

he granted me the privilege of writing an edition about the Non-Aligned Movement. The Conference on Non-Aligned Nations was held in Havana, Cuba and I received credentials as a journalist to cover this impactful summit on behalf of the Black Scholar and the Sun Reporter newspaper.

He also asked me to write an article about the nonviolent revolution in Grenada. Through our friendship, work, and his mentorship, he taught me what a Black perspective on foreign policy and international relations meant as an African American. For this, I am deeply grateful.

Dr. Hare was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dr. Julia (Reed) Hare, an activist and scholar who joined him on the frontlines of his academic efforts. In 1979, they founded a research institution, called the Black Think Tank, where they wrote several books about Black life in America.

Dr. Nathan Hare was an incredible scholar, whose contributions to Black academia and media have made a lasting impact on our world. He will be greatly missed by those who had the honor of knowing him and remembered by all who stand upon his shoulders. May he rest in eternal peace and power.

#### RECOGNIZING PASTOR CALVIN CREWS, JR.

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of one of my constituents, Reverend Dr. Vassar Calvin Crews, Jr., a dedicated servant of God, a distinguished Veteran, and a pillar in his community.

Following his high school education in Lynchburg, VA, Reverend Crews pursued an Electronics Engineering program at Central Virginia Community College before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1970. He served honorably as a Fire Control Technician aboard the nuclear-powered submarine, *USS James Madison*, SSBN 627 Blue Crew. After four years of service at sea, he was stationed in Virginia Beach, where he simultaneously pursued a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University.

It was during his time in Virginia Beach that Reverend Crews recommitted his life to God, a decision that would shape his future and calling. Following his discharge from the Navy in 1979, he moved to New Jersey and later to Pinellas Park, Florida, where his faith continued to guide him. At Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, he served in numerous leadership roles, including as Choir Director, Trustee Board Member, and Sunday School Superintendent. Reverend Crews's dedication to education and ministry was evident throughout his life. He earned multiple degrees, including a B.S. in Engineering Technology from the University of South Florida, a B.A. and M.A. from Florida Beacon Bible College, and a Ph.D. from Andersonville Theological College and Seminary. Licensed as a minister in 1986, he was ordained in 1988 and installed as Pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in January 1989, where he faithfully led his congregation until September of 2024. Reverend

Crews's legacy is marked by his deep faith, his commitment to education, and his unwavering service to his community and to his country. He is a man of conviction and compassion who has touched the lives of many through his ministry and mentorship. As we honor his lifetime of service, let us celebrate a life well-lived and a calling answered. Dr. Calvin Crews, Jr.'s impact will continue to resonate through those who served. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

#### HONORING MAJOR THOMAS "TK" KENNEDY

#### HON. MICHAEL LAWLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Major Thomas "TK" Kennedy, a true son of Rockland County, whose unwavering dedication to serving his country with valor and distinction is a shining example of patriotism.

Born in Suffern, New York, and raised in New York City, Tom was the youngest of three boys. He loved to play hockey, playing for the Ramapo Saints, followed by Don Bosco Preparatory School, and eventually as part of the Black Knights of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in June 2000.

On August 8, 2012, Major Kennedy tragically lost his life in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, when a Taliban suicide bomber struck while he was escorting a group to a provincial governor's meeting. His sudden departure left a void that can never be filled. He left behind his wife, Kami, and their twins, who were just weeks shy of their second birthday.

Throughout his distinguished military career, Major Kennedy earned an impressive array of awards and service medals, including two Bronze Star Medals, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star posthumous, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, and three Army Achievement Medals, among many others. His dedication to his country and his fellow soldiers will always be remembered.

We honor Major Thomas "TK" Kennedy for his ultimate sacrifice and service and remember him as a loving husband, father, and hero who gave everything for his country. His sacrifice is a solemn reminder of the weight of service bore by our brave soldiers.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes taken yesterday, September 23, due to travel issues. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440; YEA on Roll Call No. 441; and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

#### RECOGNIZING KEIR SCOUTES

#### HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Spanish Fork's Keir A. Scoubes, who was recently promoted to Land Component Commander with the Utah Army National Guard. Scoubes served in Iraq and Afghanistan and has been serving as a Lieutenant Colonel with the National Guard. In addition to his military career, Scoubes has also been a City Councilman and a teacher at Spanish Fork's Larsen Elementary. He is a perfect example of someone bringing their talents to the community and finding a way to contribute.

I congratulate Colonel Scoubes on his tremendous accomplishment.

#### HONORING KEVIN PAYNE

#### HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Arizona State Representative Kevin Payne from Legislative District 27, covering the northwest valley in the Phoenix-metro area.

Kevin served our nation's military in the U.S. Navy, where he was honorably discharged after eight years. He has an impressive resume in the private sector, working as an Electrical Engineer, Aerospace Technical Consultant, and in Information Technology. Kevin has also been a small business' owner and operator, which gives him unique insight into how government should work for all Arizonans attempting to achieve the American Dream for themselves.

