

Currently, numerous PhD students and researchers are waiting to use the facility for experiments, and the backlog continues to grow as more scientists hope to use this critical technology. The funding in the underlying bill only allows CEBAF to operate 29 weeks of the year, but to meet the research needs and to optimize the use of this facility, CEBAF requires an additional \$10 million to operate for an optimal runtime of 34 weeks. An appropriation of \$160 million for CEBAF operations should be included in the final legislation.

I would like to thank my colleague, Congressman ROB WITTMAN, for cosponsoring these amendments that draw attention to the need for additional funding to spur innovation, create jobs, and facilitate incredible discovery. I urge my colleagues to support these amendments.

HONORING JOHN CARLSON, JR.

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Carlson, Jr., an esteemed member of our wildlife and conservation community. Mr. Carlson is being honored today for his extensive career in wildlife conservation spanning over 35 years and we thank him for his service.

Mr. Carlson was born in Chicago, and currently lives in Roseville with his wife Michelle. Together, they have two children, Zachary and Jacob. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management from California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt and his Master of Science from Iowa State University in Wildlife Biology.

Mr. Carlson began his career 35 years ago as a biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. From there, he was promoted to Wildlife Branch Chief and later, to Executive Director of the California Fish and Game Commission. After 21 years serving the Department of Fish and Game, Mr. Carlson went on to spend the next 14 years with the California Waterfowl Association, where he ended his remarkable career as its president. His long career in wildlife conservation is commendable.

Throughout his career, Mr. Carlson has worked tirelessly to give back to our community. As president of California Waterfowl, he directed and oversaw the fee-title acquisition of lands for habitat protection and public use and education, the acquisition of water for the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, and the establishment of upland habitat cover to benefit nesting waterfowl and other wildlife. His commitment to conserving wildlife by emphasizing the need for sound science when making wildlife conservation-related decisions and his positive approach to work is honorable.

Mr. Carlson's dedication to service is further evident through his community involvement. He is an Alumni Fellow of Cohort 12 of the National Conservation Leadership Institute, which provides education and training to wildlife conservation professionals. Additionally, he worked as part of the California Department of Fish and Game Leadership Academy, a program for those interested in careers in wildlife

conservation. Mr. Carlson's philanthropic work did not stop there. For several years, he mentored a young 'student at risk' as part of the Student Buddy Program. We are thankful for his service and wish Mr. Carlson a wonderful retirement.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Carlson for his dedicated service to the wildlife conservation community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING REVEREND DR. KEITH ELIJAH THOMPSON

**HON. RITCHIE TORRES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Reverend Dr. Keith Elijah Thompson. A man of God who is known across the community as a man who inspires, teaches, and instills hope in those around him. Dr. Thompson started out by leading a small home-based bible study for members of his community. His passion for ministry grew and in 1980 he became the founder and pastor of Bronx Miracle Gospel Tabernacle Word of Faith Ministry. Dr. Thompson's ministry continued to grow and later he founded the Brooklyn Miracle Gospel Tabernacle. As his ministry grew, Dr. Thompson's teaching and faith expanded.

Dr. Thompson's community impact has been a blessing in the Bronx. In 2008, he founded the Bronx Resource Community Center. This faith-based community institution helps to improve the lives of community members through skills training, technology training, and other enrichment programs. In 2002, because of his dedication to others, May 24th was declared as Bronx Miracle Gospel Tabernacle Day.

Throughout his four decades of ministry, Keith Elijah Thompson has spread love, positivity, and community inside and outside of the Bronx. Again, I want to celebrate the work of Dr. Thompson and his ministry. As a community staple, I look forward to his continued positive impact.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL WINN

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Chief Mike Winn as he retires from the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department.

With a passion for public safety, Winn first began his career as a call firefighter with the Greenfield Fire Department in 1991 while attending Greenfield Community College. After graduating in 1993 and receiving his EMT-I certificate, Winn took on a full-time position with the Greenfield Fire Department and continued to move through the ranks, first as a career firefighter, then a captain, before being named Acting Chief in 2008, and later Chief in 2010.

