

HONORING STEPHANIE “SALLY”
TIVADOR ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JESÚS G. “CHUY” GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong Chicagoan, Ms. Stephanie “Sally” Tivador who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday.

Sally is the youngest of five daughters. She was born into a family of Polish descent just a couple of years before the Great Depression hit. And like so many children in that era, she worked full-time at a young age. She was only 14 years old when she started, and kept working for 24 years, until the birth of her first child in 1958.

Sally later married Edward Tivador of Pilsen in 1948, a relationship that lasted for 66 years until his passing in 2014. They had two children, Cynthia and Edward, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Sally is a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. And it is my honor to wish her a Happy 100th Birthday.

BUFFALO BANDITS BACK-TO-BACK
NLL CHAMPIONS

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate the National Lacrosse League's Buffalo Bandits who just won their second league championship in a row over the weekend in a 15–13 win over the Albany Fire Wolves—completing a sweep of the playoffs and winning their 9th game in a row.

They were led by their Head Coach, Bandits legend John Tavares, who was among the greatest players to ever take the field in the NLL.

And on the field, Josh Byrne, the league MVP, led the way with 9 points in the championship game and 135 points throughout the season.

Other standouts this season include Dhane (pronounced Dane) Smith, with 134 points, Chris Cloutier (Clue-teeay) with 68 points, and Chase Fraser with 57 points.

The rest of the roster pushed the team across the finish line, in games and in practice: Zach Belter, Adam Bomberry, Kyle Buchanan, Emerson Clark, Evan Constantopoulos, Paul Dawson, Connor Farrell, Chase Fraser, Cory Highfield, Sam La Roue, Ian MacKay, Justin Martin, Tehoka Nanticoke, Steve Orleman, Steve Priolo, Brandon Robinson, Dylan Robinson, Justin Robinson, Matt Spanger, Dalton Sulver, Matt Vinc, Nick Weiss, Cam Wyers.

And this championship would not have been possible without the contributions of staff: Terry Pegula, Scott Loffler, Steve Dietrich, John Tavares, Anthony Cosmo, Eric Vinc, Rob Buchan, Dan Teat, Dan Ristine, Ryan Rajk, Nicole Rakoski, Mike Maisano, Dr. Michael Rauh, Dr. Michael Jordan, Dr. Heidi Suffoletto, Dr. Jon Beck, Dr. Chris Siuta, Matt Meyer, Ted Cordingley, Casey Deuser, John Gurtler, Dave Buchanan, Steve Bermel, Kurt

Haumesser, Ryan Slabowski, Chris Swenson, Brett Swenson.

This back-to-back championship is the Bandits 6th in franchise history, putting them in a first-place league-wide tie for the most titles, and hopefully setting an example for our other beloved teams, the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres.

Congratulations to the Bandits, and I thank them for once again making Western New York proud.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CONSTANTINE ‘DINO’ IORDANOU TO THE HELLENIC COMMUNITY AT THE 40TH ANNUAL EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD DINNER

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record the following proclamation:

Whereas: Constantine ‘Dino’ Iordanou, Chairman of Vantage Group, will be honored by The Hellenic Bankers Association (HABA) on June 5, 2024, at the 40th Annual Executive of the Year Award Dinner for his 42 years in the insurance business, and his contributions to the Hellenic community.

Whereas: Mr. Iordanou previously served as Chairman and CEO of Arch Capital Group Inc., holding leadership roles at Zurich Financial Services, Berkshire Hathaway Group, Columbia Insurance Company, and American International Group.

Whereas: Mr. Iordanou currently serves as a director of Verisk Analytics and The Bank of Cyprus and is the Chairman of the board of Vantage Risk Holdings.

Whereas: Mr. Iordanou is a founding member of the Pancyprian Association of America, an organization founded in 1975 following the invasion and illegal occupation of Cyprus by Turkish troops, to advocate for freedom and justice for Cyprus and its people.

Whereas: Mr. Iordanou also founded FAITH, a charitable organization dedicated to the advancement of Greek-Americans through its scholarship education programs, promoting Hellenism and the Greek Orthodox faith, and to supporting the next generation of young leaders.

Whereas: Mr. Iordanou has received numerous awards, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor (1999), Reactions Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award (2017), Institutional Investor's Best Insurance Industry Mid-Corp CEO (2017), St. John's University School of Risk Management's Insurance Leader of the Year, and was named one of Fortune Magazine's Top 50 Businesspersons of the Year (2016).

