

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCILMAN ROBIN ENGEL

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Louisville Metro Councilman Robin Engel in honor of his extraordinary leadership, commitment to public service, and transformative contributions to the communities of Fern Creek and Jeffersonton.

As a founding member of the Louisville Metro Council, his dedication since his initial election in 2002 and subsequent re-elections in 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 has been pivotal in shaping and enhancing his district and Louisville Metro as a whole.

Councilman Engel's leadership has been exemplified through his service as Republican Caucus Chair and as Chair and Vice Chair on numerous committees, including Public Works, Appropriations, Parks/Libraries/Zoo & Arts, and Labor & Economic Development. His steadfast commitment to improving his community has driven progress in key areas, demonstrating his unwavering dedication to public service.

His efforts have brought substantial investments to the Fern Creek area, including hundreds of millions in retail and business development, a \$127 million investment into Fern Creek Park, Charlie Vettiner Park, and the creation of Broad Run Park. Councilman Engel has also played a critical role in securing \$15 million for the new Fern Creek Library and advancing infrastructure improvements such as the \$60 million Fern Valley Road & Hurstbourne Parkway extension and Bardstown Road expansion.

Councilman Engel's commitment to transparency and accountability is evident in his sponsorship of Checkbook Louisville, ushering in a new standard for government openness. Furthermore, his advocacy for the Miracle League of Louisville has removed barriers for children with mental and physical disabilities, allowing them to experience the joy of baseball and leaving an enduring legacy of inclusion and opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, Councilman Engel's visionary leadership and tireless dedication have enriched the lives of his constituents and contributed meaningfully to the growth and prosperity of Kentucky. I ask that the House of Representatives join me in expressing our profound gratitude for his leadership, vision, and service, and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERS ADVANCING AND HELPING COMMUNITIES 42ND GALA

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today the 12th Congressional District recognizes the incredible work of Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities (LAHC), an organization serving Southeast Michigan for over four decades. Founded in 1982 as the Lebanese American Heritage Center, LAHC has recognized gaps in services for new immigrants and underrepresented populations. The organization grew into a trusted provider of essential resources, ranging from emergency assistance to behavioral health programs.

LAHC empowers residents through workforce training and ESL programs, while their prevention specialists equip youth, middle and high schoolers, through their Youth Leadership Bridge to College Program, and Substance Use Prevention Assistance programs, with the skills to navigate challenges constructively. Welcoming all members of the community, regardless of their background, LAHC provides support to nearly 56,000 people annually. We celebrate LAHC's 42nd Annual Awards Gala, honoring their 42 years of service to Southeast Michigan.

Please join me in recognizing LAHC's profound impact as we commend their leadership in advancing education, workforce development, public health, and social services.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF TROY, ALABAMA

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heart full of appreciation and gratitude for one of the many incredible communities I have had the privilege of representing. At the end of the 118th Congress, I said goodbye to one of my beloved district offices located on the plains of Southeast Alabama in the City of Troy.

As I reflect on my time serving south Alabama, it is not only the legislative victories and achievements that come to mind, but our constituent services and successes. The generosity and warm welcome from the City of Troy and Mayor Jason Reeves have allowed my team to grow aid work diligently for the citizens of Alabama's Second Congressional District to achieve these triumphs.

I thank my staff who have helped me every step of the way. Their hard work and passion for public service have allowed benefits, dollars, and recognition to be restored to our citizens. I am forever grateful to the people of

Troy for the trust they placed in me and the success we achieved.

My commitment to serving the people of Alabama remains steadfast. I will continue to carry the friendships and the warmth of this community with me.

I thank them once again for their kindness, and unwavering support. It has been an honor to serve them. May God continue to bless Alabama's Second Congressional District, the state of Alabama, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING TERESA COX

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Teresa Cox in recognition of her service on the Fremont City Council, which concluded on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

The daughter of teachers, Teresa received a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Northwestern University, becoming the first African-American woman to do so in the Nation. She returned to school to receive her Master of Business Administration from the University of Rochester.

Teresa began her public service in Fremont as a member of the Economic Development Advisory Commission. During her eight years on the commission, she served as chair and spearheaded a mission to China to strengthen international economic ties.

Continuing to break glass ceilings, Teresa was the first African-American elected to the Ohlone Community College Board of Trustees in 2008, where she served for 12 years as vice chair. As a trustee, she worked to secure a multimillion-dollar bond passage to improve campus infrastructure, championed diversity through campus celebrations, and fought for the advancement of women and minorities in leadership roles.

In 2020, Teresa made history again the first African-American to serve on Fremont's City Council as a councilmember for the sixth district. There, Teresa supported affordable housing projects, led community clean-ups, and sponsored four National Night Out events. She was also appointed to the U.S. Department of Commerce California District Export Council on Small and Minority Women-Owned Businesses under the Obama Administration with reappointments under Presidents Trump and Biden.

Teresa's years of support for public education and economic development have been critical to Fremont's success. As she enters this new chapter, I join the community in wishing Teresa well-deserved rest, relaxation, and quality time with her children, David and Jacqueline.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF SHIRLEY
KENNETH JONES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Shirley Kenneth Jones, a cherished member of our community who sadly passed away on January 3, 2025. Shirley was an extraordinary individual whose life exemplified the values of hard work, service and compassion.

