

Foundation for Youth's Chinatown Community Cultural Center.

Since opening its doors in 1972, the East Wind Foundation for Youth has been committed to empowering young Angelenos to become the next generation of global leaders. Headquartered in Chinatown, this non-profit equips young people with the skills they need to cultivate an inclusive community that brings families, friends and neighbors together while honoring their Chinese culture.

The East Wind Foundation for Youth hosts countless cultural programs throughout the year, such as their annual essay writing contest, lion dance performances, martial art training and community service. Through these opportunities, young people are encouraged to think critically, build up their self-confidence and create lasting friendships while celebrating their shared Chinese heritage.

While the foundation's programming is aimed at uplifting students, its impacts reverberate throughout our Los Angeles neighborhoods, improving the lives of families and entire communities. By providing creative and academic outlets for students, the foundation is reducing the likelihood that young people engage in gang violence, and is thus promoting safer neighborhoods.

The grand opening of the Chinatown Community Cultural Center allows the non-profit to further expand its arts and educational services to constituents of California's 34th Congressional District, with a focus on the history of Chinese Americans in Los Angeles as well as the history of the organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone for the East Wind Foundation for Youth.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RHYS TAYLOR FROST

#### HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Rhys Taylor Frost, president of the Donora Fire Company, who sadly passed away on June 24, 2024.

Rhys was born and raised in Donora, Pennsylvania. He had a passion for his local community and always wanted to be a first responder to help those in need.

At only 14 years old, Rhys became a volunteer firefighter at the Donora Fire Company and later became an emergency medical technician (EMT) in 2018. Through his determination and selfless work ethic, he became president of the company a year later in 2019. Rhys never stopped finding ways to serve southwestern Pennsylvania and always answered the call of duty.

It was his dream to simultaneously serve as a policeman, EMT, and firefighter, a testament to his desire to protect and defend his community. Those who knew Rhys best will never forget his infinite selflessness and his eternal love for Donora. As the community comes together to celebrate his life and legacy, I am grateful for his vast impact on our commonwealth and his fellow Pennsylvanians.

Mr. Speaker, Rhys Taylor Frost dedicated his life to the people of Donora. His legacy is an example of a selfless and inspiring life. On

behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I wish his family healing during this difficult time.

#### COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL UPRISING

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take the opportunity to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising on June 28, a key milestone in the march for equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex—or LGBTQI+—Americans. Fifty-five years ago, the courageous Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and Stormé DeLarverie of New York City resisted police brutality against lesbian, gay, and transgender minorities in what is known as the Stonewall Uprising. Their legacies continue today to inspire and energize many Americans to respect the differences we have and advocate for the expansion of equal rights for all people.

The fight for equality is an ongoing battle, especially with right-wing, extremist Republicans prioritizing hate and discrimination against the LGBTQI+ community people, in general, and transgender people, specifically, as a political bludgeon designed to divide our country. These extremist Republicans are determined to reverse any civil rights protections already won by the LGBTQI+ community, such as affirming medical care, the right to marriage, and housing access.

I know first-hand the cruelty and injustice of discrimination. These efforts contradict the democratic values we hold dear in this country. As a result, I have prioritized, advocated, and supported civil rights and social justice throughout my public service career because everyone deserves to live free of discrimination and injustice. As a member of the Equality Caucus, I am a proud original co-sponsor of the Stonewall Day Resolution that would recognize June 28th as Stonewall Day and the strides made to support equal rights for all. Further, as an original cosponsor of the Equality Act, I have voted to pass out of the House this essential legislation that would modify the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to reduce discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. My home state of Illinois has laws that ensure robust nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQI+ individuals, and it is time that the federal government enact similar policies to protect Americans across the Nation.

As a leader in improving child welfare law, I also lead the John Lewis Every Child Deserves a Family Act that would protect foster youth and foster parents from discrimination based on religion, marital status, and who they love. We must ensure that each and every child in foster care finds a loving, affirming family.

