

Deployed to Vietnam with the First Shore Party Battalion in Da Nang, Mr. Stinson's bravery was made apparent. As part of the helicopter support team, he played a critical role in coordinating medivacs, essential supplies, and munitions under constant threat from enemy fire. His selfless actions, ensuring the care and dignity of wounded and deceased comrades amid perilous conditions, exemplify the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and the spirit of service that defines our Nation's heroes.

After his service in Vietnam, Mr. Stinson continued to embody the values of honor and duty. In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, he was called to active duty and stationed in Yuma, Arizona, awaiting deployment to Saudi Arabia. Though the conflict ended swiftly due to the air campaign, Mr. Stinson's readiness, and commitment to serve was unwavering, reflecting his dedication to his country. Mr. Stinson retired from the Marine Corps in 1994 at the rank of Master Sergeant.

After returning to civilian life, Mr. Stinson continued his exemplary service by joining law enforcement. His 25-year tenure with the Detroit Police Department, followed by his invaluable contributions as a tribal police officer with the Saginaw-Chippewa tribe and later as a bailiff with the Clare County Sheriff's Department, underscores his unwavering commitment to public safety and justice.

Mr. Speaker, Fred Clifton Stinson Jr.'s life of service exemplifies the highest ideals of patriotism and sacrifice. His valor under fire, his steadfast leadership, and his enduring commitment to his fellow Marines and citizens of Michigan serve as a testament to his character and dedication. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and admiration for Mr. Stinson's service to our country and community.

Mr. Stinson's legacy of courage and service will forever inspire future generations of Americans. We salute you, and we thank you for your selfless dedication to defending our freedoms and upholding the values that make our Nation great.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following Roll Call votes due to testing positive for COVID-19. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

AYE on Roll Call No. 358, H.R. 8812;

NAY on Roll Call Nos. 359 through 379, Amendments to H.R. 8997;

NAY on Roll Call Nos. 381 through 383, 385 through 392, and 394 through 398, Amendments to H.R. 8998;

AYE on Roll Call No. 393, H. Res. 1367;

NAY on Roll Call No. 399, H.R. 8998; and

NAY on Roll Call No. 400, H. Res. 1371.

RECOGNIZING JAYLA ATKINSON FOR BEING NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Jayla Atkinson as Ohio's 13th District Champion of the Week.

Jayla, a senior at Stow-Munroe Falls High School, ended her high school track career as the back-to-back Division I State Champion in the 800 meters.

This is actually the second time I have had the honor of recognizing Jayla on the House floor for her athletic accomplishments, as I had the pleasure of congratulating her after she secured her first state title last year.

In this year's dramatic finish, returning state champion Jayla put in a huge push in the last 100 meters to secure her second state title.

In defending her state title, Jayla set a new school and personal record time of 2 minutes and 9.51 seconds.

This impressive win capped off a very successful high school track career for Jayla, during which she garnered numerous accolades including her two state titles, one state runner-up title, one third place state title finish, and several regional and district awards.

Her dedication, determination, and passion for her sport is outstanding and shows just what hard work can accomplish.

Congratulations once again to Jayla Atkinson for defending her state title, and for an illustrious high school career.

She has made her school, family, and community very proud, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING STACEY BUCKNER FOR RECEIVING THE TOM MILLER ADVOCACY AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I use today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Stacey Buckner on receiving the Tom Miller Advocacy Award. This prestigious award is a testament to Stacey's unwavering dedication to improving the lives of folks in our region, especially those of homeless veterans.

This award is not Stacey's only achievement. Stacey also founded her own non-profit, Off-Road Outreach, which provides mobile showers, food, clothing, and housing assistance to homeless veterans across Fayetteville. She also was deemed one of the Top Ten CNN Heroes of 2023 and is a recipient of the North Carolina Governor's Medallion Award. We, in North Carolina, could not be more proud of Stacey and all the work she has done for our communities.

