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HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF BRIG. GEN. MARK STOGSDILL, USAF RET.

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Brigadier General Thomas "Mark" Stogsdill, USAF retired, who passed away on July 19, 2016. General Stogsdill was a devoted family man, Vietnam veteran, and decorated warrior who proudly served our country as a member of the Armed Forces for over 35 years. I am humbled to rise and pay tribute to his life, his unwavering commitment to service, and his dedication to our Nation's heroes and their loved ones.

General Stogsdill was born in Wellington, Kansas, to Betty (Montgomery) and Dale W. L. Stogsdill on September 8, 1947. His love for our country was strong and evident early on when he commissioned in the United States Air Force in the fall of 1969. He became a master navigator and earned his wings in 1970 at Mather Air Force Base, California. He completed more than 6,500 flying hours including 450 combat hours flown in AC-130 Spectre gunships during the Southeast Asia conflict. After six years on active duty, General Stogsdill joined the Air Force Reserve in 1975.

He assumed command of the 919th Special Operations Wing in 1998, which had recently transitioned from the AC-130A Spectre gunship to the MC-130E Combat Talon and MC-130P Combat Shadow. His leadership and dedication to those under his command helped ensure a successful transition. General Stogsdill was constantly looking for new ways to improve his beloved 919th SOW. It was his innovative thinking and driven persistence that enabled the Total Force Integration between the Air Force Special Operations Command's 5th Special Operations Squadron and 9th SOS at Eglin Air Force Base, and the Air Force Reserve Command's 711th SOS and 8th SOS at Duke Field. Moving reservists to Eglin and active duty members to Duke Field created a long-standing cohesion among the Special Operations Squadrons.

Many will remember General Stogsdill for his courage and resolve following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on our homeland. General Stogsdill led his unit through numerous combat deployments. Extremely successful in their missions, the 919th SOW became known as one of the most highly decorated wings in the United States Air Force Reserve.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force in 2006, General Stogsdill remained dedicated to those who serve and their families along with the community of Northwest Florida. He was an active member of both the Crestview Military Affairs Council and Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council and was a board member of the Fisher House.

During his distinguished career, General Stogsdill was greatly regarded within the Air

Force and Northwest Florida communities, and, to many he will be remembered for his devotion to his country and fellow man. To his family and friends, he'll be remembered as a loving family man with a great sense of humor. Without question, General Stogsdill lived a life full of service and has earned our Nation's highest respect and gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is a privilege for me to honor Brigadier General Mark Stogsdill's lifetime of service. My wife Vicki and I extend our prayers and sincere condolences to his wife and best friend, Jan; two daughters—Sarah and Emma; and the entire Stogsdill family.

TRIBUTE TO DON AND JOAN STAVER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Don and Joan Staver on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Don and Joan Staver were married on June 23, 1956 at Saint Clement's Catholic Church in Bankston, Iowa and now make their home in Panora, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING MRS. LAUREN BAUCOM FOR BEING SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lauren Baucom, a mathematics teacher at Forest Hills High School in Marsheville, NC, who was recently recognized as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This distinction celebrates teachers from across the country who are leaders in the fields of science and mathematics and promote innovation in the classroom.

Each year a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators review nominees and select PAEMST award recipients who challenge their students to equip them with critical thinking and problem solving skills. This year, 213 educators were selected representing all 50 states, grades K-12. Upon receipt of the award, each teacher will be given a \$10,000 award from the National

Science Foundation to be used at their discretion.

Mrs. Baucom is a shining example of a leader in the classroom who values the personal development of each one of her students. Her efforts include not only helping her students master the material but also assisting in their personal development. Mrs. Baucom encourages students to take the lessons they experience in the classroom and apply them to real life issues in an effort to impact the world.

When Mrs. Baucom is not in the classroom, she spends time investing in her colleagues and serving as a mentor for fellow educators. As the Instructional Support Coordinator at Forest Hills High School, she leads fellow teachers in rigorous professional development courses showcasing her pursuit of lifelong learning. As one of two award recipients in the state of North Carolina, she joins an elite group of educators who are on the cutting edge of classroom innovation. Our community is fortunate to have Mrs. Baucom dedicate her time and talents to educating our students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Mrs. Lauren Baucom for receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and wish her well as she continues to make a positive difference in the lives of her students.

IN TRIBUTE TO ERIC "VON" BOARDLEY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2016*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Eric Von Boardley, known to everyone by his broadcast name Eric Von. Eric passed away on September 8, 2016, at the age of 58, leaving behind his wife Faithe Colas, daughters Erica Boardley and Paige Colas, a brother and sister, numerous other family members and many friends to mourn his passing.

Eric was a radio and television broadcaster, veteran journalist and community advocate. However, he was most widely recognized and revered as a radio personality. He began his career in his hometown of Washington, D.C., as the business manager for Radio One. He eventually settled in Milwaukee, WI where he remained for over 25 years; beginning at WMCS 1290 AM and ended his radio career at WNOV 860 AM. He created an online magazine in 2014 whose goal was to improve the health of black men, entitled Brain, Brawn & Body. Eric was a frequent panelist on Wisconsin Public Television's "Interchange"; served as co-host of "Black Nouveau" from 1998 to 2000, another show on Public Television; and was a special assignment reporter and co-host of "It's Your Vote". Most recently, Eric was a leader in Precious Lives, a media-led effort to look at the causes and consequences of gun violence on Milwaukee youth. Eric was involved in public events and the live on-the-air community discussions he hosted were widely listened to with huge public participation. He did his research and was informed; guests had to be fully prepared before going on his show. Eric was so much more than a radio host and personality, he was a Milwaukee icon who was completely