

began her residency program, pulling all-nighters to get training so she could be an expert in her field. In 1990, she became a member of the UCSF Fresno faculty, and then became president of the medical staff at Valley Medical Center in 1996. Dr. Voris was integral in helping facilitate the transition of the medical education program to the Community Medical Center, which cared for indigent patients.

Dr. Voris lived an incredible life and she utilized her passion for medicine to help others long before she became a Dean. Dr. Voris contributed her summers to providing care to children in rural Mexico, which is something she was able to share with her husband, as he did similar work in Bolivia.

In 2002, Dr. Voris became Associate Dean of the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program. During her service, she successfully increased the number of faculty from 77 to 229, as well as increased the number of residents and fellows trained annually by 70 percent. She not only helped her patients directly but helped protect future patients by ensuring that residents were well trained.

Dr. Voris' accomplishments and contributions to the Valley have not gone unnoticed. In 2010, she was recognized as one of the Top Ten Professional Women by the Marjorie Mason Center, and in 2012 she was awarded the Physician Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fresno-Madera Medical Society. Dr. Voris ended her term as the longest-serving associate dean in its history.

She is survived by her children, Beatrice Bezmalinovic-Dhebar and husband Anirudh Dhebar of Wellesley, MA, Margaret Bezmalinovic of Sacramento, CA, and John Bezmalinovic and wife Tracy of Fresno, CA; and grandchildren, Mia Bezmalinovic, Arun Dhebar, and Chetan Dhebar. It is my honor to join Dr. Voris' family in celebrating the life of this inspirational and hardworking woman. She truly led by example and improved the lives of others throughout her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Joan Voris, whose expertise and generosity will be truly missed.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
JAMES CODY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize James Cody of Syracuse, New York, for his consistent and enduring dedication to serving our nation's veterans.

Mr. Cody began his work with the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1978 and has worked in multiple VA Centers across the east coast since then. For the last 17 years, he has served as the Director of the VA facility in Syracuse, while also overseeing its seven outpatient clinics. Mr. Cody oversaw an expansion of the facility's services, which included the construction of a Spinal Cord Injury Center, and during his tenure, approximately 48,000 veterans received the treatment they deserved.

I would like to thank Mr. Cody for his work providing an invaluable service to the veterans of New York's 21st District. The time and effort that James has put into assisting our servicemen and women speaks volumes of his character, and we applaud his years of service.

JOZLYNN MCCASLIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jozlynn McCaslin for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Jozlynn McCaslin is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jozlynn McCaslin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jozlynn McCaslin for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY SHERIFF
PFC KEVIN DAVIS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent Deputy Sheriff PFC Kevin Davis for being named Outstanding Deputy Sheriff of the Year by the Rotary Club of West Springfield. PFC Davis joined the Sheriff's Office in 2009 after retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps as a gunnery sergeant. PFC Davis works in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Civil Enforcement Branch, where he is responsible for the processing and service of civil documents on behalf of the courts and is assigned to West Springfield and Burke in Fairfax County.

PFC Davis and the other deputies have spearheaded efforts, both on and off the job, to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This past summer they partnered with 17 Starbucks stores to collect toiletries and baby care items for Artemis House, Fairfax County's only 24-hour domestic violence shelter. PFC Davis volunteers for many other Sheriff's Office activities beyond his regular job assignment. He is a member of the award-winning Honor Guard team. He also participates in Project Lifesaver, which assists families and caregivers of individuals with autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's, and related conditions and disabilities. During National Night Out he visited several community gatherings in West Springfield

and Burke and made an especially positive impression on young children and their families. Upon graduating from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, he was elected Class President by his peers and received the Instructor's Award for his outstanding leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating PFC Davis and in thanking him for his years of service to Fairfax County. He has demonstrated exceptional dedication to public safety and the mission of law enforcement, and for that, we owe him a special debt of gratitude.

HONORING MRS. KATIE FRIAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Katie "Kate" Mae McKennie Friar.

Mrs. Friar was born on July 22, 1929, in Holmes County, Mississippi. She was the third child of seven children born to Perry McKennie, Sr. and Mannie Pitchford McKennie.

Mrs. Friar began her Christian journey at a very young age at Rockport Missionary Baptist Church, Lexington, Mississippi. She later moved her membership to Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Lexington, Mississippi, where she taught at Lebanon School and started as an educator together, with her husband, the late Samuel Friar. She was a faithful member of Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church until her health declined. She was a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and chairperson of various ministries. She was an Ancient Matron of Court 172A of Heroines of Jericho for 30 years and a member of the organization for 60 years.

Mrs. Friar attended Rockport School, Ambrose School, and Mississippi Valley State University where she received a B.A. Degree in Elementary Education. She received various other achievements in education and taught school in Holmes County for 34 years before retiring in 1984.

Mrs. Friar was united in holy matrimony to the late Samuel Friar on May 24, 1953, and to this union two children were born: Shirley A. Friar, Lexington, Mississippi and Samuel L. Friar (Gwendolyn), McKinney, TX; two grandchildren: Stephen L. Friar (Christina), and Tamera K. Friar both from McKinney, TX; three great-grandchildren: Jaden F. Friar, Steele L. Friar, and Solomon L. Friar; six siblings: Leola Williams, Lexington, MS; Selena Shelton, Chicago, IL, Leslie McKennie, Sr., who preceded her in death, Perry McKennie, Jr., Nathan McKennie (Inez), Chicago, IL., Isadore McKennie, Chicago, IL., a host of nieces, cousins, and loved ones in Christ.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the memory of Mrs. Katie "Kate" Mae McKennie Friar for her hard work, dedication and strong desire to achieve.