

was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a strong advocate for the protection of salmonids and worked tirelessly with CalTrout to push for the enactment of policies protecting these fish and their habitat. He was a master rosarian and taught classes on the cultivation of roses. He loved spending time with his many friends. His wit, humor, and kindness left an indelible mark on all he met.

Doug is survived by his sister, Judy, and preceded in death by Virginia, his wife of 50 years, as well as his father, Jules, mother Harriette, stepmother Eleanor, and sister Georgia. He is remembered as a loving husband and brother, a community leader, a patriot, and a dear friend to all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Doug Durham was a dedicated public servant who will be missed and whose many contributions to Humboldt County and the nation are worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his many contributions and express our deep condolences to his family and friends.

CONGRATULATING FAYTHE  
PETERSEN ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. MIKE FLOOD**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to congratulate Mrs. Faythe Petersen of Norfolk, Nebraska on her retirement.

Faythe is a longtime public servant with over 44 years of service with the Norfolk Fire and Rescue.

Over decades, she supported generations of first responders both on call and off. She assisted with public education programs, helped plan for emergencies and disasters, and coordinated with local, State, and Federal public safety responders.

With her efforts, Norfolk Fire and Rescue was better able to serve the community of Norfolk. I know she will be greatly missed in the department.

On behalf of the First District of Nebraska, I thank Faythe for her service to the community of Norfolk, and extend best wishes to her on her retirement.

HONORING JOHN AGENOR  
CANNADY, SR.

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John Agenor Cannady, Sr., who peacefully passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Alexandria, Virginia. John, age eighty-seven, leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and service that is deeply cherished.

John was a U.S. Airforce Technical Sergeant, he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1954, serving with distinction in various locations worldwide, including Libya, Spain, Vietnam, Japan, Korea, and England. He also served at multiple locations within the United States, Nebraska, Indiana, Kansas,

and North Carolina. John retired in 1977, at Pease AFB in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, after serving our country for 23 years. His very noble contributions earned him numerous Air Force Medals, symbolizing his unwavering dedication to his country.

Following his military service, John worked in the Intelligence Community, for the U.S. Government, at Raytheon/E-Systems, as an Electronic Technician. There, he continued to serve our National Security community for more than 12 years, and eventually retired with a total of more than 35 years of dedicated service.

John Agenor Cannady, Sr. was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Antionette Cannady. He leaves behind five children, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. His legacy lives on through his large and loving family who remember him as filled with profound knowledge, an enthusiastic advocate of education, a generous and wise man.

HONORING MIKE HOWARD

**HON. JAKE LATURNER**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation for a member of my staff, Mike Howard, who has recently embarked on a new job off the Hill after nearly three years of service as my communications director. Mike began in my office in August of 2021, and has served since then as a trusted advisor who has constantly sharpened our team and ensured that we are able to get out the message of our work here in Congress to my constituents from Galena to Atchison.

Mike has spent countless early mornings and late nights preparing with me for interviews, town halls, committee hearings, and making sure that we are able to clearly explain the work that we do here. Mike will be sorely missed as he moves on to this new role, but I would like to thank him once again for his dedication and commitment to the people of the Second Congressional District of Kansas.

CONGRATULATING ROMEO  
LUCCHESI

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Romeo Lucchesi, the Visual Information Specialist at the Lt. Col. Luke Weathers Jr. VA Medical Center in Memphis, for his successes in video marketing and film-making. Earlier this year, he won a Gold Aster Award for excellence in healthcare advertising for his special video production "A Tribute to Lt. Col. Luke Weathers Jr." Earlier this year, he also won an Emmy Award for his documentary video essay "The Green Beret Who Fought Muhammad Ali." Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. was a Tuskegee Airman from Memphis. During World War II, Weathers was credited with shooting down German planes while protecting U.S. Army Air Corps bombers. As a re-

