

aims at establishing a diverse and accomplished faculty of practitioners and scholars, providing instruction in the use of industry-standard equipment, software, and the latest immersive technologies. The donation will also contribute to capital improvements in facilities and equipment to create state-of-the-art learning spaces, along with offering student scholarships and financial assistance.

This significant gift reinforces the Caplin School's dedication to inclusivity, with 86 percent of students identifying as minorities, and its commitment to providing access to excellence, fostering "techquity," and preparing proficient, multilingual professionals in journalism, digital media, animation, broadcast media, and film (proficient in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole).

Lee Caplin, Founder and Chairman of Picture Entertainment Corporation, has a prominent role in the multimedia and telecommunications industry, serving as the Executive Producer of the Academy Award-nominated film "Ali" and leading initiatives such as the Immersive Studio for Altered Reality (iStar) at Florida International University.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Lee Caplin for all he has achieved, and for his commitment, dedication and service to our community.

#### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

##### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Holocaust Learning Experience, hosted by MorseLife in my Congressional District. This year, International Holocaust Remembrance Day marks 79 years since the liberation of the Nazi death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by the Red Army and Allied troops. On January 27, 2024, the United Nations General Assembly officially reminded the world of the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution. We should never forget the atrocities of the Holocaust. At liberation, allies witnessed the devastation of human remains and the destruction of the human spirit. This is the day we also acknowledge the multigenerational impact of the horror and terror perpetrated against innocent women, men and children.

Globally, we are witnessing an alarming rise in antisemitism, and it is more important than ever to recognize the critical lessons from the Holocaust. I am proud to recognize the Holocaust Learning Experience, to continue to develop, deploy and deliver Holocaust education to public schools. Last year, the Holocaust Learning Experience was awarded seed funding from the state of Florida to cast the education statewide, scalable, and the Holocaust Learning Experience is poised to be in the 67 school districts, impacting approximately 2.1 million students.

I wish to congratulate and encourage the Holocaust Learning Experience to continue changing lives of our nation's young people. Each day, the Experience teaches students to stand up, not stand by.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 363; NAY on Roll Call No. 637; NAY on Roll Call No. 636; and NAY on Roll Call No. 648.

#### HONORING ANDREW TOMELLOSO

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Tomelloso, a fire captain with the Dixon Fire Department. I have named Mr. Tomelloso as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Solano County in California's 4th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mr. Tomelloso was born in Vallejo, California and grew up in Dixon, California where he earned his high school diploma. Since then, Mr. Tomelloso has completed the National College of Technical Instruction Paramedic Program, the State Fire Marshal Company Officer Program and is a certified California Specialized Training Institute Hazmat Technician. He is currently enrolled at Columbia Southern University to complete an AS/BS degree. Mr. Tomelloso is the proud father of 15-year-old Owen Tomelloso and 14-year-old Marina Tomelloso.

Mr. Tomelloso began his career assisting emergency room patients, until he joined the Dixon Fire Department in February 2014 where he has since been serving as a firefighter and paramedic. Mr. Tomelloso's calm demeanor and approachability within the Dixon Fire Department makes him a valued leader and a respected colleague. As a newly promoted captain he is playing an essential role in helping make the department stronger, more resilient and more capable. Mr. Tomelloso is the Dixon Professional Firefighters Association (DPFA) Local 4665 Vice President, the grant committee chair, the Dixon Fire Department public education lead and a Solano County Hazmat team member as well as being the Solano County Rotary Firefighter of the Year for both the years of 2017 and 2020.

As a captain and paramedic, Mr. Tomelloso is tasked with public education within the fire department. He demonstrates incredible willingness to contribute and respond to the needs of our community in fire safety, adult and youth education programs and CPR training. Mr. Tomelloso's dedication to the Dixon Fire Department and our community has resulted in top caliber public education that improves the lives and wellbeing of our citizens.

Mr. Tomelloso is a standup citizen working with the community CPR program and contributing to public outreach events such as school festivals, Dixon May Fair, fire prevention week and senior resource fairs. Additionally, he was a member of the Solano County Urban Search and Rescue Team and the former president of the Dixon Firefighters Charitable Fund. Cur-

rently Mr. Tomelloso serves as the lead chair for both the Dixon Fire Department CPR program and DPFA annual Santa run.

