

Chief Cummings is not only the Police Chief but the Emergency Management Coordinator for New Hope Borough. He was appointed by the Borough Council and the Governor to this position. In this role he has been involved in all the floods, winter storms and hurricanes since 2010. His expertise allowed him to work with the New Hope Solebury District Superintendent to develop a multi-faceted response program to deal with any threat that could be presented at the school district buildings. Officers, School Staff and Emergency responders were all involved and trained.

Chief Cummings has served as the head of the Central Bucks Crisis Negotiators Team Leader, the President of the Bucks County Chiefs Association, and the President of the Delaware Valley Hostage Negotiators Association. Despite numerous leadership positions, Michael attends all events. He oversees all operational plans for 5K races, parades, festivals, protests, and other large gatherings.

Chief Cummings is proud of his work as a liaison to the LGBTQ+ community and enjoys a strong affiliation with New Hope Celebrates the Umbrella organization. He has supervised the annual Pride Celebration in New Hope culminating in a parade that draws 10,000 people. Michael's expertise and dedication to public safety has resulted in 15 incident free years of celebration.

I am eternally grateful to Chief Cummings for the life of committed service he has given to our community, district, and country. His selfless example is a beacon of civic stewardship for the next generations of law enforcement to emulate. Michael's proficiency and devotion will be sorely missed, but I am excited for his entry into this new chapter and wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE SONGFEST FOR KOREAN VETERANS

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the veterans of the Korean War. The Korean War was fought from 1950 to 1953 and resolved by Armistice on July 23, 1953, 70 years ago, and seemed to be forgotten about. In fact, last year I introduced House Resolution 858 acknowledging the importance, courage, and sacrifice of veterans from the Korean War.

We should all remember with honor those who bravely served in that war. We should also honor the memory of the more than 36,000 Americans and 7,000 Korean Augmentees who lost their lives to Chinese and North Korean armies, not to mention the tremendous loss of life to the Korean people, as well as remembering the more than 7,500 Americans still lost, unaccounted for and missing to the day.

We are blessed to have almost 50 Korean War veterans with us at SongFest for Korean vets today, who served in every aspect of the Korean War and support of those efforts, with awards that include the Purple Heart, Silver and Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badges and Combat Patches from units with names like the First Marine Division, the 24th and

25th Infantry Divisions as well as many others. Including those who served on ships with names like the USS *Antietam*, the *Baoding Straight*, the *Bennington*, the *Boxer* and the *Cabot*. These men and women served in Pusan, Inchon, Chosin, and on hills with names like Heartbreak Ridge and Pork Chop Hill. We have many Korean Americans who remember that war and the effects on their land that remains divided and dangerous to this day, some of whom have joined us for this celebration and commemoration.

Mr. Speaker, let it be Proclaimed that we will always honor and never forget the contributions of every Soldier, Marine, Sailor, and Airman who served on the Peninsula or in support of Korea, the Forgotten War. We will also never forget the sacrifice of the Korean people and will not rest until all those missing come home again. A grateful Nation honors them on this American Heroes Day at the South Florida Fair.

RECOGNIZING AVA SOMMER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ava Sommer for earning an Honorable Mention Award in the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

Ava built an app entitled Voter Pride Guide app, which helps users keep track of pro and anti-LGBTQ legislation in state legislatures around the country, share resources and articles, and connect them with ways to be civically engaged through voting and more.

Ava, a student from Peak to Peak High School, spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing her STEM education. Her perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at Peak to Peak High.

Congratulations to Ava Sommer for her hard work on this project. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for two votes on January 12, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 9 and NO on Roll Call No. 10.

TRIBUTE TO LENA "JACKIE" JACQUELYN TAYLOR

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to extend my

condolences to the family and community mourning the passing of Lena Jacquelyn Taylor, affectionately known as "Jackie," a caring and benevolent entrepreneur and a passionate champion for community engagement. It saddens me to say that Jackie passed peacefully in the early morning of Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Born on June 9, 1945, in the heart of Little Rock, Arkansas, to the loving embrace of Thomas Bartholomew and Delta Ivory Thompson, Jackie, the youngest of eight children, proudly stood as one of "Mama Delta's Finest."

Jackie's educational journey unfolded within the halls of Milwaukee Public Schools, where she assumed leadership as the cadet captain at Lee Street Elementary School. She progressed to John Marshall High School, where she became part of the inaugural class of African American students to integrate into the school.

In 1965, Jackie and Wilbert united in matrimony, fostering a family that extended beyond their own, embracing nieces and nephews as their own. The marriage may have seen its course, but the commitment to parenting and supporting their daughter, Lena Carolyn Taylor, endured. Jackie's return to education at MATC and UW-Milwaukee marked a significant chapter, guided by her exceptional counselor, Jimmy Johnstone.

Jackie's professional journey was interwoven with roles at American Motors, AO Smith, and Milwaukee Public Schools. Simultaneously, she immersed herself in her mother's business ventures, accumulating invaluable knowledge. After completing her coursework, fueled by her mother's entrepreneurial spirit, Jackie embarked on her path as a business owner, collaborating in managing a grocery store, restaurant, real estate holdings, and facilities aiding veterans and the unhoused.

Her benevolent spirit, inherited from her mother, manifested in civic engagement as an Elks Temple No. 247 member. Jackie orchestrated debutante balls, displaying dynamic leadership, providing invaluable social etiquette and moral guidance to young black women.

In the later stages of her life, she joyfully welcomed her "darling baby boy," Jacques Taylor. A devout believer from a young age, Jackie's spiritual journey took a profound turn under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Thomas B. Moody at Solomon Community Temple United Methodist Church. Her commitment to Christ and the church catalyzed the establishment of The Love House in 1994, a faith-based initiative offering support to the unhoused, returning citizens and those grappling with mental health challenges.

