

spends part of each day visiting online grief sites offering assistance to those who are struggling with tragedy.

For his tremendous efforts to make a difference in ending this scourge and to make our community a better place, I am proud to join the Syracuse Football Club in honoring J. Michael Anderson.

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HONORING DEBBIE WILLIAMS

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2017*

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Debbie Williams of Monroe County, Kentucky for her philanthropy in the revitalization of downtown Tompkinsville and her entrepreneurial achievement in attracting new private investment into the Tompkinsville/Monroe County area.

Debbie Williams' first experience in business in Tompkinsville was with Page Brothers—her parents' clothing store located on Main Street which operated next door to my father's dental office until 1979.

Like most of rural America, the 1980's and 1990's saw a massive exodus from downtown retail and office storefronts. Most rural Kentucky downtown areas were filled with vacant, aging buildings badly in need of repair.

Around 2010, Debbie Williams took her entrepreneurial success as co-owner of Bluegrass Dairy and made it her passion to purchase many of the depressed, vacant downtown Tompkinsville storefronts and renovate them. She purchased the building where Page Brothers was located and opened Family Circle Clothing Store. Mrs. Williams also opened and operates Brass Bell in downtown—a home furnishing store.

In two other buildings purchased by Debbie Williams, she has partnered with young entrepreneurs to provide funding for The Flower Cart and Moments in Monroe which are two new start up businesses.

In addition to her downtown Tompkinsville investments, Debbie Williams also owns Spin-out Body Shop and Monroe County's only motel—The Tompkinsville Inn.

Despite Tompkinsville being a small town in an economically depressed region, thanks to Debbie Williams, Tompkinsville is now a hotbed of new investments, and it has one of the most beautiful downtown areas in Kentucky.

Debbie Williams is not just a female entrepreneur success story, she is a hometown hero for her downtown revitalization efforts and her achievement in attracting new private investment into the great town of Tompkinsville, Kentucky.

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MILITARY RETIREMENT—UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

**HON. TREY GOWDY**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2017*

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of an exceptional officer in the United States Marine Corps. Colonel Donald L. Revell, will re-

tire in December after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the Marine Corps and the Nation.

Whereas, in May 1986, Colonel Revell graduated from Francis Marion University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering Technology.

Whereas, following in his father's Marine Corps footsteps, Colonel Revell was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the Marine Officer Candidate School Program. A graduate from the Basic Communication Officer School and the Cryptologic Division Officer's School, Colonel Revell was designated a Signals Intelligence Electronic Warfare Officer. His illustrious career would begin with "America's Radio Battalion", the Second Radio Battalion, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Whereas, over the course of 30 plus years, serving in both active and reserve duty status and in a variety of command and staff assignments, Colonel Revell provided outstanding leadership with integrity and offered sound advice on numerous issues of importance to the Marine Corps and to our Nation.

Whereas, 1 January 2018, Colonel Revell will officially retire from the United States Marine Corps faithfully serving this great nation for 31 years. Be it

Resolved, That I, TREY GOWDY, do congratulate Colonel Donald L. Revell, his wife Beth Anne, their two sons, Griffin and Alexander for their unwavering commitment and devotion to service to our great Nation, and thank them for their unwavering loyalty, dedication and contributions to Spartanburg County and to the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina.

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IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD KERN AND A TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2017*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Kern for his 50 years of service in the East Bangor Fire Department. His accomplishments were celebrated by his peers on the evening of Saturday, November 11.

As a resident of Bangor, Pennsylvania, Richard has been a constant steward of public safety in my District for a half-century. Richard led the department as Fire Chief from 1993 to 1995. During his service he inspired confidence and put his own life at risk to ensure the safety of others. Today, he remains an active member of the fire department as Safety Officer. His dedication to helping others extends beyond the East Bangor Fire Department. Richard is also a life member of the Blue Valley Rescue Squad, an organization founded in 1973 to provide emergency services to the Slate Belt region.

I ask my fellow Members to join me in recognizing Richard Kern for life of service and commitment to the well-being of his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2017*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 623, yea on Roll Call No. 624 and nay on Roll Call No. 625.

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THEODORE EDWIN CLYDE DAVIES, MD

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2017*

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the outstanding career of Dr. Theodore Davies.

It all began in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, making house calls with his Father. Often, there was no road to help them travel where they needed to go; but, still, they found a way or made their own. This would become the story of young Theodore Edwin Clyde Davies' life. A life spent in dedication to others.

His formal education began at the prestigious McCallie School located on Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Founded in 1905, McCallie is highly regarded as a private, Christian based college preparatory school for young boys and men, grades 6 through 12. Here, the virtues of honor, truth, and duty would be fostered, and he would encounter the question, "What is man's chief end?"

Young Theodore next found his way to Vanderbilt University and graduated in 1967. Answering the call to follow in his Father's footsteps, he then attended the University of Louisville School of Medicine and graduated in 1971. His surgical internships and residency in Neurosurgery would take him to the Indiana Medical Center, and Montreal, Canada. In Montreal, he would train on the first CT scanner in North America. Later, during his training in Louisville, he would begin treating patients with the first CT scans in the United States.

The next leg of his journey would lead to the service of his country in the United States Navy. Reporting to both Portsmouth, Virginia, and Okinawa, Japan, he would leave the service with the rank of Lt. Commander.

Finally, on to Paducah, Kentucky, answering the need for a private Neurosurgical practice. Here, he would make his home with his wife, Debbie—the most beautiful nurse he had ever seen. That home would eventually include the blessings of Ann, Teddy, Ellen and Emily. Now, 37 years later, they continue to be blessed with new additions, including 4 grandchildren.

As he concludes his active practice and retires this December, he looks forward to traveling and spending time with family, reading all those books that have been on his "to do list" for years, and hitting the greens every chance he gets. He will also be able to reflect upon his work as a physician and surgeon and know that he has upheld his Oath to others. He knows well, and has shared with countless others, that the answers to man's chief end is "to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." I thank Dr. Davies; well done, Sir.