

have dinner with the Queen of England in commemoration of D-Day's 50th anniversary.

Jack Hamlin continued to live his life fully, even jumping out of an airplane at age 95, and serving his state and fellow man. He was loved by all who knew him, and this true American hero will be greatly missed.

REMEMBERING JIMI JAMISON

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Memphis and national rock 'n' roll legend Jimi Jamison as we approach the 10th anniversary of his death in 2014. Mr. Jamison is best known as the frontman of the band Survivor and for hits that placed him at the top of the music charts in collaboration with other artists. He co-wrote "I'm Always Here," the theme song for the television series "Baywatch," and performed "Burning Heart" with Survivor for the film "Rocky IV," but is best known in Memphis for his performances of "Eye of the Tiger" at University of Memphis Tigers sporting events. Born in Durant, Mississippi, he moved as an infant to Memphis and considered our city his home. In 2022, a stretch of Highland Street between Central and Southern avenues was named Jimi Jamison Street. Acclaimed for his rich vocal skills, Jimi Jamison will be long remembered for his contributions to American music. I join his many fans and friends in remembering him as we near the September 1 tenth anniversary of his passing.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF MR. FARRIS "CARLOS" HILL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable career and dedicated service of Mr. Farris "Carlos" Hill, a pillar of our Ninety Six, South Carolina community, as he retires from the Department of the Air Force.

Carlos' journey is a testament to dedication, perseverance, and commendable service to our Nation both in uniform and as a civilian leader. Born in 1964 to a working-class family in Greenwood, South Carolina, he learned the values of hard work and determination from a young age. Notably, he attended the first integrated first grade class in our state, an experience that undoubtedly shaped his character and resilience.

Following his graduation from Ninety Six High School in 1982, Carlos, fueled by his work ethic, secured an Air Force ROTC scholarship to Clemson University. This marked the start of his lifelong dedication to our Nation. Earning a degree in Civil Engineering in 1986, he embarked on a distinguished military career. His assignments spanned Chanute AFB, Mather AFB, and Dyess AFB, where he ex-

celled as an aircraft maintenance officer. He further served as an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at Rutgers and Princeton Universities, inspiring future Air Force leaders.

Transitioning to the Air Force Reserve after nine years of active duty service, Carlos balanced his military responsibilities with a successful civilian career at General Electric. His unwavering commitment extended to deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. During his second mobilization, he sought opportunities to further his military career through the Air Force Legislative Fellowship Program. This prestigious program allowed Carlos to work closely with congressional members and staff, providing him with invaluable legislative experience and insights that would shape his future career in legislative affairs.

In 2013, Carlos assumed the crucial role of Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Legislative Liaison at the Pentagon, while concurrently serving as the Director of Air Force Reserve Policy Integration in a civilian capacity. He became a vital bridge between the Air Force and Congress, securing vital resources and advocating for both the active force and Reserves. His promotion to Brigadier General in 2015 was a fitting culmination of his outstanding military career.

Retiring from the Reserve in 2019, Carlos remained dedicated to his civilian role, shaping policies as Director of Air Force Reserve Policy Integration at the Pentagon. Here, he continued to serve with distinction, shaping policies that directly impacted the lives and careers of thousands of Air Force Reservists. Carlos' civilian tenure was marked by his unwavering commitment to improving the operational readiness and quality of life for Airmen. He was instrumental in identifying and resolving issues affecting the Air Force Reserve, developing legislative strategies, and coordinating with Congress on significant policy matters. His efforts included formulating Air Force Reserve strategic goals, managing policy initiatives, and maintaining liaison with Congressional Defense Committee Chairs and a wide range of other members of Congress. He also ensured that Air Force senior leaders were fully prepared for Congressional testimonies and engagements, significantly contributing to the successful navigation of complex legislative landscapes.

