

their children. She studied at Bank Street College, a groundbreaking school advancing early childhood education; the New School for Social Research; and New York University during that time. By the mid-1960s, Shirley had moved to Atlanta to work full-time in the Civil Rights Movement as a member of the SNCC administrative staff with additional work on Voter Registration field projects in Alabama and Mississippi. Her work included liaison outreach with SCLC, where she met her future husband, Stoney Cooks. They were married in September 1970 and settled in Atlanta the following year. Shirley gave birth to her first child in 1972, the year Andrew Young was elected to Congress, becoming the first African American representative from the Deep South since Reconstruction. Shirley worked in the principal's office at Peabody Elementary School on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. in 1974 and gave birth to her second son in 1976. In 1977, when Andrew Young was appointed U.N. Ambassador by President Jimmy Carter, Shirley and Stoney and their two children moved to New York City where she worked at the African American Institute (AAI). In 1981, Shirley gave birth to her third son and the couple returned to Atlanta with their three children where she served in the position of Director, Bureau of Cultural Affairs, in the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Atlanta. Continuing her work in public service, Shirley returned to work as Legislative Affairs Director at AAI in Washington, then served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of State under Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. She later worked as Chief of Staff for U.S. House Representatives members Juanita Millender-McDonald of California, Laura Richardson of California, and for me, before retiring. Shirley will be remembered as a devoted public servant with a wonderful sense of humor, a serious commitment to justice and good causes, her loyalty and her kindness. I extend my sincere condolences to her sons Caleb, Judah, and Micah; her grandchildren, Stoney Nakoda and Wiyot Adeline; and her many loyal friends and extended family members. May they take comfort in the life she lived. Shirley Cooks made a difference in our world and will continue to be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Huron County Community Foundation. Since 1994, this organization has been a cornerstone of meaningful change and community development throughout Huron County, which I am proud to represent in Congress.

For three decades, the Huron County Community Foundation has made good on their mission to "Invest FOR GOOD . . . FOR EVER." This motto has, without a doubt, fostered legacies that will shape Huron County's future for years to come.

The foundation's impact covers a wide array of needs throughout our community, from

healthcare to education and beyond. Through grants and other donations, the foundation has empowered countless families and organizations to succeed in their charitable goals. It goes without saying, but the amount of work that goes into an organization like this should be inspiring to us all. As we honor this milestone, it is important to recognize how the foundation—and all its beneficiaries—have played a central role in nurturing Huron County. The very spirit of the foundation, coupled with their dedication to their community, has been central in guaranteeing a bright future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Huron County Community Foundation on 30 years of outstanding service. I look forward to their continued success for many years to come.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
KIMBERLY DREW WRIGHT

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2024

Mrs. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Kimberly Drew Wright, a vibrant member of the Chesterfield County community who touched countless lives through her passion for advocacy. Kim passed away on July 5, 2024, after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Kim was a talented author and entrepreneur, a determined advocate for social justice who inspired thousands of women to become leaders in their communities, and a beloved wife and mother. She formed and organized the Liberal Women of Chesterfield County & Beyond (LWCC), inspiring change and fostering hope across the Commonwealth.

Kim went above and beyond for her community. She, alongside LWCC, played a significant role in local, State, and national elections by encouraging more women in Chesterfield County to serve as volunteers, activists, and candidates for elected office. She also worked to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Virginia in 2020, seeing our Commonwealth become the 38th State to ratify the amendment.

Among many awards and accolades, Kim received the 2019 Newsmaker of the Year award from Virginia Professional Communicators for her achievements as the leader of LWCC and for sharing her vision, story, and impact with local, national, and international media. Based on her personal experiences with Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS), Kim also became an outspoken advocate for recognition, research, and treatment of this rare but potentially devastating condition, and she was a fierce champion for children affected by PANS and their families.

Kim is the reason I am here today—serving Virginia's Seventh District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her dedication, passion, and love instilled a confidence in me and touched the hearts of so many. When she got sick, she demonstrated true strength and grace.

I am honored to recognize my dear friend, Kim Wright. She will be greatly missed by her husband, children, friends, and all those who will remember her strength, courage, and pure humanity. Kim's legacy will be felt in our communities for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Mrs. Kimberly Drew Wright.

