

that teach our young people to Value Life and Learning. Over 200 One Church One School partnerships across the Nation are positively impacting students through tutoring and mentoring programs, parent involvement, homework assistance programs, scholarships, and student empowerment conferences. The CME Church formally adopted a resolution supporting One Church, One School program at its 1994 General Conference.

Bishop Williamson received numerous awards and Keys to the City including the 2001 Keeper of the Dream, Purdue University's Outstanding Alumni Award, Pastor of the New Generation, PUSH Dream Keepers Award, and Black Expo Award for Community Leadership, among others. Bishop Williamson serves on the Boards of Northern Trust Bank, and World Methodist Council of Churches.

Most proud of his family, he and his wife Doris Yvonne are the proud parents of Henry, Jr., a graduate of Northwestern University, and currently a financial analyst with LaSalle Partners of Chicago, and married to Dana Soedarmo-Williamson; and Kelli Daonne, a graduate of Chicago State University, and currently teaching Music Education in the Chicago Public Schools, and married to Dr. Ramon W. Key, Jr. Their grandsons, Jonathan, Henry III, and Derek Alexander, are the source of much joy and happiness in their lives. Bishop Williamson was especially grateful to his mother Mrs. Alma J. Carvin of Gary, IN for her love, influence, and sacrifice in making him the son, husband, father and Christian leader that he is today, in the body of Christ.

Bishop Williamson was a much sought after public speaker and an advocate for civil and human rights and especially for the needs of children and youth. His favorite scripture—Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

HONORING BILL HARRIS

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I honor the life and work of Bill Harris. A lifelong advocate for children and their families, especially those facing difficult circumstances. Bill believed in crafting sound public policy to help those in need, those facing trauma, and any other difficult situation affecting the lives of children. He will be remembered as a kind father, a loving husband, a good friend, and man who was willing to help those who needed it. May he rest in peace.

HONORING EDUCATOR NATHAN CAMPBELL—2024 WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nathan Campbell for being named the 2024 World Language Teacher of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association.

Mr. Campbell teaches Spanish at Manheim Central High School. His twenty years of teaching are best defined by his dedication and passion for helping students to succeed at broadening their horizons by learning another language.

As a graduate of Manheim Central himself, as well as Millersville University, Mr. Campbell is an alumna of two esteemed educational institutions in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Campbell on his recognition as the 2024 World Language Teacher of the Year in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and wish him continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call Votes No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, No. 21, No. 22, No. 23, No. 24, No. 25, No. 26, and No. 27 on January 21, 2025, January 22, 2025, and January 23, 2025 due to the passing of my father. Had I been present, my votes would have been: Yea on Roll Call No. 18; Yea on Roll Call No. 19; Nay on Roll Call No. 20; Nay on Roll Call No. 21; Yea on Roll Call No. 22; Nay on Roll Call No. 23; Yea on Roll Call No. 24; Nay on Roll Call No. 25; Yea on Roll Call No. 26; and Nay on Roll Call No. 27.

RECOGNIZING CLARENCE HENDRICKS FOR 60 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clarence Hendricks, a great friend and leader in the City of Chicago, for his 60 years in public service and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Mr. Hendricks worked for Paradise Haven Homes for 25 years as a Service Coordinator. His dedication to this role, which significantly improved the lives of the elderly and disabled, earned him over 36 certificates of appreciation for public service. His commitment did not go unnoticed. In 2010, he was inducted into the Mayor Daley Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, a testament to the profound impact of his work.

Prior to working for the Paradise Haven Homes, he worked for the City of Chicago for 32 years in the Department of Planning and Development as a Planner and Advisor.

Aside from his leadership in his employment, he was also a leader in the community. He served as a longtime member of PUSH Coalition, an organization founded by my father, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., in 1996. For 25 years, he has attended the Cook County Christmas Jail program with the PUSH Coalition. He is a committed PUSH Coalition advocate, and I appreciate that. It means so much for me to watch a public servant breaded in cold Chicago to be out fighting for civil rights and social justice.

