

launch the Free South Africa Movement which held protests outside the South African Embassy in Washington and called for the release of Nelson Mandela, who was ultimately freed in 1990 after 27 years in prison to become the country's first Black president. In 1994, Mr. Lucy led an AFL-CIO delegation to South Africa to monitor the election in which Mandela was elected president. Mr. Lucy served as the first Black president of the Public Services International, the world's largest labor federation, and was on the boards of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Africa-America Institute, and other organizations and was regularly recognized as one of the most influential Black Americans by *Ebony* magazine. In 1995, he was elected to the AFL-CIO's executive council. Before and during his retirement, Mr. Lucy remained active in a variety of civil rights activities and was an advisor to Washington, D.C., Mayors Walter Washington and Marion Berry. Dorothea, his wife of 47 years, passed in 2000, and his son William Jr., in 1977. I extend my sincere condolences to his daughters Benita and Phyllis, his extended family and his many friends and countless admirers. Mr. Lucy was a major force for good in this country and around the world, and he will be missed.

HONORING TAYLOR BRISTOW

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the death of Investigator Taylor Bristow of Carrollton, Georgia.

On Friday, August 23, 2024, Taylor Bristow heroically laid down his life in the line of duty at only 30 years old.

Taylor Bristow was born on July 2, 1994, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Investigator Bristow was a dedicated family man and is survived by his wife and two children.

When he wasn't out protecting and serving his community, Taylor enjoyed playing with his children and two dogs and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Braves.

As an investigator, he was passionate about working with children and animal abuse cases. He wanted to help people, and was successful in that life goal. Our state has lost a hero, and we send our condolences to his family and community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fox River Radio League, one of the longest running amateur radio organizations in our country. Founded in 1924, the Fox River Radio League emerged from the passion and determination of young radio enthusiasts in the Aurora area. These pioneers delved into the

worlds of electromagnetic theory, vacuum tube technology, and Morse code, inspired by the model of the national Amateur Radio Relay League, which had been established a decade earlier in 1914.

Radio electronics were also an important part of my childhood. I can still remember the bright red cover of the 1967 AARL Radio Amateur's Handbook, the excitement of receiving a new Allied Electronics Catalog, the smell of dust of heating up on vacuum tubes with their filaments glowing cherry red—and all of the interesting things you could do with the 35 kilovolt power supply from an old TV.

When we reflect on the early 20th Century, we recognize it as a time of innovation in wireless communications. The wartime use of radio demonstrated its tremendous potential, highlighting the critical role this technology would play in connecting people across great distances.

In the post-war era, the fascination with radio blossomed, evolving rapidly to encompass new possibilities. Today, we are able to communicate across boundaries that once seemed insurmountable—sending signals that can bounce off the moon, transmitting and receiving digital messages, and establishing communications with astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

Currently, there are over 778,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the United States, each contributing to a network of communication that fosters connectivity and collaboration. Among these esteemed operators is the Fox River Radio League, with its 160 enthusiastic members—from pre-teens to retirees. These dedicated individuals gather monthly in Batavia, Illinois, finding community and joy in their shared passion for this historic hobby. But their contributions extend far beyond personal enjoyment. The members of the Fox River Radio League play a vital role in providing assistance during emergencies, supporting public events, and ensuring safety through on-scene communications.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the Fox River Radio League serves as a beacon of community spirit and effective communication in my district. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this centennial achievement, and to thank Kermit Carlson, an old friend from Fermilab and the current President of the Fox River Radio League. May the Fox River Radio League continue to inspire and connect people, spreading the love of amateur radio for generations to come.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF INNOVATION AT GENERAL MOTORS' MILFORD PROVING GROUND

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and celebrate the 100th anniversary of General Motors' Milford Proving Ground, a site that has been a cornerstone of progress in the automotive industry. Located in Oakland County, Michigan, Milford Proving Ground has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of transportation since its opening on September 25, 1924, and stands as the oldest dedicated vehicle testing facility in the world.

For the past century, Milford Proving Ground has been at the forefront of technological breakthroughs that have transformed the way we travel and stay safe on the road. The facility has a rich history of safety testing, including conducting the first vehicle rollover tests in 1934 and developing guardrails to reduce accidents and injuries. General Motors engineers pioneered the creation of crash test dummies. The site was also instrumental in introducing key safety features such as airbags, child car seats, and anti-lock brakes—improvements that have saved countless lives and set global standards for vehicle safety.

