

attended Dillon County Training School, an unaccredited school in Latta for Negroes. He finished his high school education at Voorhees Preparatory School before going to South Carolina State University. There, he studied from 1945 until 1949, majoring in biology and secondary education and minoring in chemistry. Later, Dr. Platt received his master's degree in education from The Ohio State University. Upon graduation, he served in the newly integrated United States Air Force. He studied aviation physiology and quickly rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in Aviation Medicine. In 1960, he graduated and received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

After graduating, Dr. Platt moved to Akron, Ohio with his soulmate Barbara to train as a doctor. He knew he would be unable to be a doctor if he remained in South Carolina. Russell resided in Akron for 58 years, practicing medicine there for 51 of those years. Through the course of his career it is estimated that Platt has cared for over 25,000 patients and frequently handed out his personal cellphone number for after-hour emergencies. He was beloved by the community for his service; believing that his work was a calling rather than simply a career.

Beyond his own practice, Dr. Platt was a proud member of The American Medical Association, The Ohio State Medical Association, The Summit County Medical Association, The American Society of Internal Medicine, and The National Medical Association. He received many honors and accolades through the years. Most recently, Summa Health established the Russell Platt Clerkship, collecting over \$10,000 for medical residents. He was selected for the prestigious Crain's Magazine "Eight over Eighty." He was also featured in an article in the Akron Beacon Journal, "Pioneering Black Doctor Living his calling at 89."

But above all, Dr. Platt was dedicated to his wife and six children. A true family man, he cherished the time spent with them. He is quoted as saying, "You can't go back. Take care of those kids while you can—go to their concerts, take them to piano lessons, take them to shows." He and his wife Barbara, who passed away in 2012, are survived by six children, Michael and Russell Platt Jr., Pamela Potts, Deborah Watters, Renee, Kimberly, and ten grandchildren to carry on their memory. Dr. Russell Platt will leave a lasting impact, and I know he is dearly missed by his family and the greater community of Akron. I extend my deepest and sincerest condolences.

PLANTATION AT QUAIL VALLEY
NAMED SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plantation at Quail Valley in Missouri City, for being named Senior Living Community of the Year.

Plantation at Quail Valley in Missouri City was named Senior Living Community of the Year by the Houston Apartment Association

(HAA). Each year, HAA presents awards to different properties located within its 12 county membership area. Receiving this award is a prestigious honor for Plantation at Quail Valley, not only locally but also brings much statewide and national recognition. This senior living community is state of the art and is greatly valued by the residents of Missouri City.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Plantation at Quail Valley for being named Senior Living Community of the Year. Thanks for helping make Missouri City a wonderful place to live.

THE SPANISH FLAG LOWERED FOR
THE FINAL TIME ON TEXAS SOIL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the day was July 21, 1821. The heat of the Texas summer sun beat down upon San Antonio de Bexar, the future site of the Battle of the Alamo. The flag of Imperial Spain billowed in the wind above the roofs of the mission town. This day, however, would be the final day that this flag would fly over Texas.

For nearly three centuries, the Spanish governed Texas. Conquistadores, missionaries, and adventurers made their way to Texas, drawn in by the bountiful opportunities of the seemingly endless land. However, resistance against Spanish rule began to take root within its overseas colonies. In Texas, filibusters from the United States crossed into Spanish territory attempting to claim land loosely controlled by Spanish royal forces. Mexico caught the fever of revolution, and by the early 1800's, certain individuals, including Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, were promoting resistance to aspects of Spanish rule.

To make matters worse, Spain was forced to cede Louisiana as a result of the Napoleonic Wars at home to France, who then sold it to President Thomas Jefferson and the United States.

Eventually, the pressure became too great from within, and the Mexican war of Independence began in 1810. Revolutionaries, both Hispanic and Anglos, living across Spanish Mexico took up arms in open revolt against the Spanish occupiers. In Texas, Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara and Augustus W. Magee captured Nacodoches, La Bahia, and San Antonio, the capital of Spanish Texas at the time, and proclaimed Texas an independent state in 1813. Despite their early success, the group eventually was defeated decisively by Spanish forces, thus keeping Texas under Spain's control.

However, the days of Spanish rule were numbered, and eventually the independence movement in Mexico under Agustin de Iturbide and Vicente Guerrero successfully drove the Spanish from Mexican shores once and for all. Mexico would officially become an independent nation on July 21, 1821. Having provided resistance against Spanish rule, Texas remained a part of an independent Mexico until the Texas Revolution fifteen years later.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to honor the state's history. The Spanish flag is one of the Six Flags over Texas, part of the rich tapestry of the state's history, and this event represents an important moment in the history of our nation.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SERGEANT JAMES (JIMMY) RIZZO

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the service and sacrifice of James (Jimmy) Rizzo. Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, in the shadow of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, his draft notice arrived in 1942. Mr. Rizzo was sent to Camp Crowder in Neosho, Missouri for basic training, and upon completion of his training, he was assigned to the 96th Battalion and transferred to Louisiana.