For nearly three decades, The Love House, initially rooted in her home, evolved into a beacon of hope. Jackie's tireless efforts surpassed counseling to encompass securing employment, fostering independence, and reuniting individuals with their families and communities. Every week, she hosted a food pantry, spreading love through her culinary creations and warmly welcoming everyone who crossed her path.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Lena "Jackie" Jacquelyn Taylor. She has helped transform the lives of so many people, including my constituents. The people of the 4th Congressional District,

the State of Wisconsin, and the United States benefitted greatly from her commitment to service.

HONORING MS. AMY FALK
SHELDON

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent Amy Falk Sheldon for her outstanding work at the National PTA. As Director of Resource Development Amy made an immeasurable difference in the lives of PTA leaders across the county. She tirelessly dedicated her time to PTA's mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Beginning in 2015, Amy collaborated with local PTA leaders to develop corporate alliances and create partnerships which delivered engaging and educational opportunities for members. Amy is a dedicated humanitarian having worked at the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry and American Association of University Women. She is also a board member of the Washington Area Women's Foundation.

I am proud the National PTA is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia and congratulate Amy for her service to the organization, its staff, partners, and affiliates.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CEO AND PORT DIRECTOR OF PORT EVERGLADES, JONATHAN DANIELS

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jonathan Daniels, the CEO and Port Director of Port Everglades, for his service and leadership to the industry.

Jonathan Daniels has been the CEO and Port Director of Port Everglades since the summer of 2020. Located in South Florida, Port Everglades is one of the busiest ports in the world, welcoming cruises and container and cargo traffic. Assuming the role at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Daniels successfully led the port through tumultuous times and helped build a future of sustained growth. Through his leadership and the efforts of his staff, the port persevered and is experiencing a revival with the return of cruises and upgrades to infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Jonathan Daniels for his outstanding leadership and contributions to Port Everglades and the constituents of Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL HARVEL FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Paul Harvel, a distinguished leader who dedicated over five decades to the advancement of Arkansas chambers of commerce, economic development, and the agricultural industry. His profound impact on countless communities and unwavering commitment to excellence leave an indelible mark on our collective memory.

In July of 2014, the American Chapter of Commerce Executives rightfully bestowed upon Paul Harvel the Life Member Award, the highest individual honor in the chamber of commerce profession. This accolade, presented to only 42 individuals in the ACCE's century-long history, reflects Paul's exceptional lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to the business community.

Former Governor Mike Beebe aptly noted that there are few parts of Arkansas untouched by Paul Harvel's influence. His wisdom, expertise, and collaborative spirit benefited numerous communities, creating a legacy of positive change and progress.

Paul Harvel's extensive career included pivotal roles such as CEO of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he played a key role in establishing Pulaski County Technical College. His visionary leadership saw the growth of the Little Rock Chamber's assets from \$70,000 to over \$10 million during his 21-year tenure.

As President and CEO of the Arkansas State Chamber, Paul Harvel initiated Leadership Arkansas, contributing significantly to the organization's growth, with total income rising from \$800,000 to \$1.8 million and membership expanding from 650 to 1,400. His impact also extended to the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he led successful efforts to secure over \$2 million for a new economic development fund.

Beyond his chamber work, Paul Harvel championed Arkansas' agriculture sector, drawing from his upbringing on a farm in Kellar, Texas. From his early days as a vocational agriculture teacher to his instrumental role in founding the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1987, his contributions to the state's agriculture legacy are immeasurable.

Paul Harvel's passing is not only a loss to his family, including his wife Barbara, daughter Michelle Boulden, and grandson Hunter Tuggle, but also to the broader community that benefited from his vision, dedication, and tireless efforts.

In honoring Paul Harvel's memory, let us reflect on the remarkable legacy he leaves behind and strive to continue the positive impact he made on Arkansas and beyond.

RECOGNIZING BEN PYATT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ben Pyatt's dedication as a life-long educator in our community. Mr. Pyatt has served generations of Arvada students and is retiring after thirty years in public education.

In addition to his job as a math teacher, Mr. Pyatt helped teach student driving when Arvada High School was short on driving instructors. After the school disbanded the driver's ed program, Mr. Pyatt joined the Arvada Driving School, where he served for nearly three decades.

Mr. Pyatt has played a key part in driver's education for Arvadans, teaching an estimated twenty-thousand people in his community how to drive over his career. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Ben Pyatt for his dedication to his community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KAREN ROSEBERRY

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Karen Roseberry, who passed away on January 12, 2024.

Mrs. Roseberry devoted her life to public service: in the classroom, health clinics, and political arenas. She was a highly-regarded educator, teaching hundreds of students over a nearly ten-year span. Mrs. Roseberry also served as an advisor to several candidates running for public office.

Mrs. Roseberry's passion for helping others was demonstrated through her time as Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center in Lancaster, California, which offered counseling, testing, and spiritual support for expectant mothers and fathers. Her tireless dedication to protecting the health and welfare of the unborn was illuminated through her work on the California Prolife Council, most recently serving as Vice President.

Mrs. Roseberry's years of service left a lasting impact on Southern California—and the entire state—that will be admired and modeled for future leaders to reproduce. While we mourn the loss of an extraordinary leader in our community, we can find joy in the fact that Mrs. Roseberry's legacy will continue to enrich the lives of Californians to come.

RECOGNIZING LAURA "BABE" E. RAUDENBUSH SIDMAN 102ND BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura "Babe" E. Raudenbush Sidman, a remarkable constituent from my district about to celebrate her 102nd birthday.