Shirley was a passionate member of the Mattaponi Baptist Church and served in many positions at the church. He was an avid carpenter and built the home when he and his loving wife of 36 years, Roberta Seward Jones, lived. Shirley was active with the Ruritans, the Mattaponi Crime Solvers, raised money for veterans in need of support, and the King and Queen County Republican Party. Shirley loved all his animals and raised peacocks on his property. Shirley's commitment to the local community left an indelible mark on our district and beyond.

Shirley will be remembered not only for his accomplishments but also his kindness, humility, and unwavering dedication to family, friends, and neighbors. Shirley's efforts as an advocate for community programs have left a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

In addition to Shirley's professional achievements, he was deeply devoted to his family. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

As we remember Shirley Kenneth Jones today, let us honor his life by carrying forward Shirley's values and aspirations. Shirley's memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Shirley's family, friends, and all who were touched by his remarkable life. May they find comfort in knowing that Shirley's legacy will live on in the lives he impacted.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF NORTH OF THE JAMES

HON. JENNIFER L. MCCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor North of the James magazine, a distinguished publication that has been a cornerstone of the Richmond, Virginia, community for over three decades. Established in November 1994 as Northside magazine by founders Charles McGuigan, Joany Flick, and Ellen Zagorin, the magazine has consistently delivered in-depth profiles, features, and reviews celebrating the vibrant culture and history of the areas north of the James River.

From its inception, North of the James has been committed to authentic storytelling, forgoing canned content in favor of narratives that resonate with its readers. This dedication to quality journalism has earned the magazine

numerous accolades from the Virginia Press Association for excellence in writing, photography, and design.

The magazine's unwavering support for local businesses and nonprofit organizations has significantly contributed to the economic and social fabric of the Richmond metro area. By highlighting the endeavors of these longstanding establishments, North of the James has played an instrumental role in fostering a more equitable and prosperous community.

Throughout its history, the magazine has adapted to changing times, including a temporary shift to an online-only format during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the safety of its readers and staff. Despite these unforeseen obstacles, North of the James has maintained a reputation as a trusted source of information for its loyal readers.

As North of the James celebrates its 30th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the magazine's enduring legacy and invaluable contributions to the Richmond community. May it continue to inform, engage, and inspire for many years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 21, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 18 and YEA on Roll Call No. 19.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, due to travel restrictions related to my pregnancy, I was unable to travel to D.C. to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 18 and YEA on Roll Call No. 19.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ABDUL "AL" HAIDOUS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today the 12th Congressional District recognizes and celebrates Wayne County Commissioner Abdul "Al" Haidous for his more than 40 years of public service to the City of Wayne and Wayne County and congratulates him on his retirement.

Born in Lebanon, Al came to the City of Wayne five decades ago and made a name for himself in the community running Al's Friendly Market with the help of his wife, Mary, for 35 years. As the first Arab American mayor in Wayne County, his leadership paved the way for future leaders and was an inspiration to so many.

In 2014, he was elected to the Wayne County Commission. For 14 years, he served our residents with dedication and resilience, always focusing on bringing people together. I thank Commissioner Haidous for his decades of public service. His legacy will continue to inspire our community in the years to come. Please join me in recognizing Commissioner Al Haidous as we wish him well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO NATHALIE DUPREE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an award-winning cookbook author, television personality, and culinary pioneer. Nathalie Dupree, known as the "Queen of Southern Cooking," passed away on January 13, 2025, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Nathalie leaves behind an indelible legacy, having elevated Southern cuisine to the national stage.

Born in Hamilton, New Jersey, on December 23, 1939, Nathalie spent her formative years in Virginia, where she developed an early interest in politics, becoming the youngest precinct captain for John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign in 1960. Her journey into the culinary world began in the kitchen of a college co-op house. Though her first attempt at cooking was far from perfect, Nathalie's determination led her to Le Cordon Bleu in London, where she honed her craft. Her career flourished as she combined French techniques with the flavors of Southern cooking, opening a restaurant in Social Circle, Georgia. Nathalie's recipes were rooted in precision and accessibility. Soon, she was teaching hundreds of students each year as the director of the South's first participation cooking school at Rich's department store in Atlanta.

Nathalie's television debut in 1985 with PBS's *New Southern Cooking* was a watershed moment for Southern food. Her signature humor, relatable teaching style, and occasional on-screen blunders endeared her to viewers Nationwide. The companion cookbook to the series has been reprinted more than 25 times, a testament to its enduring value for home cooks. Over her career, Nathalie authored 15 cookbooks, including *Mastering the Art of Southern Cooking*, which earned her one of three James Beard Foundation Awards.

In the early 2000s, Nathalie and her husband, historian Jack Bass, moved to Charleston, South Carolina. For nearly two decades, their King Street home became a vibrant gathering place for visiting dignitaries, authors, and politicians, who came to enjoy not just Nathalie's cooking but also her warmth and hospitality.

Beyond her culinary creations, Nathalie was a tireless mentor, advocating for women in the culinary arts. She provided internships and guidance to a generation of chefs, lovingly referring to them as her "chickens." Nathalie co-founded the International Association of Culinary Professionals, alongside legends such as Julia Child and Jacques Pépin. She also served as the founding chairperson of the Charleston Wine + Food Festival and as a founding board member of the Southern