

In addition to his foreign honors, LTC Megellas has received over 25 awards for service and valor while serving in the U.S. Army. These honors include: the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, the Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, and six Campaign Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge to name but a few of his awards.

Selfless action in the face of unspeakable atrocity is one of the defining characteristics of the Greatest Generation. LTC Megellas and his outstanding service stands as a shining example of how truly great this generation is. This example has set a high bar for which we as patriots and defenders of freedom should strive to achieve.

After leaving active duty in 1946, LTC Megellas continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves for an additional 16 years where he reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Following his retirement from the Army Reserves, in November 1961, LTC Megellas was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to serve as Mission Director within the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) where he served in Yemen, Panama, Columbia, and Vietnam.

LTC Megellas remains active in supporting veterans and service members across the globe. He regularly travels to speak with veterans, historians, and school children to share his experiences and to remind us all of the tremendous accomplishments of the Greatest Generation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to stand before you today to wish this living legend a very happy birthday. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in wishing Lieutenant Colonel James Megellas a happy 100th birthday.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. EMMA
BROWN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Emma Brown, who is celebrating her 100th birthday on Sunday, March 12, 2017. On this day, the Greater Beallwood Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia will honor and celebrate Mrs. Brown during the Sunday Worship Experience.

In 1917, the United States entered World War I, women did not yet have the right to vote, and segregation was rampant in the South. This is the year Mrs. Emma Brown was born. Indeed, Mrs. Brown has seen much in her lifetime and through it all, she has relied on her faith in the Lord.

Mrs. Brown and her family have been long-time fixtures at Greater Beallwood Baptist Church. Mrs. Brown's mother, Lillie McGruder Morris, was very active within the church as a deaconess and choir member. Her engagement laid the foundation for the family's commitment to the church.

After Mrs. Brown accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in 1942, she immediately became a servant of the church. She served as an usher for more than 50 years. She held

the title of Church Mother for several years. In 2004, she was commended for her decades of service with a meritorious award from the Georgia Missionary Convention. She also received an achievement award from the Mount Calvary Women's Mission Christian Education Auxiliary in recognition of her lifetime commitment to modeling Christian values.

In 1947, Mrs. Brown and her late husband Sgt. Lonnie Brown purchased their East Wynnton home in Columbus, where she still resides. For many years, Mrs. Brown worked at Saint Francis Hospital and as a private duty nurse. In her retirement, she has enjoyed participating in the Victory Play Girls Bowling League.

In addition to serving her church, Mrs. Brown felt a great sense of duty to be involved in her local community. She worked diligently to protect, educate, and encourage the youth of Columbus, Georgia and organizations such as Carver Heights Against Drugs (CHAD) have honored Mrs. Brown for her years of devotion to this work.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mrs. Brown has advanced far in life because she never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Mrs. Emma Brown, as she, her family, and the congregation of Greater Beallwood Baptist Church celebrate her 100th birthday.

HONORING MARJORIE J.
MCCONNELL

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Marjorie J. McConnell of Boca Raton, Florida who turns 100 years old today.

Marjorie J. McConnell was born just outside of St. Louis, Missouri on March 10, 1917 to Ethel Franklin and Benjamin Hughes Johnson. She was interested in art from an early age, and she obtained degrees in Art and Art Education at Washington University in St. Louis and later at Columbia Teacher's College in New York.

She dedicated herself to her students for over three decades in her career as an art teacher, which took her to Ossining, New York and Plainfield, New Jersey. Together with her husband, the late Robert K. McConnell, Jr., she raised a son and continued her creative pursuits through weaving, ceramics, and painting. Her work received recognition at art shows from New Jersey to Ohio. Marjorie has always been a staunch supporter of environmental initiatives and progressive causes and continues to create art in Boca Raton, Florida, where she resides today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during evening votes on March 9, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on roll call votes 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150, and 151. I would have voted NO on roll call vote numbers 148 and 152.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DEPUTY CURTIS ALLEN
BARTLETT

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of the life and service of Carroll County Sheriff's Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett, 32, who passed away while on duty in a tragic crash on March 9, 2017.

Deputy Bartlett was a graduate of Galax High School. From 2004 to 2007, he dutifully served as an infantry soldier with the U.S. Army. Deputy Bartlett spent time working in the private security field and graduated from the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy in 2013.

He joined the Carroll County Sheriff's Office in June of 2013 and since that time Deputy Bartlett was dedicated to serving the people of Carroll County. The Sheriff's Office will remember Deputy Bartlett for his commitment to public safety and said that his loss is being felt by everyone within his family at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

An accomplished public servant, Deputy Bartlett earned instructor certifications through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) for firearms, Taser, and fitness training. Furthermore, he was certified through the U.S. Department of Defense as a K9 handler.

Deputy Bartlett also achieved an FAA Airman Certification as a successful pilot from the Federal Aviation Administration. He will be remembered for his dedication to health and fitness, as well as motivating others and promoting a healthy lifestyle as a CrossFit Level 1 Trainer.

I ask that you, and my fellow Members of Congress, join me in keeping his family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers, including his parents, Sam and Linda Bartlett of Galax, and four siblings.

Deputy Bartlett dedicated himself to protecting the people of Southwest Virginia and I am honored to pay tribute to this great man.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on March 8, 2017, I inadvertently recorded a vote of YEA

on H.R. 1301, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (Roll Call 139). I oppose H.R. 1301, and my vote should be recorded as NAY.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MASTER POLICE OFFICER EDWARD B. ASHWORTH

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Police Officer Edward B. Ashworth for his 28 years of dedicated service to our community.

Growing up in Kannapolis, North Carolina, Officer Ashworth has always had a profound sense of duty to his community and fellow man. In 1989, he began his career of public service as a Patrol Officer for the Kannapolis Police Department. Twenty years later, he was transferred to the newly restructured Traffic Unit where he continued his service for the rest of his career.

