

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. SARAH JANE
GORDON CHAMBLISS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazer, Ms. Sarah Jane Gordon Chambliss. She has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a strong desire for change.

Born in Claiborne County, MS, on November 3, 1937, the first of eight children, Sarah Jane Gordon Chambliss became the only daughter of Elder Anthony M. Gordon and Mrs. Bennie Lee Hamilton Gordon. She graduated from Claiborne County Training School in May of 1955. From 1955 to 1959, she studied at Jarvis Christian College, in Hawkins, TX from which she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. The desire to teach English drew her back to Mississippi where she became teacher of English and Department Head at Quitman County High School in Marks and later at Delta Center High School in Walls.

During the summer of 1968, while pregnant, she attended Auburn University in Auburn, AL. In 1973, she moved back to Port Gibson from Memphis, TN, where she had lived since 1961. She obtained employment with Port Gibson Bank (now River Hills Bank) for two years, becoming the first Afro-American female teller in Port Gibson. From 1974–1978, while working full time, she studied at Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS, where she earned her Master of Science degree with honors in 1978.

Ms. Chambliss taught in the Claiborne County Public Schools from 1973 to 1992, when illness forced her to retire. During her tenure she founded COM BAAC, Inc., a behavior modification organization. Since retirement, she has also founded the local writers' guild.

She married A.C. Chambliss on December 24, 1959. God graciously gave them two children, Steven Douglas Chambliss and Vanessa LaRose Chambliss Thomas.

Her religious convictions are strong. She served as Pine Grove Christian Church's choir president from 1973 to 2014 where she also serves as a deaconess. She is an evangelist, a songstress, and a pianist—having served as musician for several local churches. Some of her work has been published in the following anthologies: Poetic Voices of America, The Space Between, Odyssey, and Best Poets. Her published books are In the Light of Darkness and Almighty Love, Almighty Light; and she is awaiting publication of the fourth—In Knowing, Know This. Her published play is "A People Wandering in the Wilderness." Pertinent honors are as follows: Listed in Who's Who in America's Colleges and Universities, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and STAR Teacher (1986).

In August 1994, she was a recipient of The International Poet of Merit Award presented to

her by the International Society of Poets in ceremonies held in Washington, D.C. In March 1996, she was inducted into the International Poetry Hall of Fame. She has travelled to many places reciting her inspirational and anointed poetry and sharing other God given knowledge and wisdom. She emphasizes that she has done nothing, completed no chores of her own volition but by God's will with the extension of His divine grace. Although a retiree, she seizes every opportunity to share her experiences and continues to educate anyone who will spend the time to listen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an esteemed author, Ms. Sarah Jane Gordon Chambliss, for her hard work in the field of education and accomplishments in the arts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, due to a religious commitment, I was unable to vote on September 9, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 401, and YEA on Roll Call No. 402.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, due to a family health concern, I was not in Washington, D.C. on September 9, 2024, and, as a result, I missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 401, and NAY on Roll Call No. 402.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES "CHARLEY" ROYER

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Charles "Charley" Royer, a trailblazing leader and visionary, who passed away on July 26. His impact on Seattle and the Pacific Northwest will be remembered for generations to come.

Born in Medford, Oregon, in 1939, Charley began his career as a TV journalist, becoming a trusted household name, before transitioning into public service to become Seattle's only three-term mayor from 1978 to 1990. As mayor, Charley was the region's biggest

cheerleader, leading the city's cultural and economic revival during his time in office. His visionary leadership not only addressed immediate challenges but also laid the foundation for Seattle's future for decades to come.

Under Charley's guidance, Seattle saw the development of key infrastructure projects that define the city today, including the downtown transit tunnel, the West Seattle Bridge, and an affordable housing levy that's become a national model for providing dedicated, local funds to build and maintain low-income housing. After his time in office, Charley continued to shape Seattle as a civic leader. He was one of the strongest voices in transforming the downtown waterfront from a double-decker highway into the city's welcoming front porch to be enjoyed and open to all. His impact extended beyond infrastructure; he was a steadfast advocate for social justice, LGBTQ+ rights, public safety, and environmental sustainability.

Charley Royer was more than a public servant; he was a friend and a guiding force whose influence will be felt for generations. We are grateful for his contributions and will cherish his legacy of service and commitment to Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

HONORING CASON BRINKLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated efforts of aviation student enthusiasts, Cason Brinkley.

Cason, a 16-year-old resident of Cleveland, Mississippi, is the son of Carl Brinkley, a retired aviation and logistics instructor from Delta State University, and Markeita Brinkley, the Special Education Director for Cleveland Public Schools.

