

was the middle of five children. A proud graduate of Wiley College with a degree in Social Studies and English, Daisy went on to teach and inspire countless students in the Fort Worth Independent School District. She earned her Master's in Education Counseling from Texas Woman's University and dedicated her career to supporting students, ultimately retiring as the Lead Counselor at Trimble Tech High School in 2001.

Her impact, however, did not end there. Daisy returned to the district as a part-time and substitute counselor, where she continued to mentor and guide students until 2008.

Beyond her work in education, Daisy was an active member of several civic and social organizations. She was deeply involved in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she held numerous leadership roles and performed with the AKA DFW Metroplex Choir. Daisy was also a dedicated member of the Fort Worth Wiley College Alumni Club, the Perennial Cultural Club, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, among others.

Her service to the community extended to her church, historic Greater St. James Baptist Church, where she served as a soloist, Sunday School Teacher, and chair of the Historical Preservation Committee Funds. Daisy leaves behind a loving family, including her three daughters, Denise, Dr. Daphne Kahn-Wiley, and Danielle Kahn, as well as her grandson, Ian Wiley. Her legacy of service, compassion, and commitment to her community will forever be remembered.

It is my honor to recognize the life of Daisy Ella Price Kahn—a woman who touched so many lives through her work, her faith, and her unwavering dedication to others. Her contributions will continue to inspire future generations.

REMEMBERING MRS. REEDIA
FAYE MINSHEW

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Reedia Faye Minshew of Carthage, Mississippi. Mrs. Reedia Faye Minshew was a beloved mother, grandmother, neighbor, and friend and she will be greatly missed. Mrs. Reedia, affectionately known as 'Mamaw', was well known for her faithful presence at Cabin No. 1 at the Neshoba County Fair. Since 1889, the Neshoba County Fair has been a staple of Mississippi history. The Gardner family, from Dixon, Mississippi—just up the road from the fairgrounds—were among the first attendees of the Neshoba County Fair. Mrs. Minshew's father had eight siblings who all grew up going to the fair, and Reedia attended every single Neshoba County Fair throughout her lifetime.

While her legacy of attending the Neshoba County Fair and her family's history at Cabin No. 1 are known, Mrs. Reedia was also an athlete and entrepreneur. Mrs. Reedia owned and operated the Shoe Rack in Carthage, Mississippi, and in her retirement taught a karate class. She is survived by her children and grandchildren. I am honored to have met her and to remember her legacy.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO WALLY FUNK

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Wally Funk. At age nine, Wally Funk took her first flying lesson, sparking a lifelong passion. As a teenager, Wally earned her pilot's license and has gone on to become an accomplished flight instructor and aviator. Wally joined Oklahoma State University's Aviation Team, earning countless awards including the "Outstanding Female Pilot" trophy, "Flying Aggie Top Pilot" award, and "Alfred Alder Memorial Trophy" two years in a row.

In 1961, Wally volunteered for the Women in Space Program, enduring the same strenuous physical and mental tests as the men of Mercury 7. After ranking third out of the 13 who graduated, beating out U.S. Astronaut John Glenn on many of the tests, Mercury 13 was denied the opportunity to travel to space. Decades later, at the age of 82, Wally became the oldest woman to venture into space on Blue Origin's New Shepard suborbital spacecraft. She was recently inducted into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, symbolizing the remarkable career of Grapevine's very own aviator-turned-astronaut.

Wally's perseverance has inspired many North Texans. I Congratulate Wally on her deserved induction to the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. I look forward to hearing about more of her accomplishments in the near future.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISVILLE METRO
COUNCILWOMAN CINDI FOWLER

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Louisville Metro Councilwoman Cindi Fowler in honor of her exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication, and significant contributions to the residents of Louisville Metro Council District 14.

Since her election in 2012 and re-elections in 2016 and 2020, Councilwoman Fowler has represented the neighborhoods of Valley Station, Pleasure Ridge Park, and Kosmosdale with integrity and a steadfast commitment to community growth and well-being.

Councilwoman Fowler demonstrated leadership through her service as Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, Chair of Parks & Sustainability, Chair of Government Oversight/Audit & Appointments, and her impactful roles with organizations like the National League of Cities and the Kentucky League of Cities.

