

Fortunately, there are wonderful organizations such as the Hydrocephalus Association and Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation, that serve as global leaders for hydrocephalus awareness, education, support, research, and advocacy. These organizations are advancing the wellbeing of every individual with hydrocephalus, their families, and their caregivers.

Especially important to the awareness work of hydrocephalus community are the volunteers who give their time to advocate for and provide services to all those living with hydrocephalus.

I'd like to offer special thanks to Carly Weismann, one of my constituents and a volunteer who for the last eight years has been the chairperson of the New Jersey Hydrocephalus Walk which raises needed awareness and funds to aid those with hydrocephalus.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting the important goals of World Hydrocephalus Day and join me in recognizing September as Hydrocephalus Month.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF JONATHAN PAUL WOOD

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and extraordinary work of Jonathan Paul Wood, a man who devoted himself not only to his family but also to the well-being and safety of his community. His absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

Jonathan was raised in Springfield, Virginia, and studied at the University of Virginia where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology. He later received his Master of Business Administration from George Mason University. Over the years, Jonathan worked with multiple companies, each one recognizing his expertise and leadership. His final 20 years before retirement were spent as a construction and IT project manager at Northrop Grumman.

Above all else, Jonathan took great pride in being a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He began his service at the young age of 18 and continued in various roles for over 50 years. He achieved the esteemed rank of Command Officer and played a crucial role in training the next generation of firefighters, instructing Fairfax Fire Academy students in the demanding task of driving emergency vehicles. Jonathan's expertise and dedication were instrumental in the design and commissioning of numerous fire engines, ambulances, and service vehicles.

His volunteer career began at the Greater Springfield Station 22, where he quickly rose through the ranks to become Chief. In 1982, he relocated to Fair Oaks, where he continued to serve with distinction at Fair Oaks Station 21. There, Jonathan held several leadership roles, including Chief and President, earning the respect and admiration of his peers and community alike.

Outside of his work and fire station duties, Jonathan loved domestic and wild animals, hiking, camping, kayaking, and distance cycling. He led groups of volunteers to maintain his community's wild spaces, controlling

invasive plants, cutting down dead trees, and monitoring the wild fox population.

Jonathan's commitment to his family was unwavering. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Knapp, her children, Gabrielle and Nathaniel Baylon, his brother James Wood, and his nephew Christopher Wood. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gloria and James Wood, and brother, David Wood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the joyful and resilient life of Jonathan Paul Wood and in sending his family our sincere condolences.

#### REMEMBERING JIM MORRIS

#### HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jim Morris, who passed away in July at the age of 81.

For decades, Jim has been a leader in the civic, business, and sports communities in our state.

Jim grew up in Terre Haute and graduated from Indiana University in 1965.

By 1967, he was chief of staff for Indianapolis mayor Richard Lugar.

He proceeded to hold leadership positions with Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis Water Company, the World Food Programme, and, most recently, Pacers Sports and Entertainment, serving as vice chair since 2014.

Jim was a devout Hoosier through and through, loyal to his city and his state.

He was committed to giving back, including by serving on the executive boards of the U.S. Olympics Committee, UNICEF, the American Red Cross, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway board of directors, and the Indianapolis Power and Light Advisory Board.

He leaves a legacy like no other, and I thank his family for sharing this servant leader with all of us.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TRACEY ANNE KENNEDY

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Ms. Tracey Anne Kennedy, who passed on September 16, 2024, and whose life's work instilled faith, hope, and love in everyone around her.

Ms. Kennedy was born on May 6, 1963, to John and Carol Kennedy of Tonawanda, New York. She attended Sweet Home High School and graduated from Buffalo State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. She married John Plante in 1991, and together they raised two beautiful children, Michael and Mary Katherine. Though they went their separate ways later in life, Tracey lived out the last five years of her life with John, who helped her navigate her medical journey.

