

Paralegals have been in use in the legal profession for nearly 60 years. These individuals are hard workers, held to the highest ethical standards, and provide essential support in legal offices.

Anyone in business knows that your business is only as strong as the people who work there. Support is a vital part of the foundation of any success; within the legal ecosystem, paralegals play a vital part in building and sustaining that foundation.

"Liberty and justice for all" is more than just a line in our national Pledge of Allegiance—it's the day-in, day-out mission for those in the legal profession. Paralegals are essential to that profession, working in government agencies, corporations, law firms, and more.

Many professions are honored with a day of recognition. I am thrilled to commemorate this first National Paralegal Day on August 6, 2024.

I thank our Nation's paralegals for their tireless and inspiring work and hope it will encourage others to pursue a career in this honorable field.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF STANLEY GRAHAM TATE

#### HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect and honor Mr. Stanley Graham Tate, a champion of real estate, business, and education in Florida, who sadly passed away at the age of 96 on July 26, 2024.

Mr. Tate was not just a real estate mogul, but a visionary whose successful ventures transformed the real estate landscape, particularly in Miami Beach. His entrepreneurial spirit continues to inspire us all. In addition to his real estate career, Mr. Tate's business acumen was instrumental during a crucial period when the government needed his skills. As the Southeast Regional Director of The Resolution Trust Corporation, a federal agency established to address the Savings and Loans financial crisis, Mr. Tate's invaluable contributions helped the United States overcome these financial challenges.

One of Mr. Tate's greatest legacies is the creation of the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program. This program, founded in 1987, has been a beacon of hope for countless students in Florida, providing them with the opportunity to pursue higher education. Mr. Tate's foresight and dedication to educational equality have been invaluable to the community, and his legacy lives on in the lives of the students who have benefited from his college savings plan.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating Mr. Stanley Graham Tate's life and legacy. His achievements will undoubtedly be cherished by the numerous lives he has impacted, and he will be dearly missed.

#### NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

#### HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on issues surrounding the attempted Trump assassination and Israel:

Dear Friend,

I voted in favor of H. Res. 1367, Establishing the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump, which would fully examine all actions related to the attempted assassination.

Our nation was shaken by the assassination attempt on President Trump, which tragically took the life of Corey Comperatore.

It has become clear since then that numerous security flaws and failures made it possible for the gunman to open fire on President Trump.

The American people deserve transparency and accountability. We must make sure that what happened at the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania does not happen again.

Kimberly Cheattle, who just resigned as director of the United States Secret Service, refused to voluntarily provide answers that would allow us to figure out what went wrong. The United States Secret Service has a no-fail mission, but it failed when the shooter attempted to assassinate President Trump, took the life of an innocent victim and harmed others.

A comprehensive investigation is necessary to understand what went wrong that day so we can learn how to prevent this from happening in the future.

While obvious security gaps were present, I commend the bravery of the individual Secret Service agents, local law enforcement, and Emergency Medical Services, who took immediate action to protect and care for President Trump.

#### AMERICA STANDS WITH ISRAEL

As Israel continues to fight for its right to exist, I remain committed to supporting one of our staunchest Middle Eastern allies.

Last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a joint meeting of Congress where he eloquently and directly addressed the world on why Israel has the right and must defend itself and what the implications are for world peace and stability.

While the House of Representatives has stood with Israel, many on the radical left have turned their back on Israel. They have chosen to withhold critical military aid that is necessary for Israel to defend itself and defeat the terrorist organization, Hamas, and have instead sided with pro-Hamas leftists.

As an embarrassment to the traditions of joint sessions of Congress, Vice President Kamala Harris skipped Netanyahu's at a time when it has never been more critical to show the world that America stands firmly with our ally.

Some of the major bills I helped pass in support of Israel following the terrorist attacks of Oct. 7 include measures to:

Provide an additional \$14.1 billion in emergency appropriations in support of Israel's efforts to defend itself against Iran and Iran's terrorist proxies, and to replenish U.S. defense assets in the region.

Strengthen U.S. sanctions against Iran.