Cason Brinkley, an 11th grader at Cleveland Central High School, recently attended the Saint Louis University Aviation Summer Academy June 9–14, 2024. This program invited promising students entering grades 11 and 12 to explore various areas of study and career paths in aviation. The program selected 20 students out of over 100 applicants for the six-day, five-night residential camp, and Cason was one of the top students to attend. While there, on June 10, 2024, Cason made the First Alert Live News, in Saint Louis, Missouri, in the story, "Aviation Summer Academy returns to St. Louis Downtown Airport." On Monday, July 15, 2024, Cason Brinkley, who recently turned 16 and is now eligible to solo under Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards, undertook his maiden flight at KPMU (Panola County Airport) in Batesville, Mississippi. He was mentored by his Certified Flight Instructor (CPI), Ken Taylor, the owner of New Heights Aviation—one of the state's premier flight schools dedicated to nurturing aspiring aviation enthusiasts like Cason.

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In the week leading up to the flight, Taylor informed Cason's parents that he was ready for solo flight after successfully completing his final safety sessions, including controlled stalls that he had to master. Following this, he was cleared to take to the skies on his own. While not yet official, an investigation is underway to confirm that Cason Brinkley made history as the youngest African American to solo a plane at the age of 16 in Mississippi on Monday, July 15, 2024. During this flight, he completed his scheduled solo and earned his first pilot-in-command hour.

Currently, Cason boasts an impressive 3.82 GPA on a 4.0 scale. He is actively involved in various extracurricular activities, including the Technology Student Association, National Student Beta Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. Additionally, Cason is a mentee in the Kappa League program of the Cleveland (MS) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Outside of academics, Cason participates in football, bowling, and track at Cleveland Central. He finds time to volunteer, particularly with his mother's special needs students, and expresses his musical talents by playing the organ and singing at his church and other venues when invited.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cason Brinkley for his dedication and hard work for his milestone moment in performing a solo flight on his 16th birthday.

HONORING THOSE LOST IN THE AUGUST 8, 2023 WILDFIRES ON MAUI

HON. JILL N. TOKUDA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, on August 8th, Hawaii gathered to observe the one-year anniversary of the fires on Maui and in Lahaina.

Today, as Congress reconvenes, I rise to honor and remember the family and friends we lost.

They are beloved mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, grandparents and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, friends and life partners. Their ages span almost a century, from our youngest keiki just 7 years old to a cherished kūpuna aged 97.

Many had lived their entire lives in Lahaina. Others chose to make Lahaina their home, having come from faraway places across the United States and abroad, like the Philippines, Mexico, and Scotland. One was on vacation from Pollock Pines in Northern California, in the district of my colleague Congressman Kevin Kiley.

Today, I rise to include in the RECORD all 102 of their names. While they no longer walk among us, they will never be forgotten by the family and friends they left behind, by our community, or by this Congress, as their names will forever be remembered:

Louise Abihai, 97; Laurie Allen, 65; June Anbe, 78; Angelica Baclig, 31; Narciso Baylosis, Jr., 67; Vanessa Baylosis, 67; Melva 'Honey Girl' Benjamin, 71; Luz Bernabe, 64; Maurice "Shadow" Buen, 79; Buddy Joe Carter, 85; Kirk Carter, 44; Edimede Pavian Castillo, 35; Rex Cole, 64; Lydia Coloma, 70; Salvador Coloma, 77; Allen John Constantino, 25; Leticia "Letty" Constantino, 56; Theresa Cook, 72; Juan de Leon, 45; Marilou Dias, 60.

Virginia "Vergie" Dofa, 90; Bette Jo Dyckman, 73; Robert Dyckman, 74; Jeanne Eliason, 57; Po'omaika'i Estores-Losano, 28; Keyiro Fuentes, 14; Alfredo Galinato, 79; Douglas Gloege, 59; Donna Gomes, 71; Michael Gordon, 68; George Hall, III, 67; Carole Hartley, 60; Claudette Heermance, 68; Roxanne Ibara-Hinau, 68; Rafael Imperial, 63; Lawrence "Buddy" Jantoc, II, 79; Coleen Jones, 59; Morris Kaita, 74; Richard Kam, 88; Mark Kaminsky, 59.

