

man, a fearless organizer, and a tireless advocate for dignity and justice.

John understood that queer liberation wasn't just about marriage or visibility. It was about housing, healthcare, and survival. Alongside his partner, Robert Castillo, John advocated to have gender identity added to the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance and Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance, increasing fair housing protections for LGBTQ+ people in Chicago.

Today, his memory lives on in the John Pennycuff Memorial Apartments, an affordable housing community in Illinois' Third Congressional District that proudly honors the vision of inclusive, just neighborhoods.

Today, in a moment where LGBTQ+ rights are under attack, we invoke John and his uncompromising vision of holistic justice. We thank John, and may his memory call us to act with compassion, with clarity, and without apology.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND DR. CALVIN MORRIS

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise to honor the life and legacy of the one and the only Reverend Dr. Calvin Morris, a civil rights giant, a scholar, and a spiritual leader whose work helped shape the conscience of this Nation.

In 1987, at the request of Reverend Jesse Jackson, Dr. Morris became the national coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Operation Breadbasket, today known as Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

He served through the assassinations of Dr. King and Fred Hampton, guiding the movement with courage, with conviction, and with faith.

Dr. Morris also served for nearly two decades as the executive director of the faith-based social justice organization Community Renewal Society, where I am grateful that our paths got to cross.

Today, in a moment when the civil rights gained tanks to our elders are under attack, we invoke Dr. Morris and his moral clarity, his prophetic witness, his fire for justice, and his habit for breaking out into song.

In a time such as this, may his memory inspire the moral courage we need to walk boldly in his footsteps. May Dr. Morris rest in power, and may we continue to be inspired by who he is and continue to be for so many of us.

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#### SORRY, NOT SORRY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

(Mr. McCLINTOCK of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, the Democrats are outraged that the largest illegal mass migration in history, which they unleashed on our country, must now be followed by the largest repatriation in history.

Democrats insist that they don't object to removing violent criminals, but

that is a demonstrable lie. The whole point of the Democrats' sanctuary laws is to protect criminal illegal aliens from being turned over to ICE for deportation. Instead, they released them back into our communities, where many have gone on to commit even more heinous crimes.

Recently, when Federal officers served a criminal warrant on a southern California marijuana farm, activists staged a riot. Officers liberated 12 minors forced to work at this facility. Eight of them were among the 465,000 unaccompanied alien children that the Democrats placed with poorly or unvetted sponsors during Biden's administration.

It appears the marijuana farm was employing scores of illegal aliens to undercut their competition, in flagrant violation of U.S. labor and immigration laws.

Now, let's start with some simple truths. If we don't enforce our immigration laws, we have no immigration laws. If we have no immigration laws, we have no border. If we have no border, we have no country. We have gotten a glimpse of what that means as foreign flags are waved by violent mobs setting fires, ransacking businesses, and terrorizing motorists in our sanctuary cities.

What do our immigration laws actually say? They say, clearly and unambiguously, that any and every adult who illegally enters our country shall be detained. Those are the exact words of the law: "shall be detained." The Democrats simply ignore it.

They have a right to challenge their detention through a writ of habeas corpus. If they are charged with a crime, they have a right to a trial by jury, but at no time do they have the right to be released back into our communities. Under the law, they "shall be detained."

Unless they are charged with a crime, they have the right to leave detention any time they want for any country that will admit them. What they don't have is the right to remain in our country unless a judge determines otherwise.

That is why the administration is expanding detention facilities, because that is what the law requires if our borders are going to mean anything.

The Democrats call these concentration camps, but the detainees are free to leave for home anytime they choose. Indeed, that is the purpose, to provide temporary shelter while transportation is being arranged.

Deportation is not a punishment and requires no criminal charges. It is a simple administrative act. Challenging it does not invoke a right to freely enter and stay indefinitely. You either wait here in detention or in another country that will accept you. Those are your options.

Reportedly, more than a million illegal aliens have already decided to return home, an option for which our government will arrange transpor-

tation, a \$1,000 stipend to help them resettle, and a right to apply for legal entry. If they wait until they are encountered by ICE, they will be taken into custody, deported, and forbidden from reentering. That is a choice.