Furthermore, Mr. Hendricks also values legacy, something that I cherish as a legacy child. He is a member of the Progressive Way Church of God in Christ, where his father served as a pastor. Mr. Hendricks was his pianist for 36 years and performed with the church choir all around the city of Chicago.

Mr. Hendricks was born on September 20, 1943, and has lived all his life in Chicago, IL. He was the third oldest boy out of eight siblings. In 1971, he earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Illinois.

Additionally, he also studied urban planning at Roosevelt University and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

As a retiree, Mr. Hendricks plans to spend more time with his wife, Jean Hendricks, whom he has been married to for 44 years. He also has five sons: Kenneth, Clarence, Jr., Kevin, Fountain, and David, one granddaughter, Brittany, and two grandsons, Jordan and Greyson. But his retirement does not mark the end of his public service. He plans to continue working with elected officials and fighting for civil justice, a testament to his unwavering commitment to the community.

Clarence Hendricks has lived a good life of hard work. This man has been in public service since the age of 21. I personally thank him for his service. His retirement is well deserved. I thank Clarence Hendricks for his hard work and dedication to public service for my beautiful city of Chicago. His legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the career and retirement of Clarence Hendricks.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, due to circumstances outside my control leading to delays in travel, I was unable to be present for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA Roll Call No. 28 and YEA Roll Call No. 29.

RECOGNIZING SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM "BILL" FARMER

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Sumter County Sheriff William "Bill" Farmer for his extraordinary leadership and lifelong commitment to serving his community. This month, Sheriff Farmer retired after 49 years of dedicated service to the residents of Sumter County.

Having first joined the Sumter County Sheriff's Office as a patrolman, Sheriff Farmer then became a criminal investigator, and Chief Deputy before being elected to Sheriff in 1996. He served as Sumter County's Sheriff for 7 terms totaling 28 years and the only Sheriff to ever run unopposed in Sumter County. Prior to joining the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Farmer

also served in the FBI and Florida Division of Corrections.

His dedication to his community is evident in his willingness to step into roles outside of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office to support Florida's sheriffs and their projects. Sheriff Farmer served two terms as the Chairman of the Board of the Sheriff's Youth Ranch Board of Directors and was the only sheriff in the State of Florida to serve two consecutive terms as President of the Florida Sheriff's Association. He also served as the Sheriff's Association Chaplain for the last 8 years until his retirement. It comes as no surprise that in 2024, Sheriff Farmer was nominated by the Florida Sheriff's Association as Law-Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Additionally, Sheriff Farmer was instrumental in making advancements to the quality of public safety in Sumter County having built the first state-of-the-art communication center at the office in Wildwood, known as the "William O. Bill Farmer Public Safety Center".

Our law enforcement officers are heroes, and Sheriff Farmer is no exception. He has faithfully led the Sheriff's Office with integrity and a servant's heart. It is impossible to fully express our gratitude or adequately recognize the impact he has had on our community. It is with deep respect that we pause today to honor his legacy of service.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Sheriff Farmer who bravely and selflessly served Sumter County. May his character, life, and efforts inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

**CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF U.S. CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER
SEAN FLYNN**

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of dedicated U.S. Capitol Police Officer, Sean Patrick Flynn. Officer Flynn retired from the force this past December after 22 years of service with the Capitol Police.

The brave men and women of the USCP stand guard over our Capitol each day they come to work. They spend their careers prepared to risk their lives to protect our Capitol. Every member of this body is thankful for their service and sacrifice. Among their finest is Officer Flynn.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Officer Flynn moved to Washington D.C. to join the Capitol Police force in March of 2003. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the first responders' unit of the USCP where he worked for 15 years until transferring to the House Division in August of 2017, which he retired from this past December.