The Hellenic Community is privileged to celebrate the achievements of this year's Executive of the Year recipient, Mr. Iordanou, for his more than four decades of service to the insurance industry, the Hellenic community, and beyond.

REMEMBERING ATTORNEY
WILLIAM J. “BILL” WRIGHT, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a loving husband, dedicated fa-

ther, committed soldier, trailblazing attorney, benevolent community servant and dear friend of longstanding, Attorney William J. “Bill” Wright, Sr. Sadly, Bill transitioned from labor to reward on May 16, 2024. A celebration of his remarkable life will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Friendship Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

The dawning of the life of William Wright, Sr. began with his birth on March 4, 1940, to the union of Robert L. Wright, Sr., and Pauline Talley Wright. From an early age, Bill was instilled with traits that formed the foundation of his character—courage, compassion, intestinal fortitude and a love of God and family.

A lifelong learner, Bill graduated from Spencer High School in 1958. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education from Tennessee State University in 1963. During this time, Bill immersed himself in the Civil Rights Movement by participating in demonstrations and other activities that would cement his commitment to making something of himself and using his life's work in service to others.

Following his graduation from Tennessee State, Bill answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army. He served two honorable years in the Army with two duty stations—Fort Benning (now Fort Moore) and Fort Ord in Monterey, CA. Bill's service in the Army had a profound impact on his life by helping him to become more disciplined and determined to make a difference in the lives of others in pursuit of justice.

Stirred by his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, Bill's pursuit of justice took his journey to Atlanta's John Marshall Law School where he graduated in 1976 with a J.D.

Bill returned to Columbus, Georgia to begin his storied legal career. Bill was committed to justice and was truly concerned about the dispensation of justice for those who would least likely benefit from its promise. During his career, Bill tried over 1,000 jury trials and was applauded for his tremendous contributions to the legal community. Bill also served with distinction as a Recorder's Court Judge in Muscogee County. His enduring legacy is being continued through the Wright Legal Group that he founded with his oldest daughter, Attorney Katonga Wright, in 2011.

It has been said that “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth.” Bill paid his rent, and he paid it well. He used his life's work to empower others by being a voice for the voiceless and giving hope to the hopeless. Bill played an integral role in the founding of the Fountain City Bar Association that has as its mission the creation of camaraderie and support among African American lawyers in the Chattahoochee Valley. He was a Mason, a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the 100 Black Men of America. Bill was committed to preparing the next generation of leaders to take up the mantle of leadership in the Chattahoochee Valley and beyond.

Bill was committed to the study and preservation of history. Bill developed a passion for Civil War Reenactments with the 54th Massachusetts Union Army, the First Black Regiment to serve during the Civil War. Because of his commitment to history, he was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Civil War Rites Advisory Commission in 1990.

Bill was a man of faith. It was the essence of who he was as a person. He gave his life

to Christ at an early age at Friendship Baptist Church. He was an original member of the Friendship Youth Organization (FYO). In later years, he joined Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where he was a faithful member until his death. He served as an Elder at the church just as he served others during his life with excellence and compassion.

On a personal note, Bill and his entire family have been dear friends to my wife Vivian and me for many years. We are so appreciative for his special friendship and for the wise counsel and advice that he imparted to us over the years. He never told us what we wanted to hear; he always told us what he felt we needed to hear.

Bill accomplished much in his life but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God, the love and support of his devoted wife and "Sweetie", Jessie Godwin Wright; his loving children, William, Katonga, Kendra, and Kameese; his grandchildren, his cherished brother and best friend, Dr. Robert L. Wright, Jr., and many other family, loved ones and friends.

Attorney William J. Wright touched countless lives. As an attorney, Judge, friend, history buff, husband, father, uncle, mentor, and activist he made an impact. We are better because of him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in celebrating the extraordinary life of Attorney William J. "Bill" Wright, Sr. and in extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss. May we all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JANIE B.
RANDOLPH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable mother, humanitarian, and beloved community figure as she celebrates a milestone in her extraordinary life. Mrs. Janie B. Randolph will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 4, and I join family and friends in celebrating this significant occasion.

Mrs. Randolph was born on June 4, 1924, in Congaree, South Carolina. She attended Richland County Public Schools and achieved her lifelong goal of obtaining her high school diploma in 1970 from the Richland County Adult Education Center. She furthered her education by attending Midlands Technical College, where she took classes in fashion design. Her interest in fashion led her to become a highly skilled seamstress and develop a passion for knitting and crocheting.