What about those who, after breaking our immigration laws to enter the country and breaking our labor laws to work here, have broken no other laws? That doesn't mean there aren't victims. For years, American families have struggled as the flood of illegal labor has taken their jobs and suppressed their wages.

During Biden's 4 years, most new jobs were taken by foreigners, and Americans' real wages declined. Just 6 months into the Trump administration, most new jobs are now taken by Americans, and real wages are growing once again. That is not a coincidence.

Supporting this impoverished, illegal population costs American taxpayers an estimated \$160 billion a year. It flooded classrooms with non-English-speaking students, packed emergency rooms with illegals demanding care, and overwhelmed homeless shelters and food banks meant to help Americans. Worst of all, the most violent and dangerous criminal gangs in the world accompanied this population into our country and have now taken deep root in the Democrats' sanctuary cities.

This is why we must enforce our immigration laws to the letter, as this administration is doing. America admits more legal immigrants under our laws than any nation on the planet and will continue to do so, but that does not give license to millions of foreign nationals to violate those same laws.

That is the simple truth the Democrats refuse to acknowledge.

#### HONORING JAMES "FERGIE" FERGUSON

(Ms. ADAMS of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor a giant in our State's history, a giant in our profession, and a giant in the fight for civil rights, the late James Ferguson II, who passed away on Monday, July 21, at age 82.

Mr. Ferguson was not just a brilliant legal mind. He was a trailblazer, truth-teller, teacher, and proud HBCU graduate who believed deeply in the power of the law to right all wrongs. He spent his life doing just that, from lunch counter protests in segregated Asheville to courtroom battles that reshaped this Nation.

Mr. Ferguson cofounded North Carolina's first interracial law firm. He stood before the Supreme Court in *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg* and won, changing how schools across America desegregated. He defended the Wilmington Ten. He fought for Darryl Hunt. He trained Black lawyers during apartheid.

Mr. Ferguson did it all with quiet grace, a velvet voice, and an iron resolve.

Mr. Ferguson understood something that I often say about HBCUs: They were not built for comfort. They were built for purpose. So was he.

Educated at North Carolina Central University and Columbia Law School, he returned home not to make headlines, Madam Speaker, but to make a difference.

In my journey, I admired him long before I ever met him, but when I ran for Congress, he became a trusted friend, a supporter, and an adviser.

Mr. Ferguson didn't just practice law. He lived it. He believed that justice must be pursued even when it is unpopular and even when the odds are long.

That is the legacy of James Ferguson, not just the legal victories but the courage to take on cases that no one else would, the integrity to mentor the next generation, and the conviction that justice was not just a profession but, for him, a calling.

Mr. Ferguson was a leader in the courtroom. He was a leader in the classroom. He was a leader in our community. He was a model for what public service looks like at its best. Madam Speaker, as a former educator myself, I know a good teacher when I see one. Fergie taught us all.

Today, I honor his life. I honor his work. I offer my deepest condolences to his family, his children, his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren, and his many friends across Charlotte and across this country.

Let us remember him not only in words but in action by picking up the work that he left behind, by fighting the fights that he could not finish, and by standing tall in the truth that he lived.

May he rest in power.

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#### HONORING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF JIMMY MOORE

(Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KUSTOFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a good friend, James Moore, Sr., who passed away on May 15 of this year. He lived his life in Shelby County, Tennessee.

By the way, for the purpose of these remarks, everybody at home just knew him as Jimmy.

Jimmy loved his family, golf, public service, and the car leasing business, probably in that order.

A longtime owner of Jimmy Moore Leasing, Jimmy never met a customer nor a person with whom he could probably not connect to in some way, shape, or form, probably the same way he connected to people on the golf course.

Jimmy really shined as a public servant. In public service, Jimmy was elected numerous times as a respected member of the Memphis City Council and then a number of times as the circuit court clerk in Shelby County.

Jimmy was a true public servant in every sense of the word. Jimmy was the type of guy who when you were frustrated that city hall wasn't doing enough about the trash being collected, you called Jimmy, Madam Speaker, and he got the trash picked up, usually the same day.

