

## REMEMBERING MIKE CODY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my sincere respects to Mike Cody, a highly respected Memphis lawyer who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike, before going on to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, the state's Attorney General, and a Memphis City Council member. Cody passed Sunday at 88. I knew Mike Cody all my adult life, worked as a volunteer in his City Council campaign, and clerked for him at Burch, Porter & Johnson, where he began his legal career in 1961. As firm founder Lucius Burch might have said, 'the hair of the hypocrite was not seen about him.' After he, Burch and others met with King, Cody helped successfully argue, on the morning of April 4, 1968, for lifting a federal injunction preventing King from leading a second sanitation workers march after a first march ended in chaos. King was assassinated that evening. Cody worked with the Reverend James Lawson and others to form what became Memphis Area Legal Services, initially to meet individual sanitation workers' legal needs. He served as a Memphis City Councilman from 1975 to 1977 and was then appointed by President Jimmy Carter to be the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee into 1981. Scrupulously honest, he was known to prosecute both Democratic and Republican officials who abused their offices. An unsuccessful candidate in a special election for Memphis Mayor in 1983, Cody was soon appointed Tennessee's Attorney General during the administration of Republican Governor Lamar Alexander, serving from 1984 to 1988. He was also Chair of the Memphis and Shelby County Crime Commission (1997–1998). In 2005, he was appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the Tennessee Commission on Ethics focusing on revising state ethics laws. In 2010, he was elected Co-Chair of the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus (SAGE).

Cody graduated from Memphis East High School (1954), then earned his undergraduate degree from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College), in 1958, received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1961, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from Rhodes in 1989, where he served as an adjunct professor. As Attorney General, Cody argued four cases before the United States Supreme Court: *Rose v. Rose*, 481 U.S. 619 (1987), *Rose v. Clark*, 478 U.S. 570 (1986), *Alexander v. Choate*, 469 U.S. 287 (1985), and *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U.S. 1 (1985). The landmark *Garner* case, in which Cody represented the State of Tennessee, established the precedent that an officer may not use deadly force to prevent the escape of a suspect without probable cause to believe the suspect poses a significant threat to the officer or others. The case grew out of a police chase in Memphis. Cody also served as an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University School of Law, Memphis State University's School of Law, Rhodes College and LeMoyne Owen College. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1961 to 1967. He was the author of *Honest Govern-*

ment: An Ethics Guide for Public Service (1992), and law review articles on excluding the mentally ill from the death penalty, Tennessee's experience with the privatization of correctional institutions, and on his representation of Dr. King in 1968, among other scholarly works. A member of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, Cody was a runner since high school and ran in more than a dozen Boston Marathons, finishing fifth in his age group in 1990. He served on the board of the National Civil Rights Museum, as vice chairman of the Memphis and Shelby County Library Foundation, and President of the Memphis in May International Festival (1996). I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Suzanna; his children Jane, Mia and Michael; his extended family, and his many friends. He did much for his community, the legal profession, his state and the Nation. His was a life well-lived.

RECOGNIZING CLAIRE NASH'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Claire Nash, a longtime resident of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, who celebrated her 100th birthday in August. Claire is a beloved member of the Wolfeboro community whose giving heart continues to touch the lives of all who have come to know her. Today, I honor Claire for her steadfast commitment to spreading love and joy throughout her community.

Claire is loved throughout Wolfeboro and the towns surrounding it. Those who know her best would likely agree that it is better to describe her as 100 years young, not old. Everywhere she goes, she brings with her the exuberance and energy of the youngest at heart. As we celebrate Claire's 100th birthday, we recognize her unwavering dedication to her community and her continued contributions to the lives of countless others.

Claire has long been passionate about crochet and other hand crafts, skills she perfected over the years and continues to share with the world. Through the years, Claire has handmade and gifted countless quilts, pillows, and other crafts to the Police Department, Fire Department, Children's Center, and many other local organizations in and around Wolfeboro. In all she does, she inspires us with an enduring legacy of caring, creativity, and selflessness.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I wish Claire a happy and healthy 100th birthday. We thank her for bringing so much happiness and caring to her community and for her continued commitment to the people of New Hampshire.

## HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF READING AND BEYOND

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of children's education and economic empowerment for families—the 25th Anniversary of Reading and Beyond (RAB). This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of RAB to improving literacy and success for children and empowering families across California.