Representative Payne is the Chairman of the Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee, and he is a member of the Government and Regulatory Affairs Committees. He has worked to defend Arizona's standing as one of the top conservative states in the nation.

Arizona's 8th Congressional District is thankful for Representative Payne's endeavors on behalf of his district and our state.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on Roll Call Nos. 440, 441, and 442. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 440, YEA on Roll Call No. 441, and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

## CONGRATULATING JUDGE DON DAVIS

**HON. JERRY L. CARL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Judge Don Davis on his upcoming retirement after 24 years of service.

Upon graduation from the University of South Alabama and Cumberland School of Law, Judge Don Davis began his legal career at McDermott, Slepian, Windom, & Reed in 1981. The firm later merged with Sirote & Permutt, and Judge Davis remained with the firm until 2001, when he became the judge of probate of Mobile County, Alabama. He was elected to serve as the judge of probate in November 2000 and was reelected in 2006, 2012, and 2018 without opposition.

His numerous accomplishments include implementing a new election system for Mobile County, receiving the More Than A Lawyer Award, formulating the Mobile Volunteer Guardian Program, and chairing the triathlon host committee for the Tri the Gulf Triathlon.

I am honored to congratulate Judge Don Davis on his career accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

## HONORING BROOKE SEVERSONS'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Brooke Severson, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Brooke is from Cottage Grove, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Brooke, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Brooke has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as a constituent and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Brooke for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my votes for H.R. 4866 and H.R. 4755.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 153 and YEA on Roll Call No. 154.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROL CHRIST

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Carol Christ as she celebrates her retirement from the University of California, Berkeley after serving as Chancellor of the university since 2017. I honor Chancellor Christ for her dedication to this distinguished university in California's 12th district and wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Carol Christ has had an incredible career in higher education that has made a lasting impact on the Berkeley community. Before becoming Chancellor, Christ was a professor and administrator at UC Berkeley for more than thirty years, serving as executive vice chancellor and provost from 1994 to 2000. During that time, she was the highest-ranking female administrator at the university. She then served as the president of Smith College from 2002 to 2013 before returning to Berkeley as the director of the Center for Studies in Higher Education and interim executive vice chancellor and provost in the years leading up to her being named chancellor.

Christ received her Bachelor of Arts from Douglass College and her Master's degree and Ph.D. in English from Yale University. In 1970, she joined UC Berkeley's faculty in the English department, focusing on Victorian literature. She later served as both chair of the department and dean of the Division of Humanities.

As Chancellor, Christ has been a champion of women's issues and diversity on UC Berkeley's campus. She has fostered a positive campus climate for students, staff, and faculty of all backgrounds. She has addressed critical issues such as the housing shortage and has embraced and celebrated UC Berkeley's spirit and commitment to free speech.

I am happy to congratulate Carol Christ on her retirement from the University of California, Berkeley. Christ has made a lasting positive impact on UC Berkeley and California's 12th Congressional District, and I honor and thank her for her continued contributions to our community.

## HONORING TIMOTHY SCHWARTZ

**HON. DEBBIE LESKO**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Timothy Schwartz, Chairman of Republican Legislative District 26. This district includes the Central West Phoenix area of Maricopa County.

As Chairman, Timothy has worked tirelessly to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of citizens through civic engagement. His efforts to ensure Republicans are elected have been instrumental to the success of Legislative District 26 and beyond.

I am thankful for Timothy's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate his service to the legislative district and to the state of Arizona.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LORI CHAVEZ-DeREMÉR**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DeREMÉR. Mr. Speaker, I was attending a funeral of a family friend this weekend, and my flight back to DC on Monday was severely delayed due to maintenance, causing me to miss the vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440; YEA on Roll Call No. 441; and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

## RECOGNIZING NEPHROLOGY NURSES WEEK

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vital contributions of nephrology nurses and address the profound impact Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) has on the Greater Philadelphia Community. Nephrology nurses are critical to the support and care of patients who suffer with CKD and often go above and beyond to meet their patients' needs. Recognizing their critical work, I am proud to support the designation of September 8–14, 2024, as National Nephrology Nurses Week.

CKD statistics are staggering: about 1 in 7 Americans are affected by chronic kidney disease, over 1.8 million people in Pennsylvania alone. We must provide the necessary education and care to this vulnerable population and their families and recognize the significance of the nurses who practice in all areas of nephrology.

Nephrology nurses practice in countless different areas as they care for patients with CKD, such as inpatient (hospital) and outpatient hemodialysis, transplantation, home therapy, pediatric dialysis, and CKD education. Nephrology nurses' responsibilities include care coordination, outcome management, supervision and delegation, patient-centered