Throughout its 100 years, Milford Proving Ground has led the way in automotive progress and reliability. During World War II, the facility was an integral part of America's Arsenal of Democracy, supporting the war effort by testing tanks and other military vehicles to ensure they could withstand the harsh challenges of combat. In response to evolving standards and environmental concerns, engineers tested the first engine to run on unleaded fuel and made significant strides in increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions.

As we reflect on its remarkable history, we must also look to the Milford Proving Ground's future as a hub of groundbreaking innovation. The site, which now covers over 4,000 acres with over 150 miles of test courses, continues to drive leading-edge advancements. It is here that the next generation of electric vehicles is being put through its paces, along with vehicles designed for space exploration, such as the Lunar Mobility Vehicle for NASA's Artemis mission.

It's also important to recognize not only the Milford Proving Ground's technological milestones but also the people who made these accomplishments possible. From past pioneers to the more than 4,200 employees who work there today, each has played a vital role. Test drivers and engineers have pushed vehicles to their limits, while environmental specialists have helped preserve the site's natural beauty and wildlife, making General Motors a world leader in automotive testing and development.

It is with deep appreciation that I recognize its century of service and contributions to the automotive industry here in the official record of the United States House of Representatives. May General Motors' Milford Proving Ground continue to exemplify American ingenuity and serve as a beacon of innovation for many more years to come.

HONORING MILTON JONES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Milton Jones, an East Tennessean who served our country in the U.S. Navy and worked on the Manhattan Project.

Milton grew up with an interest in technology and how it works, which would serve him well throughout his career. After he graduated from Farragut High School in 1941, Jones earned a first class radio license from Madison College in Nashville. He then went on to train the Army Signal Corps until he was

called back to Tennessee to help on the Manhattan Project.

After the end of World War II, Milton started at WIVK radio as a chief engineer and proceeded to help set up new stations throughout the South. He retired in 1993, but continued to work as a consultant for different radio stations and helped tune their towers.

Milton raised four children with his wife Anna Ruth Atkins, and turned 101 years old in March of 2023. He has served his country and his family well, and the East Tennessee community is thankful for the impact he has had on those who have been fortunate enough to know him.

RECOGNIZING MILTON EVANS
LADNIER WITH A CONGRES-
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-
TION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Milton Evans Ladnier, of Crockett, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

A native Texan, Milton was first called to duty by the United States Army on March 28, 1969, at the young age of 19. He served during the Vietnam conflict as a helicopter mechanic crew chief in the Central Highlands with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, earning the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal. In the 1990's Milton worked as an appraiser in Harris County and enlisted in the Army National Guard at Ellington Field. After several years with the Guard, he signed on as a full-time civil service technician and was called to Active Duty in 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. At the time, he was 55 years old and was assigned as supervisor to thirteen young soldiers in the helicopter engine repair shop. He received his honorable discharge in 2007. Milton was awarded the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Services Reserve Medal.

Milton moved to Crockett in 2017, where he immediately became involved with the local American Legion Post 134, serving as Commander two separate terms. He served as the Houston County Veterans Service Officer for two years and continues to support local veterans. He was instrumental in renovating the American Legion Post and developed the monthly luncheon for veterans and their families at the Post. Many days you can find Milton volunteering his time to drive veterans to their medical appointments, as he is always helping others. The American Legion has awarded him twice as the Veteran of the Year for his ongoing support of local veterans.

It is my honor to award Milton Evans Ladnier with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING DR. BARBARA NIELSEN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina will always recognize and cherish the dedicated service of Dr. Barbara Nielsen. She heroically was the first Republican elected State Superintendent in 125 years, in addition to being the first woman. During her service as a member of the State Senate Education Committee, I know of her relentless devotion that all students can achieve.

Below is the obituary of the historic Sauls Funeral Home recounting her life of December 2, 1942, to September 3, 2024. She and Dennis are noted for their beautiful Moss Creek home in Bluffton, highlighted by 500-year-old oak trees at the entrance of U.S. Highway 278, which they saved when the highway was widened to eight lanes.

