.

Whereas Claude Rowe, still desiring to become an American Military pilot, heard about the Tuskegee training program for young black fighter pilots, applied and was selected.

Whereas Claude Rowe, along with approximately 900 selected Tuskegee airman who follow the vision to outwork every fighter group and to work for the good of the group rather than for personal glory, accomplished an incredible feat as fighter escorts: they never lost a bomber entrusted to their care. The Tuskegee airman became the most requested and preferred escort bomber pilots. Because when the red tail painted planes arrived, victory was guaranteed.

Whereas Claude A. Rowe, the only Tuskegee airman to earn two sets of wings stands as a shining example of a man who overcame prejudice and discrimination in the 1940s to leave us a legacy that resulted in the desegregation of our armed forces and the confirmation of American ideal that all men are created equal.

Whereas, Claude Rowe, will always be loved and respected and esteemed highly by his wife of 55 years, his 8 children and other friends, family and community members for his devotion to them and to civil rights and to America.

RECOGNIZING AARON RUVINSKY'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Aaron Ruvinsky of Merrimack, New Hampshire on his 100th birthday. A World War II veteran, successful newspaper journalist, active neighborhood volunteer, and loving family man, Aaron's century of American life speaks to his tireless devotion to his loved ones, community, and country. On this special day, I want to commend Aaron on his distinguished lifetime that exemplifies service and dedication, and is an inspiration to others.

Over the last 100 years, Aaron Ruvinsky has grown alongside the United States. During the Great Depression, he worked in a machine shop and studied physics at Brooklyn College. After enlisting in the Army Air Corps during the Second World War, Aaron enrolled in meteorological school, crafting weather reports for the safe passage of Allied planes through Canada and Alaska. Once the war ended and Aaron earned a journalism degree from New York University, he began his decades-long career in the paper business. Although limited by discrimination against Jewish Americans in New York, Aaron worked as a Washington reporter and editor until his retirement. For years Aaron volunteered with Meals on Wheels and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in D.C., becoming actively involved in community affairs. While in Washington, he spent his days swimming, playing tennis, and enjoying time with his grandchildren. In 2018, Aaron moved up to New Hampshire to make a new home with his family in the Granite State. Unable to remain idle, Aaron continues to lead a productive life, swimming weekly, reading the newspaper daily, and enjoying big bowls of ice cream.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to wish Aaron Ruvinsky a happy 100th birthday. Aaron has lived an exemplary life and has made our state and country proud. I look forward to seeing what his next chapter holds and wish him many more happy, healthy years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JERRY TURNER OF SPIRIT LAKE,
IOWA

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Jerry Gene Turner of Spirit Lake, Iowa, who peacefully passed away on December 15, 2023. Mr. Turner was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Turner was born on October 2, 1940. in Bauxite, Arkansas to Cecil and Clara Turner. He initially attended Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska in Omaha before graduating from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in 1962 with a degree in Mortuary Science. Throughout college and after gradua-

tion, Mr. Turner worked at Cutler Funeral Home in Council Bluffs. In 1965, he acquired a funeral home, now the Turner Funeral Home, to provide mortuary services for residents of Spirit Lake. As a funeral director, Mr. Turner was a beacon of support and well known by those around him for his gentle, caring, and comforting nature during difficult moments.

Mr. Turner also served as Secretary of the Iowa Funeral Directors Association and was a past member of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. In this capacity, he spearheaded nature conservation efforts in Iowa's Great Lakes region. Mr. Turner was also a devout man of faith, and he served as a trustee, deacon, and Sunday school teacher at the churches he attended. His community involvement extended to his service with Gideons International, a men's organization devoted to strengthening and sharing the Christian faith with others. In his free time, Mr. Turner enjoyed fishing with his grandchildren and was an avid ham radio enthusiast.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our nation's Capitol in recognition of Mr. Turner's life and service to his community. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT UNITED
STATES ATTORNEY JOSÉ ANGEL
MORENO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 2024

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the exemplary career of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) José Angel Moreno, a distinguished 32-year veteran of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas.

Immigrating to Laredo at the age of 7, AUSA Moreno's journey to legal prominence began with his education at local schools in the area. Following his graduation from Martin High School, he served two years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps.

Returning to Laredo, he continued his education by graduating from Laredo Junior College (now Laredo College) and Laredo State University (now TAMU). AUSA Moreno went on to obtain his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin.

AUSA Moreno has been an integral part of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas since he joined in 1991, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to justice. Over the course of his tenure, he has prosecuted multi-defendant cases spanning every division in the district. His expertise extends across a broad spectrum of federal crimes, including immigration, narcotics, firearms, violent crime, fraud, and public corruption. Notably, AUSA Moreno achieved a significant milestone in 1993 when he secured the first drug kingpin prosecution in the district.

His extensive experience showcases not only his legal acumen but also his dedication to public service. AUSA José Angel Moreno stands as a testament to the pursuit of justice and the embodiment of the highest ideals of the legal profession. I commend him for his remarkable career and service to the Southern

District of Texas, and I wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.

HONORING HENRY MCGINNESS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Henry McGinness, for his work as

an intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions he has made to the office this fall.

Henry is from Norwalk, Connecticut, and is currently a junior at Georgetown University where he is studying Government. Henry is an avid New York sports fan and grew up attending different sporting events in the city.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th congressional district. Henry was chosen from a competitive pool of

applicants and exceeded every expectation with his positive attitude and impressive work ethic.

It was a pleasure to work with Henry, and I am so proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. Henry exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our nation has to offer. I congratulate Henry on this successful completion of his internship, and on behalf of the people of Western Carolina, I thank him.