

HONORING CHANCELLOR CAROL
CHRIST'S RETIREMENT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Representatives MARK DESAULNIER and ERIC SWALWELL, to honor the retirement of a champion of women's issues, a leader in diversity, and an advocate for high quality and accessible education—Chancellor Carol Christ.

Chancellor Christ began her career in academia at Douglass College, where she studied English Literature and graduated with high honors. Recognizing the value of the liberal arts and sciences, Chancellor Christ earned a Ph.D. from Yale University before immediately joining the English Department at the distinguished University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley).

Chancellor Christ served as a professor at UC Berkeley for over three decades. Her titles included chair of the English Department, dean of Division of Humanities, and provost for the College of Letters and Science. Beyond helping form the minds of the future, Chancellor Christ was key in helping the University achieve its academic and strategic goals.

This made her an ideal choice when in 2017, Chancellor Christ began her term as the 11th chancellor of UC Berkeley. During her term she oversaw academia and education at the highest level. Through thoughtful debate and discussion, strategic financial decisions, the consideration of student and community voices on key issues, and encouragement of a positive environment for education; Chancellor Christ helped cement UC Berkeley as one of the premier learning institutes in the world.

We honor Chancellor Christ and congratulate her on a well-earned retirement. We thank her for her decades of service to educational justice and the careful facilitation of curious young minds and wish her well as she has more time to spend with her children and grandchildren as her legacy continues to grow and impact future generations of students and leaders.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ASA PEARSON

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Lieutenant Colonel Asa Pearson from Bedford, who is retiring from the United States Army after 40 years of honorable service. LTC Pearson began his military career in October 1983, when he enlisted in the Army. He completed his basic training at airborne school and AIT, then he was assigned to the 1st Special Operations Command as a Psychological Operations Specialist. LTC Pearson has been a steadfast pillar in our community, dedicating his time, expertise, and compassion to helping

the knowledge and well-being of those who need it most. During his 40 years of service in the Army, he advanced from Private E1 to Sergeant First Class and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Management from the University of North Texas.

While working as a PSYOP subject matter expert at the John F. Kennedy School of Special Warfare, LTC Pearson was recommended for, and accepted, a Direct Commission. As a Commissioned Officer, he continued his professional development by attending the Bush School of Government to study International Affairs and by earning a master's degree from Texas Christian University. LTC Pearson has consistently sought opportunities to expand his knowledge, attending the Transportation Officer course, the Civil Affairs Officers Advanced Course, and the PSYOP Officers course. In addition, he has served in the following roles: PSYOP Team Sergeant in Desert Storm, Civil Affairs Joint Staff Officer in the Balkans, PSYOP Detachment Commander to Afghanistan, and Civil Affairs Company Commander in the Horn of Africa.

LTC Pearson was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his heroic actions in Desert Storm and has also received four Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, and the Russian Basic Airborne Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Asa Pearson exemplifies the finest North Texas has to offer. As we honor him today, we do so not just with gratitude for his 40 years of service in the United States Army, but also with appreciation for his dedication to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PA
STATE REP. OBERLANDER

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pennsylvania State Representative Donna Oberlander's advocacy for the 63rd District and to congratulate her on her retirement.

For the past 16 years, Rep. Oberlander has served Clarion and Armstrong Counties, advanced economic opportunities and preserved traditional values.

Throughout her time in public service, Donna has made a lasting impact on our commonwealth. Her legislation, Act 130 of 2022, permitted pilot driverless testing programs, which have created thousands of jobs and contributed billions in investments.

Her advocacy for Act 7 of 2020 has created safer outcomes for medically fragile newborns by regulating milk banks.

Outside of her numerous legislative accomplishments, Rep. Oberlander is a dependable leader. In the Pennsylvania State House, Donna has served as Chairwoman for the House Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development Committee, Republican Whip, Republican Policy Chairman, and Caucus Secretary.

Rep. Oberlander's impressive leadership speaks volumes. She was the first Republican woman to serve as both Republican Whip and Policy Chairman.