She has been a dedicated advocate for community development, serving on the boards of Southwest Community Ministries, Mattingly Edge, Dixie Area Business Association, Riverport Business Association, and Valley Woman's Club.

Councilwoman Fowler's commitment to the betterment of Kentucky is reflected in her sponsorship of transformative legislation and initiatives, including Sadie's Law, the Union

Safety Ordinance, the Metro Golf Course Ordinance, the \$50 million New Dixie Highway Project, and the Catalytic Converter Ordinance. Additionally, her support for projects such as the Sun Valley Pool investments, U of L Mary & Elizabeth Hospital Women's Health and Birthing Services, Veteran's Village in Southwest Louisville, and the Watson Lane Elementary School redevelopment has significantly enhanced quality of life for Kentuckians.

Mr. Speaker, Councilwoman Fowler's visionary leadership, commitment to service, and dedication to the people of Kentucky has left a lasting legacy. I express my profound gratitude for her leadership, vision, and service, and I wish her well in her future endeavors.

RUSSELL COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Russell County, Kentucky, on celebrating its bicentennial. Russell County is an integral part of Kentucky's 1st Congressional District that is full of rich history and wonderful people. Russell County and its communities have been a special part of Central Kentucky for two centuries.

Russell County was established in 1825 from parts of Adair, Cumberland, and Wayne counties as the 81st county in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Russell County is proudly home to Lake Cumberland and Wolf Creek Dam. These attractions have brought tremendous tourism opportunities and are a major economic driver in the 1st Congressional District.

As we commemorate this bicentennial, I want to thank the citizens of Russell County for their patriotism and community pride. I am proud to represent the good people of Russell County in Congress, and I look forward to seeing even more prosperous years to come.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HEROES FOUNDERS ROWING CLUB

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Heroes on the Founders Rowing Club in Southlake, who gained national recognition by finishing in the top 10 at the U.S. Youth National Championship. This incredible achievement follows their earlier triumph as regional champions.

Despite being one of the smallest teams in the nation, the group of thirteen daring young women have remained undeterred, inspiring many others to dream big. The team worked year-round to reach this point, often completing double workouts. From practicing at Bachman Lake six days a week, rain-or-shine, to being involved in the North Texas community out of the water, the members of Founders Rowing Club are true all-rounders whose dedication will take them far.

Local SMU alum, Matthew Naifeh, serves as their coach and has been instrumental in the

team's upward trajectory. Matthew learned to row at the Episcopal School of Dallas and has continuously pushed the team to realize their limitless potential, serving as an example of the many dreams that can come true in Texas' 24th Congressional District.

Congratulations to the Founders Rowing Club on all then success. I look forward to continuing to cheer these women on.

**AFFORDABLE SHIPPING FOR ALL
ACT**

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Affordable Shipping for All Act, a bill to end discriminatory and exclusionary shipping practices faced by residents and businesses in the non-contiguous areas of our country, particularly Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

This blatant discrimination and exclusion is illustrated by Hawaii, my home state. We are over 2,500 miles from the West Coast and depend on shipping to bring in more than 90 percent of the products we need. Like our other non-contiguous family, we do not have the same manufacture, transport and delivery options as does the contiguous continental U.S.

Rather than treating us equally, residents and businesses of the non-contiguous U.S. face four persistent and unfair shipping practices that drive up costs and make life harder for millions of Americans.

First, as confirmed by the Federal Trade Commission, many online retailers outright refuse to ship basic products to our parts of the United States, effectively treating our areas as if we are foreign countries. This exclusion prevents millions of Americans from even accessing essential goods.

Second, even when retailers do offer shipping to the non-contiguous areas, they frequently deny customers free shipping options, even though such options are readily available for customers in the contiguous U.S. This is true even when the actual cost of shipping from the continental U.S. to a non-contiguous area is higher than to another location in the continental U.S. This leaves residents in these areas at a distinct disadvantage when trying to purchase products online.

Third, when private shipping services are made available, the prices are often inflated and bear no reasonable relation to the actual distance. For example, the cost to ship a 2-pound package from Los Angeles to Hawaii can exceed \$45, while the same package from Los Angeles to New York City, the same distance, costs only \$14. This price disparity is both unreasonable and unjust.

