

Winfield High School in 1967, he went on to graduate from the University of Alabama in 1975 with a degree in accounting.

In 1988, Judge Oswald was first elected to the office of Probate Judge. He was re-elected in 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012, serving a total of five terms. As Probate Judge, he became a strong leader in the community and promoted economic development for the region. In particular, he has been actively involved in recruiting industry and has made that a priority throughout his years of service. He worked closely with county and civic leaders in Fayette, Lamar and Marion counties to create C3 of Northwest Alabama, a regional economic development cooperative. He also helped create the Fayette Community Foundation and still serves as its chairman. Furthermore, he served as chairman of the Fayette County Courthouse Restoration Foundation and as a past chairman of the Alabama Probate Judges Association.

Over the years, Judge Oswald has worked closely with seven Alabama Governors, five Senators, two Congressmen and countless mayors and county commissioners, as well as the heads of numerous federal and state agencies to promote the needs of Fayette County. Through his leadership, Fayette County is one of Alabama's strongest and most progressive rural counties.

Judge Oswald is a member of Grace Baptist Church where he has taught the Senior Adult Sunday School class for the last 42 years. He is married to Nelda Langston Oswald, his wife of 47 years, and they have three children: Deidre, Whitney and Audrey and six grandchildren: Tanner, Dylan, Langston, Hollis, Houston and Harrison.

Judge Oswald has gained the respect by the people of Fayette County for his honesty, hard work, and dedication, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Probate Judge William Oswald on his many accomplishments and for his enduring impact on Fayette County and the State of Alabama. I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him God's richest blessings in his retirement and the next chapter in his life.

HONORING JUDGE PAUL CHERRY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge Paul R. Cherry on retiring from his position as Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Indiana. Judge Cherry graduated from Huntington University in 1973 and obtained his J.D. from Ohio Northern University School of Law in 1977. He began his distinguished legal career in private practice from 1978–1988 and was elected as the DeKalb County Prosecuting Attorney three years later. Judge Cherry went on to become a DeKalb County Circuit Court Judge and on October 1, 2003, he was appointed to the United States Court of the Northern District of Indiana as a Magistrate Judge.

Judge Cherry has had a distinguished career on the bench and has helped to keep our

community safe. He has tried two capital cases, numerous drug related cases, and conducted his hearings in a fair and professional manner. In his spare time Judge Cherry is a member of several bar associations and has served as an adjunct faculty member at Huntington University, Calumet College, and Valparaiso Law School.

I applaud Judge Cherry on all his accomplishments and thank him for a lifetime of service to our community.

HONORING THE WONDERFUL LIFE
OF MRS. CLELA VIRGINIA WANAMAKER

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the wonderful life of Mrs. Clela Virginia Wanamaker. At 97 years old, Clela passed away peacefully at her home in Sun City West, Arizona on December 9, 2018, with her husband of 72 years by her side. Clela was born on January 9, 1921, in Iowa. Clela had a long and distinguished career as a registered nurse. She worked at Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, Iowa, before she and her husband moved to Wayzata, Minnesota in 1949. There, she worked as an industrial nurse for 27 years at Honeywell and retired in 1979. She married Bohn E. Wanamaker, her "Mr. Wonderful", on October 17, 1946, in Estherville, Iowa. They lived most of their married life in Wayzata, Minnesota, retiring in Sun City West, Arizona in 1980.

Clela was an accomplished archery champion. Her husband, Bohn, was her coach and was one of four qualified archery coaches in Minnesota in 1966. Her first award came in 1966 when she finished 10th in the 82nd National Archery Tournament where she zeroed in 492 arrows and was the first to record a "Six Gold" by shooting six arrows in succession into the gold center of the target at 40 yards. Remarkably, Clela accomplished that feat after beginning serious practice less than a year earlier. Almost as incredible was that she was 45 years old at the time. The following year she added two silver and two bronze medals in the nationals. In 1969, she qualified for the world championships. Also, in 1969, she won the first of seven Minnesota state championships. In 1971, Clela was the first woman in the United States to shoot 1,200 scores back-to-back. Only three other women at that time had ever shot a 1,200 in the United States. Clela later became involved in pistol shooting and won many awards in that sport as well.

