

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MS. MARY HIGHFILL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Mary Highfill, a "Rosie" whose critical contributions to the World War II Home Front helped empower American women and advance gender equity in the workforce. Ms. Highfill, who passed away at the age of 100, leaves behind an indelible legacy of service to our country and Contra Costa County.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Point Richmond, California, Ms. Highfill's commitment to her community inspired her to enter the workforce at a young age. During World War II, she joined her fellow Rosies in answering the call to serve and help meet the unprecedented demand for war materials and support services. During the war, she worked at Standard Oil Company as a stillman, where she helped prepare crude oil to be shipped for use at home and abroad. When our country needed courageous women to fill the roles historically held by men, Ms. Highfill's selflessness and bravery led her to step up and sacrifice her personal comfort for the sake of our country.

Ms. Highfill's passion for service expanded beyond her essential contributions to the World War II Home Front. She also served as President of the Washington School Parent Teacher Association and as a member of the Richmond Galileo Club Women's Auxiliary. In addition, Ms. Highfill served as Secretary of the Historical Association and participated in countless Rosie the Riveter events to honor and celebrate the legacy of the millions of women who selflessly supported the wartime effort during World War II.

Rosies like Ms. Highfill are a testament to women's empowerment and an inspiration to future generations of women and girls. Ms. Highfill will be remembered not only for her service to our country in its time of need, but also for her vital part in building a stronger, more equitable America. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Ms. Highfill's loved ones. I know they and the people of Contra Costa County join me in celebrating her life and legacy.

HONORING MS. CURLENE
JENNINGS BENNETT

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation honoring Ms. Curlene Jennings Bennett:

Whereas Staten Island Sea View Hospital opened in 1913 specifically to treat patients with Tuberculosis and, at its peak, Sea View Hospital saw nearly 2,000 patients and was one of only four municipal hospitals in New York City that did not discriminate against Black nurses;

Whereas Curlene Jennings Bennett arrived to work at Staten Island Sea View Hospital in

1957 as a registered nurse and worked in the adult pavilions of the hospital;

Whereas Curlene Jennings Bennett received her training at Bellevue School of Nursing;

Whereas the Black Angels were courageous, dedicated, and bold in answering the call to come to Sea View and risk their lives caring for the grievously sick and "indigent consumptives" of New York City, who had been banished to this woefully understaffed sanatorium;

Whereas The Black Angels' years of expertise played a significant role in the first ever human trials of isoniazid, the first drug to cure tuberculosis. Since its discovery in 1952, tens of millions of lives have been saved;

Whereas the Black Angels were activists and active members of the NAACP, neighborhood churches, and community groups, and became founding members of the Lincoln Hospital Alumni Association, the Urban League Guild, and the Women's Civic and Political Union. They were fierce advocates for the integration of Black nurses into the U.S. military and American Nurses Association, and in New York City they worked toward desegregating the hospital system;

Whereas following her tenure at Sea View Hospital, Curlene Jennings Bennett went to Africa where she lived for four years and helped to establish well-baby clinics and teach nutrition. Upon her return to the United States, she continued to serve her community as a public health and school nurse; and

Whereas the people of Staten Island are grateful for the years of service by Curlene Jennings Bennett and all the Black Angels who selflessly served on the front lines at Sea View Hospital to treat tuberculosis patients.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF AUSTIN MURPHY

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of former U.S. Representative, Austin "AJ" Murphy, Jr., who passed away at the age of 96 on April 13, 2024.

Congressman Murphy was a native of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Charleroi High School in 1945. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duquesne University in 1949 and received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1952.

Throughout his life, the congressman demonstrated a strong commitment to the people of southwestern Pennsylvania. He served our nation as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and later continued serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1948 to 1951.

After returning from World War II, Congressman Murphy still felt called to give back to his community. He served as a member of the Speers Borough Council and an assistant district attorney for Washington County, Pennsylvania. In 1958, he won a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where he served for 12 years. He was later elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate and assumed that office in 1971.

