

equal rights and better conditions for the Westside neighborhood and beyond. Charlie also founded the Kansas City chapter of the Brown Berets, a Chicano activist group inspired by the Black Panthers. Collaborating with other famous Chicano leaders like Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales and Cesar Chavez, Charlie inspired Kansas Citians to join El Movimiento.

In addition to bringing nationwide movements to Kansas City, Charlie placed great value on local activism. His political influence helped elect many Chicano leaders to local government, allowing Westside residents to take part in the city affairs from which they long felt excluded. He also is responsible for the founding of the Aztlan Center for Chicano cultural education and empowerment, and for immensely expanding the impact of the Guadalupe Centers, a local social service agency for Latin Americans in the United States, that is now the longest continuously standing agency of its kind. Even as he neared the end of his life, Charlie never wavered in his fight for justice and equity.

Though Charlie has passed, his legacy and impact on Kansas City will remain long past our mortal lifetimes. I am reminded of Mark 10:45—"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Charlie's life was one dedicated to serving others in need, bettering the lives of countless people throughout. Charlie is survived by his loving family, friends, and the current and future generations of the Westside. As we celebrate and fondly appreciate the decades of devoted service from Charlie, let us be inspired by him to advocate for justice and uplift our community.

RECOGNIZING BILLY COVINGTON

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Billy Covington and his dedication to leading the youth at the Jenkins Athletic Club.

Billy is just now retiring after an impressive 30 year run as the organization's executive director. However, Billy's love for the club began well before he took on this leadership role. In fact, the Jenkins Athletic Club provided a formative experience for Billy in his youth.

It was here where Billy developed a passion for basketball and the club itself, later winning the state crown for Savannah High in 1974 and continuing to play at Livingston University and South Georgia State College.

Under his leadership, the Club's programs served the community's youth greatly. Just last winter, it had an astounding and diverse cohort of 800 kids in their basketball league. As described by Billy, the Jenkins Athletic Club is not just an afterschool program, but a haven of sports and coaches who care about its youth and their families.

Congratulations to Billy on his retirement. His impact within his community will be felt forever.

RECOGNIZING THE 12 AND UNDER MAMIE JOHNSON LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 12 and under Mamie Johnson Little League softball team for winning the 2024 District of Columbia Little League State Championship and advancing to the Eastern Regional Tournament of the Little League Softball World Series. The team has made D.C. proud.

Founded in 2021 and named after the first woman to pitch in the Negro Leagues, the softball division of the Mamie Johnson Little League has given girls in D.C. the opportunity to learn softball fundamentals. Congratulations to the entire team: Noelle O'Brien, Cayla London Smith, Sasha Wilson, Shawndella Walker, Emily Alvarenga, Alayana Kennedy, Aryn Davis, Lyric Barnett, Devin Barnes, Kellyn White and Karsyn White.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring these talented young women from the District of Columbia on their tremendous achievement.

CELEBRATING MOTT'S LOUNGE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a truly remarkable milestone: Mott's Lounge in Burlington, Illinois, celebrates 100 years of rich history, community spirit, and unwavering dedication to its patrons. Founded in 1924 by the pioneering couple Albert and Flora Mott, Mott's Lounge has encapsulated a century of history, evolving through the ages while remaining a cherished cornerstone of the community.

During the roaring twenties, Mott's found itself amidst lively dancehalls, just steps away from a train station that connected folks to the city of Chicago. It was during this era of Prohibition that Mott's Lounge was ingeniously labeled a cafeteria. But behind those walls, it thrived as a lively speakeasy. The cryptic whispers of train conductors providing coded announcements of "Next stop, Vinegar Hills!" have resonated through the years, echoing the spirit of resilience and adventure that characterized that era. Thanks to cleverly concealed back doors leading into cornfields, countless patrons found both refuge and refreshment, forging bonds of camaraderie that still stand strong today.