Dr. Barbara Nielsen of Hilton Head Island, SC, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Dr. Nielsen was a shining light in the field of education. Dr. Nielsen believed fiercely in the God-given potential of every student and dedicated her life to equipping them to reach it. She never lost faith in the belief of what a great education can bring. Dr. Barbara Nielsen was the first woman to ever be elected as South Carolina's Superintendent of Education and served two consecutive terms from 1991 to 1999.

During her tenure as superintendent, Dr. Nielsen campaigned for significant legislation on education reform. Most noteworthy among these were the state's 1998 Education Accountability Act, the law that made possible the state's first full-day kindergarten program, and the legislation that paved the way for the establishment of charter schools in South Carolina.

Prior to her role as superintendent, Dr. Nielsen's career in education spanned three decades as an administrator, an educational consultant, and as a teacher in Louisville, KY and Beaufort, SC. She held a doctorate degree in educational administration and planning and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Louisville, and an undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton. A multitude of accolades and tributes continue to pour in, reflecting the widespread respect and admiration she garnered over the years. Among her highest awards were The South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, and she was Commissioned as A Kentucky Colonel.

Even after her retirement, Dr. Nielsen never ceased her efforts in advocacy for students and teachers alike. In 2023, she notably chaired the state's 17-member Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force, a panel dedicated to finding innovative ways to recruit and retain quality educators within the state.

Governor Henry McMaster called Nielsen's death "a profound loss" for the state and hailed her as "a true pioneer and an inspiration to many." He said, "Her commitment to modernizing and reforming our education system transformed the lives of thousands upon thousands of our children."

Her passion and devotion to family were most important to her. She was especially proud of her grandchildren and loved every moment she had with them. Left to cherish our memories of Barbara are her Husband: Dr. Dennis J. Nielsen; her Daughters: Michelle Preli (Evan Sklar) of Brooklyn, NY

and Tina Beck (Jamison Beck) of Charleston, SC; her Brothers: Larry Stock (Linn) of Cincinnati, OH, Dennis Stock (Carolyn) of Cincinnati, OH, Tony Stock (Sally) of Cincinnati, OH, and Mike Stock (Becky) of Cincinnati, OH; her Sisters: Judy Forrester of Cincinnati, OH and Patti Reilly (Tim) of Cincinnati, OH, and her Grandchildren: Emmitt Sklar, Ava Sklar, and Jacob Beck.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Hospital would be appreciated.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Dr. Barbara Stock (Stock) Nielsen, please visit our Tree Store (<https://www.saulsfh.com/obituary/DrBarbaraNielsen/1068742/memorial-tree>).

HONORING MARITZA BELTRÁN AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS-
PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Maritza Beltrán began her professional career in New Jersey, working for Channel 47 Telemundo as the director of advertising and community affairs for New Jersey and Puerto Rico. Her talent and dedicated led her to excel in Spanish-language media, where she played a crucial role in disseminating information and supporting the Hispanic community.

In Orlando, Maritza became the host of the television program, "Mundo Mejor," broadcast on Cablevision and produced by ABC Channel 9. As a pioneer of Spanish-language media in Central Florida, her influence and leadership were instrumental in developing and strengthening the Hispanic presence in the region. Maritza was the producer and host of the morning show, "Buenos Días, Buen Día," broadcast by Q Broadcasting for 17 years. This program stood out for occupying the number one spot in Arbitron radio ratings and for its commitment to the community.

Maritza organized radio marathons for community causes, natural disasters, and the collection of supplies, clothing, and money. One of her most significant achievements was raising \$162,000 in a single day for children with cancer at St. Jude Hospital, making her show the only national radio program to reach this amount.

Additionally, Maritza produced and hosted the radio program, "Salud al Día," for the Pan American Association of Doctors of Central Florida. She was the first female anchor for Telefuturo/Univision Orlando, where she presented the segment, "Noticias: Orlando al Minuto."

In 2010, Maritza faced a brain aneurysm, but with admirable resilience, she underwent two brain surgeries and returned with even greater dedication to community service, grateful for the life that God generously gave back to her. Maritza is a woman committed to her community, a voice, and a helping hand. Her favorite words are, "Sí se puede," and her motto is, "God doesn't make little miracles, He makes big miracles, and here you have one . . . ME."

As the marketing coordinator for Banco Popular in Orlando, Maritza continued to demonstrate her commitment to the community. Since 2016, she has served as the executive