

of color and immigrant to serve as Commission President. When Commissioner Mohamed was elected to the Poll of Seattle Commission in 2021, she became the first Somali woman elected to public office in Washington State and the first Black woman elected to the Port of Seattle Commission.

Commissioner Mohamed embodies the values of public service. As the Director of the City of Seattle's Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, she helps create pathways to achieving the American Dream for underrepresented and marginalized communities. Her work at the City of Seattle builds on her more than decade of experience fighting poverty and empowering immigrants. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she helped lead King County's initiatives to invest in small businesses and community organizations while simultaneously working to uphold public health. I am also proud to have worked alongside Hamdi for many years, first when she joined the organization I founded, OneAmerica, as a college intern, and during her time in Congress as my Deputy District Director.

As a Port of Seattle Commissioner, Hamdi has served as a champion for South King County and communities throughout the Puget Sound region. Her work to spur economic development through increased funding for workforce development, institutionalize equity in budgeting, lead innovative initiatives for climate action, uplift small businesses and enhance regional infrastructure have been integral to the success of the Port of Seattle.

As she begins her tenure as the President of the Port of Seattle Commission. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Commissioner Mohamed's historic appointment and service to our country.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA
MIDOUHAS'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Virginia Midouhas, a remarkable constituent from my district, and to pay tribute today on the celebration of her 100th Birthday.

Virginia was born on January 9, 1924, in Geneva, Pennsylvania, as the only child of Mildred Wyatt. She attended Point Marion High School where she was in the chorus, Girls Trio and was a Drum Major. From Point Marion she moved to Bristol until 1963. Virginia has lived in the same house in Yardley, Pennsylvania since 1963.

Virginia and her husband Steve met at a factory that made airplane parts for WWII. She was the secretary to the company vice president and the project manager. Virginia and Steve have 3 wonderful children Amy, Stephen, and Elizabeth. She has 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Virginia has spent her summers on Long Beach Island, New Jersey.

Virginia has a deep love for music and is a classically trained singer. She enjoys listening to opera, Beverly Sills, and Renee Fleming. You can often find Virginia enjoying music and singing along to her favorites. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact Virginia has had throughout her life, and we wish Virginia countless blessings.

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENT HIP-
HOP FESTIVAL CHREECE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Indianapolis' independent hip-hop festival Chreece. Founded in 2015, Chreece celebrates and honors local talent across Indiana and beyond. It's a vibrant display of the culture and diverse artistry of the genre.

After a three-year break, Chreece came back in December bigger and better than ever by partnering with Indianapolis-based creative advocacy firm GANGGANG to showcase the best and brightest talents. Over 80 local hip-hop artists, DJs, and producers took the stage across eight different venues this year to spotlight Black culture, creativity, ingenuity, and artistry. It has become a rite of passage for any artist wanting to express themselves, and a way to highlight Indianapolis' growing creative community.

Festival founder Oreo Jones, and his team of organizers, understand the impact this festival has had on Indiana, the country, and the global hip-hop community. It is only fitting to honor this festival this year which marks the 50th anniversary of hip-hop. As a former artist, I'm always honored to recognize the artistic talent of and from the Midwest.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Oreo Jones and his team for celebrating independent artists and recognizing Chreece for its impact on Indianapolis and beyond.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT AND
STORIED CAREER OF LTC WALKER
WINFIELD SCOTT III

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement and storied career of LTC Walker Winfield Scott III.

LTC Scott was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and began his distinguished Army career in 1988. He recently retired after a highly distinguished career spanning more than 33 years and 17 combat tours as an infantryman and pilot with Army Special Operations Aviation (ARSOA) and numerous operational deployments, including Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. LTC Scott is a Master Army Aviator with over 3,000 flying hours in the UH-1, UH-60, MH-6, and MH-60 DAP.

LTC Scott attended Infantry basic and advanced individual training as well as Airborne School at Ft. Benning, GA. Initially assigned to Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Ft. Bragg, NC as a Mortar Gunner, LTC Scott excelled as a Soldier and was selected to attend Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) in 1990. After completing the Initial Entry Rotor Wing course in September 1991, LTC Scott was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as an Assault Flight Lead, Night Vision Goggle Trainer, and Battalion Flight Operations Officer. Next, he served as a P-518 Corridor Unit Trainer and United Nations Military Armistice Commission Pilot in the Republic of Korea.

