

loving the Earth and its products. The World Food Prize, awarded since 1986, was the idea of agronomist Norman Borlaug, known as “the father of the Green Revolution,” who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977. Dr. Fowler will share this year’s award with agricultural scientist Dr. Geoffrey Hawtin. Dr. Fowler’s forward-thinking work is protecting humanity itself and helping secure its future, and I congratulate him.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DONALD E.
GREENE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a religious leader, humanitarian, and dear friend as he embarks on a new chapter in his life. After six years of exceptional leadership, Reverend Dr. Donald E. Greene just stepped down as the 17th President of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina (BEMCSC).

Dr. Greene is a native of Camden, South Carolina. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Voorhees College, a Master of Ministry from Andersonville Theological Seminary, and an Honorary Doctorate from Morris College. A dedicated student of God’s word, Dr. Greene continuously seeks training at the state and national levels and has had the distinct opportunity to receive training in Oxford, England.

Since 1995, Dr. Greene has served as the pastor of Andrew Chapel Baptist Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Under his leadership, the ministry has experienced unprecedented growth, with countless lives being impacted and souls being added to the kingdom. Additionally, he helped the church acquire forty-five acres of land, enabling the construction of a new sanctuary to meet the needs of their growing congregation and, less than three years later, the Andrew Chapel Baptist Church Fellowship Center. Dr. Greene also founded the Andrew Chapel Christian Academy, a fully accredited independent school for pre-K through 6th grade children.

During his tenure as President of BEMCSC, Dr. Greene instituted several outreach initiatives aimed at meeting the needs of the less fortunate. The BEMCSC distributed over 240,000 food boxes to South Carolinians in need during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, has provided over 30,000 hygiene packs to incarcerated individuals, and purchased a food truck in 2021, which they use to prepare and deliver meals to the homeless. Outside of South Carolina, the convention has sponsored 51 children in Ecuador, Haiti, and Kenya.

Dr. Greene has also spearheaded the initiative to share the history of the Black church in South Carolina. In May 2021, a book entitled *Unveiling and Retelling our History* was released. This was followed by the documentary *Our Faith Stories from the Slave Church Balcony*, which details how the Black church emerged out of slavery.

He is married to the former Candice McNeil and together they parented two children, the late Caleb Andrew and Aaron Jacob.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the tremendous achievements of Dr. Donald E. Greene. I thank him for his efforts to better our community and enhance the quality of life in our churches. May his ministry continue to uplift the lives of many.

HONORING TUAN QUOC LE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tuan Le, an Oakland police officer who was fatally injured in the line of duty on December 29, 2023.

Tuan Quoc Le was born on June 1, 1987, in Saigon, Vietnam as the only son of mother Hanh Thi Hong Le and father Toan Le. He moved to Oakland in 1995 and spent much of his life in the Bay Area, graduating from Oakland High School in 2006 and San Francisco State University in 2013.

It was at Oakland High School that Tuan met the love of his life, Sarah Fung. They were engaged in December 2016, and married on their 12th dating anniversary on August 18, 2018. They had two “fur babies” together, Lola and Bixby.

Tuan Le entered the Oakland Police Academy in 2019, achieving his dream of following in his grandfather’s footsteps. He was sworn in as an Oakland police officer in February of 2020. Tuan was known as a hero, who loved protecting his community above all else.

Tuan was also known among his family and friends as an adventurer. He loved camping, biking, fishing, and traveling. He also loved cars and motorcycles. Tuan Le will be remembered as a hero to the Oakland community, and a kind and welcoming presence to his family and friends.

Tuan Le was preceded in death by his father and grandfather, and is survived by his wife Sarah, mother Hanh, and fur babies Lola and Bixby.

RECOGNIZING SUMTER COUNTY,
FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer, City of Wildwood Police Department Chief Randall Farmer, and the law enforcement officers who keep Sumter County safe every single day.

This week marks the annual observance of Police Week. Though we set aside one week a year to honor law enforcement, I encourage all Americans to join me not only this week, but every day, in recognizing the honor, courage, and commitment of America’s law enforcement.

Our law enforcement officers are heroes in the community. They keep us safe and are willing to put their lives on the line every day

in the course of their duties. It is impossible to fully express our gratitude or adequately recognize the professionalism of the men and women who voluntarily put their lives on the line for our safety and security. It is with deep respect that we pause today to honor the memory of the heroes who gave the last full measure of devotion and made the ultimate sacrifice.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all the law enforcement officers who bravely and selflessly serve throughout Sumter County. It is an honor to recognize them and all men and women in law enforcement.

