

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-
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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

director of La Prensa, a newspaper with 43 years of history in Central Florida, dedicated to providing relevant and useful information to the Hispanic community. As the executive director of La Prensa, Maritza has dedicated herself to providing the Hispanic community with access to important reports, articles, and topics through this weekly newspaper.

Under her leadership, La Prensa has become the only fully Spanish-language newspaper aimed at Spanish speakers in the region, offering a vital space for Hispanics to feel represented and comfortable reading in their native language.

Maritza currently resides in Orlando, Florida. She is originally from Cárdenas, Matanzas, Cuba, and is married to Anibal Beltrán. Her career has been marked by her dedication to the Hispanic community and her passion for effective communication. She has consistently supported democratic causes and fought for freedom in countries of origin, reflecting her deep commitment to making a positive impact.

HONORING REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN DOCTOR ELEAZOR ROOT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Revolutionary War Veteran Dr. Eleazer Root on the occasion of the laying of a plaque in his honor at Oak Grove Cemetery located in Manchester, Michigan. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember a man who served his country with honor during the Revolutionary War. His service to our Nation at the time of its birth is worthy of commendation.

Born in Coventry, Connecticut in July of 1764, Dr. Root first enlisted in the Continental Army as a Private at the tender age of 15. He was stationed at West Point, New York, where he contributed to the fight for American independence. Following his military service, Dr. Root moved to Manchester, Michigan not long after its founding in the early 1800s. He died in 1837 at the age of 72, and Dr. Root's grave was the first at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Doctor Root is remembered for his honorable military service and dedication to our Nation. He is just one of the few native and adopted Michiganders who fought for our country during the revolution. It is important for us to honor the veterans of our community who fought for the freedom of our Nation, a value we continue to hold dear today. We are thankful for the path these soldiers laid out for past, present and future Americans over two centuries ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the honorable Dr. Eleazer Root as he is memorialized in Manchester, Michigan. We join with Americans everywhere in extending our thanks to the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Ypsilanti Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution for their work dedication to honoring Dr. Root in the run up to Nation's 250th anniversary. Today and every day, we honor the brave patriots we lost in the fight for our independence. We are grateful for

their military service and their willingness to fight for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

HONORING SCOTT ORR

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 celebrate the retirement of Mr. Scott Orr from Georgia Power.

Mr. Orr has been led an impressive 42-year career and has been a great advocate for Georgians as Georgia Power's Manager of Federal Legislative Affairs.

Scott Orr began his career at Georgia Power in 1982, and since then has held a number of roles in the company including customer service, sales, and his role in Federal Legislative Affairs.

He has been a great friend not just to our office but to the Georgia delegation as a whole, having worked with several different members throughout his career!

Outside of work, Orr's service has made a great impact on his community.

Scott has served as the Vice Chair of the Georgia Youth Challenge Academy Foundation's Board of Directors, the Athens Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Northeast Georgia, and many others!

Thank you, Scott Orr, for your decades of service to Georgia, and congratulations on your well-earned retirement.

CONGRATULATING & WISHING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HONOR- ABLE ALGENON L. MARBLEY

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of the Honorable Algenon L. Marbley from my district, who has served the Southern District of Ohio since 1997, after his appointment by President Clinton and unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

In 2019, Judge Marbley became the first African American from the segregated South to serve as Chief District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Under his leadership, the Court remained one of the Nation's most productive, even through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2023, the District was ranked in the top 15 most productive federal district courts, and his dedication to justice is unparalleled.

As Chief Judge Marbley celebrates his 70th birthday and concludes his tenure, I extend my deepest gratitude for his service and friendship and wish him continued success in his next chapter.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CARLOS CAMACHO

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carlos Sablan Camacho, the first Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands and a man who has devoted his life to the health and welfare of our island community.

Dr. Camacho was born to Luis Taimanao Camacho and Ramona Sablan Camacho on November 4, 1937, on the island of Saipan, during the Japanese administration.

He witnessed as a child the effects of World War II and particularly the Battle of Saipan in 1944, in which one in ten Mariana islanders lost their life.

For a person in our community, Carlos Camacho had unusual access to education during his formative years. He completed nine years of schooling in the Marianas, then in 1954 left for the island of Chuuk, where he attended the Pacific Island Central School and studied basic medicine and dentistry.

Two years later, he was recruited to attend the Fiji School of Medicine. There he received advanced medical training and after six years received a degree to practice medicine. He returned home to the Marianas and went to work at the Dr. Torres Hospital.

He returned to learning in 1971, when he began work on an advanced degree in Public Health at the University of Hawaii—Manoa. Signaling his accomplishment, Dr. Camacho was chosen to represent the School of Public Health and the Pacific Islands at the Colorado Medical Center Seminar in 1972. Upon completion of his studies, he returned from Hawaii and took up work on Saipan as the Chief Medical Officer of the public Health Service.

It was then that Dr. Camacho turned his attention to governance. In 1976, he was elected to the Congress of Micronesia. He became President of the Saipan Democratic Party. After the people of the Marianas voted to join the United States as a self-governing Commonwealth, Dr. Camacho was appointed to the convention that drafted the Constitution under which we now live.

When that Constitution first became effective in 1977, Dr. Camacho was elected the first Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and took office on January 9, 1978.

During his term as governor, Dr. Camacho fought against the implementation of gambling in our islands, was a leading voice protesting nuclear waste dumping in the Pacific, and managed the transition from governance by the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to self-government by the people of the Marianas.

He was a strong advocate for our newly formed Commonwealth government throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific. In the capitol of the Nation we chose to join, he forged a special working relationship with U.S. Congressman Phillip Burton, who had been instrumental behind the scenes in negotiating the Marianas Covenant of Political Union with the United States and who won approval for the Covenant in just three days' time here in the House of Representatives.