LTC Scott was selected to attend Officer Candidate School in 1998 and commissioned as a distinguished Military Graduate. Following his commission, he served as a Platoon Leader in the 82nd Airborne Division and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR), commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160th SOAR and Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 160th SOAR. Additionally, he served 15 months as the Task Force Rotor Wing Commander for Special Operations Forces in Iraq and Commanded the 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. In addition to Command, LTC Scott has served with distinction in numerous staff and flight instructor positions. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (3rd award), the Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), the Army Commendation Medal (10th award), Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, Master Aviation Badge, Parachutist Combat Badge with Bronze Service Star, and the Honorable Order of St. Michael (Bronze) from the Army Aviation Association of America.

LTC Scott received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Methodist College in Organic Chemistry and Microbiology. He is a graduate of the Infantry Captains Career Course, Combined Arms and Service Staff School, Special Operations Training Course, Air Command and Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, and holds a Masters of Military Art and Science from Air University.

I proudly served alongside LTC Scott in the 160th SOAR and can personally attest to his devotion to duty and dedication to serving the American people. In 2003, as the flight surgeon for the 160th, I was on duty when LTC Scott's helicopter was involved in a near-fatal crash. By the grace of God, I was able to bring my friend LTC Scott back from the brink of death multiple times while we awaited an airlift to the hospital. I remain tremendously thankful I was there that day to serve my friend and brother in arms when he was in need.

LTC Scott retired in January 2022 after more than three decades of faithful service to this great Nation. He is blessed to have shared this journey with his wife Christie, their three daughters Ashley, Isabelle, and Caroline, son-in-law Dean, granddaughter Madison, and grandson Harrison.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the American people, I want to thank LTC Scott for his tireless service and selfless dedication to keeping our homeland safe. America is a better place because of his leadership and bravery for our highest ideals and values.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
JOHN A. SCHWAMM

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, Officer John A. Schwamm was the U.S. Customs and Border Protection area port director for the San Luis Port of Entry in my state of Arizona. After nearly 50 years of work in law enforcement, John decided to bring his 47-year career to an honorable conclusion on December 31st of

2023. Thirty-eight of those years were in service to the great state of Arizona. He started his law enforcement career in 1977 in Nogales, Arizona and worked at the local police department for 9 years. He started work for the U.S. Customs Service in 1985, then transitioned to the CBP in 2003.

During his 20 years in CBP, Officer Schwamm overcame many challenges and loyally served his Nation. During the COVID pandemic, he kept a cool head and faithfully did his duty in the middle of the chaos. He also frequently helped my team by hosting briefings and personal tours for myself and my staff so we could better combat the border crisis and the COVID pandemic. Officer Schwamm has earned a long retirement, and I wish him the absolute best.

REMEMBERING TONY BOLOGNA

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the passing of Antonio "Tony" Bologna, a distinguished and internationally known architect who transformed the City of Memphis with the sheer magnitude of his efforts. Mr. Bologna arrived in Memphis in 1964 after receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees from Tulane in his native hometown, New Orleans. An early job was the design of the city's Memphis Light, Gas and Water Department headquarters on South Main. Soon realizing that his real calling was the renovation of historic, often abandoned buildings, through his Bologna and Associates company, he worked on the Cotton Exchange Building, the Shrine Building, 88 Union Center, the United American Bank building, historic Beale Street including Handy Park, the Paperworks Apartments, St. Peter Catholic Church, Brinkley Plaza, the elephant house at the Memphis Zoo, Elvis Presley Plaza, Memphis Businessmen's Club Building, Fogelman Downtown Y.M.C.A., Old Daisy Theater, Gaston Community Center, Christopher Columbus Park, New Daisy Theater, One South Main Street, 378–384 South Main Street, and Perkins Garden Apartments, among others. As chairman of the Memphis Development Foundation, he worked to ensure that the Orpheum Theater was not torn down and that it was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. In 1986, he was the Technical Advisor to the Mayor & the Committee for the Lighting of the iconic Hernando Desoto Bridge, and was instrumental in getting the bridge lit.