Mrs. Randolph is the proud mother of six children—Barbara, Romeo, Joyce, Nancy, Jacquelyn, and Kenneth—plus two additional children by love, Tom Adams and Sheriff Leon Lott. All of her children attended college and served in the military. She is also a grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and a surrogate mother to many. Her

four beloved cats, Lilibeth, Corabell, Marthann, and Cleolynn, are her constant companions.

As a founding member of the Good Shepherd Holiness Church, Mrs. Randolph holds the esteemed title of Mother of the Church. For years, she was an active participant in various church activities, including the Musical Choir, Youth Department, Missionary Society, Vacation Bible School, and Women's Ministry. Her dedication to her faith community is a testament to her unwavering spirit and love for service.

Beyond her contributions to the church, Mrs. Randolph is the former owner of Brooks Grocery Store, a cornerstone of her community. A Gold Star Wife and a member of the Tuesday Rockers and United Order of Tents, Mrs. Randolph has always been active in community service and is a former member of the Hopkins Adult Senior Citizens Program, where she volunteered with Meals on Wheels. She also loves socializing, entertaining, gardening, and reading scripture.

Mrs. Randolph's motto, "Helping Others to Help Others," reflects her life's work. Her favorite hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God To Thee," and her cherished scripture, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalms 23), are a testament to her deep faith and guiding principles. Her favorite saying, "If you know better, you will do better," encapsulates her belief in the power of knowledge and self-improvement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the tremendous life of Mrs. Janie B. Randolph on the occasion of her 100th birthday. I thank her for her tireless efforts to better our community and her unwavering dedication to helping others. May her legacy continue to uplift and inspire us all.

HONORING THE PROMOTORAS IN
OUR COMMUNITY TO COMBAT
COVID-19

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the remarkable efforts of community leaders and organizations in battling the COVID-19 pandemic, including AYUDA, Inc., Familias Triunfadoras, Doña Ana County—Health & Human Services, and Family Support Services of Amarillo, along with dedicated leaders like Nora Hernandez, Josiah Heyman, Mark Jurado, Adriana Orozco, Gina Nuñez-Mchiri, and the memory of Patricia Juarez Carrillo.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges to our communities, particularly impacting vulnerable populations such as farmworkers, dairy workers, and meatpacking workers. Recognizing the urgent need for targeted interventions, our dedicated leaders partnered with the National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN) to address the specific needs of these communities.

Our leader's collaboration with community-based organizations aimed to provide essential resources and support to migrant workers and food production workers in El Paso, Moore, TX, and Doña Ana, NM counties. The project began with disseminating vital COVID-

19 information and evolved to address emerging needs, including vaccine access, mental health support, and promoting the NCRN application.

By early February 2024, substantial progress had been achieved in providing essential COVID-19 resources to farmworkers, dairy workers, and meatpacking workers. Crucial, targeted outreach efforts meant thousands of these workers received the COVID-19 vaccine, tests, resources, and more. These initiatives highlight a comprehensive approach to supporting essential workers' health and well-being and our greater community. The collaborative efforts of these organizations and leaders have been crucial in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and promoting health equity in our communities, reflecting the spirit of compassion and solidarity.

Today, I am honored to pay tribute to all those involved in this noble endeavor. Their selfless contributions have made a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families, and their legacy of service will be remembered for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call votes 219 and 220 on May 21, 2024, and 221 and 222 on May 22, 2024. Had I been present, my votes would have been: Yea on Roll Call No. 219; Yea on Roll Call No. 220; Nay on Roll Call No. 221; and Nay on Roll Call No. 222.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ESTHER KIM

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional contributions of Esther Kim, our Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) fellow, who has used her talents for the betterment of California and the U.S. Congress as a whole. From astutely demanding answers from the Food and Drug Administration on how lead-tainted food was able to get to the plates of children and what the agency would do to ensure it never happened again, to building key coalitions of support and helping pass through the House a bill to redesignate a Koreatown post office in honor of activist Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, Esther's insights and diligence have made real change and pushed important congressional efforts forward.

As she prepares to enter Yale Divinity School in the fall, I am certain her time in Congress is only the beginning of the impact Esther Kim will make on our nation. I know I speak for everyone who encountered Esther on the Hill when I say we can't wait to see what she will do change the world next.