Over the years, Winn had always enjoyed spending time on Cape Cod. In June 2013,

Winn made the move to live on Cape Cod full-time when he was brought on as Fire Chief of the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department, after his predecessor, Chief John Farrington, retired after 40 years in the position. Over the next 11 years, Winn diligently served the Barnstable villages of Centerville, Osterville, and Marstons Mills, responding to countless emergencies and helping to guide the community through uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Winn not only mentored and shared his expertise with those working alongside him in the Greenfield and Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Departments, but also with firefighters across the Commonwealth. Throughout his career, Winn served on the Massachusetts Hazardous Materials Response Division, the Southeastern Region Homeland Security Advisory Council, and served as President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts.

On June 28, 2024, during a change of command ceremony, Chief Winn officially retired from the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department and passed the torch to Chief Bryon Eldridge. Over the last 33 years, Winn has dedicated his career to serving the people of Massachusetts, and I wish him many years of well-deserved happiness in retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Chief Michael Winn, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his career and thanking him for his years of service.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NELSON MANDELA ON NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorated Nelson Mandela International Day on July 18th, I take this moment to honor the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela, a South African anti-apartheid and civil rights activist. Mandela's lifetime commitment to fighting on behalf of marginalized groups in South Africa and the world is the reason for Nelson Mandela International Day. This day should reflect the values and integrity we should have in advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable.

Nelson Mandela International Day was first Declared by the United Nations in 2009. The day reminds us never to get complacent about today's injustices and to fight for tomorrow's freedoms. With its timeless message of equality and justice, Mandela's legacy should serve as a call to action for our youth to pursue equitable justice, especially when democracy is under attack. In the words of Mandela, "To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

Mandela's tenacity and struggle against systemic injustice under South African apartheid are world-renowned. His influence transcends borders, inspiring a global civil rights and social justice movement. Despite Mandela's many accomplishments and distinguished honors, such as a Nobel Peace Prize, his journey to becoming a celebrated civil rights leader

was not achieved overnight. As a youth, Mandela developed his passion for organizing in school, leading movements against racial discrimination and cultivating relationships between White and Black activists. Mandela's unwavering commitment to justice and equality led to his 27-year imprisonment as well to being the first democratically-elected president in South Africa.

Although much of Mandela's work toward justice is in South Africa, his story parallels civil rights struggles in America, both past and present. For example, Chicago continues to experience the impact of deliberate racial redlining from the past. Housing discrimination, such as redlining, led to segregation in Chicago, lower property values in minority communities, lower-funded schools, and systemic inequalities.

We should remember Mandela for his revolutionary acts against systemic injustice and his ability to unite people to dismantle oppressive institutions. Challenging the status quo and pursuing freedom for all has never been easy; it wasn't easy for the Montgomery Bus Boycott protesters fighting segregation nor was it easy for Mandela. It isn't easy now as our country faces the choice between democracy or dictatorship. However, the desire to live in a more just and equal society spurs our fight despite the trials and tribulations we must face. Celebrating Nelson Mandela International Day inspires our collective effort to advance equality that will bring about the change we seek.

#### HONORING JOHN H. ALDRIDGE

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John H. Aldridge, an esteemed member of our community. Mr. Aldridge is being honored for his outstanding service and unwavering dedication to advancing the programs of The American Legion in California.

Mr. Aldridge was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. He married his wife, Karen Scott, in Sacramento in 1995 and relocated to Fairfield, California within one year. Mr. Aldridge is a graduate of the National Legion College and served in the United States Air Force for 20 years.

Mr. Aldridge's career in the military is truly commendable. Upon his enlistment in 1974, he worked as a Fuels Specialist for six years. Mr. Aldridge then cross-trained and began his career as an Air Passenger Specialist. Following his technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base, he was assigned to Travis Air Force Base Military Airlift Command. During his 20-year career in the United States Air Force, Mr. Aldridge has been stationed across the globe at several other locations. Our country is safer because of the courage and sacrifice Mr. Aldridge has shown throughout his long career.

