

Bachelor of Arts in management of human services and a degree in nursing. After Paul and Sandy got married in 1965, the young couple moved to Long Beach, California, while Paul completed his military training, before moving to Albion, Michigan, where the Pimentels settled for many years with their children. In Albion, Sandy and Paul became active in forums and discussions at their church regarding racial integration and inequality as the civil rights movement continued to progress. It was also during this time that Sandy became friends with Barbara Gladney, and together the Pimentels and Gladneys started a dinner club called the "Melting Pot." The multicultural social group gained such popularity that the dinners had to be moved to large event halls. After returning to Massachusetts, Sandy and Paul continued their important work advancing social change. Paul became the youngest Deputy Secretary of State for Massachusetts and helped to create Vineyard Power, a clean energy cooperative bringing offshore wind power to the Cape and Islands. Sandy served as the Director of Human Services for the Norfolk County District Attorney's office and received awards from the Department of Interior for her work implementing the Alliance Against Racism and Violence Program and from the State of California for her efforts to empower young people to address racism in their communities.

Sadly, we lost Paul too soon on February 5, 2019, at the age of 76. Beyond their professional achievements, what Paul and Sandy valued most during their 53 years of marriage was their family. Together they raised their five children, Lisa, Christopher, Susan, Courtney, and Joanie, and many foster children. The hallmark of the Pimentel family has always been their dedication to uplifting those in their community and willingness to provide a warm and welcoming home for those who need it most. Over the years, the Pimentels have established themselves as a pillar of the Martha's Vineyard community, serving on countless committees and boards for local organizations, including Martha's Vineyard Community Services and the Martha's Vineyard Diversity Coalition Board of Trustees. To celebrate Sandy and Paul's work and commitment to helping others, Martha's Vineyard Community Services is holding a dedication ceremony for the newly named Paul and Sandra Pimentel Early Childhood Center on June 26, 2024.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Paul and Sandy Pimentel, and I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them and celebrating their dedication to supporting and advocating for those in their community.

**CELEBRATING ROSEN HOTELS
AND RESORT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. MAXWELL FROST

FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, this month, I celebrate the significant contributions of Rosen Hotels to the Central Florida region. Starting with only one hotel, the Rosen organization has grown to over seven hotels, employing over 4,000 Central Floridians. The Rosen Ho-

tels were established starting in 1974 and are now celebrating 50 years of service.

Every year, the Rosen organization provides over 500 scholarships that benefit students in the Tangelo Park and Parramore areas. Most notably, Rosen Hotels has donated millions over its 50 years to creating the UCF Rosen School of Hospitality Management, which now ranks No. 1 in the Nation.

The Rosen hotels have provided employment, welcoming stays, and memories to last a lifetime for many Floridians. I thank Rosen Hotels, for 50 years of dedication and service. Their contributions make a profound difference in our community, and we are grateful for their support and commitment to make Central Florida a better place for all.

**RECOGNIZING REAR ADMIRAL
DANA THOMAS**

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the accomplishments of Rear Admiral Dana Thomas as she retires from the United States Coast Guard this year. I applaud RADM Thomas for her dedication and service and congratulate her on this milestone.

Promoted to Rear Admiral (Upper Half) in March 2019, RADM Thomas has had an exemplary military career, previously serving seven years in the U.S. Coast Guard and seven years in the U.S. Army. She received her Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health degrees from George Washington University School of Medicine and Public Health, and her Bachelor of Science in Honors Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park. She completed Command and General Staff College in 2005. She served her Internship in General Surgery at Tripler Army Medical Center and her residency at the Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute.

From her work with the Centers for Disease Control and service on the Physician's Professional Advisory Committee to the U.S. Surgeon General, to her current role as Director of Health, Safety, and Work-life for the U.S. Coast Guard, RADM Thomas has continued her commitment to service and public health. Her experience, knowledge, and steadfast initiative have distinguished RADM Thomas as an outstanding leader who has exemplified honor, integrity, and professionalism throughout her career.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the extraordinary contributions of Rear Admiral Dana Thomas. She has tirelessly devoted her time and expertise to the advancement of public health and I thank her for her honorable service to our great Nation.

**RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATED
EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS**

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge members of the Associated Equipment

Distributors from all over the country who came to D.C. for their annual fly-in. These great men and women are entrepreneurs who provide millions of pieces of equipment to all kinds of industries in our country every year that help our country's economy. They deserve our admiration and thanks. They certainly have mine.

**HONORING RIP DANIELS' 30 YEAR
RUN ON JZ 94.5**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated broadcaster from Gulfport, Mississippi, Rip Daniels.

Rip Daniels has made a significant impact on the field of broadcasting through his diverse content and raw nature for 30 years. He is a trailblazer and an insightful commentator.

Mr. Daniels is the founder and CEO of radio station JZ 94.5, The People's Station. JZ 94.5 was the first and is the only black-owned FM station on the Gulf Coast. In its 30-year run, the show has featured guests such as former President Barack Obama.

Rip Daniels' impact on broadcasting is seen through his dedication and commitment to his craft. He has broadcast from his studio, on the road, and abroad, capturing stories from Senegal, Tanzania, South Africa, Greece, and more. He has also witnessed and provided coverage of notable events such as Obama's presidential inauguration and the Million Man March.

Beyond his broadcasting efforts, Mr. Daniels has launched a nonprofit called the People's Station Corporation. He is the CEO of the Almanette Restaurant and Hotel and the CEO of the American Blues Network, the Nation's only 24/7 blues broadcast station.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 30 years of JZ 94.5 as well as Rip Daniels' contributions to the field of broadcasting.