Donna Oberlander is an impressive woman; I am fortunate to call her my friend. I thank her for her service to the people of Pennsylvania and wish her well in retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOWELL
"BRENT" SIBLEY

HON. ANNA PAULINA LUNA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lowell 'Brent' Sibley of Oneonta, Alabama, and include in the RECORD his obituary.

Lowell 'Brent' Sibley, 70, of Oneonta, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. He was in the midst of completing a multi-year project developing a retreat in South Alabama to accomplish his son, Forrest's, vision for his Air Force Combat Control brothers. Thanks go out to all "his guys" who have stood in as sons and brothers since 2015.

As a proud Son of the South, Brent was born in Baton Rouge, LA, grew up in Gulf Breeze, FL and made his home in Oneonta, AL. He graduated from UWF with a BS in Marketing, where shortly after, he opened his first business with Chick-Fil-A and made a home for his family. He was an outstanding and dedicated father and worked tirelessly to ensure he gave his children a life full of love and life lessons. He has had a lifelong passion for music and has shared his talent with friends from Shreveport to Pensacola to Gadsden and beyond. His accomplished guitar talent reflected his fierce admiration for the true soul sound of the Blues. An original "Breezer," he leaves behind a legacy of close friendships and of bandmates including the Skydogs who honor the Allman Brothers. His annual Jam for Duane brought together nationwide musical talent and fans for many years. Brent was an avid hunter and woodsman and loved sharing his plethora of knowledge with his children and his brothers within the Special Tactics Community. For those who knew him, Roll Tide. He was also a longtime official of baseball and basketball games. He retired from Realty South in Oneonta, AL.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raiford and Betty Sibley, and his son, SSgt Forrest Brent Sibley, 21st Special Tactics Squadron.

Brent leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Jordan Sibley; granddaughter, Sophia, of Pensacola; his fiancée, Mona Maddox; brothers, Bryan Sibley (Sarah) and Dale Sibley; along with nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC) in appreciation of its importance to New Jersey's Eleventh Congressional District as a center of entertainment and arts education.

MPAC has its origins in the Community Theater, the first first-run movie theater in

Morristown, which opened in the 1930s but eventually fell into disrepair. In 1994, the Theater reopened as a performing arts center, sparking a 30-year journey leading to the MPAC we know today. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of countless staff members, volunteers and philanthropists. MPAC has grown to offer over 200 performances a year to close to 200,000 patrons. Their events and educational programs not only enrich the community with vibrant music and culture, but have an \$18 million impact on the local economy. MPAC is truly a cultural cornerstone and key economic driver for Northern New Jersey.

MPAC's programs strive to ensure the arts are an integral part of everyone's life by making music, culture, and dance accessible to all. Their educational programs have grown exponentially to touch over 40,000 children and their families each year of all ages and abilities. Opening the world for these students while introducing the creative spark and mental health benefits of the arts. I am especially thankful for MPAC's groundbreaking Miracle Project which brings the communication, social and confidence building skills learned through performance arts education to children and young adults with autism and other special needs.

Whether it is through large scale entertainment events, civic conversations, free community engagement initiatives, or their extensive educational programming, it is clear that MPAC provides a critical forum to immerse ourselves in the arts and open our minds to new cultural experiences. In this 30th anniversary year, I am grateful for all they have done to support New Jersey artists, our community and our local economy. I am excited to see their continued impact on the performing arts across New Jersey.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF FAIRWAY, KANSAS ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the city of Fairway, Kansas.

Founded in 1949, the city of Fairway is known as the City of Trees, and like mighty trees that grow from tiny seeds, so has Fairway. Fairway may be diminutive in size—slightly more than 4,000 people live within one square mile of land, but the city boasts a strong and tight-knit community where all are welcome. This sense of community has sprung up in part through Fairway's beautiful surroundings: the city was initially named for the elegant golf fairways that framed it, and now it is known for the towering trees that line many of its streets. It's no wonder that Fairway has fostered a strong local business community and has been home to many notable Kansans over the last several decades.

I want to congratulate the city of Fairway on its 75th anniversary, and I look forward to what the next 75 years will bring.