After being diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer and later Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma,

Ms. Kennedy bravely fought for nine years through numerous treatments and procedures, always with a positive attitude and remaining strong in her faith. As a member of The Chapel at CrossPoint, Ms. Kennedy found comfort in knowing that God was with her every step of the way.

Ms. Kennedy always ensured that those around her felt loved. She was everyone's loudest cheerleader, strongest supporter, and best friend. She relentlessly encouraged her family and friends to strive for the impossible and reach for the stars. She always wanted to make everyone feel seen and special, armed with her thousand-watt smile and contagious laughter.

Today, Ms. Kennedy is remembered as a hard-working woman of God, who put the needs of others first, had a profound love for her children and family, and continuously fought for her health. Please join me in honoring Ms. Tracey Anne Kennedy for her lifetime of dedication to service and faith.

#### HONORING JUDITH PITTMAN FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SECOND STORY

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Judith Pittman, Chief Executive Officer of Second Story. Judith has been serving communities in Northern Virginia through Second Story since 1995. Since 1972, Second Story has worked closely with youth and families across Northern Virginia through strategic programs to help them work towards self-sufficiency as well as break cycles of homelessness, abuse, and poverty. As Chief Executive Officer, Judith has used her background of almost 30 years in nonprofit management and advocacy to obtain more services for at-risk, abused, homeless and runaway youth—including opening seven new programs since 2004 targeted to this population. Because of Judith, thousands of youths and families have been able to write their Second Stories.

Judith has served on federal panels to develop standards for federally funded programs serving runaway, homeless, and street youth. She also was a Greater Washington Nonprofit Roundtable Fellow. She has presented at numerous National Conferences on topics relevant to youth and young adults. Judith serves on the Policy Advisory Committee for the National Network for Youth. She is a member of the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team of Fairfax County as a former Board Member for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Judith Pittman for her tremendous efforts as a leader in Northern Virginia communities, as she celebrates her retirement after 30 years with Second Story.

## RECOGNIZING TOM DEBAUN

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former mayor of Shelbyville, Tom DeBaun.

First elected in 2011, Tom served his community as mayor for three terms.

As mayor, he prioritized economic development and residents, establishing an adult high school, creating Advantage Shelby County, and investing in trails and sidewalks to increase accessibility.

Before serving as mayor, Tom was a probation officer and head of the city's building and planning commission.

Today, I thank Tom for his service and support for the Hoosiers of Shelbyville.

## CELEBRATING THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF IRENE "QUEEN OF ALGIERS" BURRUS

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Irene Burrus, a woman known as a dear friend, mentor and confidant to many, and most notably, a cornerstone of the Algiers community, my hometown and part of the Congressional District I represent, whose influence was felt far and wide. Her commitment to service was evident through her extensive involvement in various organizations.

Irene Burrus, lovingly known as "Ms. Irene" and the "Queen of Algiers," passed away peacefully on August 23, 2024, at the remarkable age of 101. Born on March 31, 1923, Irene's life journey began on a humble farm in rural Mississippi, where she was raised by her parents, Annis and Alonzo Harrison, alongside her four siblings: Ellie, Jack, Ruby, and Imogene. The Great Depression deeply influenced her upbringing, instilling in her a profound resilience and an unwavering sense of community that would define her life. Irene's life was a testament to devotion—to her family, her community, and the countless causes that she championed with passion and dedication.

The year she turned 100, she proudly served as the Grand Marshall of The Algiers Mardi Gras and rode in the 2024 Krewe of NOMTOC. Irene was known for her sharp mind and quick sense of humor, qualities that endeared her to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She often remarked, "You've got to leave a place better than you found it or we're really in trouble. I hope I've helped." Her life embodied this philosophy, as she worked tirelessly to uplift her community and inspire others to do the same through her active participation and generosity.

