

requirements of the Military Assistance Command and the Central Intelligence Agency in the operating areas of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

These integrated aircrews flew out of Tan Son Nhut, Nha Trang, Pleiku, Phu Cat, and Da Nang Air Bases in the Republic of Vietnam, as well as Nakhon Phanom and Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Bases in Thailand, from 1966 to 1974.

The 6994th Security Squadron was primarily composed of enlisted logistical and maintenance personnel, intelligence analysts, Morse intercept operators, and cryptologic linguist mission specialists. These professionals maintained and operated state-of-the-art airborne radio direction finding (ARDF) equipment aboard the EC-47 aircraft, used to detect, identify, and geolocate low-powered enemy transmitters on the battlefield. They also collected critical signals and communications intelligence about enemy plans and movements.

Working closely with the aircraft navigator, the mission specialists were able to geolocate enemy radio transmitters, often within a 200-meter radius, and determine the identity of enemy units. When priority targets were detected and confirmed, their locations and identifications were relayed to ground commanders for decisive action. During its tenure in Vietnam, the 6994th earned five Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Valor, two Presidential Unit Citations, and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Device. It remains the most highly decorated squadron in the command from its origins in the United States Air Force Security Service to its current configuration as the 16th Air Force. Their success came at a high cost; 17 members of the squadron were killed in action during the conflict.

The 360th, 361st, and 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons were co-located with their 6994th counterparts and provided the pilots, navigators, and maintenance personnel necessary to operate and sustain the EC-47 aircraft. In flight, pilots controlled the aircraft while navigators coordinated with enlisted mission specialists to take electronic lines of bearing on specific enemy radio transmissions. These lines were then plotted on maps to pinpoint the exact location of enemy transmitters. Like the 6994th, the Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons also endured significant sacrifice, losing 19 members during the war.

As integrated teams, these squadrons provided battlefield intelligence that was vital for ground commanders to plan offensive and defensive operations. It has been reported that, thanks to intelligence provided by the ARDF program, many attacks on friendly forces were mitigated, and up to 95 percent of B-52 strikes during the Vietnam conflict were influenced by data collected through the program.

Even today, much of the work and results of the Airborne Radio Direction Finding program in Vietnam remain classified. Nonetheless, their impact on the success of the war effort and the broader mission of safeguarding the interests of the United States and the free world is undeniable.

Today, we honor the professionalism, dedication, and courage of the airmen of the 6994th Security Squadron and the 360th, 361st, and 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons, whose work in executing the Airborne Radio Direction Finding program provided critical intelligence to ground com-

manders during the conflict in Southeast Asia. May the legacy of their service and sacrifice be remembered and honored forever.

RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH OF DR. SHAMIRA BROWN

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Shamira A. Brown—a dedicated researcher, a passionate toxicologist, and a trailblazer in the field of environmental work.

Dr. Brown began her academic journey at Southern University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry. Her pursuit of knowledge did not stop there. She went on to earn her MS/Ph.D. with a concentration in Environmental Fate and Exposure from the same institution, demonstrating both her commitment and excellence in the scientific field.

In 2003, Dr. Brown further distinguished herself by studying and conducting research at Oxford University, expanding her global perspective and deepening her expertise.

Dr. Brown's research has addressed some of the most complex issues in environmental toxicology and public health. These include the fate and transport of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), pesticides contamination in groundwater, and the development of green chemistry solutions to reduce industrial pollution. Her groundbreaking investigations into the disproportionate effects of environmental toxins on disadvantaged communities have raised awareness around environmental justice and equity.

As a toxicologist, Dr. Brown does not simply study issues, she creates pathways toward solutions that focus on scientific progress and community health. Throughout her career, Dr. Brown has also been a committed mentor and advocate for underrepresented students in STEM. Her leadership and dedication have inspired many young scientists, including her own six children, some of whom have pursued environmental research. Her impact goes beyond the classroom and the lab, shaping a future for science that is more innovative and more inclusive and representative of the communities it serves.

Dr. Brown's professional experience highlights her exceptional expertise. She worked as an Environmental Protection Specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration from 2004 to 2018. She also served as a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Endangered Species Specialist for the Office of Airports and Environmental Planning. Additionally, she was an Environmental Fate Consultant for pesticides and persistent chemical pollutants (PCPs) in air, soil, and water.

I want to personally thank Dr. Brown for her lifelong dedication to research, scientific advancement, and the mentorship of future generations. Her contributions have not only elevated the standards in her field, but have also opened doors for countless others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Dr. Shamira A. Brown for her outstanding achievements and unwavering commitment to science and edu-

cation. She is a true asset to our community and to our environment and I wish her the best of luck in her research to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENCY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Residency Act. This bill would require that a majority of the members of the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) be District of Columbia residents.

Under federal law and presidential executive orders (EOs), the CFA has review authority for federal property in D.C., certain military property, certain coins and medals, D.C.-owned parks and buildings and certain private land in D.C. Under the EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in D.C. "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act.

Residency requirements for government positions are found in federal, state and D.C. law, including for members of the National Capital Planning Commission. The primary reason such laws exist is so that government officials have a connection to the residents they serve and knowledge of the unique issues and challenges faced by residents.

I have also introduced the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act, which would remove the authority of the CFA over non-federal property in D.C. However, until that bill is enacted, a majority of the members should be D.C. residents.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PROCLAMATION HONORING BAND CaRiMi

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring Band CaRiMi.

