

Beyond the football field, Maddox is the team captain of the Varsity Men's Soccer Team and the principal cellist of the L.D. Bell Philharmonic Orchestra. He recently received the 2024 HEB ISD Education Foundation Award of Excellence, which is given to 33 outstanding high school seniors who have worked hard, overcome adversity, found their passion, blossomed, and excelled above their cohorts.

I want to congratulate Maddox on his outstanding achievements, both on the field and off.

RECOGNIZING PETERSON HEALTH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peterson Health in their seventy-fifth year of serving the Texas Hill Country. The community is forever grateful to Hal and Charlie Peterson, two brothers who envisioned a full-service hospital in Kerrville, Texas. The Petersons' efforts began in 1944 by establishing the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation with an initial donation of one hundred dollars. Three years later, the Foundation board green-lit construction of a hospital for "the benefit of the people of the Hill Country in general." The brothers started building on their land at Sidney Baker and Water Streets in Kerrville. Named for their father, the Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital opened its doors on July 3, 1949. I include in the RECORD an excerpt from the Petersons' opening ceremony speech that day:

"And so here it is; it's yours to use. If it will ease a little the sufferings of the sick and injured; if it will help a little to mend their broken bodies; if it will provide a place where the next generation—and the next—can enter this world with the best of care and attention, and if it can do these things at a minimum of expense to those who must be patients, then our purpose in building it and giving it to the Hill Country community has been well-served."

It was a world-class facility, the first in America to have a central air conditioning system. Another groundbreaking feature was the intercom system that connected each patient's bed to the nurse's station. In 1969, the hospital underwent extensive upgrades and increased bed capacity to eighty-six. A six-million-dollar expansion plan was completed in 1985, including a new Surgical Annex. The hospital became independent from the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation five years later. At the turn of the millennium, medical air transport services were added to San Antonio and Austin.

In 2008, the hospital changed locations to the new Peterson Health campus, complete with a brand-new hospital building. It was the only hospital in Texas to be named a Top 20 Rural Community Hospital by the National Rural Health Association. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in 2022 for the Amanda and J. David Williams Surgery Center which will expand surgical capacity by 25% and procedure rooms by 50%. Congratulations to CEO Cory Edmondson and the entire staff on seventy-five years of service to the Hill Country. I applaud Peterson's stated mission of "maintaining their status as an independent, private, nonprofit health system."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. XIAO GUANG (DON) SUN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Xiaoguang (Don) Sun, who passed away on March 13, 2024, in San Jose, California, with his family by his side. Don was a distinguished citizen who dedicated his life to advocacy, including advocating on behalf of Asian Americans, and served a prominent role in American politics.

Mr. Sun was born on July 10, 1959, in Beijing, China. He obtained a bachelor's degree from Renmin University of China in Beijing in 1982. After graduation, Mr. Sun worked on the Economic Reform and Opening-up policies for six years, focusing on agrarian reform, privatization of land, and grassroots elections in rural China. This work ignited his passion to tirelessly serve the people and galvanized his commitment to the betterment of society. He also earned a master's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990 and worked as a research fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford from 1990 to 1993, specializing in the research of political and land reform in Taiwan.

Mr. Sun served as President to the Bay Area chapter of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association since 2009 and as a Cupertino Planning Commissioner from 2011–2019. He was also actively involved in the Cupertino Rotary Club for nearly two decades. Mr. Sun was vocal about the treatment of Asian Americans, leading advocacy efforts towards securing a formal apology from the U.S. House of Representatives for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Mr. Sun will be forever remembered for his contributions to the Asian American community.

Mr. Sun is survived by his two sons. May his proud legacy continue to live on through all who had the honor of knowing him.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Monmouth County Historical Association. This milestone will be celebrated by its leadership, members, and the greater community at its 49th Annual Garden Party on June 7, 2024. I would also like to join the Monmouth County Historical Association in honoring the members of its newly formed Advisory Council: Robert Broege, Hope Jones, and Ross Millhiser.

