

Bishop Tindall, son of Lottie and Wallace Tindell, was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. A graduate of the local Manual High School, Bishop Tindall furthered his education and deepened his religious understanding at the University of Missouri Kansas City, Carver Baptist Bible College, Western Baptist Bible College, Columbia School of Broadcasting, and the KPRS School of Broadcasting. His knowledge and expertise have allowed him to become such an influential beacon of Kansas City's Christian community. The church has always been a part of Bishop Tindall's life, from being a member of the Highland Baptist Church to taking on important leadership roles in international church communities. At the young age of 16, Bishop Tindall joined the church he would later serve as their Presiding Prelate—the Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ, as a choir singer. As Bishop Tindall grew older, he served as Superintendent of the church's Sunday School and on the church's Trustee Board, sharing his gifts with the diverse members of the community.

The Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ, founded in Kansas City almost 100 years ago in 1925, is one of the landmarks of the Black Spiritual Movement. The church has long stood as a space to support and elevate members of marginalized groups. At the time, while other churches and the laws of this nation excluded countless people, the MSCC opened its doors to women and the LGBTQ+ community to make meaningful contributions to the development of the religious community. The church soon expanded past its Kansas City home and now boasts churches across the United States, Jamaica and even Ghana. Bishop Tindall's hard work and dedication to fulfilling the needs of his community was recognized in 1976, when he was officially ordained and appointed as Pastor for the Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ. After a mere two months, he was promoted to be the church's permanent pastor. Bishop Tindall's excellence and service catapulted him to higher leadership positions within the church. He was not only appointed to be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the MSCC but was also elevated to the position of Bishop. In 2009, he officially became the International Presiding Prelate of the Church, representing the Church's everlasting values on a global scale, and after 42 years of service to the Church, he became Pastor Emeritus. Throughout his numerous roles in the Church, Bishop Tindall has never wavered in his relentless service to God and God's creations.

The church is not the only place where Bishop Tindall exemplifies his passion for helping others. Bishop Tindall has served on the Jackson County Governing Board and as a County Legislator, advocating for the rights of community members through his involvement as Chair of the Justice & Law Committee and as a member of the Anti-Drug and Health & Environment Committees. In addition to over two decades of service in local government, Bishop Tindall is also the founder and President of the Urban Summit of Kansas City, a group dedicated to the advancement and advocacy of the city's urban community. Under Bishop Tindall's leadership, the Urban Summit has held weekly meetings with community members, fought for the urban core to play a role in city development, and uplifted countless people by providing them with a voice in their local government and beyond.

I cannot think of a more qualified recipient of this recognition than Bishop Tindall. As both his elected representative and fellow religious leader, I am incredibly honored to thank Bishop Tindall for his lifetime of devotion to God and his community. His work calls to mind Matthew 5:16—"Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." May Bishop Tindall's light continue to shine bright among the members of the Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ and the people of Kansas City, and may he continue to inspire and illuminate us all.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT JEFFREY NEAL SECRIST ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sergeant Jeffrey Neal Secrist's twenty-seven years of tireless work as a law enforcement officer and retirement from the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Sergeant Secrist has proudly served our home state of California for nearly thirty years. After beginning his training with the CHP Academy on March 24, 1997, Officer Secrist graduated on September 17, 1997, and was proud to continue his family's tradition of service when he accepted his assignment to the Baldwin Park area. He was soon chosen as a Field Training Officer and was assigned to train new officers reporting to the office for their first duty assignment.

After serving in the High Desert for over twenty years, Officer Secrist was promoted to Sergeant and was reassigned to Santa Fe Springs. Despite working in an extremely challenging and busy area, he made time to coach and mentor young officers on topics like proper report writing, investigating crime, and making the most of a successful career with the CHP.