Whereas, music has long been a unifying force that transcends borders and generations, preserving culture and celebrating heritage. Few bands have embodied this mission more profoundly than CaRiMi, a pioneering group that has played an instrumental role in shaping and elevating Haitian music and culture. Through their infectious rhythms, they have inspired generations and brought people together through the universal language of music;

Whereas, the band's founding members—Carlo Vieux, Richard Cave, and Mickael Guirand—left their homeland of Haiti to pursue education but never abandoned their passion for music. Their name, "CaRiMi," derived from the first two letters of their

names, became a symbol of unity, passion, and innovation in the music industry;

Whereas, their impact quickly transcended borders, garnering international recognition with Best Album of the Year in Haiti, topping music charts in Guadeloupe, Paris, Martinique, French Guiana, Canada, and beyond. Their success led to a distribution deal with Virgin Records Worldwide, further cementing their reputation as global ambassadors of Haitian music;

Whereas, their high-energy performances have left an indelible mark on audiences worldwide, from the prestigious Olympia in France to the electrifying spectacle of Haiti's Carnival, where they performed before 300,000 fans. With sold-out concerts across multiple continents, CaRiMi has solidified its place in music history and has helped shape and modernize Konpa while remaining deeply rooted in its traditions;

Whereas, as they reunite for their final concert at Amerant Bank Arena, this momentous occasion is not just a celebration of their remarkable career, but also a tribute to the unity, resilience, and cultural vibrancy of the Haitian community. Their music has uplifted hearts, provided solace, and reinforced a shared cultural identity among Haitians worldwide, making this reunion a truly historic and emotional event; and

Therefore, be it proclaimed that we, the 20th Congressional District of Florida, do hereby commend CaRiMi for their dedication to innovation, artistic excellence, and cultural preservation, and express gratitude for the joy and inspiration they have provided countless fans worldwide. Their legacy is a testament to the power of music to unite, heal, and inspire, and their contributions will be celebrated for years to come.

CONGRATULATING IRMO LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the South Carolina Irmo Little League All-Stars baseball team, as they rallied to defeat defending champions, Lake Mary, in a game played in Warner Robins, Georgia. This outstanding team is now heading to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to compete in the Little League World Series (LLWS).

The LLWS is an annual event featuring 20 teams, 10 from the United States and 10 from the rest of the world. Irmo is just the fourth

team from South Carolina to advance to the LLWS, and the first since a Taylors team in 2015.

The Irmo All-Stars team includes players, Ethan Bennett, Andrew Bogan, Brayden Gerard, Jacob Gibson, Joe Giulietti, Sutton Gravelle, Jake McQuilkin, Brody Miller, Palmer Steele, Ryder Tillitz, Preston Ware, and Brady Westbrook. Alongside the players is the talented team manager, Dave Bogan, and equally talented coaches Mike Beckworth and Pat Gravelle.

Having a winning record of 11–1 during the state and regional tournaments, the Irmo team is now preparing to face the New England region champion on August 14, 2025.

On behalf of all South Carolinians, congratulations to the Irmo All-Stars on this impressive achievement and we wish them the best of luck as they represent Team South Carolina in the World Series. This victory of the Irmo All-Stars Team is well-deserved, for the team, coaches, families, and community for all their hard work and support, making their dream come true.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER TERRY CALDWELL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Officer Terry Caldwell, who is retiring after an extraordinary 41-year career in law enforcement, including 28 years of dedicated service with the Grapevine Police Department.

Officer Caldwell began his distinguished career in 1984 with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department and, over the course of his service, earned multiple certifications and commendations, amassing more than 3,700 hours of professional training. During his tenure with the Grapevine Police Department, Officer Caldwell served 25 of his 28 years as a School Resource Officer in the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, a role he considered his calling. He was deeply committed to working alongside the young people of our community, serving as a trusted role model and mentor to thousands of students across elementary, middle, and high schools.

Officer Caldwell's unwavering dedication, professionalism, and service have left an in-

delible mark on the community he has faithfully served. His career stands as a testament to the values of integrity, compassion, and commitment that define the very best of law enforcement.

On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Officer Terry Caldwell on his well-earned retirement and thank him for his decades of service to our community.

HONORING MR. LEWIS BROWN

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Lewis Brown—an exceptional scholar from my district. He is a rising senior at Gar-Field High School located in Woodbridge, Virginia.

He is currently studying the extraction of bioethanol from crawfish and lobster shells, which is an innovative way to turn biological waste into renewable energy. He shared his work with my office showing the shells of crustaceans such as crawfish, lobsters, shrimp, and crabs are rich in chitin, a long-chain polymer that is one of the most abundant biopolymers. His work highlights both scientific curiosity and a commitment to sustainability.

But Lewis's dedication doesn't stop with his own education. He has also developed a virtual tutorial program through the MST (Math, Science, and Technology) initiative, where he mentors fellow students in biology, chemistry, math, and English. His passion for teaching and uplifting others reflects true leadership, service, and a deep commitment to both science and community.

He is also an active member of several prestigious organizations, including the National Honor Society, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Chemical Society, and the Society of Toxicology. His dedication to academic excellence and scientific advancement is clear.

Mr. Speaker, I want to personally thank Lewis Brown for his remarkable contributions to environmental science, his commitment to education, and his vision for a more sustainable future. There is no doubt in my mind that he will go on to do great things in research, in government service, and as an educator and innovator.