Beyond his military and government service, Carlos has remained deeply involved with Clemson University where he actively serves on the Alumni Association Board. His dedication to mentoring and supporting students, especially those in the ROTC program, has left a lasting impact. Carlos frequently returns to Clemson to speak with and mentor current students, including Air Force ROTC cadets. In recognition of his significant contributions, Carlos was honored with the Clemson University Distinguished Service Award in 2023, highlighting his exceptional service and commitment to the university and its community.

As Carlos embarks on a well-deserved retirement, I extend my deepest gratitude for his unwavering commitment. His exemplary service has been a true inspiration for future generations.

RECOGNIZING POINTBANK'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize PointBank as it celebrates the 140th anniversary of its founding. I'm honored to congratulate PointBank on reaching such a significant milestone.

As an independent bank located in Denton County, PointBank has served North Texas since its founding in 1884. Over the last 140 years, PointBank has expanded across Denton County, providing locally owned, full-service, community banking. It is an honor to recognize the dedicated and steadfast service that they have provided to Denton County citizens and businesses over the past 140 years.

After James Pierson fulfilled his vision in 1853 of establishing the town of Pilot Point, he and other residents realized they needed a bank to serve their hometown's needs. Less than 40 years after the organization of Denton County, the Pilot Point Bank opened its doors in 1884, serving as the forerunner of PointBank. Just eight years later, on July 13, 1892, the bank received its charter as Pilot Point National Bank. On November 15, 1995, more than 100 years after its founding, Pilot Point Bank shortened its name to PointBank, as it is currently known today. Since its inception, PointBank has had seven presidents and the bank's ownership has been passed down through multiple families. In 1981, Mr. J. Raymond David, Sr. became President of the bank and served in that role until 2004 when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. Ray David, Jr.

Today, PointBank serves their Denton County customers from their nine bank locations in Argyle, Denton, Lewisville, Little Elm, Flower Mound, the Lake Cities, and its first location in Aubrey. PointBank has exciting plans for future growth and expansion to additional North Texas communities.

Since its founding, PointBank has remained a locally owned, independent Denton County based bank that knows the area and the people that they serve, taking pride in being a "people bank." I stand here today to celebrate with the David family and their employees, looking back at an exemplary 140 years of service to our community and looking ahead to many more years to come.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAR DEMOCRAT

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of the 225th anniversary of the Star Democrat newspaper published in Easton, Maryland.

Whereas, the Star Democrat newspaper was first rolled off the press in 1799 when The Honorable John Adams was the sitting President of the United States and The Honorable George Washington was still alive and living

his final year on his plantation at Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the *Star Democrat*—originally the *Republican Star*—was a staunch supporter of Jeffersonian democracy and the ideas of The Honorable Thomas Jefferson; and

Whereas, the newspaper's original philosophy of individual liberty, local autonomy and limited central government continues to this day; and

Whereas, the *Star Democrat* has seen the Nation survive and live through numerous wars and conflicts with its offices twice destroyed in fires and once wrecked by a mob of vandals, while one of its editors arrested and exiled by Federal troops during the Civil War; and

Whereas, on August 21, 2024, the *Star Democrat* will celebrate its 225th anniversary of publication.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Harris, Member of Congress, do hereby proclaim and celebrate The *Star Democrat* for its role and service to the Maryland community and our country on its 225th anniversary.

HONORING BILLY AND JACKIE GLINES

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable couple who have been pillars of our community in Friendswood, Texas. The Glines Family, as some of the earliest residents of our beloved town, have left an indelible mark on the fabric of our society.

Billy and Jackie Glines share a love story that reads like a fairytale. They met in 1957, and it wasn't long before sparks flew. Their first date in July of that year set the stage for a lifelong romance. By late October, Billy was called to serve our great country. Knowing he had found his soulmate, Billy was determined to marry Jackie before someone else did, for he knew he would "never find another girl like her."

On Christmas leave from basic training, Billy and Jackie had a quaint ceremony on December 23, 1957. Their love was tested early on, as Billy soon departed for Germany to serve as an Advanced Weapons Support Commander.

Their bond only grew stronger over the miles and years. In November 1960, they welcomed their first child, Kimberly, followed by Britt in April 1964. Kimberly and her husband, Stan, have two children, while Britt and his wife, Shannon, have three. The Glines family legacy continues to thrive through these wonderful families.