Sergeant Secrist's service to California would not have been possible without the support of his family. His wife of nearly forty years, Gretchen, his four children, Austin, Lyndy, Jessica, and Emeline, and seven grandchildren have been instrumental in supporting his work for California. Sergeant Secrist's family and decades of service in law enforcement represents the best of what our district stands for, and Heather and I thank them for their dedication to our community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his selfless service to California, in commending him for his steadfast dedication to our community, and in wishing him many years of joy and peace in his well-earned retirement with friends and family.

HONORING MR. D'S OLD COUNTRY STORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a 140-year-old building in Lorman, MS, that is a restaurant that serves some of the best fried chicken in America.

The Old Country Store Restaurant, known as Mr. D's, who is the owner and operator, is a charming and rustic restaurant, nestled in the rolling hills of Hwy 61. Offering a unique heartwarming dining experience, the restaurant is known for its Southern cuisine, featuring classic comfort food like fried chicken, cornbread, collard greens, sweet potato pie, and a serenade at your table by Mr. D, himself, especially if dining with a woman. He just likes to cut up and have a good time.

Giving you the Old Country Store vibe, the ambiance is inviting, with the wooden floors, vintage décor, and cozy, welcoming atmosphere. Whether a local or a tourist passing through, the Old Country Store Restaurant is not only a place to fill your appetite, but also a place that gives you that rich history and traditions of the south. It's a must-visit for anyone seeking a true Southern culinary and cultural experience in the heart of Mississippi.

"It was my grandmother's recipe," he said. Davis, originally from Florida, bought the building after spotting it when dropping off his sons at nearby Alcorn State University. Starting off, Mr. Davis held social events for the college students there on Thursday Nights. He then decided to turn the store into a restaurant and opened in December 1999.

Restaurant tables are surrounded by the store-shelves and shelves of all kinds of antique items you can think of, as well as business cards pinned to the shelves from years of visitors. Visitors such as Oprah Winfrey, Matthew McConaughey, and many Mississippi governors have professed their love of the chicken following their visits.

Mr. D's Fried Chicken has been featured in numerous media outlets, including New York Times, The Food Network, Southern Living and more. He has also been featured in numerous local and regional media outlets, including newspapers and magazines.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. D's Old Country Store, home of the best friend chicken in America, located right here in Lorman, MS, in the 2nd Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CAPTAIN DANIEL MAIRONIS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Fire Captain Daniel Maironis for his twenty-two years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Fire Captain Maironis got his start in public service in 2002. After only one year of service,

he received the first of many Meritorious Company Commendations. In addition, he has been recognized numerous times for valor and lifesaving. Over the course of his public service career, Fire Captain Maironis has committed himself to continuous professional development, completing numerous certification programs in various rescue operations techniques and other technical programming.

Fire Captain Maironis has been an outstanding public servant to the communities served by the Dearborn Fire Department. Please join me in recognizing his twenty-two years of commitment to protecting our families' safety across Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CHARLES BENJAMIN BAYSE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Benjamin "Ben" Bayse and his 43 years of dedication to serving this country. Ben served as a Navy pilot in the United States Pacific Fleet during World War II and in the Korean War.

For his time and service during World War II, Ben was awarded multiple medals including the World War II Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. In 1949, he was one of the first Navy Pilots to land a jet on a carrier. He did this in a Grumman F9F Panther Jet Fighter during the earliest stages of catapult take-off and landing operations. As a reservist, he served as a Consulting Engineer and Maintenance Officer. He retired from the Navy on his 60th birthday in 1987 at the rank of Captain.

In addition to his service in the Navy, Ben dedicated his life to improve the United States education system. Mr. Bayse earned a Ph.D. in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, to which he then served 37 years as an engineering professor in higher education. He wrote two books regarding his time in the military and education system and the values that should be upheld in these great American institutions.

Ben Bayse was the embodiment of American ideals and exemplified at an extraordinary level what it means to be an American. Ben was willing to make any sacrifice, including the ultimate sacrifice, required to defend the values of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to commemorate the life and service of a proud American, veteran, and family man, Charles Benjamin Bayse.

