

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.

HONORING EDWIN TORRES
DESANTIAGO

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional achievements of Edwin Torres DeSantiago, who will soon begin his doctoral program in Public Affairs as the University of Minnesota Humphrey School's first DACA recipient.

Edwin arrived in the United States from El Salvador at eight years old. Despite early academic success, Edwin did not believe that he could get a college education in the United States due to his status as an undocumented immigrant. However, when the Obama Administration established the DACA program, he then had the opportunity to attend Saint John's University in Saint Joseph, Minnesota, where he excelled in academics and earned many University-wide awards. During his college education and beyond, he has been a tireless advocate for first generation and Latine students, leading to an appointment to his alma mater's Board of Trustees in 2023. His advocacy for our community members is not limited to students, throughout his life Edwin has championed countless progressive leaders and policies that have improved the lives of so many Minnesotans. Admirably, Edwin recently earned his master's degree in public affairs from the Humphrey School while continuing his career and extensive community service.

Edwin will now embark on the years-long journey of earning a doctoral degree in Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School, where his exceptional achievements and demonstrated investment in the community earned him a full-ride scholarship. Beyond his admission to the program and tremendous scholarship, Edwin's status as the Humphrey School's first DACA recipient to attend the program makes this achievement duly commendable.

Edwin's acceptance to the Humphrey School is a testament to his decades of hard work and leadership. I am so proud to call him a Minnesotan and recognize that Dreamers like Edwin make our state, and our country, a better place. I have no doubt that Edwin will be successful as a doctoral student and look forward to the continued positive change he will bring to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Edwin for his incredible accomplishment and wishing him luck as he starts this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CHIEF RANDY COX

HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Somerset Borough Police Chief Randy Cox on his 47 years of service to our community.

Randy felt called to serve from a young age and always wanted to be a police officer. He

began his law enforcement career as a police officer in 1977 for Seven Springs Borough in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He transitioned to the Ligonier Borough Police Department in 1981 and rose to the rank of police chief in 1990. On August 9, 2004, Randy became the chief of the Somerset Borough Police Department, where he served for the past 19 years.

Randy kept a local and positive approach to his law enforcement duties. Through his teaching role at the Westmoreland County Community College Police Academy and Penn State-Fayette, Randy prepared officers for all the hardships associated with law enforcement. Additionally, he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy's 204th Session in 2001. Randy took this education and incorporated what he learned into training sessions at local academies. He also served as an assessor for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Committee to ensure that all police officers were qualified for the job's rigorous duties. He demonstrated a long-lasting commitment to southwestern Pennsylvania law enforcement officials, and his legacy will be remembered for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, Randy Cox served southwestern Pennsylvania dutifully for the past 47 years. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate him on a long, successful career serving southwestern Pennsylvania communities.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Ann Arbor on the 200th anniversary of its founding. The contributions its residents have made to the State of Michigan and to the Nation over the last two centuries are worthy of commendation.

Originally the Village of Annarbour, this community was named after the wives of its two founders, who were both named Ann, and was also inspired by the large forest in the area. Founded in 1824, historic Ann Arbor predates the establishment of the State of Michigan by thirteen years.

Ann Arbor is home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world: The University of Michigan. The University of Michigan was originally established in 1817 as Catholepistemiad Michigania in Detroit, then a fledgling capital of the Territory of Michigan, and later relocated to Ann Arbor in 1837. Since its founding, the university has brought defining cultural, economic, and intellectual growth to greater Ann Arbor. The students, staff, and faculty come from all 50 American states and over 100 countries globally, contributing to the worldly and diverse culture of this community. In addition to its numerous accolades for its academic prestige, University of Michigan Athletics continues to make Ann Arbor proud. Just this past January, the University of Michigan Football Team defeated the Washington Huskies, bringing a national championship title back to Ann Arbor for the first time since 1997.

It is not just the University of Michigan that makes Ann Arbor special. The cultural and religious diversity of the city has been a source of strength and has also led to Ann Arbor being the site of many monumental political and civil rights activities. From traditional denominations to more contemporary organizations, there is something for everyone in this vibrant city. Beth Israel, one of the oldest synagogues in the state, was founded in 1916. The city was also the home of the first meetings of the Students for a Democratic Society in 1960, a national student activist group. That same year, President John F. Kennedy set in motion the development of the Peace Corps on the steps of the Michigan Union. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson gave his "Great Society" speech at the University of Michigan's commencement. In 1965, the city was the location of the first American "teach in" in protest of the Vietnam War.

Ann Arbor has long been known as a hotbed for technological innovation and start-ups. The International Radio Corporation, established in Ann Arbor in 1931, was responsible for the first mass-produced AC/DC radio as well as the Argus C3, one of the top-selling cameras in history. ProQuest, founded in 1938 as University Microfilms, has been at the forefront of the preservation of documents for research purposes since their founding. Thomas Knoll, an Ann Arbor native, created Adobe Photoshop in 1987 while completing his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. Duo Security, a leader in two-factor internet security, was founded in 2009. Presently, Ann Arbor is host to over 20 video game and XR studios of varying sizes and hosts monthly meetings of the International Game Developers Association. Ann Arbor is also home to many nationally and internationally recognized businesses like Domino's Pizza, one of the largest pizza brands in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the City of Ann Arbor on the occasion of their bicentennial. For the past 200 years, Ann Arbor has stood as a beacon of progress, diversity, and excellence. From its humble beginnings to its current status as a thriving and exemplary city, this milestone is a testament to their commitment to innovation, education, and community. We are excited to see what the residents of Ann Arbor can accomplish in the years to come.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESCONTRIAS
STEAM ACADEMY

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Escontrias STEAM Academy, a cornerstone of educational excellence in the Lower Valley of El Paso County.

In 1921, faced with the urgent need for a safe educational environment for children of the Socorro district, Silverio Escontrias, a dedicated Texas Ranger and community leader, generously donated land at U.S. Highway 80 and Buford Road for a new school. His commitment to education laid the groundwork for what would become Escontrias Elementary