HONORING MARK FRITTER AS HE
RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS OF
SERVICE ON CAPITOL HILL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2024

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of my constituents who has been a valued member of our community here on Capitol Hill for the past quarter century: Mark Fritter from Anne Arundel County, Maryland. He is retiring after providing crucial technical support to numerous congressional offices over the past 25 years. We ought to give thanks for his many contributions to his community, his Congress, and his country.

Mark is a bit of a kindred spirit. Like me, Mark was raised in Prince George's County. He is also a fellow Terp, having earned his degree in marketing from the University of Maryland, College Park. He kicked off his career on Capitol Hill in 1999 as a consultant helping congressional staff use the customer relationship management (CRM) software "Capitol Letters." Following a merger, he pivoted to consulting staff on how to use Intranet Quorum (IQ). Back then, computers were still a relatively new technology. Mark played a vital role in helping staff harness the power of these new tools and integrate these innovations into Congress' day-to-day work.

In the past 25 years, Mark provided invaluable support to hundreds of legislative coordinators, communications directors, and other top staff. He has taught communications professionals how to use IQ's newsletter software to keep constituents informed and to expand Member offices' subscriber base and digital reach. His work has helped Members engage more closely with the people they represent. Mark has been particularly adept at helping set up new Member offices on these technologies and has helped facilitate more than a dozen congressional transitions during his tenure on the Hill.

Mr. Speaker, Mark is one of the thousands of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help this Congress fulfill its responsibilities For the People. His commitment to service goes beyond his professional career, however. From supporting his local church to serving as Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 403 based out of Bowie, Maryland. Mark has devoted much of his free time to giving back to his community. He has also been a tremendous husband to his wife, Rhonda, and father to their son, Ben. Crucially, I hear Mark has been an excellent owner to their dog, Pepper, and their two cats, Lilly and Zoe-Zoe.

I know that many here on Capitol Hill and back in Maryland appreciate Mark's warmth, good humor, and willingness to lend a hand. Mark may be moving to Indiana to be closer to family, but he'll always be a Marylander at heart. It is a privilege to represent kind, generous, and hardworking people like Mark from Maryland's Fifth District.

I ask that all my colleagues join me in congratulating Mark on this milestone and in wishing him and his family all the best.

RECOGNIZING JOHN "JOHNNY" L. MORRIS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I rise today to recognize an individual that has made significant contributions to our Nation's fish and wildlife conservation efforts, as well as America's longstanding outdoor traditions. This individual is also the recipient of an award named after members of this body that have made lasting and significant contributions to our Nation's outdoor heritage.

John "Johnny" L. Morris was born in Springfield, Missouri, to John A. and Genny Morris in 1948. Johnny's parents both loved to hunt and fish and soon shared their passions with their son. Johnny's love of fishing grew through high school and college but it wasn't until he attended the first national B.A.S.S. (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society) tournament that he truly realized his passion for fishing after meeting fishermen from all over the country.

In 1972, Johnny Morris started selling tackle out of his dad's Brown Derby Liquor Store, which became very popular for anglers visiting the area's waterways. In 1978, Morris created BASS TRACKER, the industry's first fully outfitted, ready-to-fish boat, motor, and trailer package, revolutionizing the entire outdoor industry and making it affordable for families to get out on the water and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Today, Mr. Morris operates more than 170 Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's destinations across North America, and his commitment to his conservation roots remains stronger than ever as his company, for more than the past decade, has averaged giving back more than 10% of their earnings to conservation.

Johnny would go on to then create the Johnny Morris Conservation Foundation, one of the most significant conservation foundations in North America. The not-for-profit foundation embodies Morris and his lifelong dedication to giving back to ensure the outdoors and all it has to offer is available for future generations. In conservation circles, Johnny Morris is often referred to as today's Modern-Day Theodore Roosevelt, as result of his leadership, personal commitment, and dedication to conservation efforts. A conservationist at heart, Johnny Morris recognized the need for citizens to become more involved in the careful management and use of our natural resources.

Today, the foundation operates some of the Nation's most significant conservation attractions, including Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, a 10,000-acre-park that offers a variety of outdoor recreation. Its Conservation and Education Center is used to teach the importance of protecting and conserving our great outdoors. Most notably, the foundation also operates the most immersive conservation attraction in the world, Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium, where visitors are taken on a conservation journey through a 350,000 square-foot complex of 35,000 live fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds where they learn about wildlife habitat management and the significant contributions of America's sportsmen and

women. This attraction is also the official home of National Hunting and Fishing Day, which was launched by Congress in 1971 as a way to recognize and celebrate hunters and anglers for their leadership in wildlife and conservation.