Fourth, the United States Postal Service (USPS) also treats the non-contiguous areas unfairly. It recently created a new Zone 10 for shipments to Hawaii, Alaska and other non-contiguous areas, which will increase shipping rates for Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage packages to and from those locations by 5 percent. The introduction of Zone 10 fundamentally discriminates against the non-contiguous parts of our country, which runs directly counter to the

foundational USPS charge to provide equal access to the U.S. mail.

The Fair Shipping Access for All Act will ensure that no shipping company, including the USPS, can impose discriminatory rates or exclude non-contiguous areas from receiving shipments. It will also require that shipping rates for non-contiguous areas reflect the actual cost of service, rather than arbitrary price increases.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill. It's about fairness, equity and ensuring that all Americans, regardless of where they live, have equal access to affordable shipping options.

Mahalo.

RECOGNIZING ALAN HAFFA'S CAREER AS A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alan Haffa, a dedicated public servant to the people of Monterey. Dr. Haffa's commitment to public service began at a young age as an Eagle Scout, where he learned valuable skills like leadership and service. Through this organization he met his wife, Arlene, to whom he has been married for 26 years and shares two children. After graduating from Monterey High School, Dr. Haffa received a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and M.A.'s in Comparative Literature and Classics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Following graduation, Dr. Haffa set out to work in the service of others.

In 2004, in response to divisions within, the the local school district, Monterey Peninsula Unified (MPUSD), Dr. Haffa rose to the occasion and became a board member, steering the board in a clearer direction. He was influential in questioning district consultants regarding the construction of 11 new schools. Dr. Haffa had serious concerns regarding the number of children these schools would have and where residents would work. Had the district sold bonds for the new schools, the district would still be in debt today, and schools in Monterey would have had to close. The leadership that Dr. Haffa displayed, questioning out-of-state consultants, protected students and citizens.

In addition to his community service, Dr. Haffa taught at Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) and directed the Gentrain Program, an interdisciplinary, team-taught course in civilization. At MPC he has served on the Faculty Senate and for the past two years he has been co-chair of the College Council, which is the highest advisory board to the college president. Dr. Haffa has also fought for lifelong learning at the college, and in 2011 he was the MPC Teachers Association faculty union co-negotiator.

RECOGNIZING EULESS POLICE DEPARTMENT SENIOR OFFICER CASEY SANDERS

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Senior Police Officer Casey Sanders of the Euless Police Department for his 33 years of exceptional service to our community.

A graduate of Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Officer Sanders continued his education at Tarrant County College before serving as a Sergeant in the Texas Army National Guard for seven years. In 1992, he began his law enforcement career, graduating as salutatorian of his police academy class. Throughout his career with the Euless Police Department, Officer Sanders has taken on a variety of important roles, including Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, Crisis Negotiator Team Leader, Critical Incident Stress Management team member, Peer Support team member, and Mental Health Officer in the HEB Behavioral Intervention Unit. He has also been an advocate for his fellow Guardsmen through his work with the National Guard Association of Texas.

Officer Sanders has received numerous awards during his time with the Euless Police Department, including Rookie of the Year, Certificate of Merit, and Certificate of Civic Achievement. He has also been honored with the Outstanding Service Award by the Euless Fire Department.

North Texas is safer thanks to Officer Sanders' decades of service. On behalf of a grateful community, I extend my deepest congratulations to Officer Sanders on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I use today to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of our community—the 95th anniversary of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Our Mother of Mercy is the only African American Catholic church in Tarrant County and the Fort Worth Catholic Diocese, making it a unique and invaluable institution in our region. Founded in January of 1929 by Father Narcissus Denis of the Josephite Fathers, the church began humbly, holding Mass in a house-turned-rectory and later in a converted drug store. Over the years, it has grown into a thriving parish and community center that continues to serve the diverse needs of its congregation.

Throughout its rich history, Our Mother of Mercy has been a steadfast pillar of faith in our community. It has produced leaders across various fields—elected officials, business leaders, community advocates, and television personalities—who have made substantial contributions both locally and nationally.