Paul Kasprzycki, 76; Valerie Kauffman, 78; Albert Kitaguchi, 62; Joseph Lara, 86; Bibiana "Bhing" Lutrania, 58; Rogelio Mabalot, Sr., 68; Michael Mahnensmith, 80; Lynn Manibog, 74; Douglas Matsuda-Boucher, 65; John "Thumper" McCarthy, 74; Michael Misaka, 61; Antonia "Toni" Molina, 64; Michael Morinho, 61; Tim Nakamoto, 69; Todd Nakamura, 61; David Nuesca, Jr., 59; Carolyn Ono, 73; Matsuyuki Osato, 83; Pablo Pagdilao, III, 75; Tau Ponali, 66; Bernard Portabes, 75.

Gwendolyn Kanani Puou, 83; Junmark Quijano, 30; Felimon Quijano, 61; Sharlene Rabang, 78; Rebecca Rans, 57; Alfred "Alfie" Rawlings, 84; Eugene Recolizado, 50; Justin Recolizado, 11; Maria Victoria Recolizado, 51; Dale Ann Richter, 66; Rodolfo Rocutan, 76; Lee Rogo, 76; Conchita Sagudang, 75; Danilo Sagudang, 55; Edward Sato, 76; Joseph Schilling, 67; Anthony "Tony" Simpson, 43; James Smith, 79; Leslie Smith, 80; Jonathan Somaoang, 76; Floyd St. Clair, 75.

Janet St. Clair, 75; Freeman Tam Lung, 80; Terri Thomas, 62; Carlo Tobias, 54; Revelina "Rebing" Tomboc, 81; Fa'aoa Tone, 70; Malu'fonua Tone, 73; Salote Tone, 39; Tony Takafua, 7; Franklin "Frankie" Trejos, 68; Nicholas "Nick" Turbin, III, 71; Linda Vaikeli, 69; Angelita "Angie" Vasquez, 88; Adela Villegas, 53; Joel Villegas, 55; Leroy Wagner, 69; Clyde Wakida, 74; Glenda Yabes, 48; Todd Yamafuji, 68; Glenn Yoshino, 75.

The Maui Police Department also maintains a list of two people still unaccounted for as of February 13, 2024. They are:

Robert H. Owens

Elmer Lee Stevens

As we continue our work to recover and rebuild Lahaina, may the happy memories of those we lost carry our community forward and inspire us to live each day in their honor.

HONORING DQUAN WILSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Fire Chief Dquan Wilson.

Here is to a first responder who would gladly give you the shirt off his back. Chief Wilson selfless acts of bravery recently got him recognized by the Washington County Mississippi Emergency Operations Center.

He is passionate about saving lives and guiding children and citizens to take safety precautions while enjoying life. Whether it's through his leadership as a Fire Chief or as a DJ making people happy, Chief Wilson continues to motivate and have a positive influence on the citizens of Leland and the surrounding areas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Dquan Wilson for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING THE GOLDEN VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the exceptional achievement of the Golden Valley Historical Society (GVHS) as they commemorate fifty years of serving our community.

Founded in 1974, the Golden Valley Historical Society has tirelessly worked to find, preserve, and disseminate historical knowledge about the city of Golden Valley, Minnesota. The GVHS has dedicated countless hours to collecting oral and video histories, photographs, and three-dimensional objects in pursuit of this mission.

In 1997, the GVHS acquired Golden Valley's oldest church as a permanent home and collections repository. This site has become a vital gathering place for the community of Golden Valley.

The City of Golden Valley has issued a proclamation recognizing Saturday, September 14th as "Golden Valley Historical Society Day." I am proud to join the city in recognizing the Golden Valley Historical Society for providing this essential service to our community for the past 50 years.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LUCIO "CHIO" GONZALES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incomparable spirit and extraordinary life of Lucio "Chio" Gonzales; a true icon whose legacy transcends the ordinary.

Born on December 15, 1931, to Claro Sr. and Francisca Guzman. Chio was not just a man, he was a force of advocacy, embodying the essence of California's oldest civic traditions.

A native of Blythe, California, Chio settled in the Central Valley after spending his early years working as a migrant farmworker in the region's rich agricultural fields. He met his late wife Butter in the historic farmworker community of Delano in 1946. It was love at first sight for both Butter and Chio, and their love would endure for all the years to come as they married on November 24, 1956. The couple took over ownership of the People's Market in 1969, and the two worked together side by side managing the grocery store in Delano for over 40 years.

The Gonzales family formed a strong bond over the years with the Filipino Community of Delano. They served as advocates and allies for the inclusion and representation of Filipinos in Delano civic life. Their efforts played an instrumental role in electing the first Filipino American to serve on the elected body and worked to ensure the success of Delano's Philippine Weekend community celebration for the last 45 years. Chio engaged in a rich tapestry of civil service activities for the improvement of the community he loved so much. He founded the local chapter of the Mexican-