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HONORING THE LANSING WOMAN'S CLUB

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Lansing Woman's Club, an organization of incredible women dedicated to personal growth, knowledge, and the betterment of their community. Founded in 1874, the Club has played an instrumental role in promoting lifelong learning and cultural enrichment, thus lifting the skylines of its members, the city of Lansing, and beyond.

The Lansing Woman's Club began with 25 pioneering women who shared a deep commitment to intellectual improvement. Their dedication is encapsulated in the Club's founding purpose: the study and improvement of its members in literature, science, and the fine arts. More than a century later, the Club proudly carries on its mission as members meet each week to learn from one another through the sharing of individually written research papers.

Throughout its history, the Club has been a beacon of progress and inclusivity, committed to welcoming open-minded and determined women to mirror the diverse community it serves. Members have come from various walks of life and professional backgrounds, including doctors, academics, civil servants, and members of the clergy, and have established and supported cultural organizations, hospitals, and educational institutions. To this day, members not only contribute their time and volunteer efforts, but also foster community engagement, provide aid to refugees and supply food and clothing to those in need.

Over the years, the Lansing Woman's Club has hosted many distinguished guests to share their passion and expertise with members, including Frank Lloyd Wright Creativity Award-winning architect Alden B. Bow, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner Carl Sandburg, and acclaimed author Madeleine L'Engle.

Even in the face of adversity, including a devastating fire in 1996 that severely damaged the group's clubhouse, the resilience of its members has ensured the Club's enduring presence. Inspired by one of the Club's earliest members, Irma T. Jones, these women continue to demonstrate that our futures are limited only by the boundaries we set for ourselves.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, let us recognize the Lansing Woman's Club for its unwavering commitment to education, culture, and service to the community. It is with profound respect and gratitude that I honor the Club's 150th anniversary and recognize its members' contributions. May the Lansing Woman's Club continue to inspire and lead for many more generations to come.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MYRNA JACKSON

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Mrs. Myrna Carter Jackson, a civil rights activist and community leader in Birmingham, Alabama, who passed away on May 31, 2024, at the age of 82.

Mrs. Jackson was born on July 9, 1941, in Birmingham, Alabama as one of eight children to the late Willie George Carter and Willie Lee Ledger. After graduating from A.H. Parker High School at the age of sixteen, she attended Barbara Durr Beauty College in 1965 and obtained a license in cosmetology. Later in life, she continued her educational journey at Lawson State Community College and Miles College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in social work in 2000.

Mrs. Jackson became involved in the Civil Rights Movement at an early age, serving as the First Vice President of the Metro Birmingham Branch of NAACP. After the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, she participated in the Children's March and Monday Masses, organized by the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights and Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth. In response to her peaceful demonstration, Mrs. Jackson was jailed twice and spent more than three weeks in the Birmingham Jail. She experienced violence and troubling conditions during her incarceration but drew strength from the support and comradery that she received from other members of the Movement.

A dedicated community leader, Mrs. Jackson's commitment to service was the throughline of her career. She served as a certified substitute teacher for several Birmingham schools, provided social services and workforce development to survivors of Hurricane Katrina, facilitated job training for students through the Birmingham Works for Youth, and served as Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District. As a member of the Top Ladies of Distinction, she worked with Top Teens of America to provide scholarships and funding for students.

Even later in life, Mrs. Jackson's commitment to the ideals of the Civil Rights Movement never wavered. In 2009, she organized a conference with the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the FBI to promote healthy dialogue between youth and law enforcement. In 2017, she helped commemorate the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument and went on to serve as the Interim President for the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP.

Mrs. Jackson received much recognition for her remarkable leadership and contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. She was honored by the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP in 2013 for the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement. In 2017, she was selected by The HistoryMakers for an oral history interview of her incredible life story.

Mrs. Jackson is preceded in death by her husband, Issic Jackson; parents Willie George Carter and Willie Lee Ledger; and three brothers, Gilbert Carter, Alfred Lee Carter, and John Carter. She is survived by two sons Jeff-

ery Jackson and Michael Jackson; one granddaughter Denitra Streeter; one grandson Kieron Jackson; one brother Willie Carter Jr.; four sisters Sylvia Weatherspoon, Lee Edna Boone, Iris Elom, and Wanda Morton, and a host of cousins, friends, and church members.