Organized by a group of Monmouth County residents with the intention of preserving and celebrating the county's rich history, the Monmouth County Historical Association has grown immensely since 1898. In less than 25 years, the group had expanded to several hundred members and procured an extensive collection. Today, the Association boasts a

collection of over 30,000 artifacts, a headquarters, library, archives, and five historic houses.

The Association is a renowned historical organization that continues to fulfill its mission to discover, preserve, and promote the history, genealogy, and biography of Monmouth County. Through its work, the Association provides an anthology of our heritage for future generations. Its exhibitions explore various topics from the American Revolution to the County's resort towns. It has received Giles R. Wright Award twice for its recent work to share the stories and experiences of the enslaved in Monmouth County. In its 125th year, the Monmouth County Historical Association is led by Executive Director Shannon Eadon and a knowledgeable staff as well as its Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and its new Advisory Council.

The Monmouth County Historical Association continues to play a vital role in the preservation and promotion of the County's rich history. As it marks its 125th anniversary, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the contributions and efforts of the Monmouth County Historical Association.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER SHAYNE KOTARA

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Shayne Kotara's 22 years of service with the North Richland Hills Police Department. Officer Kotara began his career in the Patrol Division, where he soon became an invaluable asset to the Department because of his committed work ethic and love for serving his community.

Officer Kotara has served the police department in several capacities over the years. In 2006, Officer Kotara transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division where he was assigned to the DEA's Fort Worth Multi-Agency Task Force and later to the DEA's Drug Diversion Task Force. In 2017, Officer Kotara was transferred back to the Uniformed Services Division, and from there he was transferred to the Community Resources Division in 2019. For the last five years, he has served as a school resource officer in the North Richland Hills district. Officer Kotara has shown exceptional dedication and has made a positive impact on his community.

Throughout his distinguished career, Officer Kotara has received numerous awards and commendations, reflecting his exemplary service and dedication. He currently holds a Master Peace Officer License and was awarded one Lifesaving Award. In addition, he's received two Meritorious Service Awards and seven Certificates of Recognition due to his outstanding service in the City of North Richland Hills.

I'd like to thank Officer Kotara for his outstanding service to our community during his career with the North Richland Hills Police Department.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a significant milestone in the field of education, health care and community enrichment—the 50th anniversary of the University of South Florida (USF) Health Morsani College of Medicine. For half a century, this respected institution has been a beacon of innovation, excellence and service, shaping the future of medicine and health care in our community and beyond.

Founded in 1971, the USF Morsani College of Medicine has consistently demonstrated a steadfast commitment to educate the next generation of physicians, advance medical knowledge through cutting-edge research, and provide compassionate, patient-centered care to individuals and communities in need. As we mark the 50th anniversary of the graduating charter class in 2024, we reflect on the school's remarkable journey. Over the past five decades, it has not only met but exceeded its ambitious objectives, leaving an enduring impact on medical education and practice. From pioneering research to improving patient care, the Morsani College of Medicine has made its mark in the Tampa Bay community, shaping the landscape of health care for generations to come.

The contributions made by the Morsani College of Medicine to the field of medicine and health care are far reaching. Through its comprehensive academic programs, cutting-edge research facilities and collaborations with valued health care institutions like Tampa General Hospital, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, and local VA hospitals, the College has produced generations of highly skilled and compassionate medical professionals who made invaluable contributions to their respective fields. Whether in primary care, specialty medicine, or research, graduates of the College of Medicine have consistently exemplified the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and excellence.

The Morsani College of Medicine plays a pivotal role in addressing the current doctor shortage crisis we are facing in Florida. After a population boom during the pandemic, the Tampa Bay area has a dire need for doctors. USF is meeting the moment by training high-caliber physicians, many of whom want to stay and practice in the state. Over the five decades since its inaugural graduating class, the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine has bestowed the prestigious medical degree upon nearly 5,100 graduates.

The impact of the Morsani College of Medicine extends far beyond the boundaries of its campus. Through its commitment to community engagement and service, the College has played a pivotal role in addressing the health care needs of my neighbors in Tampa Bay.

