

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR STEVE MORRIS FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Morris for a lifetime of dedication and commitment to the people of Cabarrus County. Having served for 12 years on the Board of Commissioners, and as Chairman, he has given his heart to this community for over a decade. I have seen his extraordinary leadership firsthand and can say that Cabarrus County is better off today due in large part to his efforts.

First elected in 2012, Chairman Morris has been a champion for public safety, mental health services, education, and economic stability. Since his election, Cabarrus County has grown from a population of 185,000 to around 245,000 people; added at least 10 new public schools; received over \$3.5 billion in capital investments, including approximately \$2 billion from Eli Lilly; and seen good paying jobs grow by more than 7,000. He also oversaw the creation of new municipal facilities, including a courthouse, EMS headquarters, and the appropriately named Stephen M. Morris Behavioral Health Center, which broke ground in November 2024.

Chairman Morris retires as one of the longest serving members of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners in history. Over the course of his career, he has extended the highest level of personal sacrifice and has dedicated himself fully to the service of others.

Renee and I offer our most heartfelt appreciation to Chairman Morris 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 his next great adventure.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring my friend, Chairman Morris, for his extraordinary career of service to his community.

RECOGNIZING ALAN SLOBODIN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan Slobodin for 30 years of service to

the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. I am proud to join the entire Committee in honoring his significant achievement and distinguished career on Capitol Hill.

Alan, a Bethesda, Maryland resident, graduated from Temple University in 1979 and received his JD from George Washington University in 1984. After receiving his JD, Alan served in private practice then as counsel on the House Committee on the Judiciary. He later became the President and General Counsel of the Legal Studies Division of the Washington Legal Foundation where he directed activities of legal publication and education programs for a major, national, pro-business public interest law center and advocated pro-free enterprise legal ideas before federal and state judges, Members of Congress, state legislators, the Executive Branch, and the media.

In 1995, Alan began his distinguished career with the House Committee on Energy and Commerce where he has proudly served six Republican Full Committee Chairs, eight Republican Oversight Subcommittee Chairmen, three Republican Ranking Members, and five Republican Subcommittee Ranking Members. As Chief Investigative Counsel since 2011, Alan has strengthened the public health of our Nation by conducting extensive oversight of public health agencies, spearheading scores of hearings, and leading many committee investigations into various topics such as the COVID-19 pandemic, drug and device safety, the opioid crisis, and bioterrorism preparedness among others. In addition, Alan has mentored generations of Energy and Commerce Committee staff and earned the respect of Members and staff on both sides of the aisle.

On behalf of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and all the past Chairs and Ranking Members of our Committee that Alan has been dedicated to assisting; I thank him for his career of service and dedication to our Nation and our Committee.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER ALICE HILLIARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of Mother Alice Hilliard, a remarkable woman

who lived a life defined by faith, resilience, and selfless service. Born on March 24, 1921, her life was a testament to strength, love, and devotion to her family, community, and church.

Alice attended Wooden City School in Lewisville and accepted Christ at an early age, joining Union Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of J.H. Wyatt. In 1942, she relocated to Richmond, California, where she took on a historic role during World War II. Alice joined the workforce at the Kaiser Shipyard, stepping into roles traditionally held by men serving in the military. Her hard work and dedication earned her the distinguished title of "Rosie the Riveter," and she was later featured in the book "Staging Migrations Toward An American West" by Marta Effinger-Crichlow, highlighting her contributions during this pivotal time in American history.

After working at the shipyard, Alice continued her professional journey at the Dole Cannery and Aebi Nursery, where she eventually retired. However, her life's work extended far beyond her career. Alice had a passion for gardening, especially tending to her beloved rose bushes, traveling with her family, sewing, and cooking. She also faithfully served her community as a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond for over 70 years. She was deeply involved in numerous church auxiliaries, including the Women's Mission Union and Baptist Training Union, and served as Chair of the Kitchen Committee. Her dedication to her church family was unwavering.

Mother Alice Hilliard's 103 years were marked by a life of faith, perseverance, and selfless love. She was an inspiration to all who knew her, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and community. Today, I honor her remarkable life and extend my deepest condolences to all who mourn her passing. May her memory be a blessing to us all. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Ms. Hilliard's loved ones. I know they and the people of California's 8th Congressional district join me in celebrating her life and legacy.

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