

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

worked on Turner Home Entertainment's marketing and public relations team, on actress Jane Fonda's staff, and with the Cobb Micro-enterprise Council.

Chief Washington earned an undergraduate degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing and management from Savannah State University and continued her studies at National Louis University, where she earned a master's of science degree in managerial leadership. She maintains a commitment to professional development exemplified by her attendance of the Dr. Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute at Dillard University and the National Fire Academy, and her Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

In her limited spare time, Chief Washington is also active in numerous professional associations and community organizations. She is a proud member of the Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, the Black Chief Officers Committee, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Georgia State Firefighters Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Washington also chairs the Georgia Firefighters Bum Foundation's board of directors, is a trustee of the iWomen board, and volunteers with the Decatur Career Academy Advisory's council and various mentoring programs.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would also like to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to Chief Washington's loving family—her husband Gregory; daughters—Tahj, Lark, and Lauryn; son-in-laws—Lyndon and Mark; and her grandsons—Little Lyndon and Logan. I commend Chief Washington on her 10th anniversary and thank her for serving the City of Decatur and contributing to the safety and well-being of our region and nation.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO PETTIS
NORMAN**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and a true East Texas treasure, Pettis Norman.

Pettis Norman, once known as one of the premier athletes in the National Football League and a long-time Dallas Cowboy, is recognized as a successful businessman with a keen sense of civic responsibility and boundless energy. With more than forty years of business experience, this former Cowboys star has achieved record success on and off the field. Norman was active in changing the segregationist climate within the Cowboys and later the city of Dallas, helping organized marches during the civil rights movement influencing the changing of the team's roommate assignments and breaking social barriers.

During his collegiate and professional careers, Pettis was a stellar athlete. He was voted a First Team, Currier All-American in 1962, while attending Johnson C. Smith University as a physical education student. Upon graduating, Pettis joined the National Football League and won three championships as a starting tight end for the Dallas Cowboys and San Diego Chargers over nine seasons.

In addition to his professional sports endeavors, Pettis pursued a career in banking with South Oak Cliff State Bank in Dallas. Pettis was initially hired to work in Public Relations, but quickly rose to the position of Assistant Vice President in Business Development. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to Vice President, becoming the first-ever African-American Banking Officer in the region.

Pettis furthered his business interests by also venturing into real estate and restaurant franchising over the course of three decades. To date, Pettis has created four companies under the umbrella known as PNI Industries. He also created The Dallas Together Forum, consisting of approximately 20 CEOs from Fortune 500 companies, to address the pressing issues of minorities and female participation in the "bounties of our nation". The Dallas Together Forum became a successful model that had been replicated across the nation.

Pettis Norman is well-regarded and is highly respected within the Dallas community. I would like to recognize him on his birthday, and I thank him for his leadership to this community and to the city of Dallas, Texas.

**HONORING FLORIDA REPRESENTATIVE
RICHARD STARK AS THE
ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE
YEAR BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION
OF BROWARD COUNTY**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize State Representative Richard Stark of Weston, Florida, a dedicated public servant and my good friend and who will be honored as the Elected Official of the Year by the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

Richard attended New York public schools before receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Denver. He then moved to South Florida to join his family's furniture business. In 1990, he became an independent insurance agent, and today, operates a thriving independent agency specializing in life, health and insurance plans for seniors.

After holding leadership positions with Temple B'Nai Aviv, Rotary Club of Weston, and the American Youth Soccer Organization, Richard was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2012. Soon after, he was elected Chair of the Florida Jewish Legislative Caucus. Under his leadership, the Caucus has been instrumental in promoting legislation to combat the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, securing funding for human services needs in the Jewish community, and ensuring the security of Jewish Day Schools throughout our state. As a State Representative, he works closely with rabbis, Jewish community leaders, and Hillels at Florida State University to engage students in the policy process and grow the next generation of Jewish leaders.

Richard currently Chairs the Broward County Legislative Delegation, serves as Deputy Leader of the House Democratic Caucus, and serves on the House Appropriations Committee, Commerce Committee, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and Health Quality Subcommittee.

He has been married to his wife, Debbi, for over 30 years and his children, Lindsey and Jason, attended and graduated from Broward County public schools.

Madam Speaker, this award is a true testament to Representative Richard Stark's ongoing commitment to his community. I want to extend my warmest congratulations to him on receiving the Elected Official of the Year Award from the Jewish Federation of Broward County, and send along my best wishes on such a momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF RENE DROUIN, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NHHEAF NETWORK ORGANIZATIONS

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Rene Drouin on his upcoming retirement from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) Network Organizations after more than 40 years of service.

In addition to his work at the NHHEAF Network Organizations, Mr. Drouin has served as Chair of the Program Operations Committee of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, as well as the distinction of being designated with a Congressional appointment to the U.S. Department of Education's Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

Through Rene's leadership, the Organizations employ nearly 200 people, with more than 800,000 student loan borrowers serviced as part of NHHEAF's Federal Direct Loan Servicing Contract, as well as servicing 40,000 Federal Family Education Loan and private loan borrowers, including many Granite State students and families. Rene has ensured the Organizations continue to have a lasting economic impact in our state and local communities, including generous charitable spending for financial literacy and college planning.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Rene for his commitment to championing college access and affordability in his 40 years of service at the NHHEAF Network Organizations. His efforts will continue to benefit our state for years to come. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Rene and wish him the very best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING MR. PETER ARRIGONI

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Peter Arrigoni, who passed away on December 18, 2018, at the age of 87 after a lifetime of public service to his community.

Born in 1931 in San Francisco, Mr. Arrigoni later settled in Fairfax, where his extended family had lived for more than 100 years. He