Founded in 1999, RAB was started by members of the First Covenant Church bringing together community leaders to find a solution for children that were struggling to read in the neighborhood. Since then, RAB has been a leader for families in the San Joaquin Valley, providing educational and wellness opportunities that have been carried on through generations.

In 2003, RAB was selected by the U.S. Department of Education in a competitive process to receive national funding. Through this, they were able to develop their Early Childhood Education program into a model that other organizations could replicate. Within the same year, the Fresno Unified School District also honored RAB as a "model for other organizations." In 2008, RAB was recognized by Kern Briggs, the Department of Education Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, as a "remarkable example of the impact that faith-based organizations have in a community." In 2014, RAB was chosen as one of only ten national projects to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for their Fresno Bridge Academy program, for which they were awarded \$12 million to achieve their goal of lifting families out of poverty through educational services.

The RAB mission is both clear and commendable: to empower children and families to achieve productive, self-reliant lives through its holistic, research, and results-based programs with the end goal of helping children succeed. Through this two-generation approach, RAB has been able to create a lasting effect on families that is passed down generationally. As a result of their commitment to this mission, RAB has grown from what started out as a community effort to help children in Fresno's neighborhoods improve their reading into the pillar of children's and family wellness and empowerment throughout the San Joaquin Valley that it is today. Beyond preschool and early childhood education, their services now include youth prevention and intervention programs, parent engagement and family strengthening programs, health and wellness education, training programs and workforce development for adults, and college preparation for students.

As Reading and Beyond reaches their 25th Anniversary, we must recognize and celebrate this momentous occasion. It represents a quarter of a century of dedication, commitment, and service to the families and communities of the San Joaquin Valley. Their work has impacted not only the individual children and families, but also the overall well-being of the Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the 25th Anniversary of Reading and Beyond. Let us celebrate their legacy and their ongoing commitment to advancing educational, health and wellness opportunities to underserved families and children.

#### HONORING NOAH LYLES

#### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor my constituent and Olympic champion, Noah Lyles. Born on July 18, 1997, and raised in Alexandria, Virginia, Noah became the fastest man in the world at twenty-seven years old, completing the 100-meter race in 9.79 seconds at the 2024 Olympics in Paris, where he brought home the gold medal. He is the first American to win the 100m gold medal since 2004, a remarkable accomplishment that united us as a Nation in pride. Noah also won a bronze medal in the 200-meter race, a reflection of his talent and determination on the world stage.

Noah graduated from Alexandria City High School, where he is being honored by his alma mater and the Northern Virginia community, who are incredibly proud of his historic tourney at the Olympics this year. I am thrilled to celebrate his career as six-time world champion and Olympic achievements in his hometown and am hopeful his success will inspire the next generation of young athletes in Northern Virginia and around the country.

On behalf of my constituents in Virginia's Eighth Congressional District, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Noah Lyles.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELISE ROXANN RHODES

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Elise Roxann Rhodes, who passed away on September 9, 2024. Known as "Lesa" to many, Ms. Rhodes was a cherished pillar of our community and brought joy to all those who knew her.

Born on February 13, 1965, in Buffalo, New York, Ms. Rhodes was raised by her parents Roosevelt and Frances Arlene Rhodes in the Central Park neighborhood. She attended Buffalo Public School No. 61 St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, and Archbishop Carroll High School before attending and graduating from Lafayette High School in 1983. While at Lafayette High School, Ms. Rhodes attended the Buffalo Vocational Technical Center, where she discovered her interest in healthcare. Afterward, Ms. Rhodes attended D'Youville University in pursuit of a career in nursing. She graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and in 1995 with a Master of Science Degree in Community Health Nursing.

Ms. Rhodes worked tirelessly as a nurse, providing exceptional care to her patients as a

Registered Nurse, Clinical Nursing Professor, Program Director, academic advisor at the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and an advocate for underserved communities. Outside of her career, she was a member of the Parish Nurse Ministry of Western New York, as well as a volunteer for the Black Student Union at D'Youville University, advisor for the Minority Nurses Association at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and member of the Buffalo School Health Advisory Board.