In 1988, he completed an eight-year term on the International Relations Committee of the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C. During this term, he represented the Institute as liaison to the Federation of Pan American Architects (FPAA). In addition, he served as the Deputy Council Member of the Union Internationale des Architectes (UIA), whose headquarters are in Paris, France. He served two years as Managing Director of the "Programme for Continuing Education" of UIA. In these roles, he participated in international congresses and assemblies, including meetings in Egypt, England, Ireland, Brazil, the Netherlands, Russia, Estonia and Poland. He also represented UIA at a UNESCO Symposium in Paris on architectural education.

After his retirement from his architectural practice in 1988, he joined the Henry Turley Company and worked on the planning, development and construction of two mixed-use planned communities—Harbor Town and the South Bluffs, both overlooking the Mississippi River, and both essential anchors for the establishment of a strong Downtown.

In 1991, he completed a six-year term as Chairman of the Memphis and Shelby County Building Code Advisory Board and remained a current member of the Board until the past few years. During this period, he successfully managed the debate and adoption of the city and county's first seismic building code. From 2004 through 2006 he served again as Chairman of the Building Code Advisory Board.

In 2001, he received a "Downtown Pioneer" Award from the Memphis Downtowner Magazine for his involvement in downtown's transformation. In 2004, he received the Memphis Center City Commission's Vision Award. In 2022, he received a duck footprint on the Duck Walk Hall of Fame outside the Peabody Hotel. In 2023, a bridge in Harbor Town was dedicated to him by the community.

Tony's reach in Memphis was deep and impactful and he was as admired an individual as there has been in Memphis. He was a straight shooter and had a big heart and stellar mind. Accordingly, he was highly respected. He could have stayed in the Big Easy. Memphis is lucky he came up the river because Memphis is not easy.

I wish to express my sincere condolences and appreciation to Mr. Bologna's wife of 64 years, Deanna Theresa Jambone Bologna; their children Greg Bologna, Anthony Bologna, and Donna Bologna McCraw; their seven grandchildren; and his many friends, colleagues and partners through the years. Mr. Bologna lived a rich and consequential life and the City of Memphis itself reflects his legacy.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL ADOLFO GARCIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a friend, leader, and a Marine. In August of 2022, Colonel Adolfo Garcia was hand-selected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to assume the duties as the Director of the Marine Corps House Liaison Office. Colonel Garcia's selection was the result of an impeccable record of service and his vast experience in the Marine Corps.

Throughout his tenure, Colonel Garcia successfully led the daily operations of the House office through his expertise, professionalism, and mentorship. His acute awareness and in-depth insight knowledge of House procedures facilitated a shared understanding between the Marine Corps and the House of Representatives. His relationship with myself and many other members of Congress is one that we have valued greatly. Colonel Garcia's unique leadership skills and interpersonal abilities allowed him to be an incredible advocate on behalf of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Colonel Garcia is a Distinguished Naval Graduate from Texas A&M University grad-

uating with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Colonel Garcia's command billets include: Platoon Commander, 1st Battalion 11th Marines and Battery Commander in 1st Battalion 12th Marines. As a Lieutenant Colonel, he commanded 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and deployed them to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. The battalion was a composite artillery battalion comprised of Cannons, Rockets, and a Target Acquisition Platoon in general support of the 1st Marine Division (FWD) in Helmand Province. His last command tour was as the Commander, 14th Marine Regiment.

In 2023, President Biden nominated Colonel Garcia for the rank of a Brigadier General. On behalf of myself, and all my colleagues in the House of Representatives, we wish him luck in all his future endeavors and success leading Marines of the future. Colonel Garcia will be greatly missed. *Semper Fidelis.*

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS VOTING ASSISTANCE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Federal Bureau of Prisons Voting Assistance Act with Congresswoman CHELLIE PINGREE. This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to provide incarcerated individuals from jurisdictions that allow such individuals to vote, like the District of Columbia and Maine, information on how to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. BOP would be required to provide each BOP prison information on the criteria for voter registration, instructions on voter registration, voter registration forms and prepaid envelopes for voter registration forms, if provided by the state generally. Each prison would be required to post the information in the facility and give it to each incarcerated individual eligible to vote.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY PROCEDURES IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 5(a) of House Resolution 918. 118th Congress, I hereby submit the following impeachment inquiry procedures in the Committee on the Judiciary for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY PROCEDURES IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY PURSUANT TO H. RES. 918

A. INITIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. The Committee on the Judiciary ("Committee") may receive at a hearing presentation(s) from counsel(s) designated by the chairs and ranking minority members for the majority and minority of the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Accountability.