

looking for a new start in our country, and the vulnerable looking for an advocate.

I have no doubt that her legacy of fearless leadership and commitment to her community will continue to inspire generations.

It would be impossible to distill Congresswoman JACKSON LEE's three decades of service in Congress here tonight but suffice it to say there was not a subject worthy of attention that she ignored.

As a Member of the Homeland Security Committee since it became a standing committee almost 20 years ago, Congresswoman JACKSON LEE fought for resources for first responders, help for those suffering the effects of natural disasters, and immigration policies that reflect our values as a Nation of immigrants.

Congresswoman JACKSON LEE's reputation preceded her. On Capitol Hill, it appeared that she could be in more than one place at once.

Within one hour, the congresswoman could be observed giving a floor speech, participating in a committee hearing on a topic she cared about whether or not she was a Member of the committee, and then giving remarks at an event to support a cause.

She was relentless, and every cause she took on was better because of it. The Nation owes her a debt of gratitude.

I am grateful that Congresswoman JACKSON LEE decided to lend her immeasurable energy and tenacity to the Homeland Security Committee. Her absence will be felt just as much as her presence, and we will miss her dearly.

Tonight, we continue our prayers for her family, friends, and constituents.

May God bless SHEILA JACKSON LEE.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Burbank Community YMCA, located in Burbank, California.

The Burbank Community YMCA was founded in 1924 with a commitment to strengthen individuals through youth development, social responsibility and healthy living. Starting from humble beginnings in a single room, the Burbank Community YMCA has grown into a vital community resource, mirroring the national YMCA's vision of creating stronger communities and a more equitable society by providing comprehensive services and programs. The Burbank YMCA boasts an impressive 57,000 square foot Child Development Center, which provides educationally enriching after-school programs and preschool education, a three-story physical fitness facility, an aquatic center and indoor pool and the Y's Choice Café, which offers healthy refreshments as well as a social gathering area.

The Burbank Community YMCA has a wide array of programs in an inclusive environment to help children, individuals and families, regardless of age, socioeconomic status, race, gender, gender expression and identity, ethnicity, religion, cultural background or ability to reach their full potential and become stronger

in spirit, mind and body. Programs include family, adult and senior fitness, and youth sports such as swimming and diving lessons and events, baseball, and gymnastics, and "Learn, Grow, Thrive," an educational summer camp in partnership with the Burbank Unified School District for children and youth from low-income households. The YMCA also has the Social Impact Center which opened in 2021, an LGBTQIA+ Resource Center that supports LGBTQIA+ youth and their families, and a robust Youth in Government program.

The Burbank Community YMCA has been an essential force in Burbank, making a positive difference in individuals' lives. The impact over the past century is a testament to its hardworking, committed staff and volunteers, and the residents of Burbank are indeed fortunate to have such a beloved and revered institution in their community.

I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the Burbank Community YMCA for a century of dedication to the greater Burbank area.

#### REMEMBERING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF JUDY SCHNEIDER

#### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Judy Schneider. The stories told at her retirement reception in 2019 were full of laughter and more than a few tears. Talk about a life well-lived.

Judy started her public service career working on committees in both chambers focused on congressional reform. She then became an analyst at the non-partisan Congressional Research Service. As each of us well knows, Judy then went on to befriend, mentor, and provide so much more to Members of Congress and their staff as a specialist on all things Congress over the next four decades.

Funny, foul-mouthed, and just opinionated, Judy had a deep love of both democracy and Congress. Whether a Staff Assistant or a Chief of Staff, a Member of the House or a Senator, she consistently passed along her love and knowledge for how the game is really played in Congress.

Through her work, Judy sought to develop not only an educated Member or an educated congressional staffer, but to live up to what the Founding Fathers envisioned and expected of an educated constituency.

But the gift Judy shared and taught so many through her exacting lectures and conversations was to train each Member and each staffer so Congress functions better, so that democracy functions better.

It is my true hope that wisdom is never lost by those who have the honor of working in this institution and complex.

There have been 56 Speakers of the House of Representatives and 45 Presidents of the United States. There has only been one Judy Schneider.