Following his tenure in Harrisburg, Congressman Murphy ascended to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976 and tirelessly fought for our community until his retirement in 1995. He spent his time in the House working on social security, education, and labor issues. He chaired the Subcommittee on Labor Standards and sponsored the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1989, which was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on November 17, 1989.

In addition to his political career, the congressman also volunteered as a Boy Scout Troop Leader and participated in many civic organizations. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion with 78 years of continuous service and was commander of Post 51 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Congressman Murphy cherished his loved ones, and his memory will live on through his seven children, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and his sister. His life will undoubtedly serve as an example of love, devotion to one's family, and selfless service.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman Murphy dedicated his life to the people of southwestern Pennsylvania. His legacy is the epitome of a life well-lived. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I wish his family healing during this difficult time.

HONORING REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERAN SARGEANT DAVID
DEPUE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Revolutionary War Veteran Sargeant David Depue on the occasion of the laying of a plaque in his honor at Highland Cemetery located in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember a man who served his country with honor during the Revolutionary War. His service to our Nation at the time of its birth is worthy of commendation.

Born in Sussex, New Jersey in October of 1750, Sargeant Depue first enlisted in the Continental Army as a Private in 1776. He was soon promoted to the rank of Sargeant in 1777, the position in which he served for the remainder of the war, including the battles of Germantown and Beaver Creek. Following his military service, Sargeant Depue moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan not long after its founding in the early 1800s. He died in Ypsilanti, Michigan on July 4, 1843, at the age of 92.

Sargeant Depue is remembered for his honorable military service and dedication to our Nation. He is just one of the few native and adopted Michiganders who fought for our country during the revolution. It is important for us to honor the veterans of our community who fought for the freedom of our Nation, a value we continue to hold dear today. We are thankful for the path these soldiers laid out for past, present, and future Americans over two centuries ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the honorable Sargeant David Depue as he is memorialized in Ypsilanti, Michigan. We join with Americans everywhere in extending our thanks to the Huron

Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Ypsilanti Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution for their work dedication to honoring Sargeant Depue in the run up to our Nation's 250th anniversary. Today and every day, we honor the brave patriots we lost in the fight for our independence. We are grateful for their military service and their willingness to fight for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR.
THEODORE CHESTER DIXIE, SR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of a beloved educator, veteran, and community leader, Dr. Theodore Chester Dixie, Sr., who passed away on June 3, 2024, at the age of 82.

Dr. Dixie was born on August 31, 1941, to the late Mary B. and Howard Edward Dixie, Sr. in Uniontown, Alabama. He attended Robert C. Hatch High School, where he made a name for himself as a member of the state championship-winning basketball team. Upon graduation, he attended Tuskegee University and was commissioned into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant.

During this period, Dr. Dixie met and married his life partner, the former Bettye Jeams Williams. As a student at Tuskegee University, Dr. Dixie courted Bettye with meals from the cafeteria where he worked. Their union produced two sons, Theodore Chester Dixie, Jr. and Timothy Carl Dixie (deceased).

While serving in the military, Dr. Dixie earned his master's degree from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University. Following his discharge from the Army, he continued his educational journey at Pennsylvania State University, earning his Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr. Dixie began his career in higher education at his alma mater, Alabama A&M University, as a professor and the Assistant Director of the Teacher Corps where he spearheaded the University's distant and remote learning initiatives.

A passionate educator and trailblazer, Dr. Dixie poured into the students of Alabama A&M. He empowered his students to take hold of their futures through education and personal development. As an educator and retired Department Chairman, Dr. Dixie was known for his consideration of his students and his proud mentorship of countless individuals. Even after his departure from Alabama A&M and his subsequent transition to the Tennessee Valley Authority and U.S. Army Civilian Personnel Office, Dr. Dixie maintained a lifelong commitment to mentorship and improving his community.