On a personal note, Mrs. Jackson was a source of great inspiration for me and so many young Black women. A trailblazer and pioneer, she was devoted to her community, her family, and the power of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Movement. It is because of the courage, bravery, and strength of Foot Soldiers like Myrna Carter Jackson that we enjoy the freedoms we have today. Her life is a testament to the power of ordinary Americans to achieve extraordinary social change. May we find comfort in knowing that she lived a full and blessed life, and that her legacy will live on in the lives she touched.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Mrs. Myrna Carter Jackson and her many contributions to the City of Birmingham, the State of Alabama, and our Nation. May she Rest in Peace and Power.

RECOGNIZING ANASTASIOS G. PILIOTIS AND CHRYS MARIA CARDARIS-PILIOTIS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 2024

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Senior Special Agent at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and Senior Manager at AT&T, and dear friends Anastasios Piliotis and Chrys Cardaris-Piliotis for their over 40 years of dedication and commitment to providing quality service to the public.

Anastasios earned his Bachelors in Administration of Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement from San Jose State University in 1976, later returning to earn his Master's in 1978 and Ph.D. in Sociology and Anthropology from U.S. International University in 1981. Chrys attended Wayne State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts, Master's, and subsequent Ph.D. in English Language and Literature.

Chrys began her career as an English Instructor from 1973 to 1977, when she began her career with AT&T where she remained for 45 years before retiring in 2023. She served multiple departments working in external affairs, marketing, and engineering, and served on the Women of AT&T Officer and Executive Board.

Following his service as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff at Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department and a Border Patrol Agent, Anastasios continued his career in the Federal government service as a Criminal Investigator at the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Government Printing Office and the Department of Transportation. In 1986, Anastasios transitioned to Senior Special Agent with the Defense Security Services. In 2005, he became a Senior Special Agent with the Office of Personnel Management, Federal Investigative Services, where he served for 18 years until his retirement in 2023.

In addition to his professional commitments, Anastasios also served as an Adjunct Lecturer

and Instructor, teaching sociology, management, and decision-making courses at Columbia College, Chapman University, and the University of Phoenix.

Through their work in public service, education, telecommunications, and intelligence, Anastasios and Chrys have positively impacted our nation and the Tri-Valley community. I join the residents of my district in commending them for their decades of service and wish them rest, relaxation, a lot of time with their children and grandchildren in retirement.

RECOGNIZING JUNE 9TH AS BATTEN DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 2024

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Batten Disease Awareness Day. Batten Disease is a fatal rare disease of the nervous system that usually begins in childhood. In the U.S., an estimated two to four children out of every 100,000 will get the disease, and unfortunately, there is no cure.

On June 9th Batten Disease advocates around the world will celebrate International Batten Disease Awareness Day. Families and caregivers impacted by this disease are often fighting a silent battle due to a lack of public awareness. Increasing awareness helps honor their fight and strengthen the development of innovative treatment options and research for a cure. That's why last year I was proud to introduce a resolution in support of Batten Disease Awareness Day.

I urge my colleagues to join me on June 9th in honoring the families and caregivers, and most importantly, the children who have been impacted by this terrible disease.

HONORING MRS. LEIGH WALKER FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated citizen from the greatest generation of Americans, Mrs. Leigh Walker.

Mrs. Walker represents the best of patriotism and what it means to be an American. Eighty-three years ago, a fifteen-year-old in California heard a call to help her country. Pearl Harbor had been attacked, the United States entered the war, and women had just begun joining the war effort. Miss Leigh and her mother were two of the many civilians who reported for duty. Women across the country worked long hours and long weeks, including Leigh and her mother. After months of training, Miss Leigh became a certified welder and began working on ships in Richmond, California at only sixteen years old.

The SS *Red Oak Victory*, a ship named for the small town in Iowa, was among the ships Mrs. Walker remembers working on. Built to last, this naval ship is still docked in Richmond today. Now no longer used for war, it is a testament to the skill and perseverance exempli-

fied by young women during the war. Miss Leigh and many of her peers rose to the occasion and served their country well with strength and dedication.