I believe that, by recognizing the historic movements for LGBTQI+ people in American history, we celebrate how diverse our society is, a diversity that makes our nation richer and more vibrant. Let us celebrate those from Stonewall who risked their lives and all who work tirelessly to expand civil rights for all LGBTQI+ people.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DR.  
PAUL RAYMOND BUITRÓN

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Dr. Paul Raymond Buitrón, a pillar of our community, for his 49 years of dedicated service to patients in Laredo and South Texas. His contributions to our medical community saved his patients' lives and exemplified selfless care throughout South Texas.

The highly personal nature of his care made Dr. Paul Raymond Buitrón stand above the rest. Dr. Buitrón compassionately tailored treatment plans for his patients, whom he knew well. His commitment to their well-being extended far beyond traditional medicine, he worked to foster open communication and build deep, trusting relationships with his patients. Buitrón's treatment was the perfect example of what a doctor should provide theft community.

Dr. Buitrón was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University before moving south in 1975 to earn his medical degree at the Universidad Autonoma De San Luis Potosi Facultad De Medicina in Mexico. After his journey through medical school, Dr. Buitrón found his passion in otolaryngology, also known as ear, nose, and throat, at St. Joseph Hospital. He then completed his residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine before returning to Laredo to secure his Texas State Medical license, where he served local patients ever since.

Dr. Buitrón may have passed away earlier this month, but his memory will continue to resonate in the hearts and minds of the South Texans who knew him. He leaves behind his son and two daughters, Paul Raymond Buitrón, III, Dellilah Buitrón Arrebola, and Dubelza Buitrón, as well as his grandchildren, Nara Buitrón, Paul Raymond Buitrón IV, Olivia Buitrón, Lennon Wolfgang Gardener, and Ringo Sebastian Arrebola. Dr. Paul Raymond Buitrón provided compassionate care and demonstrated unwavering dedication to his patients, leaving a lasting legacy in the Laredo community.

#### HONORING SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT LAURA MCKEE

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to present Laura McKee, Assistant Chief Inflight Refueler and member of the 72nd Air Refueling Squadron, with the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Hero Award for this month of June. Inspired by its namesake, this award was created to highlight exemplary Hoosier women veterans whose service to their community, country, and nation is unparalleled.

Called to be a freedom fighter, Laura McKee worked to proudly serve her country by acquiring a bachelor's certificate from Indiana University and two associates degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

Equipped with the skills she garnered from her Aviation Operation Aircraft Technology and Systems Maintenance Technology degrees, Laura McKee provided vital assistance to the Iraqi and Enduring Freedom Operations. Her service in combating authoritative beliefs, insurgency, and securing a free world is admirable.

The experiences she collected while deployed not only fueled her aspirations to support a free, just world, but broadened her scope of how she can best support the peers that came before and after her as military personnel. Today, she is among Indiana's champions for women veterans, and she strives to increase veteran education and access to federal and state benefits and resources. Having recently been named Indiana's first Women's Veteran's Coordinator for Indiana Veterans Affairs, I am confident her recent appointment will continue to create a positive impact for all veteran women.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Laura McKee as we celebrate her legacy of outstanding accomplishments and advocacy.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was having a medical procedure and was unable to be present. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 281, (H.R. 7152); YEA on Roll Call No. 280, (H. Res. 901); and YEA on Roll Call No. 282, (H.R. 2789).

HONORING COLONEL K. "CHAD" MIXON ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS GARRISON COMMANDER OF FORT LIBERTY

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Mixon on his appointment as Garrison Commander of Fort Liberty.

Colonel K. "Chad" Mixon began his military career in 1993 as an enlisted infantryman at Fort Bragg, NC. Now known as Fort Liberty, it is the home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces and is the world's largest military installation. Colonel Mixon's more than 30-year career in the United States Army includes commissions within North Carolina and would extend to positions at both Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Fort Polk, Louisiana.

I am honored to recognize Colonel Mixon's accomplishments and am forever grateful for the service of the men and women throughout the United States Armed Forces. Colonel Mixon would return to Fort Liberty, North Carolina in April of 2010 as a Supply and Services Troop Commander, Squadron Oper-

ations Officer and Squadron Executive Officer in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He served as Logistics Operations Officer in the Deputy Chief of Staff at Headquarters, Forces Command and would be appointed as the 307th BSB Battalion Commander in 2016 before transitioning to the Joint Special Operations Command as the J4 Chief of Operations.