From school programs to Fire Prevention Week events, to presentations with homeowner groups, to coordinating the Santa Run during the holidays to spread a bit of joy, his professionalism and dedication to making our community a smarter and safer place goes far and above the call of duty.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Tomelloso for his persistence, service, and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### HONORING RICHARD CUFF

##### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard Cuff, a businessman, philanthropist, and friend.

Born and raised in Miami, the vibrant city within Florida's 24th Congressional District, Richard Cuff brought with him a wealth of experiences and a deep-rooted sense of community when he relocated to Jacksonville. His journey from the heart of Miami to becoming an integral part of the Jacksonville community reflects the interconnectedness of our great state. His commitment to bridging the gap between communities, fostering inclusivity, and celebrating diversity is a testament to the values instilled in him from his early days in Miami, the place he still calls home.

Richard Cuff, a dedicated and compassionate resident of Florida, has significantly contributed to the lively fabric of our community. Richard has selflessly devoted his time to enriching the lives of underprivileged youth through the art of music, sharing his passion and skill by teaching violin lessons through his Guiding Success Program. His comedic talents have not only brought joy and laughter to many but also served as a testament to his versatile and creative spirit. Richard's commitment to civic engagement has been demonstrated through his candidacy for public office, showcasing his unwavering dedication to making positive changes within local government.

Richard Cuff's influence extends beyond the realms of music, comedy, and politics. His fervent dedication to community service is evident through his leadership in various local initiatives. From spearheading neighborhood clean-up projects to organizing charity events, Richard consistently demonstrates a profound commitment to the well-being of our community.

In the realm of education, Richard has not only shared his musical expertise but has also actively engaged in promoting literacy and learning. His involvement in literacy programs for children and adults alike underscores his belief in the transformative power of knowledge and the importance of fostering a culture of lifelong learning.

As a staunch advocate for social justice, Richard has fearlessly addressed issues of inequality and worked towards building bridges between communities. His efforts to foster understanding and unity have not only resonated locally but have also inspired others to join the

cause of creating a more inclusive and compassionate society.

Richard is founder of the Cora Lee Cuff Fund, named for his late mother, founder of NASEMBA Business Alliance, and C.E.O. of ConcinTel, LLC. He serves as Executive Director of League of Florida Orchestras, Inc., a capacity-building nonprofit organization.

In acknowledgment of these accomplishments and the countless other ways Richard Cuff has enriched the lives of our residents, we celebrate not only his birthday but also the indelible mark he has left on our community. Happy Birthday to Richard, and I thank him for being an exemplary force for positive change.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Richard Cuff for all he has achieved, and for his commitment, dedication and service to our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on December 6, 2023 I missed votes due to an illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 702 and NAY on Roll Call No. 703.

**MOURNING THE LOSS OF DR. JOHN BROOKS SLAUGHTER, FORMER CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Dr. John Brooks Slaughter—a towering figure in academia and the science community in America. He passed away last month at the age of 89.

Some will remember John as the gifted engineer who devoted the first 15 years of his career to supporting the crucial work at the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory as a civilian employee. Later, he became the director of the Applied Physics Laboratory at the University of Washington, and assistant director for Astronomics, Atmospheric, Earth, and Ocean Sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Others will remember John for his leadership in academia and the sciences—especially after President Jimmy Carter selected him to serve as the sixth Director of the NSF in 1980. He excelled in that position during his two years, advocating for greater investment in science education, including at minority-serving institutions.

In Maryland, we will remember John as the man who transformed the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) for the better as its Chancellor between 1982 and 1988—the first Black American to hold the position. He made our university more efficient, inclusive, diverse, collaborative, and prosperous. John was beloved by UMD's students, faculty, and staff

alike. The same was true at Occidental College, where John served as President between 1989 and 1999, and at the University of Southern California, where John was appointed the Melbo Professor of Leadership in Education in 1999.