To ascribe so many positive qualities to one individual might be seen as the usual gilding of the lily. In the case of Judy, it was simply the truth. My life, this institution of Congress, and our country are better off thanks to her 43 years of Congressional service and life here

on Earth with us. May her memory be a blessing.

#### PASSING OF REP. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

#### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, the people of Texas have lost a great leader and a devoted public servant, and we in the Congressional Black Caucus have lost a dear friend.

I join in sending my heartfelt condolences to her husband, Dr. Elwyn Lee, their two children: Jason and Erica, and their two grandkids: Ellison and Roy during this difficult time.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee was more than just a colleague. She was my sorority sister, a mentor, and a dear friend. She was never afraid to stand up for what she believed, and she never stopped fighting for the people she served.

There is no question that our Nation is better off for her decades of public service and her tireless advocacy on behalf of her constituents.

A champion for racial justice, police reform, and combating violence against women, Sheila will be remembered as a fierce advocate, not only for the people of Texas, but Americans all across this Nation.

To know that her life was cut short by a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is heartbreaking. It is the very same disease that claimed the life of our dear colleague, John Lewis, and my beloved mother, Nancy Gardner Sewell. By the end of this year, an estimated 51,000 Americans will lose their battles to pancreatic cancer as well. This is why I have made it my mission to reduce racial disparities in this disease to double down on our Nation's effort to prevent, screen, treat, and eventually find a cure.

Sheila will be dearly missed in the House of Representatives. I will always cherish her mentorship and her words of wisdom. She always inspired us to work harder and fight harder for the people we represent.

I join my colleagues in celebrating her extraordinary life and career. May her legacy live on through the many lives she touched.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent because of flight issues. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 356; YEA on Roll Call No. 357; YEA on Roll Call No. 358; YEA on Roll Call No. 359; YEA on Roll Call No. 360; YEA on Roll Call No. 361; and YEA on Roll Call No. 362.

RECOGNIZING NORTH CENTRAL  
TEXAS COLLEGE'S 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize North Central Texas College (NCTC) as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of its founding. I'm pleased to congratulate NCTC on reaching such a significant milestone in the school's history. NCTC has served the communities and citizens of Denton, Cooke, Young, and Montague counties throughout its history. It is an honor to applaud the excellent educational opportunities they have afforded the thousands of North Texas students they have taught throughout their 100 years of existence.

NCTC was founded in 1924 by Randolph Lee Clark and over the last century has undergone an eventful transformation. Established as Gainesville Junior College, the school began as an extension of the local public school system operating in 3 rooms of the Newsome Dougherty Memorial High School building in Gainesville. The school continued as Gainesville Junior College until 1954, then operated as Gainesville College from 1954 to 1961, as Cooke County Junior College from 1961 to 1974, and Cooke County College from 1974 to 1994. Beginning in 1994, the school became North Central Texas College and proudly carries that name into the present day and forward as a bastion of higher education in North Texas.

NCTC currently serves North Texas students across six campuses in Corinth, Denton, Flower Mound, Bowie, and Graham as well as the original campus in Gainesville. Its most recent location at Champions Circle in south Denton County opened in 2022, offering specialized industry training. NCTC is the oldest, continuously operating two-year college in Texas. I stand here today to celebrate the first 100 years of excellent service in education provided by North Central Texas College and look ahead to the school's continued positive impact in its next 100 years.

HONORING MAKEDA "DREAD"  
CHEATOM

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Makeda "Dread" Cheatom, an exemplary community leader, who has served the 52nd District for more than 50 years, specializing in the visual and performing arts throughout the City of San Diego.

Makeda grew up in San Diego, CA and has dedicated her life to music, art, culture, and the well-being of community members. In 1971, she opened the Prophet Vegetarian Restaurant, the first vegetarian restaurant and international cultural center in San Diego. The opening of the Prophet served as a catalyst to her career, collaborating with various international health advocates and artists, such as world-renowned musician Bob Marley.