Jimmy was the type of guy that when the traffic lights weren't working, Madam Speaker, you called him, and he would get it taken care of right away the same day.

It may not have been his department or his agency, Madam Speaker, but Jimmy was the guy that you called when you needed your driver's license or marriage license or business license expedited. Jimmy would get to the right people who would get back to you and get it taken care of usually the same day.

As the circuit court clerk, he managed the case filings, the employees, the litigants, and the judges, and he kept all the trains on the track.

Here are two important things about Jimmy: He truly loved people, and he truly loved helping people.

I talked to my friends, Steve Stamson, who was the juvenile court clerk of Shelby County, and also Joy Touliatos, who followed Steve as the juvenile court clerk of Shelby County.

This is what Joy told me about Jimmy and her relationship with him. Joy and the others told me: If Jimmy was your friend, he was your friend for life. If Jimmy walked into the room, people knew that he had your back.

Jimmy dedicated his life to making sure that he left Shelby County a better place to live and to raise a family. Jimmy will be remembered not only for his leadership to our community but also as a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, and a loyal friend.

To Jimmy's beloved wife, Barbara; and his beloved children, Linda, Jimmy Jr., Wendy, and Tim; Roberta and I mourn with you, but we also have so many fond memories of your husband and your father.

Jimmy's loss is a true loss to our community. There is no doubt that Jimmy Moore is greatly missed.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF RICHARD "DOC" BORCICKY

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Richard "Doc" Borcicky, a Vietnam war veteran and constituent of North Carolina's First Congressional District.

A native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Doc has dedicated his life to selfless sacrifice. After enlisting in the Marine Corps as a hospital corpsman 3rd class, Doc flew into the heart of danger to execute medevac helicopter support missions.

Flown by an exceptionally skilled and resilient crew consisting of a pilot,

copilot, crew chief, two gunners, and a skilled, combat-trained Navy corpsman, medevac helicopter support personnel volunteered to fly these missions anywhere, anytime, 7 days a week.

In August of 1969, Doc, a 19-year-old, deployed to Da Nang. Almost instantly, marines stationed there came under heavy artillery and rocket fire, but Doc stood tall, going on to fly 250 combat support missions over 12 months outside the wire.

Amidst the fog of war, Doc and his fellow marines sought refuge where they could. At the Sacred Heart Orphanage in Da Nang, Doc spent time with forgotten children, many of whom had fathers who had served alongside him.

Doc captured one such kid on camera. His name was Kirk Kellerhals. After being adopted by a U.S. Army veteran, Kirk came to America. In 2017, when he learned of his past, he met the man who had volunteered at his orphanage to escape the tragedy of war.

Through it all, Doc touched the lives of not only these children but of countless servicemembers wounded in battle who never knew his name.

His story shines a light on the forgotten heroes of one of the most consequential conflicts in world history, and it reminds us that all those who have served are deserving of our everlasting gratitude.

When they returned home, Vietnam veterans did not receive a hero's welcome as their parents and grandparents had following the world wars. Instead, their service went unnoticed, unappreciated, and unknown.

By taking the time to honor their patriotism and sacrifice, especially of those whose responsibility it was to save the lives of servicemembers wounded in battle, we are taking one step toward righting that wrong.

In the end, it was former Marine Corps Commandant General Chapman who best summarized what helicopter support meant to marines on the ground in Vietnam proclaiming: "When a marine in Vietnam is wounded, surrounded, hungry, low on ammunition or water, he looks to the sky. He knows the choppers are coming . . ."

#### RECOGNIZING EDWARD EUGENE HOLMES, JULY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

(Mr. ALFORD of Missouri was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ALFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our July Veteran of the Month, Edward Eugene Holmes. He was a proud Missourian and a resident of the Missouri Veterans Home, and I got a chance to meet him this past winter.

He just left this Earth last month at the age of 99, and we want to take the time to honor his life and legacy today.

Edward was born on April 7, 1926. He joined the U.S. Navy in June of 1944,