After retiring from the military in 1994, Mr. Aldridge began work for Aquasis Services Inc. where he worked as a Quality Assurance Inspector for a government air transportation contract. Shortly after, he was promoted to

Station Manager. His dedication to serving his community both in and out of uniform is honorable.

Even after his military retirement, Mr. Aldridge continued to serve his country. In 1996, he returned to Travis Air Force Base to manage an Air Terminal Security contract, before being employed by the Department of Defense. He retired from government civilian employment in 2016.

Mr. Aldridge is a lifetime member of the American Legion, serving with distinction in various roles, including Commander and Adjutant for Post 182, Commander and Chaplain for the "Mighty" 5th District, and Department Chaplain for four terms. He later transferred his Legion membership to Yountville Veterans Home Post 306 to support members there with Legion programs and projects. We are grateful for his leadership in our community.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Aldridge for his dedicated service to our military and our Napa County community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### HONORING DRU RIDDLE

#### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Dru Riddle, PhD, DNP, CRNA, FAAN. Dr. Riddle will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA). I am proud that Dr. Riddle was elected as the 2023–2024 president of this prestigious healthcare organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer more than 50 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals. CRNAs have full practice authority in the Army, Navy, and Air Force and are the predominant provider of anesthesia on forward surgical teams and in combat support hospitals.

As an AANA member for 14 years, Dr. Riddle has contributed greatly to the healthcare community in the Fort Worth area and nationwide. Dr. Riddle is an associate professor of Professional Practice and director of Clinical Education at Texas Christian University School of Nurse Anesthesia.

He also serves as the Director of the Center for Translational Research. A JBI Center of Excellence and Co-Chair of the Cochrane U.S. Network. Dr. Riddle's research interest included evidence-based healthcare, pharmacogenomics, and genetic implications for anesthesia care. Additionally, Dr. Riddle has spoken nationally and internationally on evidence-based healthcare, systematic review strategies, and various clinical anesthesia topics.

In addition to his research and teaching roles, Dr. Riddle maintains an active clinical

anesthesia practice through NorthStar Anesthesia. He was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2018.

Dr. Riddle earned his PhD from Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

During his AANA presidency, Dr. Riddle has been a prominent advocate for the patients and practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. He has worked tirelessly to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system. Dr. Riddle has advocated to eliminate burdensome regulations for CRNAs, to have CRNAs recognized as full practice providers in the Veterans Health Administration, and to address underlying causes of surprise billing such as provider discrimination.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Riddle today on a job well done. His service to AANA and to his patients, and his commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Riddle's notable career and outstanding achievements.

#### HONORING MITCHELL SMITH

#### HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the career of Mitchell Smith and commend him for his many years of service in support of working families in this country and to the men and women of the United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 8.

While working as a maintenance electrician at Ford Motor Company in 1986, Mitchell Smith joined the UAW Local 882 in Atlanta, GA. Just one year later, he was elected a member of the skilled trades committee by his coworkers. For the next 12 years, he served on that committee and as a member of the unit bargaining committee. In further recognition of his capability and leadership, Local 882 elected him building chairperson from 2002 to 2005.

In 2005, Smith was appointed by UAW President Ron Gettelfinger to the position of International representative assigned to Region 8, where he serviced local unions throughout the south. He then served as assistant director of the union's Transnational Department, aiding employees working at Japanese, South Korean, and German original equipment manufacturers and German parts suppliers in the United States. At the 37th Constitutional Convention in June of 2018, he was elected director of UAW Region 8. For over five years, he served the entire Southeast with distinction, working on behalf of auto workers from Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and the following counties in Pennsylvania: Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, and York.

During his many decades of loyal membership and service to the UAW, Mitchell Smith