

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 Polissen 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

include in the Record their names to be remembered and honored forever:

Robert C. Baker, Navy  
Laverne R. Corbett, Army  
Samuel J. Dale, Navy  
Dean C. Decker, Navy  
Raymond R. Ebersole, Navy  
James B. Ebersole, Army  
Russell J. Gibson, Sr., Army  
Russell J. Gibson, Jr., Army  
James P. Misner, Army  
H. William Pollack II, Army  
Angelo J. Sorci, Army  
Thomas A. Sweeney, Navy  
Michael. L Turpin, Marine Corps

It is now our duty to remember their sacrifice, courage, and valor as we go forward and continue to grow and build the greatest nation the world has ever seen. On behalf of the United States Congress and New York's 23rd Congressional District, I ask that this body join me in honoring these brave service members.

CONGRATULATING ALEXANDER'S DELI DINER ON BEING NAMED NEW BALTIMORE'S BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alexander's Deli Diner, a family-owned restaurant that has been selected as Business of the Year in the City of New Baltimore. I am proud to honor Robin and Milt Arvanitidis, the proud owners of Alexander's Deli Diner, whose unwavering commitment to excellence has made a lasting impact on their countless patrons and the wider community.

Since the diner opened in 2022, the Arvanitidis has been tirelessly dedicated to providing exceptional food and service. Their team is beyond deserving of the title of "Business of the Year."

From supporting first responders and military personnel to collecting food, clothing, and toys for local charities during the holiday season, the Arvanitidis family exemplifies the true spirit of compassion and generosity in their contributions to the Anchor Bay community.

Alexander's Deli Diner's selection as 2024 Business of the year is a testament to the Arvanitidis family's selfless efforts, dedication to excellence, and firm commitment to community service. As they continue to strive for excellence, I am hopeful that their success will continue to inspire others to pursue their dreams all while giving back to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Robin and Milt Arvanitidis and the entire Alexander's Deli Diner team on this well-deserved achievement.

CONGRATULATING DORCHESTER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH CENTER

### HON. NANCY MACE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend special recognition to Thomas McNeil, Di-

rector of Dorchester County Emergency Management, Tristan Proctor, Deputy Director of Dorchester County Emergency Management, and Mario Formisano, Deputy Administrator for Public Safety for Dorchester County.

Their leadership and vision have been instrumental in addressing the challenges faced with the old facility, which was not built to withstand significant tropical storm force winds or seismic activities and lacked adequate space.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I was unable to be present for votes due to a family funeral. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 153; YEA on Roll Call No. 154; YEA on Roll Call No. 155; YEA on Roll Call No. 156; YEA on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; YEA on Roll Call No. 159; YEA on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; YEA on Roll Call No. 162; YEA on Roll Call No. 163; NAY on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; NAY on Roll Call No. 166; YEA on Roll Call No. 167; NAY on Roll Call No. 168; YEA on Roll Call No. 169; NAY on Roll Call No. 170; and YEA on Roll Call No. 171.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday, June 13. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 261; NAY on Roll Call No. 262; NAY on Roll Call No. 263; NAY on Roll Call No. 264; NAY on Roll Call No. 265; NAY on Roll Call No. 266; NAY on Roll Call No. 267; NAY on Roll Call No. 268; NAY on Roll Call No. 269; NAY on Roll Call No. 270; NAY on Roll Call No. 271; NAY on Roll Call No. 272; NAY on Roll Call No. 273; NAY on Roll Call No. 274; and NAY on Roll Call No. 275.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 5, 2024, I missed Roll Call votes 243, 244, 245, 246, and 247.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 243; YEA on Roll Call No. 244; YEA on Roll Call No. 245; YEA on Roll Call No. 246; and NAY on Roll Call No. 247.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF PEORIA RADIO PERSONALITY SCOTT WHEELER

### HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Scott Wheeler on his retirement from Midwest Communications' Peoria stations after 46 years in the industry.

Scott Wheeler was hired as a radio personality and promotions director by the Top-40 radio station KZ93-FM in 1987. During his career, he worked as a director of production, promotions, programming, and operations. Wheeler also held the positions of Morning Show Host, Brand Manager, and Air Personality. In 1997, he launched Big Oldies 93.3 which received the top ratings throughout its 10-year duration.

During his time as a radio personality, Scott Wheeler has been recognized with numerous accolades for his exemplary professional performance. He was recognized as one of Radio Ink Magazine's "Top Ten Best Small Market Program Directors in America" from 1999 until 2003. Wheeler was known for his tremendous contributions to the radio community, as well as his success at CHR KZ93 and Big Oldies 93.3.

Scott Wheeler has always been committed to his work and his community. It is my privilege to congratulate him on his accomplished career as a radio personality. We have all been blessed to have Scott Wheeler on our radio. The City of Peoria is a better place because of his lifetime presence.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I had to return to California unexpectedly this week for a family emergency and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 279 on final passage of H.R. 8070, and NO on Roll Call No. 260 on agreeing to H. Res. 1292.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE OF BALRAM "B" BHEODARI

### HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate Balram Bheodari, a constituent of Georgia's Fighting Fifth Congressional District who was instrumental to the success and growth of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Known to everyone in Atlanta as "B," he brought the sense of duty forged during his time as an Army aviator to his 22 years of service to the airport. As General Manager for