Makeda began her music promoter career hosting her own radio show Reggae Makossa, which has been on-air for more than 30 years. She has also coordinated and hosted Bob Marley Day at the San Diego Sports Arena for more than 25 years. In 1989, she established WorldBeat Cultural Center, a non-profit multicultural center in Balboa Park Makeda currently serves as the Executive Director.

The WorldBeat Center is dedicated to promoting, presenting, and preserving the African Diaspora and Indigenous cultures of the world through music, art, dance, multimedia arts, education, and STEAM research programs and events. The organization is leading as one of the most-important multicultural art and event centers in San Diego—a place to celebrate all cultures, all art, all music, all dance, and all people.

She also established the WorldBeat Center's Children's EthnoBotany Peace Garden which is used to bring families outdoors and teach children of the origins of their food and science. The WorldBeat Center's Children EthnoBotany Peace Garden, honoring the great George Washington Carver, furthers the organization's mission to preserve and promote African and Indigenous art forms.

Her work in the community has impacted the lives of thousands and has cemented her place in San Diego. She has been honored and recognized by the San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame, the African American Heritage Foundation, San Diego 10 News, KPBS, San Diego Unified School District, California State 78th Assembly District, UC San Diego Life Course Scholars, and California Senator President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins. In 2020, she had a mural dedicated to her career in music and community advocacy.

She has participated in a four-year research project through the National Science Foundation and worked as a co-principal investigator with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She currently serves on the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership Executive Committee, the Balboa Park Committee, and the San Diego Natural History Museum's Canyon Initiative Advisory.

Makeda exemplifies how music, art, dance and culture can unite people across varying cultures. Makeda's vision has brought past, present, and future generations of community members the opportunity to express themselves through varying art forms and gain a diversified outlook on life.

Makeda was awarded the Cesar E. Chavez Humanitarian Award on March 14th during the Barrio Station 54th Anniversary Dinner. She is celebrated for her dedication and lifelong commitment to community members as an inspirational director, mentor, and advocate.

HONORING GRAND MASTER BYUNG  
LEE

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true pillar of my community, Grand Master Byung Lee of King Tiger Taekwondo in Greenville, North Carolina. Grand Master Lee recently received his ninth-degree black belt, the highest achievement in his field of martial arts. Only 1,000 worldwide and 100 individuals

in the U.S. have received this rank, which qualifies him as an exceptional, unparalleled expert in his craft. I remember fondly when my sons and I studied Tae Kwon Do under him. I was always impressed by his dedication, talent, and professionalism.

The word Taekwondo can be translated as tae ("strike with foot"), kwon ("strike with hand"), and do ("the art or way"). In addition to its five tenets of courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit—all of which Grand Master Lee exhibits. The sport requires three physical skills: poomsae, kyorugi, and gyeokpa.

Grand Master Lee came to the United States from Jeonlabukdo Province, Korea in 1988 to educate about the wonderful teachings of taekwondo. In his decades of service, he has had a lasting impact on the Greenville community and his faith community. He has instilled the great virtues of mental fortitude and discipline in many lives. I am honored to extend this chamber's recognition of this esteemed individual to celebrate not only his remarkable achievements in martial arts, but his enduring legacy of inspiration and empowerment for all.

RECOGNIZING DAUPHIN-MIDDLE  
PAXTON FIRE COMPANY

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company on the auspicious occasion of its 100th Anniversary on August 10, 2024.

Established in 1924, and originally the "Dauphin Fire Company," the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company has served our communities tirelessly over the past century, around 60 square miles in Middle Paxton, and a population of over 5,000. The Company also generously provides assistance to Susquehanna Township, Lower Paxton Township, West Hanover Township, Duncannon, Marysville, and Halifax.

Through federal grants, hosting myriad fundraisers (like Bingo, chicken BBQs, etc.) and generous donations from the community, Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire company has been able to modernize both its equipment and training to better serve its Citizens. Through the continued selfless service, dedication, and leadership of present Fire Chief Shane Swenson and distinguished Firefighters, the Company will continue to faithfully execute the critical task of safeguarding our Citizens and Communities.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company on its 100th Anniversary, but more importantly, on their service and selflessness by which we all should be judged.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BECCA BALINT**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on July 22, 2024 due to flight