

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

undefeated in the winner's bracket and they all should be proud of their efforts.

All these boys, Kaleb Christ, Jett Matthews, Doc Mogford, Gray Collins, Dylan Burke, Aiden Muñoz, Gage Steubing, Kole Newson, Julian Hurst, Ben Burkhart, Cooper Hastings, and Caden Guffey have performed an amazing feat. The coaches, parents, and everyone in Boerne who mentored these boys, built them up, and supported them have done a great job and should be proud of what these boys did.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Boerne All-Stars; you have made all of Texas proud.

HAPPY 98TH BIRTHDAY TO JOHN
F. WELSH

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John F. Welsh—a World War II combat veteran and American patriot who celebrates his 98th birthday on September 4th, 2024. John Welsh, better known as “Jack,” was born in Macon, Georgia and grew up along the Gulf Coast from New Orleans to Pensacola, Florida.

Jack never had a doubt that he was called to serve. Upon graduating high school on June 6, 1944—the same day allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy—Jack immediately spoke to his parents about enlisting in the United States Army.

Having watched World War II progress through his high school years and on the front pages of the newspapers he himself delivered, Jack was elated that his parents agreed, and he entered basic training in the fall of 1944.

By October, Jack had crossed the country and the Pacific Ocean to land in the Philippines, and upon completion of his mission there, served in the occupation of Japan.

After his years of service, Jack was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Army of Occupation Ribbon, the Victory Ribbon, and three Overseas Service Bars.

After discharge, Jack enrolled in Duke University's Forestry school where he earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Forestry. He also met the love of his life, Mary Ann Casimes, with whom he later married and raised a family.

We thank Jack for his years of service and wish him a happy 98th birthday. God bless.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF LARRY AND
BETTY DEASON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Larry and Betty Deason.

Larry Kenneth Deason was born in Anniston, Alabama, on February 9, 1952, to George Henry Deason and Mary Jewell Deason of Anniston. Betty Lowe Bagley was born on March 24, 1952, to Oscar Miller Bagley and Madell Lowe Bagley.

Larry and Betty both attended Anniston High School and graduated in 1970, the last class to graduate from the old high school building. They started dating their senior year at AHS.

Their first date was a Coke party hosted by the George Neely Chapter of Hi-Y. They dated off and on through the rest of high school and college.

Larry and Betty married on July 20, 1974, at Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Anniston. They are blessed with their daughter Maryann D. Gendron, son-in-law Steven Gendron, grandson Henry Steven Gendron and granddaughter Sarah Kathryn Gendron.

The Deasons spend most of their time at the lake in Wedowee, Alabama, or attending banking conventions. They celebrated their 50th anniversary on a Mediterranean cruise with dear friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone for my dear friends, Larry and Betty Deason and wishing them a happy 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL
DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the 15th annual International Day Against Nuclear Tests on August 29, and to commend the Republic of Kazakhstan for its role in working collaboratively with the United States to pursue nuclear disarmament and our shared non-proliferation goals. In doing so, our two countries have preserved peace, stability, and a world free from the ever-present threat of nuclear conflict.

When the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, it left behind 35,000 nuclear weapons at sites across the Eurasian landmass. With thousands of nuclear-armed ICBMs in places like Belarus and Ukraine, the newly-formed Republic of Kazakhstan inherited the world's fourth-largest nuclear arsenal, which was also home of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site. From Semipalatinsk's establishment in 1946 to its decommission in 1995, Soviet authorities carried out 468 nuclear tests at the test site. The total impact of these tests between 1949 and 1963 was 2,500 times more powerful than the atomic bomb the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima. The toxic radioactive fallout these tests yielded caused irreparable damage to more than 1.3 million people in Kazakhstan and severe ecological harm to the area surrounding the test site.

In 1989, before the dissolution of the Soviet Union, anti-nuclear war activists in Kazakhstan established the Nevada-Semipalatinsk Movement. This grassroots initiative supported by victims of Nevada's own nuclear legacy sought the closure of Semipalatinsk and the cessation of nuclear testing. Of the 18 planned detonations in 1989, 11 were stopped thanks to the group's committed advocacy and resilience. The Nevada-Semipalatinsk Movement

underscores the bond and shared history between Nevadans and Kazakhs.

Despite any strategic advantage that retention of the Soviet Union's arsenal may have provided to Kazakhstan, its leadership understood the potential political, humanitarian, and environmental ramifications of its development. On August 29, 1991, Kazakhstan made the historic and noble decision to close the Semipalatinsk test site. In its place, the National Nuclear Center of Kazakhstan was established to assist in eliminating the infrastructure for the storage and use of nuclear weapons. It would also provide scientific and technical support for the peaceful use of atomic energy.

In 1992, Kazakhstan ratified the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START 1) and a few years later, all of Kazakhstan's 104 ICBMs were safely removed and destroyed. The Kazakh government doubled-down on its commitment to global peace, security, and non-proliferation by becoming a party to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 1993, a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1994, and a cosigner of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty in 1996.

Meanwhile, in partnership with the United States, Kazakhstan removed 1,322 pounds of highly enriched uranium from the Ulba Metallurgical Plant under the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. As part of this program, our two countries took monumental steps to remove residual materials and technologies related to weapons of mass destruction in Kazakhstan, signaling a major shift in the global security and political paradigm and building momentum that catalyzed the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an International Day Against Nuclear Tests. Thus, August 29th was selected to commend and recognize Kazakhstan's honorable decision to close the Semipalatinsk test site and renounce nuclear weapons.

With Cold War-style nuclear saber-rattling becoming the new norm, it is important, on this International Day Against Nuclear Tests, to highlight the successful steps taken by the United States and Kazakhstan to mitigate the dangers of nuclear weapons, institute global nonproliferation regimes, and adhere to international norms around nuclear testing.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BURBANK TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION AND THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF BURBANK, CALIFORNIA'S FIRST FLOAT ENTERED INTO THE ROSE PARADE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Burbank Tournament of Roses Association and 110th anniversary of the City of Burbank's first float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

The City of Burbank has been represented in the Rose Parade since 1914, when the City