I'm sure John's wife Bernice, their two children Jacqueline and John, and the rest of his relatives will remember him as a devoted family man.

No matter who we are or how we knew John, however, we will remember him as a man of high intellect, great character, and unwavering devotion to serving others. For that, he has the gratitude of this Congress and this country. I hope all my colleagues will join me in mourning him and praying for his family.

#### HONORING SHIRLEY GIBSON

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Shirley Gibson, a mother, public servant, and friend.

Shirley Gibson, hailing from Camilla, Georgia, was the eldest among six siblings. Her family's journey took them from Camilla to the Florida Keys when she was just 10 years old. Subsequently, they relocated to Miami's Liberty City neighborhood before finally settling in Carol City, now known as Miami Gardens—the largest predominantly Black community in South Florida, which she led the charge in the city's creation.

Shirley Gibson's remarkable journey in public service began as a Miami-Dade police officer before she served as Miami Gardens' mayor from the city's establishment. Her dedicated public service extended from the city's inception in 2003 until 2012 at the conclusion of her second term as mayor. During her tenure, Mayor Gibson displayed unwavering commitment to fostering civic pride.

Mayor Gibson established a benchmark for leadership in the newly formed municipality. A trailblazer and visionary, she foresaw the potential for growth, prosperity, and unity within the community. Her leadership was characterized by an enduring commitment to inclusivity, equity, and transparency. Under Mayor Gibson's guidance, Miami Gardens thrived. Her policies and initiatives were centered on enhancing the residents' quality of life, driving economic progress, and fortifying public safety. She championed the people, advocating for improved education, upgraded infrastructure, and the strengthening of community bonds.

Mayor Shirley Gibson's legacy transcends administrative and political spheres. She was deeply devoted to building bridges between diverse communities, fostering an environment of unity and harmony. Her remarkable ability to connect with individuals from all walks of life undoubtedly contributed to her leadership success. She demonstrated a sincere concern for the welfare of her constituents, tirelessly working to enhance their lives in every conceivable manner. Her accomplishments reflected her dedication to crafting a flourishing, inclusive, and vibrant Miami Gardens. In early 2023, her pride in the city was evident as she beamed during the celebration that marked the city's 20th anniversary.

Shirley Gibson was a proud alumna of St. Thomas University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice in 1981 and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries in 2023. Her remarkable contributions were further recognized when, in 2013, she was conferred with an honorary Doctorate from the University.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the late Shirley Gibson for all she has achieved, and for her commitment, dedication and service to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING MOBILE COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY AS RECIPIENT OF THE IMPACT AWARD

### HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Mobile Coca-Cola Bottling Company as recipient of the Impact Award. The Impact Award recognizes a company that is dedicated to making their community a better place. Mobile Coca-Cola Bottling Company is a sales, distribution, and production center of Coca-Cola Bottling Company United, Inc. (UNITED). Mobile Coca-Cola UNITED is engaged in the production, marketing, and distribution of a diverse portfolio of sparkling and still products, non-alcoholic brands under exclusive franchise agreements principally with The Coca-Cola Company. For more than 120 years, Coca-Cola UNITED has remained true to its foundational core values of Quality, Excellence, Integrity, and Respect. Local relationships, personalized customer service and strong community engagement have been the foundation of this business for more than a century and continue to be strong today. Coca Cola has been impactful in this community for over 100 years. They have been building strong relationships, engaging volunteers, and providing financial and in-kind support to organizations, institutions and programs that make a positive impact in our local communities. Coca-Cola UNITED focuses its philanthropy in key strategic areas: education and youth development; empowerment; the well-being of local communities and stewardship of the environment. Just this past year they have donated to local food banks, Christmas Give Backs, First Responder recognition, Annual corporate events, community outreach like Kids Day 2023. Coca Cola has survived a true test of time for a business model in our community for over a century. This is truly evidence of sustainability for jobs, community outreach as well as community improvements through their philanthropy and outreach. They are great partners and supporters of the SWMC Chamber.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HERRIMAN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

### HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to recognize the extraordinary achievements of