sult of his stellar flying record, he earned an Air Medal with 7 Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the American Theater Ribbon Victory Medal WWII. After the War, he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and eventually returned to Memphis, where he continued to support African Americans in the military, aviation, and elsewhere. Lt. Col. Weathers's inspirational story moved me to introduce legislation to rename the Memphis VA after him. Lucchesi produced a memorial video of Lt. Col. Weathers for a renaming ceremony of the Memphis VA Medical Center in July 2023. "The Green Beret Who Fought Muhammad Ali" tells the story of Memphis native Henry Hooper, a Booker T. Washington High school graduate who enlisted in the Marines and later joined the U.S. Army's Special Forces Green Berets. As a Green Beret, he was invited to the U.S. Olympic Boxing Trials in 1960 held at San Francisco's Cow Palace, where he sparred with Cassius Clay, later known as Muhammad Ali, who won the Gold Medal in the light heavyweight division in the Rome Olympics later that year. Hooper describes the fight in the film, explaining that for a split second, he took his eyes off Ali, and got knocked down. Ali won the match on a technical knock out. Hooper spent 11 years on active duty, some of it in Vietnam, while Ali resisted the draft and was charged with draft evasion in a case later overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. Hooper later became a Secret Service agent and was assigned White House duty during the Carter Administration. At a state dinner to which Muhammad Ali had been invited, Ali approached Hooper saying he was sure they'd met before. Hooper said they'd met at the Cow Palace and they embraced. Hooper's colleagues asked about the encounter because they had never heard the story of the boxing match. As Hooper explains it, he didn't talk about it: "I lost. I got beat . . . but he (Ali) remembered." Hooper, now a retired insurance agent in Memphis, is finally getting the adulation as a veteran that he deserves, and it is thanks to Mr. Lucchesi's talented filmmaking. The six-minute documentary can be viewed on the Medical Center's Facebook page. Romeo Lucchesi's talent is apparent, and I am pleased that he is working at the Lt. Col. Luke Weathers Jr. VA Medical Center, helping to tell the stories and honor those who have sacrificed to protect our freedoms. I congratulate him on his successes and look forward to seeing what else he has in store for us.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BRIGADIER  
GENERAL DEREK M.  
SALMI

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize United States Air Force Brigadier General Derek M. Salmi for his critical service and outstanding leadership as Commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base.

Brigadier General Salmi commissioned from the Air Force Academy in 1998 after earning his Bachelor of Science in political science. Throughout his 25-year-long career, he has

commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels and served as a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in mobility and trainer aircraft. In addition, he has deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn.

As the Travis Air Force Base 60th Air Mobility Wing Commander, Brigadier General Salmi led the Air Force's largest air mobility organization in terms of personnel and was responsible for the well-being and readiness of more than 26,100 active-duty, reserve and civilian personnel, and their families. In addition, he managed \$13 billion in capital assets, executed a \$650 million budget, and oversaw the Air Force's largest medical center in the continental United States. Brigadier General Salmi's critical leadership and expertise not only made our country safer, but also helped improve the lives of the thousands of military and civilian personnel who work at Travis Air Force Base.

Brigadier General Salmi's commitment to preparing the units at Travis Air Force Base to respond to any potential threat characterized his tenure as Commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing. He led the 60th Air Mobility Wing in executing two intensive joint Agile Combat Employment exercises in the United States Indo-Pacific Command theater of operations while simultaneously providing 35 percent of all Department of Defense logistics support to Ukraine.

Under Brigadier General Salmi's leadership, the 60th Air Mobility won 117 United States Air Force and Air Mobility Command awards. In addition, he directed multiple key military construction projects that will make Travis Air Force Base more resilient and our country more secure.

Brigadier General Salmi's selfless commitment to the military personnel and families stationed at Travis Air Force Base has undeniably improved the base for future generations of servicemembers. On behalf of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Brigadier General Salmi's dedication and service to our country and community. I know Travis Air Force Base and the Solano County community join me in extending our best wishes as Brigadier General Salmi embarks on his future endeavors.

HONORING GEORGE HOWARD

**HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I celebrate the remarkable life and upcoming 100th birthday of George Howard, an African American World War II veteran and an esteemed resident of Lansing, Michigan. Born in Birmingham, Alabama on February 22, 1925, Mr. Howard has led a life of service, resilience, and love for his fellow man. His story is one of transformation, from facing adversity and discrimination to building meaningful and trusting relationships across racial lines.