As we reflect on this remarkable journey, we honor not only the legacy of its founders but the remarkable women who kept the establishment alive. Following Albert's passing in 1950, Flora Mott led Mott's Lounge with grace until her retirement at the age of 85, living a remarkable 101 years. Upon her retirement in 1980, the reins were passed to her granddaughter, Shirley, who transformed the cafeteria into the vibrant lounge we all know and love.

Under Shirley's leadership, Mott's Lounge blossomed as a true community hub. Her unwavering commitment to philanthropy and community welfare is a legacy etched in the hearts of Burlington residents. From opening her home to those facing hardships to hosting successful fundraisers for the United Way, Shirley not only transformed a business but also transformed lives.

Today, the legacy of Mott's is preserved through Shirley's son and his family, who proudly represent the fourth generation of Mott's stewards. They continue to uphold the values of generosity and community spirit that have long defined this establishment.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate this centennial achievement. I ask my colleagues to join me in a heartfelt congratulations on 100 years of exceptional service, generosity, and community spirit. May the next century bring continued success, growth and connection with this generous community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN TOM HAAG

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Haag, my close, personal friend and Chairman of the National Corn Growers Association.

Tom has served on the National Corn Growers Association board since 2016 and has led NCGA on the executive leadership team since 2021. Before NCGA, he was a longtime member of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, serving as its President from 2012 to 2013. Tom is also a fourth-generation family farmer in Eden Valley, Minnesota, growing over 2,000 acres of corn and soybeans with his son Nathan.

I am thankful to have had a strong working relationship with Tom throughout his time at NCGA. During his long career working on behalf of Minnesota corn farmers, Tom has been a strong leader and advocate for expanding opportunities for Minnesota's biofuel producers and refiners. Thanks to the hard work of people like Tom, Minnesota became the first state to require biodiesel in our diesel fuel blends in 2018.

In Congress, I am proud to be a co-chair of the bipartisan House Biofuels Caucus and a strong advocate for renewable biofuels. In particular, I have urged the EPA to consider how biofuels can address climate change and improve emissions standards. Minnesota-grown biofuels are critical tools that we have at our disposal right now to help address climate change and stimulate Minnesota's economy, thanks to leaders, and farmers, like Tom.

I'm grateful for our partnership, and I thank Tom, known as "The Legend," for his tireless advocacy on behalf of Minnesota family farmers and corn farmers across our country.

HONORING GUSTAVOUS "GUS"
HOLMES BELL

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Gustavous "Gus" Holmes Bell III of Savannah, GA, who passed away on July 22nd at the age of 86.

Gus, known by many as "Buster," was a dedicated, hard-working man, who earned a degree in Civil Engineer from The Citadel before attending graduate school at the University of Kentucky.

Gus was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant as a Reserve Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army. After assignments in Virginia, Texas, and New Mexico, Gus moved to Kentucky and was hired in an engineering role. Gus, eventually landed in Savannah and was honorably discharged in 1969.

Gus was an engineer who was instrumental in establishing a partnership between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia. In honor of Gus's contributions to the city, Former mayor Eddie DeLoach declared August 11th as "Gus H. Bell III" Day in Savannah.

Gus was also a founder of St. Andrews on the Marsh School in Savannah and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Savannah.

Gus was married for 42 years to his beloved wife Mandy. After her passing, he was blessed to marry Jan Hall. He is survived by his three children, Lisa, Adam and Holmes, as well as his grandchildren and great grandchildren. We mourn his loss and keep him and his family in our prayers.