After the war, Leigh married Leland Walker, who was a highly skilled steamfitter and boiler-maker. Together they moved across the country to Tennessee, which is still their home over 70 years later. Together, they raised two children: Jerry Walker, who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and Marcia Chandler, an elementary school teacher of 46 years. Mrs. Walker and the late Mr. Walker have four grandchildren.

Leigh Walker served her community in many informal ways as well. Mrs. Walker spent nearly twenty years helping her daughter's students with reading and writing. She was a reliable volunteer at the high school baseball games where her son-in-law coached and spent many years making cakes treasured by her community for various events.

Today, she is 97 years old and still resides in Dickson County, Tennessee. The advice she leaves speaks to her legacy, "Be honest, love your family, and always vote."

Leigh Walker's life is a testament to the American spirit of duty and service, and it is with the greatest respect that I recognize her today.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2024 recipients of the IES Sales Excellence Awards presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales and Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

The recipient of the 2024 Lifetime Achievement in Sales Award is Jim Kelly, Senior Vice President North American Federal Sales for Dell Technology. He is responsible for supporting federal customers and their missions, providing the technology and expertise needed to transform and protect their data.

The recipient of the 2024 Woman in Sale Executive Leadership Award is Gerilyn Horan. Gerilyn is the Vice President, Group Sales and Strategic Accounts at Hilton Worldwide Sales. She is responsible for driving the growth of the group segment for all Hilton brands and oversees a total account management approach to Hilton's largest customers.

The 2024 Entrepreneurial Sales Leader of the Year Award is presented to Reggie Aggarwal. Reggie is the CEO and Founder of Cvent, a market-leading meetings, events and hospitality technology provider.

Chuck Ghoorah will receive the 2024 Institute for Excellence in Sales Entrepreneurial Sales Leader of the Year award. Chuck is Co-

founder and President of Worldwide Sales and Marketing at Cvent. Chuck has been instrumental in building Cvent from a startup to a 4,800-person company.

The 2024 Sales Partner of the Year Award is presented to Rebecca Wetherly. Rebecca leads the strategic development and accelerated growth for AWS's diverse and expanding Systems Integrator (SI) partner ecosystem. This rich partner ecosystem enables government, education, and nonprofit customers to grow and deliver impact by leading with AWS cloud services.

Margo Edris will receive the 2024 Institute for Excellence in Sales Rising Sales Star award. Margo Edris is a Regional Vice President of Sales at Salesforce. She leads a team of accomplished Sales professionals who partner with State and Local Governments across the Rocky Mountain Region to modernize Government services.

Tom Snyder will receive the 2024 Institute for Excellence in Sales Speaker of the Year award. He is the Founder and Managing Partner of Funnel Clarity, LLC, a sales training and consulting firm headquartered in Washington, DC. Finally, Tom is listed among America's 100 Most Influential Sales Leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this year's awardees for their innovative and effective leadership and in wishing them success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. JOHN BREWER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 2024

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. John Brewer. A passionate journalist and dedicated community leader, John passed away in mid-April.

I got to know John when I first ran for Congress back in 2012. From the first moments I spent with him, I learned just how deeply he cared about his community, and his passion for local journalism.

John was the consummate newsman and dedicated his professional career to the field of journalism. His first job was with the weekly Upland News in his hometown of Upland, California in 1965. From there, he went on to work with The Associated Press for 19 years as a reporter, editor, bureau chief, and executive in Seattle, Los Angeles, and New York.

As the Seattle bureau chief, he oversaw the coverage of the devastating 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. In Los Angeles, he oversaw the coverage of the 1984 Summer Olympics. During his 10 years as president, CEO, and editor-in-chief of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., he enlisted high-profile columnists, including Mikhail Gorbachev, Martha Stewart, and former President Jimmy Carter.

After a prolific career around the country, John joined the Peninsula Daily News in 1998, where he championed local journalism until his retirement in 2015.

John was heavily involved in his community in the North Olympic Peninsula, supporting over 25 nonprofits and other organizations, including the Port Angeles Downtown Association, Community Multicultural Alliance, and Peninsula Home Fund. He served on several