Officer Flynn tells me he has too many good memories from his time in the USCP to share but that one of his earliest assignments was working the funeral for President Ronald Reagan in 2004. He was proud to be a part of this somber and historic moment as our Nation mourned a revered former President.

As he begins his retirement, Officer Flynn will miss his friends on the force the most.

Throughout his long career, he has spent many hours working in our hallowed halls forming friendships with his fellow officers, Members of Congress, and congressional staffers. Officer Flynn is known for his kindness and friendly demeanor and his presence around our Capitol will be missed.

In his retirement he plans to spend much needed time with his wife, Beth, and their daughter Meghan. As he turns the page into a new chapter of life, I wish him and his family all the best.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues in Congress, I want to thank Officer Flynn for his outstanding service, kindness, and professionalism. I thank him for giving us his best and for providing a safe, secure workplace every day. It has been an honor to serve with him.

**CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF
THE SALVATION ARMY THRIFT
STORE IN NOVI, MICHIGAN**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the new Salvation Army location in Novi, Michigan, on February 7, 2025. The charity and service the Salvation Army has provided to people in Southeastern Michigan and around the world is worthy of commendation.

The Salvation Army began its work in Detroit in 1883, opening the Southeastern Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (SEMI ARC) there in 1895. SEMI ARC is an independently funded, 180-day residential work therapy program that aids adults in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse. SEMI ARC moved to its current Detroit location in 1972 and is currently able to house up to 300 beneficiaries of its services at a time. The center is fully funded by people who shop and donate at the 29 Southeastern Michigan locations of Salvation Army Thrift Stores.

In addition to its rehabilitation facilities for substance abuse, the Salvation Army also provides disaster response services, social service programs, support for veterans, shelters for domestic violence victims and the unhoused, senior centers, and many other services as part of its worldwide movement. The organization assisted over 27 million people in the United States last year and currently has 1.8 million members serving in 134 countries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the Salvation Army Thrift Store opening its third location in Michigan's 6th District, and its thirtieth location in Southeastern Michigan. For over 150 years, this organization has bettered the lives of people in the region, and we welcome them to the City of Novi as they expand their work in the area. We thank them for their philanthropy, both here and across the world, and are excited to see what they can accomplish with this new store.

**HONORING JOHN N. OGBURN, III
FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND
LEADERSHIP**

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John N. Ogburn, III for his decades of exceptional service to the people of Randolph County, North Carolina.

A lifelong resident of North Carolina, he received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina State University and went on to receive his Master of Public Affairs from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Over the years, Mr. Ogburn has played an instrumental role in shaping the history of our community. He became Assistant City Manager of Archdale in 1990 and retires today after over two decades as the Asheboro City Manager. He has dedicated himself to making our community a better place and has been involved in the Asheboro Randolph Chamber of Commerce, Asheboro Blue Comets Youth Football Association, the NCSU Alumni Association and the Wolfpack Club. He is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and serves on the UNCG Graduate School Advisory Board.

Renee and I offer our most heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Ogburn for his years of exemplary service. I know I speak for the entire community in wishing him continued success and happiness as he moves on to this next chapter.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring John N. Ogburn for his extraordinary career of service to his community.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED
STATES COLORED TROOPS CON-
GRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the United States Colored Troops Congressional Gold Medal Act, which would award the Congressional Gold Medal to the African Americans who served with Union forces during the Civil War. Approximately 200,000 African American men served in the Union Army and 19,000 African American men served in the Union Navy. I am proud to present this overdue expression of our national appreciation for these remarkable individuals. Senator CORY BOOKER has introduced the companion bill.

Since the colonial era, African Americans have served the United States in times of war. While African American men served in the Navy since its establishment, there was resistance to enlisting them to take up arms for the Union Army at the start of the Civil War. It was not until January 1, 1863, when President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, that the Union Army was ordered to receive African American men. On May 22, 1863, the United States War Department issued General Order Number 143, which established the Bureau of Colored Troops for the recruitment and