

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING F. SCOTT ORR
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
GEORGIA POWER

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate F. Scott Orr on his well-deserved retirement from Georgia Power after nearly 42 years of invaluable service.

Joining the company in 1982, Scott has worn many hats over the years, including roles in marketing, engineering, district sales, region sales, and customer service. Scott then found his niche as manager of Federal Legislative Affairs—representing Georgia Power on a wide range of issues for 22 memorable years. During his time in this role, Scott worked with nearly 40 different Members of Congress and Senators from Georgia, as well as countless staffers who benefited not just from Scott's engineering background, energy policy expertise, and understanding of constituent issues, but also his enduring kindness, unending generosity, and genuine friendship.

Since being elected to Congress in 2014, I have been blessed to work closely with Scott and welcome him to my DC office on numerous occasions. Scott was integral in the successful completion of bringing online Nuclear Units 3 and 4 at Plant Vogtle—a monumental accomplishment for the 12th District, the state of Georgia as a whole, and the entire Nation—and for that, I am eternally grateful.

I consider myself lucky to call Scott a friend, and as he embarks on this next chapter of life, Robin and I wish him and Benita all the best and congratulate him on a remarkable career at Georgia Power.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY
OF JOE GARRETT, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 90th birthday of Joe Garrett, Jr. Joe was born to Joe and Luellen Garrett on October 21st, 1934, in Talladega County. He is the oldest of 10 children. He grew up and was educated in the Talladega County School System.

On November 27, 1954, Joe was married to the former Ms. Mary Etta Swain. They were blessed with four children to raise including Joe E., George, Anita and Earl. They have 11 grandchildren (one deceased), 25 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren. After almost 60 years of marriage, Mrs. Garrett passed away on March 6, 2014.

Joe worked for many years mainly in the construction industry. He is active in his

church and has served as a deacon, president of the Usher Board, Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent. He is also president of the Laymen Auxiliary of the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist District Association. In his free time, he enjoys gardening and sharing his fresh vegetables with neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Joe on this milestone and wishing him a very happy birthday.

HONORING RETIREMENT OF
POLICE CHIEF WYNN

HON. ELIJAH CRANE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Wynn as he retires after more than 34 years of law enforcement service, the last 22 in my district, with the Town of Chino Valley.

Upon retirement Chief said his law enforcement career will come full circle as he will continue to serve the department and the community in a reserve role back out on patrol. "It was what I loved most and look forward to the ground level interaction again," Chief stated. "My goal during a traffic stop was always to get a smile or a laugh."

Chief Wynn has been a valued employee and his commitment to the community was evidenced on a daily basis. He is a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN
WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 28, 2024, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on August 28 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theater to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Rudolph Aguina Jr., Stephen Arango, Mariano A. Arena, Robert H. Baron, John H. Bennett, William L. Berge, Gregory A. Borland, Roy L. Britton, Daniel L. Burch, Leo Castellano, Ricardo Chiarella, Donald Clarke, Dennis O. Claus, Michael P. Connolly, Ronald R. Conroy, Nicholas J. Darien, Allen D. DeNormandie, Richard W. Diver, Robert T. Ecker, William R. Edwards Jr., Michael T. Embrey, Thomas R. Faubel, William J. Feit, Thomas J. Finn, Bernard J. Fletcher, James R. Fox, John Garcia, Joseph P. Gardina, Dennis T. Goc, Alexander A. Goloff Jr., William J. Greenenwald, Jesse J. Griffin, Melvin D. Griffin, Raymond M. Grimm, Guy D. Habiak, Melvin D. Halfield, John M. Hanley, John T. Harris, Zachary Harris, John W. Hoffman, Melvin M. Hogge, Michael L. Irwin, Joseph Jancik, David J. Jedlink, Alfred R. Jenkins, Charles E. Johnson, Richard A. Johnson, Denise O'Leary Kennedy, Thomas J. Kledzik, Michael Klick, George R. Knell Jr., Timothy J. Kornas, Emery F. Krick, Edward Kristak, James M. Kruse, Gary S. Krzemkowski, Carl B. Laggar, Stephen E. Laggar Sr., Harold W. Larson, Donald P. Latham, Matthew R. Latham, Thomas L. Latham, Richard J. Lee, Joseph L. Lezon, Douglas A. Lindt, Robert Lofrano, Frank C. Mackovitch, Joseph E. Magiera Jr., Robert Roland Mallo, Donald L. Manley, Ronald Martin, Leonard J. Matela, Harry M. McCabe, Robert J. McKenzie, John P. McManus, Joseph W. Meny, James J. Miller, James A. Milobowski, Richard W. Morales, John J. Morrissey, Antonio Muscarello, Richard C. Neufeldt, John T. Nickelson, Roland G. Paton, Clarence L. Perry, Danny N. Petersen, Oreste C. Piattoni Jr., James R. Porter, Stuart M. Poticha, James T. Redwine, John L. Reeb, Otto G. Reimann, Larry D. Ricci, John F. Richmann, Timothy A. Robieson, Thomas E. Rodak, Dennis P. Rollinger, Ralph C. Rosenbrock, James J. Sadowski, Donald Segvich, Ronald Segvich, Carl F. Shaffer, Larry O. Simpson, Gerald Sola, Butler R. Stapleton Sr., Norbert E. Staszak, Peter G. Stathakis, John J. Sternisha, Robert S. Tapia, Robert A. Tinson Sr., Wayne H. Truethner, Francisco L. Vasquez, John Wagner, Virgil O. Wendt, Ronald D. Wills, James M. Wisniowicz, Jerry Zabel.