Clela was also an active member of the community. More than 30 years ago, Clela made a decision to do something about obesity in the Sun City West community and started a diet group, Win and Lose. Clela was nominated for the "Salute to Senior Service Contest" for recognition of her 31 years of volunteer services, helping hundreds of men and women lose their excess weight and get healthy. As a result of this contest, in early summer of 2013 she was named Arizona Outstanding Senior Volunteer. She continued this club until about six months ago. She was also an active member of Arrowhead Republican Women.

Clela was a valuable member of her community and she will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the Sun City West community. On behalf of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Clela's husband, Bohn Wanamaker, their family, and their friends who mourn this loss.

HONORING COURTNEY CALLEJAS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Courtney Callejas. After joining my team as an intern in my first term in office, she departs this week, more than four years later, as a trusted legislative assistant covering a wide range of important issues.

Courtney is a native of the second congressional district of California, the most beautiful district in the country, and her fondness for the people and places of the North Bay have served her very well in her work. She graduated from Sonoma State University in 2012, and after attaining a Master of Science in International Relations degree from Kingston University in London, she returned to her hometown of Petaluma for a job with the family-owned Straus Family Creamery, a leading organic dairy in our region. Her work ethic and enthusiasm brought her success in that role, but then—fortunately—her desire to get involved in public policy brought her east to Washington, D.C.

Over the course of the next several years, Courtney has worked her way up and done a little of everything in the office: managing interns and greeting constituents, strengthening my constituent correspondence program, and, ultimately, becoming a legislative assistant. In the 115th Congress, Courtney staffed the creation of our new Congressional Freethought Caucus and has been integral to our efforts to bring accountability to the Trump administration, especially in the realms of campaign finance and foreign policy. Her intellectual curiosity, desire to help others, and dedication to public service were clear from the beginning, and her time living and working in the North Bay have given her important personal insights into the district's interests and needs.

Madam Speaker, as Courtney moves on to the staff of Congresswoman JENNIFER WEXTON of her adopted state of Virginia, we will miss her generous spirit, hometown pride, and infectious laugh, and we wish her the best of luck in her new adventure.

RECOGNIZING GREGORY E.
SAUNDERS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gregory E. Saunders for his extraordinary public service as he retires from his current position as Director of the Defense Standardization Program Office. Director Saunders leaves the federal government after

49 years protecting our country through a variety of posts within the Defense Department. His tireless efforts procuring and overseeing materiel have helped keep our nation's military effectively armed and combat-ready.

Prior to his leadership as Director of the Defense Standardization Program Office, Mr. Saunders served as the Deputy Director for Acquisition Processes in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and staff member of the Defense Material Specifications and Standards Office.

This is hardly the first time Director Saunders's prowess has been recognized. He is the recipient of many well-deserved awards, including the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Vice President's Golden Hammer Award. Engineering societies from around the world have recognized Director Saunders's rigorous methodology and skillset, awarding him with recognition from the Standards Engineering Society, SAE International, and the industry's Equal Partner Award. Perhaps most notably, Dr. Saunders has received the Silver Star of the Polish Army.

Director Saunders exemplifies the ideals of service and will be sorely missed. I am sad to see him leave, but even more proud to congratulate him on a well-earned retirement after a distinguished career in civil service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL AND ALL THE AMAZING CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CAROLE KING HAS MADE TO NEW YORK AND OUR COUNTRY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Carole King, arguably the most prodigious singer-songwriter of our century, for the fifth anniversary of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical which is based on her life and career.

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical opened on Broadway on January 12, 2014. After its first season the show won a Grammy for Best Musical Theater Album as well as two Tony awards. In 2015 it opened on London's West End, garnering 2 Olivier Awards. The show is now entering its sixth year.