Over the course of 12 years Colonel Mixon would deploy in seven overseas operations including three deployments in Iraq and two in Kuwait. Colonel Mixon has been extensively decorated and awarded for his military contributions. His diverse military endeavors extend to the Carolinas Collegiate Institutes, serving as a Transportation Officer through the Campbell University Army ROTC Program as well as a Professor of Military Science at the University of South Carolina. Colonel Mixon's devotion to his country and our great state is beyond admirable and is accomplished through the support of his wife, Charlotte, and two sons, Chase and Cole. His appointment is well deserved, and I look forward to celebrating his future success.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Colonel K. "Chad" Mixon and thanking him for immense diligence and dedication in his service.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DEPUTY BASE CIVIL ENGINEER JOHN L. EUNICE, III

#### HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John L. Eunice, III, who is retiring after over 40 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Eunice began his career in 1981 after receiving his commission from the United States Air Force Academy and served for twenty-seven years on active duty, achieving the rank of Colonel. While on active duty, he served two command tours, serving as Commander of the 36th and 347th Civil Engineer Squadrons.

For the last sixteen years of his career, Mr. Eunice served as Deputy Base Civil Engineer for Moody Air Force Base in Lowndes County, Georgia. During this period, the outstanding performance, professional competence, and ceaseless efforts of Mr. Eunice resulted in the completion of twenty military construction projects and modernization projects supporting both the 23d and 93d wings. His guidance was recently instrumental in the development of the 23d Wing's F-35 bed-down plan.

Mr. Eunice also led the development of benchmarked intergovernmental service agreements, partnering with Lowndes County on the operation of the base water and wastewater treatment plants, a shared-use golf course, and municipal services agreements. His efforts led to the first Defense Community Infrastructure Program project in the State of Georgia, contributing to the 23d Wing and Lowndes County being awarded the 2023 Air Force Community Partnership award.

I am honored to represent distinguished public servants and veterans like Mr. John Eunice. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING MRS. MARY LOUISE BISHOP-BROWN

#### HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a most beloved woman of faith in her centennial year, Mrs. Mary Louise Bishop-Brown.

Mrs. Bishop-Brown, the eldest of nine children, was born on June 24, 1924 to King Bishop and Julia Nesmith Bishop in Dorsey Town, South Carolina. Having given her life to the Lord, Mary established her first faith connections while attending St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church as a young girl. In young adulthood, she took a job working as a cook. However, Mary's interests quickly expanded beyond the kitchen when she met Miley Brown, the love of her life. At first sight, the two were immediately smitten and bound for a bountiful future together. Though this relationship would be put on hold due to Mr. Brown's deployment to Europe during World War II, nothing could keep these two from their eventual marriage on October 26, 1946.

Blessed to grow up in a large and loving family, Mary knew that was what she wanted for her and Miley. They went on to have seven children—Jackie, Ethel, Miley Jr., Wanda Annette, Herbert, Marilyn, Murray Lee, and Emma Jane. Mary also raised Sean, her grandson, as her own. Being believers and people of faith, Mary and Miley prioritized keeping their family rooted in the Word of God. They brought their children up in the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, where they were spiritually and emotionally nurtured through Sunday School and weekly church services. Additionally, Mary kept busy with church duties, singing in the choir and cooking for various church events, whether that be for anniversaries, church unions, funerals, or whenever else she was called upon. However, with sunshine there must come rain. Mary's heart became overwhelmed with sadness when Miley passed away on December 23, 2001. With that said, nothing could keep Mary from bringing goodness to all she met with and joy to those around her. She now lives in Fairburn, Georgia, where she lives with her youngest daughter, Marilyn.

Mary embodies what it means to be a righteous person of faith. She has lived several lifetimes in her 100 years on this planet and witnessed numerous changes in our nation throughout the years. Despite this, she never stopped being who she was, and loved all who crossed her path. "Do unto others as you would have them done unto you"—this is the golden rule Mrs. Bishop-Brown stood by. I hope that we can all learn from her example as we celebrate her long, continued life.

May God continue to bless Mrs. Mary Louise Bishop-Brown.