HONORING FIRST SERGEANT
DONALD E. YETMAN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army veteran First Sergeant Donald Ernest Yetman.

Donald was born on November 1, 1942, in Little Compton, Rhode Island, and raised in

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Plattsburgh, New York. He attended Our Lady of Victory Academy in Plattsburgh where he played varsity basketball, football, and baseball. After graduation, Donald enlisted in the United States Army in 1962. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant during his six-year career, serving at Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, Fort Jackson, and on the Korean Peninsula. Upon the culmination of his military service in 1968, First Sergeant Yetman was awarded the Army Service Ribbon, the Navy/Marine Corps Outstanding Performance Defense Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and multiple Army Commendation Medals.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, Donald served in the National Guard while also working as a U.S. Postmaster in East Greenbush, New York. He supervised delivery service and played a role in implementing the "Zip-plus-four" system in New York State (NYS) while increasing mail efficiency in the city. After twenty-three years, he retired from both positions and was honorably named a First Sergeant of the National Guard, earning the NYS Military Commendation Medal, the NYS Exercise Support Ribbon, the NYS Humane Service Medal, and multiple NYS Aid to Civil Authority Medals.

Donald married his wife Ann Ellen Bernier in 1966 and proudly raised their three sons, Robert, Aaron, and Peter. A stalwart member of his community, Donald joined the East Greenbush Fire Company Couse Corners Station, the Elks Lodge, the Knights of Columbus, local Little League and Pop Warner teams, and served as Chairman of Boy Scouts Troop 54. Donald enjoyed hunting, reading, and watching football games with his family. Most of all, he loved to watch his son's automobile races.

First Sergeant Donald Yetman's dedication and service to the United States is truly remarkable. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize his extraordinary life.

HONORING THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate members of the Inaugural Class of the Bethel High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The honorees have distinguished themselves for their commitment to sportsmanship and their contributions to the sports community. To acknowledge their many accomplishments, the Bethel High School Athletic Hall of Fame will have an Induction Ceremony on Saturday, August 31, 2024.

Bethel High School, home to the Bruins, is an institution that has a rich legacy of success with its athletic programs. Throughout its fifty-five-year existence, the school has fielded numerous teams that have successfully won district and state championships in multiple sports. In addition, several former students have gone on to make significant contributions as collegiate and professional athletes.