Mr. Howard's service to our nation began when he was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943. During World War II, he served in an all-Black unit and was responsible for handling and organizing munitions, a

duty that often placed him under enemy fire. His bravery was demonstrated in key campaigns, including in Naples and the Rome-Arno operations in Italy, and his attachment to the 12th and 15th Air Forces and the Mediterranean Allied Air Force.

Mr. Howard's service earned him multiple decorations, including the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal.

The experiences Mr. Howard had during the war affected his outlook on life. While serving in Italy and Switzerland, he encountered a level of respect and equality from Europeans that was often denied to him in the segregated American South. These experiences fueled his desire to promote equality and understanding among all people, a mission he has carried with him throughout his life.

Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Howard once again faced the harsh realities of a segregated society. Though he had served with honor and integrity, he and other African American veterans were excluded from celebrations. Despite the lack of recognition and disrespectful treatment, he remained focused on the values he fought for during the war. He expressed deep gratitude for President Truman's decision to desegregate the U.S. Armed Forces in 1948, a significant step towards equality.

After his military service, Mr. Howard moved to Brooklyn, New York, and eventually settled in Michigan, where he built a career as a physical therapy technician at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing. His professional dedication was matched by his passion for jazz music. A proud father of three, he and his saxophone were often exiled by his children to a friend's basement to practice in the early days of developing his talent. Eventually, he was not only performing locally but also traveling across the country to study and listen to other jazz artists. At the age of 92, he realized a lifelong dream by recording his first CD, "George Howard and My Jazz Brothers," thanks to the support of his friends.

Mr. Howard's life is a testament to the power of perseverance and the strength found in service to one's country. To this day, he strongly believes in the fundamental principle that all men are created equal and has spent his life fostering understanding and respect among different cultures. He is also deeply committed to ensuring that people learn about the significant contributions of Black soldiers who have served our country, from the Revolutionary War to World War II to today.

It is with great respect and admiration that I recognize George Howard's extraordinary contributions and wish him a joyous celebration of his 100th birthday in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF JOEY CHIANG

**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Joey Chiang, the current president of the Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce of North America (TCCNA). Mr.

Chiang works tirelessly to lead the TCCNA in their mission to support and connect Taiwanese business members in North America.

TCCNA was established in 1986 as a non-profit organization. TCCNA encompasses thirty-five regional chambers primarily composed of Taiwanese immigrants. These regional chambers span the U.S. and Canada, including major metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles, New York, and here in the nation's capital. Under the careful stewardship of past presidents, TCCNA has grown into the largest transnational civilian organization in North America. Serving as a vital platform for communication between Taiwanese businesses in North America and the Taiwanese government, TCCNA regularly advocates for the importance of bilateral U.S.-Taiwan trade relations. As of June 22, 2024, the TCCNA is celebrating its 36th annual meeting of the board of directors. This impressive milestone is a testament to the dedication and passion that TCCNA members bring to their organization.

TCCNA would not be what it is today without the guidance of President Joey Chiang. Mr. Chiang, a talented developer in his own right, has led TCCNA to gather forty new directors under his term. His expert hand brought TCCNA great success in their annual Washington DC Door Knocking Event, where the organization visited over fifty members of Congress. Furthermore, Mr. Chiang is not only a talented and successful leader but a generous benefactor. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he personally arranged and donated millions of masks from Taiwan to the United States for frontline workers. Mr. Chiang's zeal, generosity, and expert governance has significantly enhanced economic and cultural exchanges between Taiwan and the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in commemorating the dedication of Joey Chiang, a man responsible for advancing Taiwanese-American commercial relations.

RECOGNIZING GLORIA ORTIZ-FISHER FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS WITH THE WESTSIDE HOUSING ORGANIZATION IN KANSAS CITY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Gloria Ortiz-Fisher for receiving the prestigious 2024 Mid-America Regional Council Regional Leadership Award. Gloria has bettered the lives of countless people in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District through her remarkable work as the Executive Director for the Westside Housing Organization. This award serves as a testament to her lifelong commitment to supporting her community.

Born in Kansas City—the same city she would later serve—Gloria graduated from Park University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and from DeVry University's Keller Graduate School with an MBA. Since then, she boasts over 30 years of work experience in the field of finance, using her skills to make an impact on her fellow Kansas Citians. Notably, she served as the Director of Finance and Purchasing for Jackson County, Missouri, from