Condemn the International Criminal Court's decision to file applications for arrest warrants against Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

Create a legal definition of antisemitism to protect Jewish people and students on college campuses facing discrimination.

U.S.-Israel relations are not only vital to providing stability in perhaps the most volatile region of the world, but our principles and values are closely aligned, and the U.S. must not waver in our ironclad support for Israel.

#### WNC WINS IN WRDA 2024

Even more positive news for our district: The House passed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024, which includes two of my bills, the National Dam Safety Program Amendment Act and the Low-Head Dam Inventory Act.

The passage of this legislation benefits Western North Carolina by strengthening dam safety for the more than 750 dams in our district and providing funding to improve water and wastewater infrastructure.

The following projects are included in WRDA 2024:

Authorization of \$41 million for water and wastewater infrastructure, including stormwater management in Canton

Authorization of more than \$3 million for water and wastewater infrastructure in Robbinsville

Authorization of \$4 million for water and wastewater infrastructure in Weaverville

Authorization of \$1.5 million for water and wastewater infrastructure, including water supply in Murphy

Army Corps of Engineers study on flood risk management, including riverbank stabilization, along the Catawba River in Marion

Army Corps of Engineers study on flood risk management along the Pigeon River in Clyde and Canton

#### MILITARY VETERAN STAND DOWN CELEBRATION

Veterans have made great sacrifices to defend our freedom, and it is only right that we now serve them by supporting their transition to civilian life.

I was blown away by the turnout and involvement of everyone who participated in the Military Veteran Stand Down Celebration that I hosted with Henderson County.

More than 130 folks attended the event, and 21 resource vendors were available to share how they can assist veterans.

I appreciate all who showed up for our veterans and military families who have made great sacrifices to serve and protect us.

ATTENTION: MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DAY IS ON AUGUST 17

My office will be hosting a Military Service Academy Day on August 17 in Haywood County for WNC high school students to learn about the application and nomination process for military service academies. I look forward to meeting students who are interested in learning how they can advance their academic and professional careers while serving our great nation.

Representatives from the service academies and members of my team will be at the event to answer any questions.

Visit my website for more information here.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,  
Member of Congress.

TRIBUTE CELEBRATING THE BASKETBALL LEGACY OF LONDON, KY

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the glowing basketball legacy in London, Kentucky, now headlined by North Laurel High School graduate Reed Sheppard, who was the No. 3 overall pick in the 2024 NBA Draft, inspiring young athletes across the Bluegrass State.

Reed Sheppard, the 2023 Mr. Kentucky Basketball and McDonald's All-American, thrilled the Big Blue Nation, and especially Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, when he chose to follow in his parents' footsteps to play basketball at the University of Kentucky. His stellar performance for the Wildcats earned national attention and countless accolades, including the premiere Freshman of the Year for the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, the Field of 68, Dick Vitale's "Diaper Dandy", and the highly competitive Southeastern Conference. Reed's shooting percentage was unmatched at the college level with 53.6 percent from the floor, 52.1 percent from the 3-point range and 83.1 percent from the free-throw line. As exciting as it was to watch him don the blue and white jersey, Kentuckians watched in awe as Reed topped his personal best performance during the NBA Summer League games against the nation's top NBA recruits. He averaged 20 points, 5.3 assists and 4.8 rebounds per game, showcasing his skills as an offensive threat and a dominating defender.

Some say it's all in his DNA, and while the Sheppard family certainly has talent, it's their hard work and determination on the court that has acquired the respect of other basketball legends. His father Jeff, who inspired Reed's decision to wear No. 15, won the hearts of Wildcat fans as part of the National Championship Teams in 1996 and 1998. The Georgia-native star was the 1998 NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player and went on to play in the NBA for the Atlanta Hawks and the Toronto Raptors, before taking his professional career overseas.

Reed and his sister Madison, who had an impressive collegiate basketball career at Campbellsville University in Kentucky, were blessed with a double-dose of talent. Their mother, Stacey Reed Sheppard, a Laurel County native, set new records for the University of Kentucky Women's Basketball team, becoming the all-time leader in steals, ranking among the top 10 in scoring and assists, and earning respect as one of the best players in the SEC. She was also a member of the USA Women's Basketball Team, representing our Nation and our Commonwealth in international competition.