Mr. Speaker, the inaugural class of the Bethel Athletic Hall of Fame includes figures who have, simply put, helped Bethel High School establish its identity. Inductee Allen Iverson, a 2016 Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee, was a member of the Bethel basketball team. As the starting point guard, he joined Inductee Tony Rutland on the 1993 State Championship Basketball team. Mr. Iverson played on for Georgetown University en route to his Hall of Fame Professional Basketball career. Mr. Rutland went on to be a successful collegiate basketball player with Wake Forest University, where the Men's Basketball team won back-to-back Atlantic Coast Conference Championships in the 1996 and 1997 seasons. Inductee Mike Bailey coached the Boys' Varsity Basketball team from 1985–1994. He coached the team to regular season, tournament and playoff championships, including the 1993 AAA State Championship.

Bethel's Football team has also been revered in the City of Hampton for its sustained excellence on the gridiron. Coached by Inductee Dennis Kozlowski, the program won three state championships during his twenty-five-year tenure. Inductee Mike Dunn was the starting quarterback and safety on the 1974 AAA State Championship team. Inductee Allen Iverson was the starting quarterback, defensive back and kick returner on the 1992 Division 5 championship team.

Mr. Speaker, the Bethel Track and Field program has enjoyed tremendous success for several generations. Coached by Inductee Eddie Williams, the program amassed fourteen state championships between the boys' and girls' teams. One of his most prominent athletes was Inductee Francena McCorory, who broke national indoor track records in the 300-meter and 400-meter races. Ms. McCorory later won an Olympic Gold Medal as a member of the 4x400 Relay team during the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London, England.

Inductee Glenn "Skeeter" Heath, II, was a standout member of the boys' golf team as a student-athlete at Bethel High School. He won the Group AAA State High School Individual Championship en route to being named an All-American on the collegiate level at East Tennessee State University. He later enjoyed a professional golf career on the PGA Tour.

Inductee Stephen Forbes was the first State Championship wrestler in Bethel High School history. He went on to wrestle on the collegiate level with the College of William and Mary.

Mr. Speaker, lastly, Liberty Baptist Church, a prominent church in the Bethel neighborhood, is also being inducted for its various contributions to the Bethel High School Athletic program.

Mr. Speaker, as the Inductees' family, friends and supporters gather for the Induction Ceremony, I join them in thanking them for all they have done for the Bethel High School family, the City of Hampton, and their legions of fans.

HONORING CHANNELL WILKINS

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and retirement of

Channell Wilkins, President and CEO of O.C.E.A.N., Inc., and his commitment to bettering the lives of communities across New Jersey throughout his years of service.

A public servant most of his life, Channell has worked at the Municipal, County and State levels before serving in the Federal government as the Associate Commissioner of the Office of Head Start at the Department of Health and Human Services. His principled work has always been driven by his innate goal to improve the communities in which he served. His desire to serve has also been borne out in finding new and innovative ways to solve problems—bettering communities here across the state.

While at O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Channell was also active in many organizations like Planned Parenthood of North, Central and Southern New Jersey and Jobs for America's Graduates New Jersey. Throughout all of his leadership positions he worked to foster an environment where public service is seen as a way to better one's community.

As President and CEO, Channell provided direction to frontline staff that interfaced with the public on a daily basis and reflected the mission and nature of the organization throughout New Jersey. His leadership led to many programs that improved the lives of so many people living in Ocean, Atlantic, and Cape May Counties, including Head Start and Early Head Start, Home Energy, Affordable Housing, Housing Counseling, and Intensive Case Management Services programs—all of which are designed to assist low income people and families across the state.

Channell embodies the spirit of service that makes me proud to represent people like him in New Jersey. We are lucky to have him as a member of our community and I wish him the best of luck as he endeavors on the next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE BOERNE ALL- STARS AND THEIR HISTORIC RUN IN THE 2024 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Boerne All-Stars and their historic run in the 2024 Little League World Series.

After going undefeated in local and regional games all summer long, the Boerne All-Stars punched their ticket to Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Representing the Southwest Region in the Little League World Series this year for the first time ever, the Boerne Little Leaguers came in fourth place in this year's tournament and came out of the winner's bracket undefeated.

Led by Coach Jonathan Collins, Coach Bert Muñoz, and Team Manager Justin Newson, the 12-strong team showed the entire world the grit and excellence that Boerne has to offer.

This team is truly exceptional. One teammate, Kole Newson, underwent open heart surgery four years ago and still showed out to display what makes Texas so great. This entire team is full of amazing players. They went