

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT CALVIN PEARSON

(Ms. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Senior Master Sergeant Retired Calvin Pearson, who passed away on June 19, 2024.

I knew Mr. Pearson as a man who loved his country, who served his country, loved his community, and loved his family.

Mr. Pearson was born in Moultrie, Georgia, on October 6, 1938. At the age of 17, he enlisted and joined the U.S. Air Force, beginning a remarkable 30-year career of excellence and distinction in service to his country.

Mr. Pearson loved sports. He loved playing music. He loved being present at the milestones and moments in the lives of his children and his grandchildren.

When he was in his fifties, he used his GI Bill benefits to obtain a business degree from Bellevue College.

He was married for 60 years to Mrs. Olimpia S. Pearson, who he met when he was stationed in Madrid. They shared a life of travel, friendship, and a loving family.

Mr. Pearson will always be known as a great husband, a great father, grandfather, and loyal friend to all. He was respected by all. He served his country. He loved his country, and those who knew him loved him deeply.

Madam Speaker, it was an honor to know and work with Mr. Pearson. May he rest in peace.

HONORING JUNE VETERAN OF THE MONTH, SERGEANT MAJOR THOMAS HUMPHRIES

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sergeant Major Thomas Humphries as Tennessee's Second District June 2024 Veteran of the Month.

Sergeant Major Humphries joined the Marine Corps in January 1983 and spent years working on helicopters at Marine Corps Air Station New River in North Carolina and Naval Air Station Atalanta.

He then spent a couple years as a drill instructor at Parris Island, where he completed boot camp a decade before.

He went back to serve in New River again, then moved to Palms, California, after he was promoted to first sergeant. In 2003, he was deployed to Iraq and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was then promoted to sergeant major and served in Fort Lewis, Washington, and a few years later, he re-

tired from the Marine Corps in 2007 after more than 24 years of service.

Sergeant Major Humphries became a veterans benefit representative with the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs until July 2012 and then became the Knox County veterans service officer when I was mayor.

He represented almost 30,000 veterans living in Knox County during that time and he used his knowledge of the VA system to help veterans get the benefits they deserve.

He is now taking a well-deserved retirement. He truly cares about our veterans and troops and used his career to serve them however possible.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate him on a great career, and I wish him the best in retirement.

The Marine Corps motto is "Semper Fidelis," which means "always faithful," and Tom has always been faithful to his country and his beloved corps, his fellow veterans, and he has been a good friend of mine.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF DR. LAWRENCE ROUSE

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Dr. Lawrence Rouse as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

Dr. Rouse has dedicated an impressive 42 years to higher education, serving as the president of the Pitt Community College Bulldogs for the past 6 years.

Throughout his tenure, he has been an instrumental force in the growth and success of students across eastern North Carolina.

Before this, Dr. Rouse served as the president of James Sprunt Community College for 13 years. He earned the distinguished title of North Carolina Community Colleges System President of the Year in 2016.

Dr. Rouse's dedication to North Carolina students has been unwavering despite his South Carolina roots.

Madam Speaker, I acknowledge, too, the vital role that his wife, Janie, has played in supporting him throughout his career. I say thank you to Janie, and I sincerely thank Dr. Rouse and bid him a fond farewell as he enters retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF TRUDI WALEND

(Mr. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Representative Trudi Walend, a leader and a fierce advocate for her community, for Transylvania County, and for North Carolina.

Trudi held a great many titles in her 80 years of life: Daughter, wife, mother, businessowner, county commissioner, and to the pride of her family and friends, North Carolina State Representative.

After arriving in 1998, she was appointed to seven House committees, and she once described her mindset as she set foot in the House for the first time, "I arrived with the objective of being as effective as I could be," and effective she was.

As we honor Trudi's many contributions to western North Carolina and a life well lived, I hope all of us serving in the people's House follow her example as we go forth in service of our constituents.

I applaud and commemorate Representative Trudi Walend's service to improve the lives of the citizens that she so passionately represented.

KILLING OF HIND RAJAB AND HER FAMILY

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, there is audio from January 29 of 6-year-old Palestinian girl, Hind, as she was calling the paramedics, begging them to come rescue her after the rest of her family in the car had already been killed by the Israeli military. She kept begging: "Come get me. Please come get me. I am so scared. Please come."

No one was able to reach the car for 12 days, when her decomposing body was found alongside the bodies of five of her family members.

The bodies of two Palestine Red Crescent Society workers, missing since the day of her call when they were dispatched to rescue her, were discovered in an ambulance just feet away.

Madam Speaker, I am here to talk about it because a new forensic analysis found that the Israeli military fired not one, not two, not a dozen, not 20, but 355 tank bullets at the car that Hind was in, and the tank was so close that the Israeli soldiers would have had a clear view of Hind in the car.

Six months later, the State Department and President Biden has yet to hold the Israeli Government accountable for these executions.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a link to the forensic report: <https://forensic-architecture.org/investigation/the-killing-of-hind-rajab>.

HONORING JUNE VETERAN OF THE MONTH, BEN TROUT

(Mr. ALFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALFORD. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor our June Veteran of the Month for the Fourth Congressional District of the great State of Missouri, Ben Trout, a Vietnam war veteran.

