

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

the Herriman High School Varsity Boys Cross Country Team, who recently made history as the first Utah team ever to win the first-place title at the Nike Cross Nationals in Portland, Oregon.

These talented young men were among 22 seven-person clubs in addition to 50 male and female individuals who competed for the coveted Winged Goddess of Victory championship trophy. Going into Nationals, the Herriman High Varsity Boys Cross Country Team was ranked 4th among the teams competing. Overcoming adversity and from behind, the team is now bringing the championship home.

Their victory marks a historic moment for the Jordan School District and the entire State of Utah. I would also like to recognize the dedicated coaches and leaders who believe in and support this remarkable team: Coach Doug Soles, Athletic Directors Brad Tingey and Laurel Bigler, Principal Todd Quarnberg, and Superintendent Anthony Godfrey.

As a former athlete and Chair of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee, I am immensely proud of the Herriman High School Varsity Boys Cross Country Team, their coaches, parents, and supporters. I wish them continued success in both athletics and academics and look forward to seeing more championships brought back home to Utah.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on January 29, 2024, I did not vote on Roll Call votes 20 and 21 as my flight was significantly delayed. Had I been present I would have voted: AYE on Roll Call No. 20, H.R. 5528, the Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act; and AYE on Roll Call No. 21, S. 3427, the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act.

#### CELEBRATING NISHNA PRODUCTIONS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Nishna Productions on their 50th anniversary of providing tremendous community support and opportunity to individuals with disabilities in Southwest Iowa.

What began as a humble operation in 1974 has continued to grow in size and scope over the last five decades. Today, the committed staff at Nishna Productions assist individuals with disabilities along the path to being as independent as possible in their communities by providing them with opportunities to gain vocational skills training, community involvement, and socialization as well as the resources to find and maintain employment.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Nishna Productions for this incredible milestone. I specifically want to recognize their incredible staff for selflessly working to better

the lives of others. Their dedication has not only touched the lives of countless individuals and their families but serves as an inspiration to us all.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MR. SANDERS ALEXANDER MARSHALL, JR.

#### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Sanders Alexander Marshall, Jr. He was a pharmacist, community leader, and a staunch advocate for the integration of public places in Fort Worth.

Sanders was a Fort Worth native who had both a deep love of country and giving back to the community. He graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1951 and immediately enlisted in the United States Air Force to serve honorably for four years overseas in the Korean War. After completing his military service, he returned to Fort Worth for a few years before enrolling at Texas Southern University in Houston to pursue his passion for helping people through being a pharmacist.

Sanders went on to become a civil rights trailblazer in North Texas. He broke barriers in hiring practices by becoming the first black pharmacist to serve non-black customers in Fort Worth. Among his many accomplishments, he was recognized as a Pioneer in North Texas Pharmacy by the University of North Texas System College of Pharmacy. He went on to serve his community for multiple decades, and even after retirement, he continued giving back by mentoring many other young pharmacists.

He was also a man of faith. He was baptized at an early age and was a life servant of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where he served as a deacon and head of the Brotherhood for over 50 years. Most importantly, he was a devoted family man.

Sanders will forever be remembered for his commitment to justice and the love he shared with his family and community. My prayers are with his loved ones and with the countless community members whose lives he profoundly impacted.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen circumstance, I was unable to cast my vote for S. 3427. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 21.

#### HONORING J.C. GREENBERG

#### 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 John (J.C.) Greenberg, a

Battalion Chief with CAL FIRE's Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit. I have named Mr. Greenberg as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in California's 4th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Greenberg was born and grew up in Vallejo, California. He earned an associate degree in Fire Science Technology from Santa Rosa Junior College. Mr. Greenberg also achieved Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration and Financial Management from California State University, Chico.

Mr. Greenberg has dedicated much of his life to protecting our community from fire danger, working as a member of the Napa County Fire Department since the year 2000. In 2019, he became a member of the Napa Firewise Foundation (NCF) Board of Directors which maps out Napa County's wildfire risks to public lives, residential communities, critical infrastructures, habitat protection and protection of the economies of tourism and agriculture. Mr. Greenberg is the operations branch director of CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 5 and a helitack crew member with the CAL FIRE Aviation Program. Over the past four years Mr. Greenberg has spearheaded efforts made by Napa Firewise and CalFire to reduce wildland fire impacts via pre-fire fuel reduction. These projects protect the public along evacuation routes, enhance defensible space among community sub-divisions of residential structures, re-establish historical dozer lines for containment of future wildland fires and manage our rural lands utilizing prescribed fires and grazing.

On July 5, 2023, a vegetation fire threatened multiple residents and Silverado Middle School in the Coombsville area of Napa County. This fire started during peak hours at 1:35 pm and was influenced by a 13-mph wind on a grassy slope surrounded by residential homes. Led by Mr. Greenburg, the City of Napa Fire Department, CAL FIRE and the Napa County Fire Department quickly defended the structures under threat and provided perimeter control from further fire growth. This response demonstrated the effectiveness of strong cooperative relations among centralized emergency responders and Mr. Greenberg's quick and effective leadership certainly prevented further damage to our community.

Mr. Greenberg is married to Natalie Greenberg and the two reside in Napa County with their two boys, 13-year-old Andrew Greenberg and 10-year-old Grant Greenberg.

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

#### HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ALMEDA LEE STANFIELD

#### HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Almeda Lee Stanfield who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 16, 2023. Mrs. Stanfield is a proud mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, and leads a life of great service and care for her community.