

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

to parents Dr. Don J. Hernandez and Mrs. Elnora Polidore Hernandez, on October 24, 1966. He peacefully departed this world on May 29, 2024, at the tender age of 57 in New Orleans, Louisiana. A proud graduate Saint Augustine High School and Xavier University of Louisiana where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and English, two key Catholic Institutions located in my Congressional District. D'Juan ultimately pursued a career in law attending Thurgood Marshall School of Law and continuing at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate. He became a member of the State Bar of Louisiana and went on to establish the Hernandez Law Group and Business Advisors.

D'Juan Miguel Hernandez was a remarkable man, an influential leader, father, son, and my dear friend. He will forever be remembered from his career practicing law and mentoring small business owners, to the joy he spread throughout Algiers, Louisiana, the community I grew up in. In 1990, D'Juan was my very first campaign manager during my election as the first African American to the Louisiana House of Representatives from the 102nd District of Algiers. Growing up as a kid in Franklin Louisiana, his spiritual journey began at St. Jules Catholic Church, and his faith remained steadfast throughout his life, a guiding light that illuminated his path even in times of darkness. D'Juan remained a man of unwavering faith, boundless entrepreneurial spirit, and deep devotion to his family, D'Juan's testament to the values instilled in him from his Catholic upbringing.

D'Juan's educational journey was marked by his passion for music and academia. From his early years at Dwight Eisenhower Elementary where, as a kindergartner, he was introduced to the violin and the cello, his musical appetite broadened. While at Franklin Junior High School under Ronald Bernard, he developed an interest in the trombone. It became his major instrument at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, where he became a proud Purple Knight and member of the St. Augustine Marching 100 under the late Mr. Edward Harrell Hampton, founding band director, serving over five decades. His musical escapade led to a foray into the jazz idiom, and he became a member of the St. Augustine Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Carl Blouin, Sr., founder of the jazz orchestra in the 1960s. In his senior year at St. Augustine, he earned a seat in the Louisiana All State Jazz Band and recorded with the group.

It was D'Juan's entrepreneurial spirit that surfaced as his true passion. Well into his career, he enrolled and became an MBA graduate of Tulane University, A.B. Freeman School of Business, where he embarked on numerous ventures, including LA Waters, a bottled delivery company; and the non-profit "Raphael Village" of New Orleans. He was an ardent supporter of the Algiers Community Development Association and the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute (NORLI).

D'Juan believed in the power of ideas, and the need for creating opportunities, especially as Faculty Lead and Business Advisor for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses. He was also engaged in several business startups in Southwest Louisiana, all a testament to his entrepreneurial spirit and commitment. Through all his work, D'Juan leaves an enduring legacy of innovation and community empowerment.

Amidst his professional endeavors, D'Juan's greatest joy was his family. He cherished moments spent traveling with loved ones and relished as "Poppi D" to his granddaughter, Madisyn Gianna Hernandez.

D'Juan was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Coleman and Alice Polidore and paternal grandparents James and Hazel Hernandez, his uncles, Jon R. Hernandez and Coleman Polidore, Jr., his aunts, Hazel Widow, Emily Alexander, Queenie Polidore, and Alice Marie Broussard.

He is lovingly remembered by his parents, his uncle Renaldo Hernandez, his children Katelyn Hernandez, Jessica Hernandez, and Christopher Hernandez, his sisters Jualea Hernandez and Jalcia Parker, former wife Tara Carter Hernandez, his nephews Bradford and Silas Parker, his special brother David McClean, his business partners, and a host of other friends and family.

As we bid farewell to D'Juan, let us take comfort in knowing that his legacy lives on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him. D'Juan made an impact on our community that will never be forgotten, he will be greatly missed. I am proud to have spent immeasurable time, developed strategies and grew up with him, treasuring his father as a mentor, and always fascinated by D'Juan's accomplishments. I am honored to document the incredible life of D'Juan Miguel Hernandez, a life too short, though incredibly well-lived. May he rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love of God and the angels.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TONY GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2024*

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during a series of votes on June 13, 2024, on amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (H.R. 8070), I intended to vote "yes" on the Rosendale Amendment No. 52, (Roll Call No. 262), but inadvertently voted "no."

This amendment would prohibit TRICARE from covering, and the Department of Defense from furnishing, gender transition surgeries and gender hormone treatments for individuals that identify as transgender.

I strongly believe that our U.S. military should play no role in these activities.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN MOORE'S RETIREMENT

### HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2024*

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the distinguished career of John Moore, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), who will retire at the end of June after twelve years of dedicated service to the university.

Mr. Moore oversees the management and maintenance of every building, and open space, on the RIT campus and he works tire-

lessly to ensure they meet the highest standards of safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

Over his tenure, Mr. Moore managed many notable projects that aided in the steady growth and rapid expansion of RIT's campus. These projects included the construction of the 4,150 seat Gene Polisseni Center, the RIT Media, Arts, Games, Interaction and Creativity (MAGIC) Center, MAGIC Spell Studios, and, most recently, the completion of the one-of-a-kind Student Hall for Exploration and Development. Mr. Moore has truly embodied the spirit of dedication to RIT's students, teachers, and community.

It is my pleasure to congratulate John Moore on his retirement and join the entire RIT community in wishing him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINENTAL LINEN SERVICE

### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2024*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Continental Linen Service (CLS) on its 125th Anniversary.

Founded in 1899, CLS originally operated as Kalamazoo Laundry Company before Ted Vander Meer purchased the company in 1966 and changed the name to what we know today. This fourth-generation family-owned business now employs over 200 team members covering six locations across Michigan.

Today, CLS serves over 7,000 customers spanning food service, hospitality, medical, and industrial accounts across the state. In 2023 alone, they processed over 24 million pounds of uniforms, linen, and other materials. Recently, they completed a \$7 million, 11,000 square foot expansion to their processing facility to improve their capacity for growth.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the team at Continental Linen Service for their commitment to the community and years of dedicated service to Michigan. I wish them all the best as they continue to grow in Kalamazoo County and beyond.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE OF OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS: CLARENCE MEMORIAL DAY DEDICATION

### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life, service, and sacrifice of the brave men and women who served our great Nation. Memorial Day is a holiday of reverence: a date set for us to come together as a Nation and ensure that we remember our debt of gratitude to those brave soldiers who gave their lives defending our country and freedoms.

On May 27, 2024—this Memorial Day—thirteen names were added to the Clarence Veterans Memorial Honor Walls. I am honored to