

service with the "Bishop's Catechist Appreciation Certificate", recognizing her as a faithful minister of God's Word.

During her retirement years, Dominga continued educating and volunteering at organizations such as the Central California Food Bank. She treasured her time with family and always opened her home for family gatherings on holidays and birthdays. She became an accomplished seamstress and quilter and created beautiful handmade blankets for each of her 13 grandchildren.

Mrs. Bustamante is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Cruz Bustamante Jr. She is survived by her six children, Cruz, Belinda, Dorothy, Ron, Andrew and Naomi and 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

In Dominga's passing, we celebrate a life that embraced adventure, embodied generosity and left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know her. Let us express our deepest gratitude for her immeasurable contributions to her community in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in commemorating the selfless life of Mrs. Dominga Bustamante. May her life's journey be an inspiration to us all.

#### RECOGNIZING SUE Z. McGRAY

#### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sue McGray, who was named a 2024 She Leads Woman of Distinction.

Sue Z. McGray, the president of Christian Women in Media teaches women that it's never too late for hope. Sue has experienced personal triumph over low self-esteem, co-dependency, a broken marriage, and domestic violence and today serves as a mentor for Morning Star Sanctuary, a Christian safe place for women and children. Her personal life experiences have given her the insight to author a book titled "Becoming Visible: Letting Go of the Things that Hide Your True Beauty," written to help and encourage women to become overcomers.

Sue's exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to empowering women through faith is expressed through her support and mentoring of women helping them overcome challenges to pursue their God-inspired dreams and goals.

Sue is a sought-after Christian women's conference speaker and teacher and an entrepreneur who has built a successful business that has reached the pinnacle of her industry. Sue has authored another book titled "Life Changing Encounters and Divine Appointments," a study of biblical encounters that continue to inspire people in the 21st Century.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

#### CONGRATULATING OLYMPIAN EVAN MEDELL

#### HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mr. Evan Medell, for his exceptional performance in para-taekwondo at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. Evan proudly represented West Michigan on the world stage, displaying his exceptional talent and perseverance as one of the world's foremost para-taekwondo athletes.

Growing up in Grand Haven, Evan began his athletic journey at the Lakeshore Taekwondo Academy when he was just 12 years old. Throughout his career, Evan excelled in numerous international events, including winning gold at the 2023 Parapan American Games in Chile. When para-taekwondo made its Paralympic debut at the 2020 Tokyo Games, Evan became the first American to secure a bronze medal. Furthermore, he was the youngest athlete in history to compete in a para-taekwondo world championship. As an athlete competing with Brachial Plexus Palsy, a paralysis that impacts the nerves in the arm and hands, Evan is an inspiration to all West Michiganders who have dreams of competing at the Olympic level.

This year, Evan joined the 2024 U.S. Men's Taekwondo Team at the Paris Paralympics, where he secured a bronze medal for our country.

Mr. Speaker, once more, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Evan Medell for his commitment to sportsmanship, his perseverance, and his outstanding athleticism. I congratulate Mr. Medell and thank him for being such an admirable representative of West Michigan.

#### RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST DONALD GENE JOHNSON, USA, RETIRED, WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired USA Specialist Donald Gene Johnson, of Groesbeck, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His pledge to champion values of support and sacrifice exemplifies American patriotism.

Born in Texas, Donald received his draft notice in October 1965 and joined the Army to serve during the Vietnam War. He underwent basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado, before being deployed to the front lines in Vietnam. While overseas, he carried out critical operations vital to his unit's success, such as establishing forward base camps and managing supply runs. His efforts were essential in maintaining the operational effectiveness of his fellow soldiers under challenging and often perilous conditions.

One fateful night, while stationed at a listening post outside the perimeter, Donald and three other soldiers were struck by a mortar round. Despite being severely injured, he re-

mained composed and took actions that saved lives under extreme adversity. For his extraordinary courage and selflessness in the face of danger, he was awarded the Purple Heart, a testament to his bravery and dedication.