Mr. Trout enlisted in the Marines and was a sergeant in the Fifth Marine Division in eastern Asia during the Vietnam war. He was also selected for the Naval Enlisted Scientific Educational Program leading to a Marine Corps regular officer commission.

Mr. Trout completed the electrical engineering program through ROTC at the University of Missouri before being commissioned to a second lieutenant and later designated an infantry officer.

During his first assignment, First Marine Division, First Regiment, he fought in the northern sector of south Vietnam. He received multiple wounds and upon release from the hospital, Lieutenant Trout limited his duty to stateside and later retired. Upon retiring, he moved to Columbia, Missouri, and added a new civil engineering degree, in addition to his previous electrical engineering degree.

He now owns and operates an engineering design company that he founded. They design, manufacture, program, install, and service computerized temperature controls. He has been in business for 44 years and is still the sole stockholder, lead director, and president of the company.

Madam Speaker, I thank Lieutenant Trout for all he does.

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CONGRATULATING ABI CARTER

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our very own Indio native Abi Carter for her remarkable achievement of winning season 22 of "American Idol" last month. Abi captured the hearts of millions of Americans, won the popular vote, and emerged as the champion.

My family and I cheered for her and have followed her incredible journey. We enjoyed witnessing the talent and passion Abi brings to her art and listening to her powerful and angelic voice.

Abi's story is one of humility, determination, passion, and resilience. As a Cal State University San Bernadino alumni and a George Washington Charter School alumni, Abi served as a role model and inspiration to young students in my district and across the Nation.

Abi was homeschooled during high school so that she could get a job and support her family. She grew up in a musical household, singing in church and talent shows and several local competitions.

Her dedication and passion are an inspiration to us all, reminding us to dream big because dreams really do come true.

We congratulate Abi. Cheers to her, her talent, and the promising future ahead. We are all immensely proud of

her for her well-deserved achievement and we will continue to support her every step of the way. We have her back.

RECOGNIZING THE ROAD OF HONOR

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to recognize the Road of Honor leading to the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa.

This week, we are scheduled to have a groundbreaking for the new Road of Honor, which comes after my office secured almost a million dollars in Federal funding to repave it.

When local and State officials were unable to get the funding, my office was able to deliver Federal Community Project Funding to repave the road so that Iowans could properly honor our departed veterans.

This was made possible after Iowa State Senator Jeff Reichman and Representative Martin Graber first brought the project to my attention. I also thank Keokuk Mayor Kathie Mahoney for her involvement as the Federal funds were disbursed.

As a 24-year Army veteran, it is a privilege and an honor to recognize the Road of Honor and Keokuk National Cemetery on the House floor. I look forward to visiting again soon to honor the veterans that are buried there.

In Washington, I will continue to fight to deliver results for our veterans and for Iowa. May God bless our troops and our veterans, and may God always bless America.

HONORING EVETTE CARDONA AND MONA NORIEGA

(Mrs. RAMIREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two constituents and giants of the movement for equal rights and social justice, Evette Cardona and Mona Noriega.

A formidable, beloved couple, Evette and Mona have each dedicated their lives and each made profound shared and individual contributions to work that protect human rights, defend civil liberties, and ensure services and support for Illinois' most vulnerable residents.

Consistent with their long track record of building community and convening safe space for Latina lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and other queer women to explore their multiple, intersecting identities, Evette and Mona co-founded Amigas Latinas in 1995. Madam Speaker, because of their unwavering service, they were inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame in 2022.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I commend Evette Cardona and Mona Noriega for their love for our communities and their exceptional contributions to the ongoing struggle for civil rights. We congratulate them.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

(Mr. OGLES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OGLES. Madam Speaker, tonight the American people will tune in to watch a rigged debate with leftist hosts pretending to moderate.

Biden's sham of a judicial witch hunt is as obvious to the American people as the amount of stimulants that Biden takes before his public appearances.

Incoherent mutterings, lack of physical awareness, and wandering off demonstrate his cognitive decline. Ahead of tonight's debate, I have no doubt his puppet masters will once again be administering a concoction of drugs to keep him awake.

President Trump volunteered to take a drug test. White House handlers, however, won't let Biden take a cognitive test because they know he will fail.

I agree with President Trump. The American people deserve transparency, which is why I introduced the No Juicing Joe Act, which would require the White House to notify Congress and the American people when Biden takes anything for cognitive decline.

America is the leader of the free world. We need a Commander in Chief who is capable of articulating a coherent sentence, aware of his surroundings, and can lead with strength, a President like Donald Trump.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

REMEMBERING JOHN MURPHY

(Mr. MAGAZINER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Murphy, a former Providence city council member, business leader, and philanthropist who dedicated his life to serving Rhode Island and helping those in need.

A son of Irish immigrants, John was born and raised in Fox Point, Providence. He graduated from Hope High School, joined the Army, and served in Korea for 2 years.

His commitment to public service did not stop there. Shortly after returning home, John was elected to the Providence City Council, serving four terms.

In 1959, he founded the Home Loan Investment Bank, building it into a full-service retail bank, employing more than 100 people and helping thousands achieve the dream of home ownership and financial security.