Billy's career journey led him to establish the Mustang Auto Shop with his brother-in-law, a business that remains in operation today, serving the Friendswood community.

Jackie, after initially working at a weight loss facility, found her calling as a secretary at Accident Insurance Company from 1958 to 1960. She paused her career to raise her children, then dedicated 30 years as a beloved school secretary at her son's elementary school.

Last Christmas, Billy and Jackie celebrated 67 years of enduring love and commitment. Their contributions to Friendswood are immeasurable, and their story is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent folks like Billy and Jackie Glines, whose lives are a testament to the values we hold dear—love, dedication, and service. Their story is a shining example of the American spirit, and their enduring marriage is a beacon of hope and stability in our community. Here's to Billy and Jackie Glines, for their steadfast love, their service to our country, and their unwavering commitment to our community. May they continue to share many more happy years together.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT IRBY "CORKY" DYER III

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military service of Sergeant Irby "Corky" Dyer III. He served during the Vietnam War as a member of the U.S. Army's elite Green Berets.

Sergeant Dyer is a native Texan born in Sweetwater—where my father was born—on December 6, 1943. He grew up and attended public school in Midland. Sergeant Dyer went on to attend Schreiner Institute in Kerrville. He graduated from Schreiner's military preparation program in 1961. Four years later, he married Bonnie K. Little. They have one daughter together, Deborah Denise.

Before enlisting in the military, Sergeant Dyer attended college in Odessa and later at the University of Texas at Austin. He trained as an Army medic and eventually became a member of the 5th Special Forces Group, Detachment B-52 under Project DELTA. Their top-secret assignments brought Sergeant Dyer into dangerous situations in Vietnam and neighboring countries.

While conducting Operation Hawkeye in December 1966, Sergeant Dyer and his fellow soldiers were shot down in a helicopter over Laos. This occurred one and a half miles west of the Demilitarized Zone.

As a result, Sergeant Dyer was declared missing in action and his body has not been recovered. He has been awarded a Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with V device, and other commendations.

Schreiner University in Kerrville will be honoring Sergeant Dyer in September, and I am

honored to recognize Sergeant Dyer for his heroism and honorable service to our country. May all those who serve our Nation know how grateful we are for their dedication to securing the blessings of liberty.

May God bless Sergeant Dyer and his loved ones, and may God bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FELIX Z. FRAGA

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and a hero of the East End, Felix Z. Fraga, who passed away last week at the age of 94.

Born one day after the market crash on Black Tuesday, Felix's life was defined by his fight to end poverty in all its forms.

Growing up in the East End, one of Felix's foundational memories at the start of the Depression was going to the Rusk Settlement House, a community center, for a daily meal. But the Rusk House, and later Ripley House would become so much more than a place for food. In 1946, at the age of 16, Felix started as a youth social worker at Rusk, in what would become his life's calling.

The first in his family to graduate from high school and college, and later graduate school for social work, Felix went on to lead Ripley House for two decades as director from 1970 to 1990. I still remember walking into Ripley House in 1972, when I first arrived in Houston, a young social worker ready to save the world. I went there looking for a job—that's when I met Felix and we were friends ever since. We fought many battles together—hunger, homelessness, redistricting, poverty—you name it, Felix was there.

Felix was always a public servant, but he didn't seek out politics. In 1990, it was the public who chose him to be their champion, to be their voice. And champion them he did, Mr. Speaker. He would serve on the Houston Independent School District School Board and then on the Houston City Council, always fighting to uplift Latinos, and building for a better day.

Mr. Speaker, Felix Fraga was a tireless champion for justice and a better life for all, and he never ceased to smile even through his final days.

He put hope over hunger, care over cynicism, and people over politics.

Our prayers are with his wife, Nelly, his brother, Tom; his sons, Carlos and Bolivar; and his bright grandchildren, Nicolas, Damian, and Amanda.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Felix Fraga.