CELEBRATING MOUNTAIN LAKE
FIRE COMPANY AND LADIES
AUXILIARY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mountain Lake Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary on their 75-year anniversary. A team of 25 volunteers

including firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and first responders, the Mountain Lake Fire Company has generously supported the communities of both Liberty and White Townships during any and all kinds of emergencies. The Company was founded in 1949 with a single small fire truck, and over the past 75 years the Company has grown into a pillar of the community, from bringing townspeople together for their annual car show to educating children on fire safety. Reflecting on their dedicated service, it is no surprise that the Mountain Lake Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary is still thriving after 75 years. As a former volunteer firefighter myself, I am honored to have such dedicated first responders and community members in the 7th Congressional District, and I look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in years to come.

HONORING LINDA KEYS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable individual, Ms. Linda Keys.

Linda Keys was born in July 1955 to the late Willie and Mary Phipps Keys. She grew up in a rural farming community where hard work and familial support were fundamental values. Being the youngest of seven children, Linda witnessed her parents' dedication firsthand. Her father worked tirelessly as a farmer to provide the necessities of life, while her mother juggled the roles of homemaker and wage earner, demonstrating an unparalleled work ethic.

Raised in Mississippi Linda's upbringing instilled in her a drive for academic excellence and a belief in the transformative power of education. She graduated from Quitman County High School (QCHS) in Marks, Mississippi, in 1973 and then pursued higher education at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1978.

Although Linda initially aspired to become an educator, her path took an unexpected turn when she was offered a full-time position at Ford Motor Company after completing internships. Embracing the opportunity Linda embarked on a career that required her to balance the demands of work, education, and motherhood with unwavering determination.

After the passing of her husband in 2012, Linda transitioned into a retired lifestyle until her mother's declining health prompted her to move back to Mississippi in 2015. It was during this period that Linda's compassion for the less fortunate was reignited, as she witnessed children enduring the bitter cold without adequate clothing.

Motivated to make a difference, Linda founded Mississippi Coats4Kidz in January 2016, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing coats, blankets, and other essentials to children living in poverty across Mississippi. Through her steadfast leadership and the support of various stakeholders, including grants, sponsors, and donors, Linda's organization has distributed over 100,000 coats to date offering warmth and hope to countless children in need.

Linda's philanthropic efforts have garnered recognition and accolades, including certificates of recognition from the Mississippi State Senate awards from organizations such as Men United and WMC Action News 5, and the prestigious Governor's Initiative for Volunteers of Excellence award in 2022.

In addition to her charitable endeavors, Linda is an active member of various professional and nonprofit associations, including National Association of Professional Women and the Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits. She is a devout believer in the power of faith and community and attends Pleasant Grove M.B. Church in Crenshaw, Mississippi, where she finds spiritual guidance under the leadership of Pastor Prez Jackson.

As Linda continues her mission to serve the vulnerable members of her community, her unwavering commitment to making a difference, one coat at a time, stands as a testament to the transformative impact of compassion and resilience.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Linda Keys for her service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SORENSEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed one vote on July 8, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 336 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 897—Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act.

RECOGNIZING DR. STEPHEN
PAPPAS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Stephen Pappas. A lifelong Washingtonian, Stephen was born in 1930 to the late Steve and Georgia Pappas and was a proud graduate of Western High followed by his ophthalmology residency at Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. In 1961, Dr. Pappas completed his clinical fellowship in the retina service at Harvard's teaching hospital, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, in Boston. He returned to Washington as the first formally fellowship-trained retina specialist in the region. A deeply patriotic American, Dr. Pappas was honored to serve as Chief of Ophthalmology at the Naval Dispensary in Washington, D.C. from 1961 to 1963, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He later served as a civilian consultant at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda from 1968 to 1976. In 1963, he founded his solo ophthalmology practice, providing compassionate, state-of-the-art care. In 1978, he moved his growing practice, Retina Consultants, from the District to Bethesda. One of the founding members of the Washington Hospital Center Retina Clinic,