RECOGNIZING MANDY DIXON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Mandy Dixon, 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 Ms. Dixon and her fellow board members have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

RECOGNIZING NO LIMITS
ACADEMY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past month, it was my great pleasure to visit No Limits Academy in Middle Township of Cape May County, South Jersey. During my visit to NLA, I experienced the great work that the organization is doing by providing an outlet to local children and teenagers that have tough home environments through an afterschool program that lasts all afternoon. This gives students the opportunity to complete their homework with on-site tutors as well as play sports and converse with faith-based counselors. After the kids have completed their homework, there is a two-hour boxing program, showing the kids discipline while also having fun. The No Limits Academy has blessed South Jersey for three years, leaving a positive impact on our youth, and we look forward to many more years to come. God bless the No Limits Academy and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING SAUL ZAPATA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Saul Zapata for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Saul has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Saul, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Saul's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Saul Zapata on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING REVEREND CECIL WILLIAMS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend and incomparable moral and spiritual leader of the Bay Area, Reverend Cecil Williams, who passed away at the age of 94 on April 22, 2024.

Albert Cecil Williams was born September 22, 1929 in San Angelo, Texas. After graduating from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1955, he moved to the Bay Area and became the pastor of Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco.

Reverend Williams took over Glide Memorial Church when the congregation numbered only 35 people and transformed it into a world-renowned congregation and nonprofit. He challenged the status quo and sought to create a church that was inclusive of all, forming the Council on Religion and the Homosexual in 1964, bringing religious leaders and LGBTQ activists together. Reverend Williams began performing marriage ceremonies for gay couples decades before gay marriage was legal in California. He also hosted civil rights rallies and welcomed several activists to speak at Glide Memorial Church.

Reverend Williams used his position at the church to serve his community in many ways. Glide opened its own free health clinic, legal clinic, HIV prevention center, and women's health center. He created the Free Meals Program in 1980 and fed three hot meals a day to 2,000 community members in San Francisco.

Reverend Williams continued his work in the community his whole life. After retiring from his role as church pastor in 2000, he remained the Minister of Liberation and CEO of the GLIDE Foundation until just last year.

Cecil Williams is preceded in death by his wife Janice Mirikitani, who shared the title of founder and president of the GLIDE Foundation with Reverend Williams. He is survived by

his son, Albert Williams Jr. and daughter, Kimberly Williams.

Reverend Williams has been a friend and mentor since I was in college. His decades-long leadership of Glide made an enormous impact on our community. I remember taking Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm to Glide and the excitement and love Reverend Williams displayed to her.

His presence in our community will be deeply missed. May he rest in eternal peace and power, reunited with his beloved wife, Janice.

RECOGNIZING POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd and the law enforcement officers who keep Polk County safe every single day.

This week marks the annual observance of Police Week. Though we set aside one week a year to honor law enforcement, I encourage all Americans to join me not only this week, but every day, in recognizing the honor, courage, and commitment of America's law enforcement.

Our law enforcement officers are heroes in the community. They keep us safe and are willing to put their lives on the line every day in the course of their duties. It is impossible to fully express our gratitude or adequately recognize the professionalism of the men and women who voluntarily put their lives on the line for our safety and security. It is with deep respect that we pause today to honor the memory of the heroes who gave the last full measure of devotion and made the ultimate sacrifice.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all the law enforcement officers who bravely and selflessly serve Polk County. It is an honor to recognize them and all men and women in law enforcement.

RECOGNIZING JODY YOUNG

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Jody Young, 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 Ms. Young and her fellow board members have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

CELEBRATING PENNSVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to celebrate of the 100th anniversary of the Pennsville Fire Department located in South Jersey. This great fire department began its long history in April of 1924 when Jeer A. English decided to fill a void in the township by establishing a fire department. In 1939, it was recognized that additional emergency crew members were needed so a rescue squad was created and eventually this squad merged with the fire department creating the Fire and Rescue Department we have today. Through the years, the department has ensured that their firefights are as prepared as possible by requiring 180 plus hours of training before the young men and women can put on the uniform. The people of Pennsville always know that when someone from the Pennsville Fire and Rescue Department shows up that they are in good hands. The Fire and Rescue Department also gives back to the community through their Fire Prevention Open House to educate children on safety and by visiting the children's hospital each year to hand out gifts. The Pennsville Fire and Rescue Department has done a great deal of outstanding service to the people of Pennsville, and I have no doubt that they will continue to for the years to come. God bless the Pennsville Fire and Rescue Department and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING NOAH TRASK

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Noah Trask for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Noah has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Noah, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Noah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Noah Trask on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.