HONORING THE CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. TERRENCE HARTFORD

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Terrence "Terry" L. Hartford on his retirement from ATI, a company with deep roots in Western Pennsylvania. Terry devoted his entire working life to ATI, retiring after 43 years of service. An esteemed and respected member of the ATI team, Terry was most recently the Vice President (Defense and Global Markets) for ATI. Through his tireless efforts to strengthen the Defense Industrial Base, Terry directly contributed to the defense of the United States and, more importantly, the men and women of our Armed Forces.

A lifelong Yinzer, Terry graduated from Kiski Area High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Allegheny College, and earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh Katz Graduate School of Business. He is a member of the Allegheny College Board of Trustees and the Allegheny College Economics Department Board of Visitors, and he served as Vice Chairman of the Specialty Steel Industry of North America until his retirement.

Terry began at ATI in 1981 and held multiple positions of increasing responsibility in marketing, quality, production planning, and general management, including Vice President and General Manager of ATI's Flat Rolled Products division. In this capacity, he played an integral role in the design, construction, and operation of ATI's Hot Rolled Processing Facility in Brackenridge, PA, a \$1.3 billion-dollar facility that provides technologically advanced titanium and nickel products to the nation's Industrial base and our armed forces. In 2015, Terry was selected as Vice President (ATI Defense) and charged with expanding ATI's support to all branches of the U.S. military and prime defense contractors. In this role, Terry promoted the importance of specialty materials in the platforms, propulsion systems, and armor providing the technical solutions our servicemembers depend on to fight and win out Nation's wars.

Terry is married to the former Laura Laderer of Meadville, PA. They met at Allegheny College and have been married for 42 years. They have four children—Leslie (husband Rich), Terrence "I" (wife Camille), Mike (wife Kate), and Colin (wife Allie). They are the proud grandparents of Ellis and Lawrence (Leslie and Rich), Will and Jane (Mike and Kate), and Benson and Emery (Colin and Allie), and they are anxiously awaiting two more grandchildren later this year.

As Mr. Hartford embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to ATI, Western Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America. I would like to send my fellow Yinzer my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors and a well-earned retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE KIWANIS CLUB

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kiwanis Club of Brunswick for 100 years of service to Brunswick and its surrounding communities.

Since 1924, the Kiwanis Club of Brunswick has been supporting youth literacy and development. The club has served countless children and communities across the world, cultivating leadership and initiating impactful projects that have positively affected a multitude of communities.

Kiwanis was also instrumental in starting the Frank Callen Boys and Girls club and continues to support that organization.

The Kiwanis Club brings a spirit of commitment and service to our community, and it is important that we continue to support its engagement and philanthropy.

The Kiwanis Club is making Georgia's First Congressional District a better place to live, work, and learn. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club and its volunteers on 100 years of service to Georgians, and people worldwide.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JOHN G. YOUKER

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to posthumously honor John G. Youker for his service to the United States in the War of 1812. Known to all as "George," Mr. Youker was born to Revolutionary War Patriot John Youker, Sr. and Elizabeth Schall on February 3, 1789, in Montgomery County, New York within the Mohawk Valley Region.

Mr. Youker served as a Private in the NY Militia under Captain Frederick German's Company and Lt. Colonel Commandant Calvin Rich's 11th Regiment. From August 22, 1812 to February 22, 1813 he was stationed at Sackets Harbor, which became the center of American military activity during the war. The First Battle of Sackets Harbor began July 19, 1812. It was a major ship building location for the war and a highly important location to defend. Mr. Youker was discharged 3 months before the second battle of Sackets Harbor.

After his service, Mr. Youker and his wife, Catharine Burkdorf Youker, lived in Montgomery County, New York with their children. They later settled in Harrison, Pennsylvania in the mid-1840s before following their children to the Grand Traverse Area in the 1860's. Mr. Youker passed away in Blair Township in May of 1870 and was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, in what is now Green Lake Township, Grand Traverse County Michigan.

In 1870, Veteran stones were not provided and military status was rarely made apparent