In recognition of Mr. Morris' service to conservation, he has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Dingell-Young Sportsmen's Legacy Award, a fitting tribute to an individual whose life has epitomized dedication to America's outdoor heritage.

Named in recognition of the Dingell family—Congressmen John D. Dingell, Sr. and John D. Dingell, Jr. and the late Congressman Don Young, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation created the Dingell-Young Sportsmen's Legacy Award to recognize the extraordinary individual and collaborative leadership of the Dingell family and Congressman Young and their long-standing dedication to the advancement of conservation policy and our outdoor hunting and angling traditions. Like them, Morris' contributions to our outdoor traditions relied upon a unique commitment to a shared passion for hunting, fishing, and conservation.

Recognized as one of the country's leaders working to ensure natural habitats, wildlife, and the outdoors remain healthy and abundant for future generations, the Dingell-Young Sportsmen's Legacy Award is a fitting tribute for Morris.

In closing, I want to thank Mr. Morris for his many contributions to America's outdoor heritage and congratulate him for the well-deserved recognition as the recipient of the Dingell-Young Sportsmen's Legacy Award, the top award offered by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. In the words of Mr. Morris, Mr. Speaker, "Take a kid fishing, you'll be happy you did."

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to recognize and celebrate the centennial anniversary of the City of Belle Isle in Central Florida. Once a Native American oasis, Belle Isle was founded by Central Floridians in 1924 to resist Orange County's attempts to drain Lake Conway and its chain of lakes, which span approximately 1,800 acres.

Belle Isle's first citizens and interim Mayor C.H. Hoffner unanimously voted on the city's name, which resembles the French phrase for "beautiful island." Today, it reflects the city's peaceful, lakefront living that provides an escape from the nearby metros.

In 1928, Belle Isle was annexed back into Orange County, and records of the City of Belle Isle ceased to exist. However, residents once again rallied against another attempt by the County to use the lakes for drainage in 1954, and the local government was reinstated. The State of Florida later recognized the City of Belle Isle's charter in 1972.

The city's government ran continuously until the early 2000s when a council-manager form of government was adopted to better serve

Belle Isle residents. Since that time, the city has flourished. Annexations, the establishment of a Belle Isle Police Department, and an agreement to open Cornerstone Charter Academy mark Belle Isle's largest achievements in recent years.

In celebration of Belle Isle's centennial, the city will be hosting a Tree Recognition Ceremony to honor two of its beautiful trees. One tree will be recognized as a centennial tree, symbolizing 100 years of Belle Isle history. A second plaque will acknowledge a newly planted tree that will stand for the next 100 years. We wish good fortune to the City of Belle Isle and its residents and hope for another 100 years of history.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL CONSTANCE C. JOHNSON-CAGE

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2024

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Colonel Constance C. Johnson-Cage, the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Director of Personnel in the Office of the Air Force Reserve. Colonel Johnson-Cage, a Kansas City resident, is retiring from the United States Air Force after more than 38 years of service.

Colonel Johnson-Cage's career has been marked by a distinguished commitment to our nation's defense and security.

This commitment began in 1985, when Colonel Johnson-Cage enlisted in the United States Air Force as an air cargo specialist. Since then, Colonel Johnson-Cage has held an impressive portfolio of leadership positions, including serving at the Secretary of the Air Force level and Headquarters Air Force level, and as a commander in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

In her current position, Colonel Johnson-Cage assists in the oversight of Total Force policy development and guidance, prepares input for legislative initiatives and congressional testimony, and facilitates the integration of personnel policies across the Department of Defense. She also assists with the management and oversight of resources impacting a budget of nearly \$450 million for accessions, recruiting, retention, education, training, force structure, compensation, and benefits impacting 360,000 reservists and their dependents worldwide.

Her contributions have been recognized with an array of honors. Most notably, Colonel Johnson-Cage received a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and an Air and Space Longevity Service Award with two oak leaf clusters.

The Kansas City area is proud to have Colonel Johnson-Cage as a part of our community. As Colonel Johnson-Cage enters into her next chapter, I have no doubt she will continue to spread the spirit of dedication and service to country. I thank Colonel Johnson-Cage for her lifetime of public service and wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement.