

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.

HONORING MAJOR MANSFIELD FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CON- TRIBUTIONS

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 extraordinary achievements and contributions of Major Mansfield, a cherished member of our community and a native son to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Through Major's exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment to service and community, he has made an indelible impact on the lives of countless individuals.

Major has devoted his energies to the Mechanicsville Tea Party (MTP) since the organization was founded in 2004 and served in all leadership positions on the MTP. With Major's direct participation in our cherished electoral process, he assisted individuals seeking public office and once elected, Major would hold them accountable to the U.S. Constitution. When it comes to elections, Major held that all citizens have a duty to actively participate in their government. This included voting, holding office, and engaging in public discourse. Major understands this active involvement as essential to safeguarding liberty and preventing tyranny.

In his private life, Major worked for Mars Candy for twenty-five years and Campbell's Soup for ten years. Major never missed a day of work. He played college football at the University of Richmond and rebuilt two churches. Major graduated Army Ranger School and was in the Army Reserves for seven years. Major leaves a lasting impression on everyone who has had the privilege of working with or knowing him. His efforts exemplify the very best of what it means to be a citizen of the Virginia Commonwealth and this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Major Mansfield for his lifetime of service and dedication. His legacy serves as an inspiration to all of us and a reminder of the profound difference one person can make in the lives of others. On behalf of the people of Virginia's First District, I extend my deepest gratitude and admiration to Major Mansfield and wish he and his family continued success in all future endeavors.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 30, PRE- VENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY ILLEGAL ALIENS ACT

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, last week, I voted no on H.R. 30, the so-called "Preventing Violence Against Women By Illegal Aliens Act."

Let me be clear: none of us are interested in protecting domestic abusers or predators. We all want to keep our communities safe from those who seek to inflict harm on vulnerable people.

H.R. 30 does nothing to strengthen existing law and risks putting survivors at greater risk.

In reality, this bill is more about House Republican messaging than providing meaningful

solutions to keep our communities safe. Current law already ensures that perpetrators of these heinous crimes can be swiftly deported if they are here illegally and bars them from reentering the United States.

Worse, it makes it easier to deport survivors who have acted in self-defense or who have been falsely accused by their abusers. The violent predators who commit these crimes know how to use the law to further victimize their targets.

I have heard horrific stories from law enforcement about women who are threatened with deportation if they report rape or torture, with their children being held hostage as leverage. An immigrant here legally on a student visa who fights back against her abusive boyfriend, or a hardworking mother lawfully present on a work visa who defends herself and her children against a violent partner, could face deportation if their abuser reports them ahead of their testimony. Predators will lie. Victims need protection. H.R. 30 hands criminals the ultimate tool of coercion to silence survivors—fear of deportation.

Some simple, common-sense proposals could have strengthened the bill, including offering greater protections to victims or providing law enforcement with additional tools to prosecute offenders. Unfortunately, these were not included.

If my colleagues across the aisle truly wanted to protect women, this bill would expand funding for victim services and ensure survivors could testify without the threat of deportation. It also would have given law enforcement more resources to get violent criminals out of our communities and out of country. But they didn't do that because this bill is not about keeping women safe. It is instead a performative political stunt to further an anti-immigrant agenda.

And let's not forget that 172 House Republicans, including this bill's sponsor, previously voted no on legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which included expansions of aid and services to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. VAWA had been strongly bipartisan because it meaningfully protected vulnerable women.

We must do everything in our power to protect survivors and hold perpetrators accountable. We owe survivors real solutions—not fear, not cruelty, and not empty posturing. For these reasons, I voted NO.

I remain committed to working with my colleagues to pass legislation that will genuinely protect survivors, hold abusers accountable and make our communities safer for everyone.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE BETA OMICRON ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY

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 the 80th anniversary of the Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter, also known as the Detroit Chapter, of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., as a pillar of service, scholarship, and sisterhood in

our community. Founded in 1945, under the leadership of Dr. Mary Watson Stewart, this chapter holds the distinction of being Michigan's first graduate chapter of Zeta Phi Beta. For over eight decades, the Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter has established itself as a force for positive change through strong communal partnerships and leading critical initiatives like the Stork's Nest Program to address infant mortality, and the award-winning Zetas Helping Others Excel program.

Their mentorship of young women through STEAM education and their invaluable scholarships have directly impacted countless lives. The chapter's community dedication has garnered accolades from Michigan and Detroit leaders, demonstrating the lasting impact of their mission of uplifting others. I thank the Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for their unwavering commitment to Finer Womanhood, Service, and advancing equity in Detroit and beyond.

HONORING CLAUDINE BROWN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mrs. Claudine Brown. Mrs. Brown exemplified what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and a genuine desire to make her community a better place.

Claudine Ferguson was born in Holmes County, Mississippi, on July 22, 1931, to Mr. Walter Ferguson and Mrs. Willie Mae Ferguson. She was the eldest of seven children and grew up with a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to her family. She received her primary education at public schools in Jackson and Greenwood, Mississippi, and furthered her education at Mississippi Valley State University and Draughton's Business School.

Claudine Ferguson was married to the late Mr. Josh Brown for thirty-seven years and later to the late Mr. Jimmie Owens. She was the mother of seven children and emphasized the importance of hard work and education. All of her children went on to earn college degrees.

In 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Brown purchased property in the Browning community, an area she grew to love and was determined to improve. In 1974, Mrs. Brown organized the Browning Progressive Civic League to enhance the Browning community. The League's accomplishments included paving roads, upgrading utilities, and restoring an artesian well that provided water for the entire area.

The impact of Mrs. Brown extended beyond the Browning community. In 1980, she became the first African American woman to serve on the Leflore County School Board, a position she held for more than two decades.

In 1983, Mrs. Brown was elected as the first Black Tax Assessor/Collector in Leflore County, Mississippi. She has also received numerous awards and recognitions, including:

Community Service Award (Greenwood Voters League), Citizen of the Year (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority), Outstanding Service to the Browning Community Award (Morning Star M.B. Church), Community Service Award