I look forward to celebrating Stacey's continued success and thank her for all she has done to ensure that our veterans are not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Stacey Buckner on receiving the Tom Miller Advocacy Award.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF BEAUMONT POLICE CHIEF JAMES SINGLETARY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Beaumont Police Chief James "Jimmy" Singletary, who is retiring after a long, distinguished career in law enforcement.

Chief Singletary was born on January 27, 1948, to parents John and Melba Singletary in Beaumont, Texas. A lifelong resident of Beaumont, he attended Beaumont High School, where he secured a scholarship to Lamar University. He earned many accolades during his years on the Lamar University men's golf team, including four straight Southland Conference Championships, a Southland Conference Individual Championship in 1969, and back-to-back NCAA Division II National Championships in 1967 and 1968.

After graduating from Lamar University in 1971, Chief Singletary began his 53-year law enforcement career by joining the Beaumont Police Department, where he moved through the ranks from patrol officer to lieutenant. As a lieutenant, he oversaw seven different divisions, including Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics and Vice, Training and Personnel, Drug Enforcement Task Force, Special Weapons and Tactics, and Internal Affairs.

Chief Singletary retired for the first time from the Beaumont Police Department after 30 years and accepted a position with the Department of Justice as the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Texas. In 2002, he joined the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department as a major and was a member of the Narcotics Task Force and commander of the SWAT team. In 2009, he was assigned to the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force, where he worked with local agencies on violent crimes and major federal cases.

In 2011, Chief Singletary was sworn in as the Chief of Police for the Beaumont Police Department. His mission was to increase the department's local outreach, educate the public, and build trust between citizens and law enforcement to create a safer community for all residents. Under his leadership, community programs like the Police Community Advisory Committee, Citizen's Police Academy, Cops & Kids, Clergy and Police Partnership, Police Explorers, Youth Academy for Law Enforcement, and Practicum in Policing flourished.

Chief Singletary is also an avid family man. He met his late wife, Tammy, when they both played in a coed softball league. They welcomed their only child, Hallie, in 1988, and I am confident that he is looking forward to spending much time in his retirement with his daughter and grandson, Wyatt Justice, who is the apple of his eye. He has always been best known amongst his family and friends for his selflessness and for always taking the time to help those in need.

I have known Chief Singletary for many years. Even as a young man, he displayed an incredible depth of character that undoubtedly played a vital role in his journey to becoming such an upstanding public servant. It is my sincere honor to congratulate Chief Singletary

on his exemplary law enforcement career and thank him for his dedicated and courageous service to the citizens of Beaumont, Texas. May God bless him in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT ERIC FICK

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Eric Thomas Fick of Stafford, Virginia, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Eric has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Eric was born at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington and grew up in an Air Force family. From a young age, he had always felt a connection to our servicemembers and wanted to serve our country. Eric attended the University of Notre Dame as a member of its Air Force ROTC program and graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the United States Air Force. Eric served in a variety of roles, including as a mechanical systems engineer for the F-16 fighter, logistics officer, flight test engineer, weapons testing officer, Air Force staff officer, and legislative liaison on Capitol Hill. He has commanded at the Squadron and Group level, and is a three-time Program Executive Officer, culminating with his last assignment from 2019 to 2022, when he was the Program Executive Officer and Director for the F-35 Lightning II Program. In this capacity, he oversaw the development, production, and sustainment of the most advanced fighter jet in the world for 3 U.S. Services, seven international partners, and seven foreign military sales customers. For his meritorious service, Eric received the Legion of Merit, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, and many more awards.

In 2022, Eric retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant General after 31 years of service. He currently serves as the President of Lyten Federal, a super materials applications company that is developing next-generation batteries to power cars, planes, and spacecraft while reducing global emissions. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Christine, his six children, and their two dogs. He also enjoys playing soccer, volleyball, and golf. Eric is an outstanding leader who has made a tremendous impact on the world around us. I am proud of the work he has accomplished, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Eric with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during yesterday's final vote

series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 397.

HONORING CHIEF JONATHAN MAZER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Jonathan Mazer, an esteemed member of our community. Chief Mazer is being honored today for his outstanding service in his career in law enforcement.