In 1943, he arrived in the Burmese theater, where he would be stationed to serve. Mr. Rizzo was constantly on the move in Burma. His duty was retrieving supplies and packages by airdrop from dangerous jungles and terrains, ensuring these supplies arrived at their military and medical destinations on time and intact. The job was a dangerous one, and during his time in Burma he faced two near-death situations.

Having been promoted from Private to Corporal and then to Sergeant, he was awarded the African and Burma Stars. For his service and sacrifice, our nation will always be indebted to Sergeant Rizzo, and his bravery and selflessness then and now continues to inspire us all.

TRIBUTE TO MARLENE AND
LARRY HUMMEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Marlene and Larry Hummel of Atlantic, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 16, 1963 at Oakland United Methodist Church in Oakland, Iowa.

Marlene and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

KENDRA RAMIREZ NAMED EDUCATIONAL OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize Kendra Ramirez, of Rosenberg, TX, for being named the Texas Education Support Staff Association (TESA) Educational Office Employee of the Year.

Kendra Ramirez received the Nelda Van Dyke Award for being the 2017–2018 Educational Office Employee of the Year, the top individual honor for TESA members. TESA is a professional organization focusing on the advancement of education and furthering its development in the state of Texas. Kendra is a Human Resource Specialist with Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. This distinguished honor reflects Kendra's dedication to our Lamar CISD students and staff.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Kendra Ramirez on being named the Texas Education Support Staff Association Employee of the Year. Her service is crucial to the development of education in our district. I thank her.

GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because gun violence continues to claim the lives of Americans and it remains unchecked by this Congress.

Just this weekend, Chicago—our nation's third largest city—saw 74 people shot, 11 of whom passed away and 63 of whom were injured and will never be the same.

Mr. Speaker, what are we doing? Or more correctly, what AREN'T we doing?

We should be passing legislation to stop interstate gun trafficking, to prevent stalkers from accessing weapons, to keep suspected terrorists from purchasing weapons and to ensure a background check on every gun sale.

Tragically, this Republican-controlled Congress shows no intention to consider any of these commonsense, lifesaving policy changes that we know work and save lives.

Mr. Speaker, we—well, more correctly, this Republican-controlled Congress is failing the American people and putting their lives and families at risk.

Here are the names of many, many Americans that we've failed.

Americans failed by a Congress too beholden the NRA to act:

FLORIDA'S 25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1. Melani Valencia, 7
2. Deborah Ledesma, 14
3. David Bettancourt, 15
4. Jennifer Cordero, 16
5. Marcos Aleman, 17
6. Michael Stallone, 18
7. Jael Valencia, 18
8. Brady Walker, 18
9. Juan Herrera Jr., 19
10. Tyquarn Johnson, 19
11. Jeffrey Eskridge Jr., 20

12. Andrew Verde, 20
13. Sai Kiran Aila, 21
14. Michael Nicholas Zaldua, 21
15. Rosemary Ramirez-Morales, 23
16. Javier Enrique Pupo, 23
17. Diamond Tisdale, 24
18. Elena Maria Diaz, 27
19. Christopher Patrick Hunter
20. Thomas Anthony Hunter
21. Omaid Garcia
22. Eduardo Gonzalez
23. Army Ranger Fernando Duarte
24. Carlos Gonzalez Penalver
25. Lucila Mercedes Suarez Rodriguez
26. Lourdes Torres
27. Carlton Fair
28. Jesus Valencia
29. Rocky E. Priser
30. Noarian Pino
31. Ramon Emilio Gutierrez Castillo
32. Elva Rosa Alcalá
33. Andres Alcalá Gutierrez
34. Elia Falcón
35. Edna Jarboe
36. August Steen Jr.
37. Lazarus Morejon
38. Diana Maria Castro
39. Robert Parker
40. Andres Lezcano
41. Niurvy Diima
42. Estela Cuba
43. Juan Agriel
44. Yolanda Samaniego
45. Charlie Davis
46. Valrie Davis
47. Hidelsia Echemendia
48. Blesilda Dominguez
49. Yanetsy Pastrana
50. Onelia Canales
51. Juan Carlos Hernandez
52. Deputy Jayson Moorehead
53. Richard Acosta
54. Yurien Diaz
55. Melvin Culpepper
56. Angel Garcia
57. Dogoberto Barrios
58. Xavier Pringle
59. Lashelle Williams
60. Marjorie Hunton
61. Timothy Hunton
62. Officer Yandier Hernandez
63. Yoan Leon-Gonzalez
64. Danielle Trevino
65. Carlos Alberto Cura
66. Shay Harvey
67. Tony Green
68. Jessica Cifuentes
69. Eduardo Rodriguez
70. Juan Guellmes
71. Paris Rome