As an advocate for her community, Ms. Rhodes found numerous ways to give back. She provided health education information during the City of Buffalo's annual Juneteenth and Kwanzaa Festivals. She participated in marches, demonstrations, and meetings to promote health equity and equal treatment, access, education, and rights for minority communities, especially Black and Latino communities. Because of her steadfast commitment to serving others, Ms. Rhodes was inducted as an Honorary Mother of Ka in Malika Kambe Umfazi Sorority, Inc.

Furthermore, Ms. Rhodes remained deeply committed to her faith. She was a faithful member of Elim Christian Fellowship, as well as a member of the Health Education Ministry in which she coordinated a project to make the entrance of the church fully accessible for individuals with physical disabilities. Ms. Rhodes also helped develop screening protocols for COVID-19 and acquired AED and Narcan stations at the church. Additionally, Ms. Rhodes served as the Administrative Coordinator for the Christian Education Ministry, where she was responsible for creating informational pamphlets and operational manuals for the Kingdom Growth Institute.

Ms. Rhodes was the loving daughter of Roosevelt and Frances Arlene Rhodes, cherished sister of Sonja Sidell Rhodes and Vonetia Tashika Rhodes, dear step-daughter of Faith Moore-Rhodes and step-sister of Ashley Rhodes, Briana Rochelle Rhodes, and Valerie Nicole Moody, and devoted niece, cousin, aunt, and godmother to many more.

Today, Ms. Rhodes is remembered as a hard-working woman of God, who put the needs of others first and worked to make her community a more healthy, equitable place. Please join me in honoring Ms. Elise Roxann Rhodes for her lifetime of dedication to service, and faith.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to a previously scheduled medical procedure, I was unable to be in D.C. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, and on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 418, H.R. 8314, the No Foreign Election Interference Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 420, H. Res. 1455, On ordering the previous question; YEA on Roll Call No. 421, H. Res. 1455, Providing for consideration of the bills H.R. 3724; H.R. 4790, H.R. 5179, H.R. 5339, H.R. 5717, and H.R. 7909, and the Joint resolution H.J. Res. 136; YEA on Roll Call No. 422, S. 1146, the

Find and Protect Foster Youth Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 423, H.R. 9076, the Supporting America's Children and Families Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 424, H.R. 7213, the Autism CARES Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 425, H.R. 1513, the FUTURE Networks Act; NAY on Roll Call No. 426, H.R. 5339, on Motion to Re-commit; YEA on Roll Call No. 427, H.R. 5339, the RETIRE Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 428, H.R. 5179, the Anti-BDS Labeling Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 429, H.R. 7909, the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act; NAY on Roll Call No. 430, H.R. 9494, on Motion to Re-commit; and YEA on Roll Call No. 431, H.R. 9494, the Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025.

#### RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 200th anniversary of The Republican newspaper in Springfield, Massachusetts.

For 200 years, The Springfield Republican has been the standard for journalistic excellence in western Massachusetts and throughout the nation. Since its founding by the Bowles family in 1824, the paper has been in continuous circulation for two centuries—a feat that few publications can attest to.

Over the course of my career in public life, I have had the privilege of working with publishers who navigated the paper through changes that have transformed how we receive the news. This includes the likes of David Starr, Larry McDermott, and most recently George Arwady. All have played a prominent role in the newspaper's success in an ever-changing world.

I've also had the pleasure of working with exemplary editors, including Dick Garvey, Wayne Phaneuf, and Cynthia Simison. Now, Larry Parnass continues their legacy. Their commitment to journalistic integrity has upheld the newspaper's reputation as an outlet for reliable reporting. Chronicling the triumphs and challenges that have shaped our communities with sincerity and respect, they have made The Republican a generational household name.

The paper's story started with two things: a flat-bottomed barge and a printing press. Samuel Bowles and his wife made their way up the Connecticut River and settled in Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1824, Bowles founded The Republican, and the rest is history.

From its founding, The Republican prided itself on being a paper that delivered accurate news, while never shying away from discussing controversial topics. Samuel Bowles III was quick to realign the newspaper with the newly formed Republican party and was a strong proponent of the anti-slavery movement. It was that commitment to adaptability and foresight that earned Bowles, and subsequently the Republican, the admiration of a national audience—including President Lincoln.

On April 14, 1865, after a private meeting with The Springfield Republican's Washington correspondent George Ashmun, President Lincoln invited Ashmun to attend the theater with