Chief Mazer was born in Portland, Maine, but grew up in California where he graduated from Las Lomas High School. Chief Mazer is a graduate of Union Institute & University and has pursued graduate studies in Clinical Psychology at John F. Kennedy University and Walden University. Chief Mazer and his wife, Angela, have six children: Kayla, Tyler, Victoria, Riley, Rebecca and Eli.

Chief Mazer's long career in law enforcement is commendable. He started his career in 1991 as a Sheriff's cadet with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's office. From there, he moved to work as a police cadet with the Pinole and Lafayette Police Departments. In 1996, he was sworn in as Solano County Deputy Sheriff.

In 2015, Chief Mazer was promoted to Sheriff's Lieutenant where he managed County Animal Control and the Transportation Bureau. In April of 2021, he was appointed Chief of Police for the Rio Vista Police Department, a police service contracting with the Sheriff's office. Our country is safer because of the courage and sacrifice Chief Mazer has shown throughout his long career.

Since the beginning of his career, Chief Mazer worked to support our community. In 2013, when assigned to the Office of Emergency Services, he created the Sheriff's Cadet Program, which brings youth into the Sheriff's office to learn about law enforcement and public service careers. He also founded the Solano County Cadet Academy, a multi-day live-in training academy for youth interested in careers in law enforcement. Outside of his work, Chief Mazer has worked as a Safety Team member at Chabad of Solano County, Vacaville and worked as an AYSO soccer coach in his hometown of Rio Vista. His dedication to serving his community both in and out of uniform is honorable.

For the past 28 years, Chief Mazer has given countless hours to serving our community that have not gone unnoticed. He has dedicated his life to our Solano County community over the duration of his long and storied career. We are thankful for his service and wish Chief Mazer a wonderful retirement.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Chief Jonathan Mazer for his dedicated service in law enforcement and our broader Solano County community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING JOHN POWELL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated husband, loving father, respected executive, committed man of faith, and friend of longstanding, John T. Powell. After 38 years of dedicated service to the peanut industry and agriculture industry as a whole, he will retire as the Executive Director of the American Peanut Shellers Association and Institute. An event to celebrate his remarkable career will be held on August 20, 2024, at the Doublegate Country Club in Albany, Georgia.

John Powell has truly been a stalwart in the Peanut Industry for over five decades. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Auburn University. He also graduated from the institutes of Organizational Management at the University of Georgia and the University of Notre Dame. His educational achievements prepared him to make a difference in the lives of peanut shellers, farmers, producers and professionals across the world.

During his time as the Executive Director of the American Peanut Shellers, John helped to found the Peanut Institute and the U.S. Peanut Federation. These two entities have helped to promote the interests of the peanut industry throughout the United States and the world. Moreover, John has worked on eight farm bills during his life, always advocating for those who he represented. Since 2001, John, in association with the National Peanut Board, has helped to steer more than 36 million dollars to food allergy research, outreach and education. Earlier this year, because of his significant contributions to the Peanut Industry, John was inducted into the American Peanut Council Hall of Fame.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." John has paid his rent, and he has paid it well. In addition to his responsibilities as Executive Director, his other professional affiliations include serving as the President of the Peanut Institute Foundation, The American Peanut Council, The American Peanut Export Council Committee, The American Society of Executives and the Georgia Society of Association Executives.

But John's service has extended beyond the peanut industry. He has served as a former Board Member and Executive Committee Member of the Albany-Dougherty Chamber of Commerce. He is also a former president of the Albany Museum of Art. The community affiliation of which John is probably the proudest is his affiliation as Vice Chair and board member of the Friends of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

John has accomplished much in his life but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of his devoted wife of 52 years, Mary; his children, Ben and Emily; and his four grandchildren, Evan, Zoey, Zack and Bella.

On a personal note, John has been my friend of longstanding and close advisor on all things relative to the peanut industry during my time in Congress. He never told me what I wanted to hear, but he always told me what he felt I needed to hear. I will forever be grateful for his advice, counsel, and friendship.