After returning to Texas, Donald channeled his entrepreneurial spirit into building a successful Pepperidge Farm franchise in Houston. Upon selling the business, he returned to Limestone County to operate a cattle ranch, applying the same dedication and hard work that characterized his military service. His commitment to his community remained strong; he drove a school bus for the Groesbeck Independent School District, serving as an inspirational mentor to many young people. Additionally, he worked as a jailer at the Limestone County Jail, where he continued to positively influence lives through his mentorship.

Specialist Johnson's military honors include the Purple Heart, the Sharpshooter (Rifle) qualification, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. These accolades reflect his commitment to excellence and the sacrifices he made during his service.

Donald is part of a remarkable family legacy of service; his four brothers—Charles, Foy, Edwin, and Cecil—also served in the military, each risking their lives for their country. This collective dedication underscores their character and commitment to the Nation.

I am honored to award retired USA Specialist Donald Gene Johnson with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His life of service and dedication embodies the spirit of American patriotism, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to his country and community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MITCHELL MEISNER

#### HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize the honorable life of my dear friend, Mitchell Meisner, a passionate legal professional and civil rights activist. Mr. Meisner, in his over 60 years of work, advocated for the original civil rights bills, volunteered his time to support aspiring lawyers, and protected vulnerable individuals by offering pro bono legal services.

Mr. Meisner was born in Washington, D.C. and was raised to value civil service. His parents exemplified these principles, as his father served as an attorney at the Department of Commerce, and his mother was as a teacher who also worked at NOAA and in the White House under President Jimmy Carter. I had the good fortune of seeing his childhood home in Bethesda, Maryland, with his only daughter, Amy, and am inspired by their story. Mr. Meisner carried on his parents' legacy, achieving a bachelor's, master's, and Doctor of Philosophy degree in political science. He then took his passion to Michigan, where he received his Juris Doctor degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Throughout his educational career, Mr. Meisner was incredibly active in national politics and the Civil Rights Movement. He bore

witness to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech and found joy in sharing his stories of the famed 1963 March on Washington. When President John F. Kennedy visited Amherst College, where Mr. Meisner was working towards his bachelor's degree, he led a student-protest calling for a civil rights bill.

As a legal professional, Mr. Meisner often donated his time as a volunteer judge in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, providing free legal representation to those who needed it, and serving as a mentor and a teacher. He was dedicated to giving back to the community and considered it a privilege to mentor young law students.

Mitchell Meisner passed away on June 20, 2024, after an admirable battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his incredible wife, Marica, who resides in their longtime home in Huntington Woods; his brother, Jon; his three children, Jesse, Geoff, and Amy; and his seven grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored, on his 81st birthday, to recognize the life and service of Mitchell Meisner, who dedicated his work to uplifting the voices of those most in need. Please join me in celebrating this wonderful individual whom I miss dearly and was proud to call a friend.

#### HONORING MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF AND CONDEMNING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP

#### HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn the September 15, 2024 attempt on Former President Trump's life and to honor the Martin County Sheriff's Office for their bravery in apprehending the would-be assassin.

The attempt on Former President Trump's life was a cowardly act aimed at the very heart of our Republic. We are nearly a month away from an election where tens of millions of people will decide the next commander-in-chief.

Yet, this would-be assassin was selfish enough, deluded enough, and cowardly enough to try and rob us of that opportunity. But in that moment of darkness, courage blazed through.

The heroes of the Martin County Sheriff's Office acted with incredible speed and bravery, risking their lives to apprehend the would-be assassin before he could harm others. Their valor turned a potential national tragedy into a story of triumph over evil.

Let's honor these men and women for their valor. They stand as a beacon of what it means to protect and serve.

Let's also reaffirm that political violence has no place in our discourse. We should always stand united in the face of those who seek to divide us.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE DEARING RAILROAD CAR

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Dearing Railroad Car on the occasion of its 100th Birthday. As one of the few remaining 100-year-old railroad cars still in operation in the United States, the Dearing Railroad Car holds a unique and significant place in Georgia's and in our nation's history. The Dearing's 100th anniversary takes place on October 18, 2024, and a celebration of its life will be held in Cordele, Georgia.