Carole King launched her extraordinary musical career as a songwriter at the young age of seventeen with the song "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," co-written alongside her then-husband Gerry Goffin. She continued to cowrite dozens of subsequent chart-topping songs until she wrote her first solo song, "Baby Sittin'," in 1967. She made her breakthrough as a musical artist in her own right when she released her album Tapestry in 1971, which stayed on the charts for over six years and was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1998.

To date, King has composed more than 100 hit singles and amassed numerous prestigious musical awards, including four Grammy Awards. She was the first woman to receive the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for

Popular Song, which she was honored with in 2013. She has also been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame as well as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and was a Kennedy Center Honoree in 2015.

In addition to her prolific musical career, King has also dedicated her exceptional abilities towards environmental activism and ensuring the conservation of American wildlife, parks, and wild places. King is a long-time resident of Idaho and began working with the Alliance for the Wild Rockies in 1990, testifying on Capitol Hill against legislation that would harm Idahoan natural spaces. She has also been a stalwart and outspoken advocate of the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA), a bill I have introduced in every Congress since the 103rd Congress. King testified in favor of NREPA in 2009 before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary contributions of Carole King, whose environmentalism and musical talents have bettered New York and our nation and inspired a Broadway musical.

IN HONOR OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT "BOB" PAUL HANNER, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable statesman, public servant, Georgia State Representative, and friend of long-standing—Mr. Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr. Sadly, Representative Hanner passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. His passing marks the close of a long and prolific life, and his departure leaves a void in the hearts of many Georgians. A funeral service for Representative Hanner was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at First Baptist Church of Dawson in Dawson, Georgia.

Robert Paul Hanner, Sr. was born in Americus, Georgia on April 19, 1945, to the union of the late Jack and Yip Hanner. A product of Georgia's educational systems, he attended Parrott Grammar School and Terrell High School before graduating from both Gordon Military College in Barnesville and Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

In 1975, Bob was elected to the Georgia General Assembly, where he served until 2013, and represented House District 148, which included portions of Chattahoochee, Quitman, Lee, Terrell, Webster, and Stewart counties. During his 38 year tenure, he served as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rules Committee, Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee, and Chairman of the Game, and Fish and Parks Committee. He also served as Co-Chair of the State-wide Water Management Commission. Bob served as Co-Chair of the Joint Blue Ribbon Study Commission on State Gov-

ernment Decentralization and the Joint Comprehensive Water Study Committee. He also worked with the Agriculture Water branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

His contribution to agriculture and the environment is memorialized in the Hooks-Hanner Environmental Resource Center which was established through the legislative efforts of Bob and his longtime Southwest Georgia legislative partner, State Senator George Hooks. The name of the Center honors their legacy of service to Georgia agriculture and the environment.

Bob's community involvement included membership in the Dawson Lion's Club, the P.T. Schley Lodge No. 229, the Terrell County Chamber of Commerce, as well as Vice President of both the Georgia and local chapters of Jaycees.

Bob accomplished much throughout his life, but none of this would have been possible without his enduring faith in God and the love and support of his wife, Linda; his three sons, Robert Jr., Jeff, and Matt; and his two grandsons.

On a personal note, Bob and I served under him in the State House together and I was blessed with his friendship, counsel, and support over the years. His help with my initial campaign and subsequent reelection campaigns for Congress were pivotal. Bob was truly a great representative for Southwest Georgia and a stellar example of how a public servant should serve his constituents. His leadership will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to State Representative Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr. for his remarkable leadership in our great State of Georgia and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and, loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. TONI WASHINGTON

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my constituents and the African American Fire Fighters Historical Society in recognizing the tenth anniversary of Ms. Toni Washington's appointment as the fire chief of Decatur, Georgia.

On January 6, 2009, Chief Washington became the first African-American and the first woman to serve as the City of Decatur's fire chief and emergency manager. As the fourth of six African-American women appointed as fire chief in the United States, Chief Washington is the only African-American woman who is actively leading a fire department.

Chief Washington began her public safety career at the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office and continued her career at a Metro Atlanta fire department where she was promoted up to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. Prior to her career in public safety, Ms. Washington