FLORIDA'S 26TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

72. Alfredo Hernandez-Siena, 18 months
73. Camell Williams-Thomas, 2
74. Eric "E.J." Wright, 5
75. Amiere Castro, 7
76. Amberly Hernandez-Sierra, 8
77. Treasure Clark, 9
78. Makaih Smith, 10
79. Jamarie London, 11
80. Cornell Dunn, 12
81. Anthony Elison, 13
82. Darin "Book" Booker, 13
83. Cedrick Pemell, 13
84. Teddra King, 13
85. Lazara Retana, 13
86. Jonathan Wells, 14
87. Jaquwaivyon Mattes, 14
88. Martwan Santiago, 14
89. Fabian McIntyre, 15
90. Kondrea Wilson, 16
91. Joe'eara Riley, 16
92. Jatavious Williams, 17
93. Corey "CJ" Johnson, 17
94. DeAndre Foster, 17
95. Jennavi Small, 18
96. Sergio Emanuel Franco, 18
97. Joshua Mosely, 18

98. Laquavius Hudson, 18
99. Christian Aguilar, 18
100. Robert Engleton, 18
101. Eddie Yoo, 18
102. Marlin Goodluck, 19
103. Kemorie Wallace, 19
104. Nuckeria "Keria" Hanis, 19
105. Dennis Collins, 20
106. Brittany Clay, 20
107. Kenneth Hubert, 20
108. Priscilla Macia, 21
109. Tabitha Jamison, 21
110. Grace Frazer, 22
111. Christian Martinez, 22
112. Raheem Shannon, 23
113. Anthony Sikora, 23
114. Sam Salehi, 24
115. Ashley Francois, 24
116. Ivan Filgueira, 26
117. Jermaine Lee, 26
118. Leon Dye, 26
119. Ahmed Jabado, 26
120. Takeisha Forbes, 26
121. TawaigPerpall, 27
122. U.S. Marine Guillermo Comme, 27
123. Nisleydis Sierra, 29
124. Deborah Ramos-Arce
125. David Fluitt
126. Alfred Alvarez
127. Johnny Eugene Brown
128. Takeeya "KeKe" Fulton
129. Wilfredo Siam
130. Juan Cruz
131. John Stevens
132. Manuel "Manny" Madruga
133. Steve Jones
134. Bassima Jabado
135. Larry Harshman
136. Lisette Iglesias
137. Pastor Paez
138. Alfredo Maestre
139. Jsmel Herrera
140. Cedric Lyons
141. Rosseny Lustin
142. Renaldo "Ziggy" Clayton
143. Terrence Haynes
144. Enrique Gonzalez Alfonso
145. Jose Yero
146. Lorenzo Haynes
147. Gale Sikora, RN
148. Jorge Garcia-Ramirez
149. Santiago Garcia
150. Jesus Hernandez, Jr.
151. Lt. Gary King
152. Charles Whitaker
153. Rochelle Johnson
154. Raynier Miranda
155. William Selesnick
156. Kelvin Harris
157. Ryan Tolmos
158. Monroe County Sheriffs Deputy Josh Gordon

Gordon

159. Isalia Hernandez
160. Sgt. Sydney Whitehouse
161. Gustavo Gutierrez-Escoria
162. Vladimie Jean-Gilles

FLORIDA'S 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

163. James Leake, 1
164. Ekari Fussell, 10
165. Damian Escovedo, 12
166. Christian Torres, 13
167. Albert Brooks, 13
168. Steven Odeus, 14
169. Alexander Rafael Sanchez, 16
170. Stanley Blanc, 16
171. William Pagan, 16
172. Richard Hallman, 16
173. Rahkeem Zabaleta Brown, 16
174. Tayvontae Robinson, 16
175. Juan Acosta, 17
176. Danny Alvarez, 17
177. Demetric McCall, 19
178. Emilio Perez, 19
179. Priscilla Torres, 19
180. Cariann Denise Hithon, 23
181. Luis L. Herrera Kindelan
182. Francisco Martinez Jr.