While the Sheppards strive for championship banners, their pursuit of excellence has not been contained to the basketball court. They have been generous stewards of our region, donating countless hours and resources to give back to their beloved hometown. Stacey founded and operated the Laurel County Backpack Club for 16 years and served on the Board of Directors for Operation

UNITE, while Jeff founded and led UNITE's Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps for 11 years, inspiring thousands of students to make good choices on and off the court. After the catastrophic flood in Eastern Kentucky in 2022, the entire family made the trek to Eastern Kentucky to help cleanout and rebuild homes for months with their church, Faith Assembly of God, showing compassion that matches their seismic talent.

The Sheppards are now icons of a Laurel County Basketball Legacy that spans nearly a century, starting in 1926 with a team who won the first state title and went on to win the Final Four National Championship. Since then, Laurel County high school basketball teams have earned eight more state basketball titles and 48 trips to the Sweet 16. The Laurel County Lady Cardinals legendary coach Roy Bowling was named Coach of the Year three times, raising the bar for competitive basketball to southeastern Kentucky.

It is only fitting that the Laurel County Wellness Park now features the Sheppard Family Basketball Courts, along with the names of student athletes and coaches who pursued excellence for generations. We have enormous talent in the mountains, and it is a joy to see our region in the national spotlight as a result of such wonderful athletes and leaders.

### CONGRATULATING AMY BOYETTE

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize Amy Boyette, Director of the Office of External Affairs at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, on her retirement after 32 years of federal service with the Site.

Her remarkable career at SRS has witnessed many groundbreaking accomplishments in the history of the department, state, and nation that contribute to both our national security and environmental stewardship. From her service as liaison to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board to managing the U.S. Origin Nuclear Material Removal Program, her journey has been marked by dedication, excellence, and an unwavering commitment to public service.

Beyond her professional commitments, Amy's kindness, mentorship, and support for her colleagues and the community have created a legacy that will undoubtedly be an inspiration for many to follow.

I know her son, Nick Poston, parents, Milton and Shirley, her colleagues, and the citizens of both South Carolina and Georgia share my appreciation for her contributions to our states and service for Americans.

Congratulations to Amy on a truly remarkable career and best wishes on her future success.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RANSOMVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

### HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations and recognize the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Company, which is celebrating 100 years of excellence. This outstanding achievement is marked by the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Company's commitment to providing safe, efficient, and effective emergency services to the Ransomville Community and surrounding communities in Niagara County, New York.

The Ransomville Volunteer Fire Company is located in the hamlet of Ransomville in the Town of Porter, in Niagara County, New York. The fire company's stellar record of service began when it took on its first chartered members in March of 1924. At that time their first line of defense against fires was one hand drawn hose cart, which was popular among many departments in the early 1900s.

Today, the fire company's 53 members are tasked with protecting local schools, government buildings, and several farms and annually respond to over 600 calls. The members are not only limited to fighting fires, but they are also called upon to respond to motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents, and medical emergencies.

Although times have changed for the members of the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Company, the call to tirelessly safeguard the lives and property of citizens remains the same. These courageous volunteers leave their jobs, their hobbies, and their families at a moment's notice to respond to danger and I cannot thank them enough for that. The residents who are served by the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Company can rest comfortably knowing they will receive the best possible assistance.

I am pleased to congratulate the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Company for 100 years of protecting their community and recognize their continuing commitment to service.

### HONORING THOMAS DIERCKMAN

### HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Dierckman, a beloved member of CA-27's community and an integral district staffer who has been with me since I was first elected to Congress.

Tom's life of public service began as a teenager where he spent time away from cowboying to become an Eagle Scout. Later, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, he earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering. Consistent with Tom's dedication to his community, he used his training as an engineer to give back to his country. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy after college and joined the Civil Engineer Corps.

During Tom's service as a Naval Officer, he did his part in every community where the