Throughout his career, Officer Ashworth has exhibited a deep dedication to this community and we are fortunate to have had him as a leader for all these years. His accomplishments during his time on the force include being named the St. John's Grange Number 729 Officer of the Year in 2013 and the Rowan Optimist Officer of the Year in 2014. Furthermore, he has earned several certifications as an instructor and holds an Advanced Law Enforcement certificate from the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Officer Ashworth has also remained an active member of the community outside of his career by volunteering his time to give back to others. A member of the Piedmont Baptist Church, Officer Ashworth dedicates his time to helping the less fortunate through their missions program. He is a man of principled values and strong faith who continues to embody the true meaning of public service. It is my hope that Officer Ashworth will enjoy his retirement and remain a role model for all of those he has helped over the years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the career of Master Police Officer Edward B. Ashworth for his service to our community and wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his life in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAY H. HIND

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional community leader and outstanding citizen, Ms. Kay H. Hind, on the occasion of her retirement from the SOWEGA Council on Aging in Albany, Georgia on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Kay Hind was born in Albany, Georgia. She attended Georgia Southwestern College (now

University) in Americus, Georgia before transferring to the University of Georgia, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1951. She then worked as a Home Economist Extension Agent in Crawford County and Lee County, Georgia.

Since 1967, Ms. Hind has served as Executive Director of the SOWEGA Council on Aging, leading the organization for 49 of the 50 years it has been in operation. It was established to promote the well-being and independence of older and disabled people in the Southwest Georgia area. The Council started out with an \$8,000 budget, one employee, and one volunteer. Under Ms. Hind's leadership, the agency has been designated as an Area Agency on Aging by the state and expanded into a \$6 million operation with more than 20 programs. It serves more than 25,000 seniors per year and offers information and resources to 67,000 seniors living in fourteen counties in Southwest Georgia.

In 2014, the SOWEGA Council on Aging opened a new Senior Center and Agency Office in Albany, fulfilling Ms. Hind's longtime vision. Prior to the construction of the building, the agency operated out of five old buildings spread out across town. This 45,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility allowed the agency to streamline operations, increase visibility in the community, and serve more seniors with new programs, including educational programs, computer classes, arts and craft courses, exercise programs, a fitness center, and more. In recognition of Ms. Hind's work and advocacy for seniors in the community, the Kay H. Hind Senior Life Enrichment Center was named after her, further cementing her great legacy.

Ms. Hind is a familiar face around Albany, where she is an active member of the community. She has served in leadership roles for many professional and civic organizations, including the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging; National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Southern Gerontological Society; and the Albany Hospice Board, among others. She is also a member of First United Methodist Church and Kiwanis Club, to name a few. She has been appointed as delegate to the White House Council on Aging several times and was honored by Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal with the Servant's Heart Award, which recognizes individuals dedicated to helping others. Ms. Hind has received numerous other awards and accolades for her work.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Not only has Ms. Hind established a legacy in fighting to improve the quality of life for seniors, but she has also done a tremendous job of giving back to the great city of Albany, and I am very grateful for her tireless advocacy to make the community stronger. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise in her field are unparalleled, but her heart for helping others, especially seniors, one of the most vulnerable populations, is what has made her life's work truly special.

On a personal note, I have been blessed to know Kay Hind for many years and I can say without reservation that she is one of the most passionate and warmhearted individuals with whom I have had the pleasure of working. Although we will miss her leadership with the SOWEGA Council on Aging, we are consoled

knowing that this will only free up more time for her to continue to be involved in the community and enjoy some well-deserved relaxation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Kay Hind upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career spanning nearly five decades with the SOWEGA Council on Aging.

SOUTH CAROLINA WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise as dean of the South Carolina congressional delegation to recognize and honor the South Carolina Washington Semester Program for 25 years of offering outstanding young people from South Carolina colleges and universities the opportunity to come to Washington, D.C. to learn and serve. Each office in the delegation has benefitted from involvement with these students, who work for us in internships during the business day and earn college credits at night. The program was founded to ensure that South Carolina congressional offices had access to talented South Carolina students. These students have proven to be some of the brightest and most engaged to ever serve in our offices over the past quarter century.

The students are chosen competitively from statewide interviews and come to Washington for the academic semester. They work full time, five days a week, in placements consistent with their academic and career interests. While administered by the South Carolina Honors College, this is truly a statewide program and is larger than a single school. Over the years, high achieving students from The Citadel, South Carolina State University, University of South Carolina Lancaster, College of Charleston, University of South Carolina Aiken, Clemson University, Lander University, Winthrop University, Coastal Carolina University, Wofford College, Francis Marion University, Charleston Southern University, Claflin University, University of South Carolina Upstate, and University of South Carolina Columbia have participated. Over 25 years, more than 500 students have participated in the program.

In addition to each office in the delegation, Senators LINDSEY GRAHAM and TIM SCOTT and my colleagues MARK SANFORD, JOE WILSON, JEFF DUNCAN, TREY GOWDY, and TOM RICE, over its 25 years the program has been utilized by our predecessors as well. South Carolina Washington Semester Program students have served Strom Thurmond, Fritz Hollings, Jim DeMint, Arthur Ravenel, Henry Brown, Floyd Spence, Butler Derrick, Gresham Barrett, Liz Patterson, Bob Inglis, John Spratt, Robin Tallon, and Mick Mulvaney.

South Carolina Washington Semester Program students have also served in over 88 governmental, non-profit, and private sector agencies such as the White House, CNN, C-SPAN, United States Supreme Court, Departments of Justice, Commerce, Homeland Security, Education, State, Health and Human