HONORING WESTFIELD HIGH
SCHOOL COACH CHRISTOPHER
TAFELSKI

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Westfield High School track coach Christopher Tafelski on his recent designation by the U.S. Boys' Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) as the 2024 Boys' High School Track and Field Coach of the Year for the State of New Jersey. This is not Coach Tafelski's first award from the USTFCCCA, and I am certain it will not be his last. Coaching for the track and field and cross country programs at Westfield High School since 2004, Tafelski, a WHS alum himself, has worked to build a team that is not only award-winning, but one with a strong sense of community. Tafelski has led the renowned WHS track and field and cross country teams to multiple national qualifications and state championship titles among countless other accolades. I am honored to have such a dedicated coach and educator in our district, and I look forward to seeing both Coach Tafelski and the Westfield track and field and cross country programs continue to thrive in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on July 25, 2024, I was unable to vote due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 400.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I tested positive for COVID in Louisiana, and was restricted from travel to D.C. for the week of July 22 through July 26.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 356; NAY 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; YEA on Roll Call No. 362; YEA on Roll Call No. 363; YEA on Roll Call No. 364; YEA on Roll Call No. 365; YEA on Roll Call No. 366; NAY on Roll Call No. 367; NAY on Roll Call No. 368; NAY on Roll Call No. 369; NAY on Roll Call No. 370; NAY on Roll Call No. 371; NAY on Roll Call No. 372; NAY on Roll Call No. 373; YEA on Roll Call No. 374; YEA on Roll Call No. 375; YEA on Roll Call No. 376; YEA on Roll Call No. 377; YEA on Roll Call No. 378; YEA on Roll Call No. 379; YEA on Roll Call No. 380; YEA on Roll Call No. 381; YEA on Roll Call No. 382; YEA on Roll Call No. 383; YEA on Roll Call No. 384; YEA on Roll Call No. 385; YEA on Roll Call No. 386; YEA on Roll Call No. 387; YEA on Roll Call No. 388; YEA on Roll Call No. 389; YEA on Roll Call No. 390; YEA on Roll Call No. 391; YEA on Roll Call No. 392; YEA on Roll Call No. 393; YEA on Roll Call No. 394; YEA on Roll Call No. 395; YEA on Roll Call No. 396; YEA on Roll Call No. 397; YEA on Roll Call No. 398; YEA on Roll Call No. 399; YEA on Roll Call No. 400.

CONGRATULATING CITY MARKET

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 76th anniversary of City Market, the supplier to Sea Island Corporation and many other restaurants in South Georgia.

City Market was founded in 1848 in Brunswick by Harold Sigmund and E.W. Stanford, Sr. Upon E.W. Stanford, Sr.'s death that same year, his 18-year-old son and E.W. "Captain Red" Stanford, Jr. took over the business. The two eventually bought out Mr. Sigmund and continued building a great reputation for the business.

City Market then moved to its current location on Gloucester Street in 1969. After his passing, Captain Red left the legacy of City Market to his grandson, Frank "Little Red"

Owens, Jr., as well as his brother and sons, Walker and Wyatt Owens. Left to run the packing house was his son-in-law, Bruce Collins, Sr.

Through the dedication of the family and its loyal customers, City Market has continued to grow and prosper. Congratulations to City Market, a true family business, on 76 years of success and hard work.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OFFICER PROTECTION ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Department of the Treasury Officer Protection Act of 2024. This bill would help protect Treasury Department police officers and the public by allowing all the officers, including those who work at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), to carry their government firearms home.

BEP officers are not allowed to take their government firearms home. However, BEP officers can be targets because they wear uniforms to and from work. Many BEP officers carry personal firearms to and from work because they are not allowed to take their government firearms home, and some are forced to leave those personal firearms in their cars while they are on duty, creating a possibly dangerous situation.

Allowing BEP officers to carry their government firearms home will put them in the same position as Mint officers. Although both agencies are under the Treasury Department under Treasury Department rules, Mint officers are allowed to carry their government firearms home, while BEP officers are not. There is no meaningful distinction between officers for these two agencies. They should be treated equally.

This bill would allow all police officers in the Treasury Department to carry their government firearms home to protect officers and the public, eliminating separate carrying rules for the Treasury Department's different law enforcement agencies.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING JACK RICHTMAN'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone—the 100th birthday of Mr. Jack Richtman, a true American hero.

Jack's life is a testament to resilience, service, and the enduring power of family. A longtime resident of Elburn, Illinois, Jack served our Nation with distinction during World War II. Six months after D-Day, he landed on the beaches of Normandy, bravely fighting in six battles as a gunner on a mortar unit for the Army's 71st Infantry Division. His contributions were instrumental in aiding Allied forces in post-war efforts throughout Europe.