As a key figure in the Kiwanis Club, she generously contributed her time and resources to numerous other causes. She served as Vice President of the Board of Welcome Neighbors and was actively involved in the Kiwanis Club, Tall Timbers Garden Club, and the Algiers Charter School Association for

Fundraising. She was a member of the Algiers Police Advisory Group. She not only organized and funded Mardi Gras breakfasts for local officers, but also Irene's dedication also extended to the Military Wives Organization, the Old Aurora Neighborhood Association's Night Out Against Crime, Save Algiers Courthouse, Chalmette Refining's Westbank Citizens' Advisory Council and the Historic New Orleans French Quarter Easter Parade. As a member of the Algiers Republican Women, she tirelessly worked to support and raise awareness for local initiatives.

She was a cherished daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Irene is survived by her loving daughter, Marilyn Mislove, and her son-in-law, Michael. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: John Crowe (wife Kelly), Rebecca Crowe Claunch (husband Charles), Alan Mislove (wife Talmadge), and Caroline Mislove, as well as her great-grandchildren Ivy, Courtney, Ava, Abby, Sarah, Reeves, Evan, and Mira.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Arvid Dahl, her second husband, John C. Burrus, and her beloved daughter, Marcia Dahl Crowe.

I am so blessed and grateful to have known this phenomenal woman, a real Trailblazer and Leader, my true friend. Ms. Irene will forever be remembered for her indomitable spirit, her tireless dedication to her community, and her boundless love for her family. Her legacy of kindness, leadership, and service will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her. I will certainly miss my dear friend.

## HONORING CATHY SCHWANKE

**HON. DEBBIE LESKO**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I would like to recognize Cathy Schwanke for her work with the Anthem, New River, Desert Hills, and Phoenix Republican Club.

Cathy saw a need to educate Republicans in the northern most areas of our Congressional District and was a driving force in creating this group. She works tirelessly to keep members engaged in the political process, promote civic engagement, and educate citizens on Republican principles.

I am thankful for Cathy's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to Congressional District 8 and the State of Arizona.

## COMMEMORATING NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Recognition Day and honor those who were held captive and were returned, as well as those who remain missing.

Established in 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is held yearly on the third Friday of September. This day is marked by ceremonies at the Pentagon and at military installations across the Nation. More than 81,000 American service personnel are missing from previous conflicts and approximately 38,000 are believed to be recoverable. I commend the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in searching for our missing Americans and ensuring that no service member is left behind.

As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, I work hard each year to ensure that the POW/MIA Accounting Agency has the necessary funding to continue their essential work. We have a duty to these service members that have endured unspeakable indignities to protect and preserve our freedoms. The United States cannot and will not abandon the search for those who gave their last full measure of devotion in overseas wars.

I cannot express the depth of my gratitude for every patriot who have served our Nation. I will continue to use my role in Congress to bring every imprisoned or missing service-member home. Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of our colleagues in the House of Representatives in commemorating National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

## HONORING SUSTAINABLE SOLANO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2024*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to honor and commend Sustainable Solano as it celebrates its 25th anniversary. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the crucial work Sustainable Solano has accomplished to support sustainable food access in Solano County.

First established as the Benicia Community Gardens in 1999, Sustainable Solano's all-volunteer organization has spearheaded efforts to bolster local food systems and promote ecologically sustainable practices in Solano County. Since its founding, Sustainable Solano has installed 68 sustainable gardens and planted over 400 trees, helping bring green infrastructure to urban areas in Solano County.

Sustainable Solano's critical initiatives are combating food insecurity in our communities, raise public awareness about the climate crisis, and support our local farmers. In addition, Sustainable Solano's efforts to promote youth engagement will help encourage today's youth to become the environmental advocates and sustainability leaders of tomorrow.

As our planet faces increasingly severe threats from the climate crisis, organizations like Sustainable Solano are critical to building sustainable, resilient communities. We look forward to seeing the essential work Sustainable Solano will continue to accomplish in our communities and beyond.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Fourth and Eighth Congressional District, we would like to congratulate Sustainable Solano on its 25th anniversary and extend our sincere gratitude for its service to the Solano County community.