From providing essential health care services to vulnerable communities to spearheading groundbreaking research initiatives aimed at combating health disparities, the College of Medicine has remained committed in its dedication to improving the health and well-

being of all members of our community, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.

As a proud co-founder and co-chair of the Academic Medicine Caucus, I am firmly dedicated to promoting and recognizing the important role that medical schools, teaching hospitals and faculty physicians play to improve the health of people everywhere. As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Morsani College of Medicine, let us not only reflect on its great past but also look ahead to a future filled with infinite potential and possibility. I will continue to support and nurture the Morsani College of Medicine as it embarks on its next chapter of excellence, innovation and service to our Tampa Bay neighbors, and the residents of Florida and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to the University of South Florida Health Morsani School of Medicine on this momentous occasion. May the next 50 years be marked by even greater achievements, medical advancements, and the improvement of the lives of the residents of Florida and the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF TOMMIE FRYE AND HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HIS COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Tommie Frye, a resident of Ypsilanti, Michigan and veteran of the Vietnam War, and to mourn his passing. His dedication to his country and local community over a long and exceptional life is worthy of commendation.

Tommie served honorably as a medic in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He met his wife, Sally Frye, at church while stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. After finishing his service, he worked at Ford until his retirement.

Throughout his life, Tommie gave much of his time, energy, and resources to Parkridge Community Center in Ypsilanti. He worked tirelessly with the young people in his community as a beloved mentor, helping to keep them away from trouble and steering them towards successful futures. His unwavering support as a donor and fundraiser was also vital to Parkridge Community Center's ability to continue operating as a pillar of support for the young people of Ypsilanti.

Tommie's faith was a crucial part of him. He was a member of Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ in Ypsilanti, Michigan for his entire life. He was a pillar of the Mt. Olive community, serving as a deacon, usher, and trustee. He lived out his faith in every aspect of his life through his service, generosity, love, and compassion for everyone around him. His faith in God gave him strength in his final days as he went to claim his eternal reward.

Tommie is survived and remembered by his loving wife Sally, to whom he was married for 52 years, his four children, and his thirteen grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the life of Tommie Frye.

Tommie was an incredible representation of answering our nation's highest calling. He served his country with honor in Vietnam and afterward throughout his local community, bringing joy, enthusiasm, and love to everyone he met along the way. We mourn with his loved ones and thank them for sharing Tommie with us.

HONORING THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER-LEXINGTON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Federal Medical Center, located in Lexington, Kentucky. David Paul serves as Warden and Keith Blanke is Associate Warden. They lead a large staff of dedicated individuals.

In 1935, the United States Narcotic Farm facility opened in the countryside outside of Lexington. Known as Narco, this facility's mission was to treat people struggling with addiction, using new and often experimental treatments. It was a combination prison and hospital with a research facility. Inmates worked on the farm that was located on the grounds. They also interacted with each other through playing music, taking painting classes, and participating in social activities. When it first opened, only men who were arrested for drug-related offenses were housed there; women were admitted in 1941.

In 1967, the farm portion of the operation closed, and the name of the facility was changed to the National Institute of Mental Health, Clinical Research Center. In 1974, the facility became a Federal prison and was named The Federal Medical Center, Lexington. Today, The Federal Medical Center, Lexington celebrates 50 years of service. The Center, operated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, serves around 1500 inmates, who each require medical health care.

The Federal Medical Center serves an important role in our Nation's Department of Justice. I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to each person employed by the Federal Medical Center.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO MICHELLE LOUIS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Michelle Louis. Michelle Louis has spent the past 18 years smoothing the cancer journey for everyone who's walked through the doors of Cancer Support Community North Texas. As a clinical social worker, she joined the organization in 2006 providing comprehensive support to cancer patients free of charge. During her time working at the organization, she briefly served as Executive Director of Susan G. Komen for the Cure North Texas.

With 3 clubhouses located in Dallas, Tarrant, and Collin counties, Cancer Support