

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.

RECOGNIZING LOUISIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE COATES FOR HER EFFORTS EXPANDING ACCESS TO FRESH NATURAL MILK

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Louisiana State Representative Kimberly Coates for her efforts to pass HB 467, a bill expanding access to Fresh Natural Milk.

Louisiana's unfounded prohibition on natural milk was primarily a consequence of Federal interference. Despite fresh natural milk's benefits, the FDA holds that only pasteurized dairy should be consumed. Requiring the dairy industry to abide by this standard ensures the destruction of natural milk's holistic composition.

HB 467 legalizes the sale of natural milk and dairy products, reinstating freedom of choice to Louisiana consumers, and providing millions of Americans with access to an uncorrupted source of nutrients and health. In its natural state, fresh milk is a nearly perfect food.

Hundreds of studies have confirmed a connection between pasteurization and lactose intolerance, concluding that pasteurized milk's molecular decomposition allows it to seep through the gut, resulting in various health afflictions. Fresh, natural milk that has forgone pasteurization retains self-contained enzymes, facilitating its digestion and conferment of health. Accordingly, Representative Coates' "Fresh Natural Milk Bill" will provide millions of Louisianans with a previously unrealized ability to consume dairy.

Representative Coates work, guiding HB 467 through both chambers of the Louisiana State Legislature, is to be commended. Her bill passed the Louisiana House of Representatives in a 96–1 vote and through the Louisiana State Senate in a 32–3 vote. These wide margins of support reflect Representative Coates' determination and skill as a legislator.

Representative Coates' legislation will benefit many Louisiana citizens, including our farmers, dairy producers, and consumers. I commend Representative Coates and congratulate her on HB 467's signing into Louisiana law.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REAL ID GENDER REQUIREMENT REFORM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the REAL ID Gender Requirement Reform Act, which would remove the requirement from the REAL ID Act that REAL ID-compliant licenses include gender. Instead, the decision of whether to have gender on a state's REAL ID-compliant licenses would be left to the states. I am pleased Representative MAXWELL FROST is co-leading this bill.

This bill would require states that require gender designation for licenses to allow individuals wishing to change their gender designation on their license to do so through self-attestation. It would also require states that require gender designation on licenses to have a neutral or other designation gender field, in addition to male or female.

Under the REAL ID Act, gender must be included on a license. This can be problematic for transgender or nonbinary individuals. I recognize that some LGBTQ+ individuals do not want gender designations on licenses at all, while others do want gender designation so as to express their identity. I believe this bill strikes the middle ground, while showing Congress' support for LGBTQ+ individuals.

This is an important bill for equality. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING AMERICAN HERO COLLIN LEE TEEM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Collin Lee Teem, of Lexington, South Carolina, was Killed in Action in Ukraine on May 11, 2024. I am greatly saddened by his death and humbled by his sacrifice. Collin is a true American hero, who sacrificed his life fighting for freedom and democracy in the Global War on Terrorism and the War of Dictators Invading Democracies. As citizens throughout our community continue to cope with this tragic loss, my thoughts and prayers will remain with Collin's family, his friends and his fellow service members.

I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Collin Lee Teem:

Collin Lee Teem, age 23, was born March 30, 2001 in Florida. His family moved to Lexington, South Carolina in 2002 where he lived and grew up the remainder of his childhood. He graduated high school in June 2019 then followed his dreams, and in July 2019, left for the United States Marine Corp Boot Camp. Collin then spent the next 4 years as a machine gunner in infantry. During his Marine Corp active duty time, he received Good Conduct medal, National Defense Service medal, Global war on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, Global war on Terrorism Service medal, Sea Service Deployment ribbon (2), Sharpshooter Rifle Qualification badge, and Expert Pistol Qualification badge. Collin also completed Advanced Machine Gun training/course. Collin received an honorable DD214 discharge middle of July 2023. Teem then went on to volunteer his skills and military services to join the fight in Ukraine in their time of need. Collin left the United States in Sept 2023 and arrived in Kyiv where he then joined forces with International Legion of Defense. Collin served with Ukraine from September 2023 until he was unfortunately Killed in Action on May 11, 2024. Collin Teem's passions were evident in his life. He lived a life passionate about his hobbies, fun experiences, military service, and freedom. He lived life to the fullest and always tried to lighten the load of others around him—physically and mentally. He brought laughter to many. His enthusiasm and smile were infectious. It's been said that All people die but not All people live, Collin lived! He accomplished and packed so much in his short 23 years. He did what he loved. He touched countless lives by simply just being himself. Many have said he marched to his own beat which lead to many "Teem Shenanigans" as his Marine Corp leadership once told us. Collin leaves behind his mother, father, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 2 nephews, 2 nieces, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, countless friends, and military brothers and sisters. Collin Teem will always be remembered for his love of fishing, hunting, military service aka guns, warm weather, and a life full of love, laughter, and adventure. But most of all, for his dedication, determination, selflessness, heroism, and sacrifice for All mankind. He will be dearly missed by so many, near and far.

Legend and Hero to all who knew him.

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His family will hold Memorial Services to Honor the Life of Collin both in his home town on the East Coast on July 6, 2024, as well as in a place he fell in love with, grew, and was stationed during his Marine Corp time—on the West Coast—in California—date TBD.