RECOGNIZING ERIC JENKINS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eric Jenkins, who was named Indiana Teacher of the Year.

An Indiana native, Eric teaches English at Franklin Community High School, a high school in my district. Those who know him say that Eric is dedicated to his students and passionate about instilling a love of reading.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Eric for his work to grow our next generation of leaders.

HONORING DREW HEDGE COE ON HIS THIRD CONSECUTIVE NCHSAA 3A CHAMPIONSHIP IN SINGLES TENNIS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Drew Hedgecoe of Terry Sanford High School on winning his third consecutive NCHSAA 3A state championship in singles tennis.

On May 11, 2024, Drew defeated South Central freshman Shaw Akula 6–2, 6–3 to clinch the title. Due to his hard work and dedication, Drew is breaking records on the tennis court and could soon become the second tennis player in NCHSAA history to win four straight singles championships. Drew has made his school, and all of Cumberland County, extremely proud.

I wish Drew all the best and hope to see him make history on the court and bring home another state championship next season.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Drew Hedgecoe on winning his third consecutive NCHSAA 3A State Championship in singles tennis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISSE HOULAHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 280.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAN FLAVIN

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Daniel Flavin, a uniquely integral Southwest Louisiana community leader. Dan's career spanned business, politics, and philanthropy. No matter what his means were, he always worked to benefit those around him, his family, and God.

Dan's family moved to Lake Charles in 1972, where he attended and graduated from A.M. Barbe High School. Mr. Bill Flavin, Dan's Father, was a Veteran of the Korean War and an industrious, self-made man. Despite generous offers that would force his family to leave the Southwest Louisiana community they had come to love, he resigned from his job and founded what is now the renowned Flavin Realty Inc. Dan once recalled that even at 86, his father still came to work every day. Mr. Bill Flavin clearly endowed Dan with this impulse for hard work and integrity. The Flavins' principles are emblematic of Southwestern Louisiana's grit and ingenuity.

Dan bought Flavin Realty from his father after graduating from McNeese State University, inheriting it just as he had his funda-

mental values. Under Dan's management, Flavin Realty steadily grew into the organization we know today: Southwestern Louisiana's eminent real estate firm. In recognition of his personal ability, Dan was twice awarded the Calcasieu Parish Realtor of the Year Award and was selected for leadership positions in Louisiana's top real estate associations. Dan always showed great humility in his achievements, always giving credit to family and God above all.

Throughout his life, Dan's personal integrity and dedication reached beyond his own interests, overflowing into the community. He gave generously to charity and local causes. In 1996, Dan brought his talents to the state legislature, where he served his beloved SWLA community. His decade-long tenure in the Louisiana House of Representatives was noted by constituents as an era of major victories and development. Representative Flavin's greatest legislative work came amid efforts to bolster the Port of Lake Charles. His concerted legislation and advocacy made the Port of Lake Charles our Nation's 10th largest, cementing an irreplaceable source of SWLA economic prosperity for years to come.

This unwavering dedication to community was surpassed only by Dan's intertwined love of family and God. After retiring from the state legislature in 2005, Dan spent the joyful final years of his life caring for the family business, surrounded by his wife Lisa and their six children, 20 grandchildren, and a community of friends. Dan's love of God, family, and community made him an exemplary Louisianan by any definition. His work was always conducted according to our state's unique intersection of government, business, and family values.

Dan is survived by a big, beautiful Louisiana family and a forever grateful community. On behalf of Louisiana's 3rd District, I thank Mr. Dan Flavin for his generous charity and lifelong service to Louisiana. As we continue to benefit from Dan Flavin's legacy, I pray the Lord blesses his family and grants his reward in Heaven.

HIGHLIGHTING LT. COL. JOHN D. STOCK

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of CA-27's Edwards Air Force Base who has served with passion for over 20 years. As a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, John D. Stock has dedicated his life to serving our Nation and training the next generation of pilots.

John D. Stock's diligent service includes 3500 hours of flight time across two oceans and five continents. By executing successful operational missions, instructing pilots and aircrew personnel, and volunteering in his local community, his leadership has had a deep impact on the aviation community and beyond.

I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel John Stock for his dedication and service. Our community is better because of him, and I look forward to seeing how he continues to make an impact on those around him.

CONGRATULATING THE SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown newspaper, the Santa Fe New Mexican, on its 175th Anniversary. The first issue of the paper was printed on November 28, 1849. The New Mexican has brought stories to life about gold strikes, floods, votes on prohibition, and debates on statehood. It has shared stories of the struggles and strength of the survivors of wildfires, informed voters about their local candidates, and anointed the best chile in the city. To keep democracy strong, it made sure voters understood the positions and perspectives of local candidates for office.

Stories matter, and who tells them matters just as much. That's why it's important that an independent paper with integrity, like the New Mexican, has been telling stories about our communities since it was founded. Papers like the New Mexican help us be well informed, active citizens.

In 2023, 34 reporters from the New Mexican won first place in the New Mexico Press Association Better Newspapers contest. Amongst the awards were best investigative reporting, best news writing, best feature photo, and best special section on the recovery from the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fire in 2022.

Independent journalism is a crucial foundation of democracy. That's clear now more than ever, as we ward off fake news and alternative facts in the battle for our nation's very soul.

I still get a copy of the New Mexican delivered to my door every day. Their stories, from high school sports to national news are crucial to the work that I do. Most importantly, however, they are vital to the fabric of New Mexico.

I like to think that future generations will sit with their cup of cafe and turn the pages to learn about their hometown from the Santa Fe New Mexican.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 2789. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 282.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANN ARBOR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels on the occasion of 50 years of service to the