Having accepted Christ into his life at a young age, Dr. Dixie was a faithful member of Rock Chapel African Methodist-Episcopal Church in Uniontown. A dedicated servant of God, he always led by example and encouraged the members of his community and congregation to live up to their full potential in

Christ. In this pursuit, he served as a Trustee at Rock Chapel A.M.E. Church for its rebuilding in 1968, chaired the construction committee for the Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama, where he was a devoted lifelong member serving as a Sunday School teacher, and was a member of the Usher Board and the Presbyterian Men. Under Dr. Dixie's leadership, the Fellowship Presbyterian Church received an "Earthcare Ministry" certification, making it the only congregation to hold the title in the North Alabama Presbytery.

Dr. Dixie is preceded in death by his parents, Mary B. and Howard Edward Dixie, Sr.; and his son, Timothy Carl Dixie. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Bettye Williams Dixie; his son, Theodore Chester, Jr. (Sabrina); his daughter, Natalie Theodora; his grandchildren, Kayla Nord and Keegan Dixie; his great-grandchild, Jonkel; his siblings, Luvern McDonald (Melvyn) and Jean (Nathaniel); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

On a personal note, Dr. Dixie was a pillar of the Huntsville community, a beloved educator and veteran who loved his family and was committed to his faith. His life was a testament to the power of education, service to community and love of country. I will forever be grateful for his love and support and for the kindness that he always showed me and my family. May we find comfort in knowing that he lived a full and blessed life, and that his legacy will live on in the lives he touched.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the exceptional life and legacy of Dr. Theodore Chester Dixie, Sr., and his lasting contributions to the City of Huntsville, the State of Alabama, and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 269, I mistakenly voted YES when I intended to vote NO.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 275, I mistakenly voted NO when I intended to vote AYE.

PROMOTING A RESOLUTION TO
THE TIBET-CHINA DISPUTE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in favor of the Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act.

Sixty-five years ago, in the Tibetan Uprising of 1959, thousands of courageous Tibetans risked their lives for their freedoms as they took a stand against Chinese occupation. When the People's Liberation Army security forces tightened their hold on Lhasa in response to the uprising, a young Dalai Lama was forced to flee his country—and he has lived in exile ever since.

The leadership of His Holiness the Dalai Lama serves as a symbol of the bravery and resilience of the Tibetan people—and his story challenges the conscience of all freedom-loving people. It was my privilege to lead Congressional delegations to visit the His Holiness in Dharamsala in 2008, and 2017. On those trips, we saw firsthand the aspirations of the Tibetan people—especially in the eyes of the children who had only known relentless intimidation by the Chinese Communist Party.

In the decades since the uprising, Beijing has only accelerated its aggression against Tibetans. The world has witnessed unconscionable and intolerable actions of the Chinese Communist Party against the Tibetan people: mandatory political education, restrictions on religious freedom, a mass surveillance regime, and further closing off Tibet from the world. Yet despite their oppression, the children of Tibet still yearn for a future where they can speak their language, practice their faith and celebrate their culture without fear.

The United States of America has a clarion moral duty to stand up for Tibet and speak out against Beijing's abuses. In the Congress, there has long been strong, bipartisan, bicameral support for the Tibetan people. We were proud to enact the Tibet Policy Act in 2019: promoting Tibetans' religious, linguistic and cultural identity, and including the right to select their own religious leaders in accordance with their own belief system.

It has been my privilege to help shape this bill—including through our annual Tibet Strategy Meetings when I was Speaker and in further sessions convened in my office in recent months. Alongside Ranking Member MCGOVERN and fearless Tibetan advocates, we workshopped the bill language to strengthen American efforts for a diplomatic solution to Tibet's status, from establishing a statutory definition of Tibet, to further empowering the U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues to combat disinformation.

It was with great pride that I voted for this bill's passage in the House in February—and I am proud to support this bill's passage again today. I urge a strong 'aye' vote today to reaffirm Congress's bipartisan and unbreakable support for human rights in Tibet and thank Chairman MCCAUL and Ranking Member MEEKS for their leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF A
GREAT NATIVE SON AND THE
OUTSTANDING LIFE OF THE
LATE D'JUAN MIGUEL HER-
NANDEZ, ESQ.

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of D'Juan Miguel Hernandez, born in Franklin, Louisiana