

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 PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. 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

Foodways Alliance. In 2010, Nathalie extended her advocacy efforts into politics, running as write-in candidate for a U.S. Senate seat in South Carolina.

Nathalie's accolades are numerous and well-deserved: the Craig Claiborne Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Foodways Alliance, Grande Dame honors from Les Dames d'Escoffier, the Woman of the Year award from the Maître Cuisiniers de France, and recognition by the James Beard Foundation as part of its Who's Who in Food and Beverage in America. Yet her contributions went far beyond awards. Nathalie had an extraordinary ability to bring people together—whether around the dinner table, in classrooms, or on television screens—fostering a spirit of community that will endure for generations.

Nathalie was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. She is survived by her loving husband, Jack Bass; their children, Audrey, Ken, David, and Liz; and her grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of a good friend, Nathalie Dupree. She was not just a chef or author—she was a mentor, an innovator, and an ambassador for Southern hospitality and cuisine. As we celebrate her life, let us remember her guiding principle: to foster community and uplift one another. May her legacy continue to inspire cooks and creators everywhere.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act.

DEAR FRIEND: H.R. 38, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, that I'm co-sponsoring fixes a disjointed system in which a law-abiding citizen who holds a concealed carry permit in one state can become a criminal for simply crossing states lines with a firearm without having a concealed carry permit from the second state.

The Second Amendment doesn't stop at state lines and this bipartisan bill is a commonsense solution to make sure that a concealed carry license or permit from one state is valid in all 50 states, protecting your constitutional rights as well as the right to self-defense across states lines.

With President Trump declaring that he would sign a concealed carry reciprocity bill if such a bill reached his desk, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity could be signed into law soon.

This bill is a huge win for the American people, and know that I'll continue to defend the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners across our mountains and Nation.

With my warmest regards,
 CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

CONGRATULATING SAVANNAH/HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, which has been recognized as the No. 1 airport in the U.S. by the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice awards.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the airport has been awarded this incredible honor, recognizing the effort staff puts forth to ensure a great travel experience.

In addition to outstanding customer service, the Reader's Choice Awards recognized the airport's unique southern charm and intimate, inviting atmosphere.

This prestigious recognition is awarded based on feedback from over 500,000 survey respondents and is known as one of the longest running and most respected awards in the travel industry.

The airport was recognized alongside distinguished restaurants, hotels, and resorts located all over the world.

The repeated acknowledgement of the airport demonstrates its commitment to world-class service and providing passengers with enjoyable travel experiences.

I congratulate the team at the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport on this exceptional honor and continued excellence.

CELEBRATING THE HONOREES OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY 43RD ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Representative CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, rise today to recognize the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County (AAABC) and the celebration of their 43rd Annual Installation Dinner honoring four distinguished members of the community.

For over four decades, the AAABC continues to be a pillar of support and advocacy for older adults, ensuring that they receive vital resources and services to enhance their quality of life. We are proud to recognize the following honorees for their exemplary service to the senior community.

This event celebrates and honors outstanding contributions of individuals, organizations and municipalities whose advocacy has made a profound difference in the lives of older adults. Among the honorees are:

Andrea Buscada, the director of Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services, as Project Leader of the Year for her commitment to serving our senior and veteran populations.

Dr. Naushira Pandya, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Geriatrics at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) as the Volunteer of the Year for her impactful work in geriatric healthcare and education.

Senator Nan Rich, Broward County Commissioner and former State Senator, as Community Champion of the Year for her outstanding leadership for over 25 years in the community, working as a champion for seniors and the disabled community. Her impactful work has advanced policies that protect and empower older adults in our community.

Senior Proof, a home safety modification company for their innovative efforts to support aging in place and create safer living environments for seniors.

City of Oakland Park and the City of Miramar for their Fair Share Milestone commitment to creating age-friendly communities and supporting local senior programs.

As the AAABC celebrates this milestone, they are commended for their unwavering dedication to improving the lives of Broward County's aging population. Together we would also like to thank the CEO, Charlotte Mather-Taylor for her leadership of the agency with a mission to enhancing the quality of life for older adults. Charlotte along with her team are committed to ensuring that all seniors in Broward County receive the dignity, respect, and care they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the AAABC and the honorees of the 43rd Annual Installation Dinner. We ask our colleagues to join us in congratulating them on this significant occasion and wishing them continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF WETUMPKA, 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 nestled on the northern outskirts of Montgomery in beautiful Wetumpka, Alabama.

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 Wetumpka, and Mayor Jerry Willis, have allowed my team to grow and 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 Wetumpka 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.