Initially called "Thompson" the Pullman shops began manufacturing The Dearing in 1924, finishing the car in 1925. The Dearing remains one of the last of its time to still be in operation in the United States.

Over the years, The Dearing has run trips on several different railroads as both a sleeper and office car. In 2006, the car was purchased by Columbus, Georgia residents Nelson and Borden McGahee who are still its current owners.

The Dearing spent eight years traversing the United States on Amtrak, allowing passengers to journey across the country and through time when they stepped through the car. In 2020, The Dearing joined the SAM Shortline and continues to contribute to local economies and communities. The SAM Shortline has a multi-million-dollar economic impact in Southwest Georgia, boosting the tourism needed to support our small towns in the area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, in celebrating the 100th Birthday of The Dearing Railroad Car and honoring the history of American railroads, which were so important to Georgia's growth and rich history and culture.

#### RECOGNIZING HARRIS FAULKNER

#### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harris Faulkner, who was named a 2024 She Leads Woman of Distinction.

Harris Faulkner is a six-time Emmy award-winning news anchor who believes that faith in God, still moves mountains. She began her rise in TV news reporting at WNCT-TV (CBS 9) in Greenville, North Carolina and after several career moves she joined FOX News Channel in 2005 where she currently helms two top-rated daily daytime programs "The Faulkner Focus" and "Outnumbered."

Throughout her tenure at the network, Faulkner has played integral roles in FNC's election coverage, hosted numerous primetime specials, interviewed many notable figures and covered global news events.

As a result of her excellence in broadcast journalism and serving as the only Black woman to anchor two back-to-back cable

news programs, Faulkner has received many notable awards including being named to WORTH Magazine's "Groundbreakers" list, honoring 50 influential women worldwide for breaking barriers in their industries. In 2021, Variety's New York Women's Impact Report honored Faulkner. And at the National Press Club she was named the Multicultural Media and Correspondents Association's Broadcast Journalist of the Year.

Faulkner is a speaker, author, and philanthropist. Her 2023 FOX News Books title "Faith Still Moves Mountains," became number one on the New York Times bestseller's list. She penned the national bestseller "9 Rules of Engagement: A Military Brat's Guide to Life and Success" in 2018.

Faulkner actively raises awareness and funds for numerous organizations offering immediate and ongoing support to the U.S. Military forces and their families. Additionally, she's dedicated to intensifying research around childhood diseases. In 1998, Harris Faulkner received the Amelia Earhart Pioneering Lifetime Achievement Award for her humanitarian efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this inspiring woman of distinction.

#### HONORING THE LEGACY OF STEPHEN W. SCHILLING

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary spirit and life of Stephen W. Schilling: a great son, husband, father, advocate, and community leader.

Bill and Ruth Schilling gave birth to Stephen on Thanksgiving Day, 1946, in San Francisco, California. He graduated Marin Catholic High School in 1964. In 1969, he graduated from California State University-Chico majoring in businesses. He also pursued his graduated studies in Public Administration. President Kennedy's call to public duty inspired him to join the United States Peace Corps, where he served in Venezuela from 1971 to 1973. Schilling took over the clinic at a difficult time, as it was on the verge of bankruptcy and was about to be closed down by financial and regulatory officials.

After a few years, he was promoted to Clinica Sierra Vista's CEO. His tremendous work, combined with an amazing staff, allowed the clinic to flourish and become one of the largest varied and clinically trained health and human services nonprofits in the country. Clinica Sierra Vista's operations has had a good impact on the lives of many different communities, including farmworker and senior populations, rural villages, unhoused persons, the urban poor, and those without insurance.

Steve spent nearly 45 years, and his transformative leadership can be seen in the growth of the clinic, going from a dozen employees to twelve hundred; from two hundred thousand dollars to one hundred twenty million dollars per year and from an operation housed in a trailer to more than 70 service locations throughout three counties in Central California serving thousands of people every day.

His joy for life was mirrored in his interests, which included gardening in his yard, sports,