

more. For 35 years she was one of my closest friends. We traveled together and Shirley's love for people always shined through wherever we went. She loved entertaining and her house became a gathering place for all the women she had mentored and empowered. No one could throw a party like Shirley and I'll remember many nights of food, drink and, most of all, lots of laughs and warm company in her home. She truly meant the phrase Your house is my house (*Su Casa es mi Casa*). She always said she adored my Tina Turner impression. I'll do it again for Shirley when I next see her.

I'll miss my dear friend, Shirley Rodriguez Remeneski. Her soul was infused with a passion for improving her community, for serving others and for strengthening New York. In every position she served, she brought a tireless commitment to positive change and an infectious energy that made those around her feel no obstacle was insurmountable. I send my prayers and thoughts to Shirley's family. May they take comfort in knowing our community mourns with them and that our city will continue paying homage to her myriad contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, due to logistical challenges, I unintentionally missed a roll call vote on H.R. 502. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 53.

IN HONOR OF CHRIS ARCHER FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 CABARRUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Chris Archer for receiving the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

The Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador team is a group of highly visible, prestigious volunteers who serve as the Chamber's primary liaison to Chamber members and the community. They provide vital leadership by sharing their business insights and connections with members and represent the best the Chamber has to offer.

Since joining the Cabarrus Chamber two years ago, Mr. Archer understood that building relationships is the key to any successful business. As an Account Manager at Sharp Business Systems, he has seen success as a result of his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce. He is always ready to greet new members and promote the Chamber to non-members—he's one of the key reasons our Chamber has been so successful the past year.

Mr. Archer is deserving of this award and I wish him success as he continues to provide excellent service to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Chris Archer on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Home Rule Act, a bill that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, with the President retaining authority on federal matters. In local emergencies, including natural disasters and civil disturbances unrelated to national or homeland security, the mayor of the District should have the same authority that governors exercise over the National Guard in their states and territories. Each governor—including the governors of the three U.S. territories with Guards—has the authority to deploy the National Guard to protect his or her state or territory, just as local militia did historically.

The National Guards in the 50 states and territories operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet only the President currently has the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard for both national and local purposes. Today, by far the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters, such as hurricanes and floods, and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call on the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The President should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. Homeland security authority, with respect to the D.C. National Guard, would remain the sole province of the President, along with the power to federalize the D.C. National Guard for federal matters at will. It does no harm to give the mayor authority to deploy the Guard for civil disturbances and natural disasters. However, it could do significant harm to leave the mayor powerless to act quickly. If it makes sense that governors would have control over the deployment of their National Guards, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

The mayor of the District, as chief executive, should have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard in instances that do not rise to the level of federal homeland security activities. My bill permits the mayor to deploy the D.C. National Guard only after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-government powers to the District that Congress began with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority over District matters to an elected mayor and Council. The bill follows that model.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

IN HONOR OF TIM VAUGHN, THE 2019 DUKE ENERGY CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Timothy F. Vaughn for receiving the 2019 Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award from the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

The Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award seeks out individuals who use their time, talent and compassion to positively impact the lives of others in their community or in the workplace. Recipients of the award help foster a culture of citizenship and service that acts as a catalyst for others to become involved in civic and social activities.

Even though he always puts others first, I can think of no one more deserving of recognition than Tim Vaughn. I've known Tim for over twenty years at this point—despite managing Hilbish Ford, one of the biggest car dealerships in the state, he's always found time to step up and lead our community. He's helped lead the Rotary Club, he's helped our children in both Cabarrus County and Kannapolis City Schools, and he's always been thoroughly involved with the Cabarrus Chamber.

Tim Vaughn truly represents the best our county has to offer, and I'm thrilled he is being recognized by Duke Energy and the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Timothy F. Vaughn on receiving the 2019 Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award from the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACK KELEHER FOR HIS INTERNSHIP WITH THE UNI-CAPITAL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Keleher. Jack has worked in my Washington, D.C. Congressional office as an intern through the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP) since January. I am so pleased to acknowledge his hard work and dedication.

Jack is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws at Deakin University in Victoria, where he is a Member of the Deakin Law Student's Society, the Law Institute of Victoria, and the Golden Key International Honor Society. He earned a certificate in Advanced Legal Research in 2017 and gained valuable experience as a legal caseworker, law clerk, and paralegal.

For the past 19 years, UCWIP has paired students from nearly a dozen partner universities in Australia with offices on Capitol Hill, giving them the opportunity to work in the halls

of Congress and learn about the American legislative process. Over the years, I have been honored to host many outstanding Australian students, and Jack has been no exception.

As an intern, Jack has helped my office with many of the day-to-day administrative functions, including taking calls from constituents, welcoming visitors, and drafting letters in response to inquiries. He also had the opportunity to work on floor remarks, as well as helping my staff with legislative research and outreach on several bills that I have introduced in the 116th Congress. Jack approached his internship with great enthusiasm and clearly has showed his passion for public service.

On February 5th, Jack had the opportunity to attend the 2019 State of the Union Address by President Trump. I know this is just one of several experiences that he will take away from his time in Washington and the United States.

Madam Speaker, it has been my honor to host Jack for his Congressional internship. I have no doubt he will go on to do great things in the future. I wish him much success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MRS. MILLIE RUTH
McCLELLAND CHARLES

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Millie Ruth McClelland Charles, a legendary social worker and native of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. McClelland passed away at the age of 96.

Mrs. Charles was born July 25, 1923 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Rev. Williams McClelland, a Baptist preacher, and Frankie Little, a school teacher.

Mrs. Charles entered Dillard University when she was only 15 years old and graduated with a degree in secondary education. However, after a few years of teaching in north Louisiana and loving the children in her classes, she realized she could find more fulfillment in social work because she would be able to help children and their families find ways to solve problems. Therefore, she earned a master's degree in the subject at the University of Southern California in the mid-1950s.

Mrs. Charles was married briefly, to Charles Carrol Charles, in 1950, while she was working in the City Welfare Department, Children and Family Services Division. He died while she was pregnant with her only child, who goes by the name H.M.K. Amen.

In or about 1965, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, asked an energetic, passionate 42 year old Mrs. Charles to start a social work program at Southern University in New Orleans (SUNO). In its beginnings, it was a department of Social Work. Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles, the department transformed into a fully-accredited school of social work offering baccalaureate and masters level degrees.

Mrs. Charles's work has been recognized nationally. The National Association of Social Workers named her Social Worker of the Year. SUNO has a Millie McClelland Charles

Endowed Chair of Social Work, and the Louisiana Legislature passed a special resolution to name SUNO's School of Social Work building after her. The building opened in 2016.

Mrs. Charles served as Co-Chair of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting; a Member of the CSWE Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum Standards; and a Site Visitor for the CSWE Accreditation Commission. In addition, since 1972, she has consulted with numerous Undergraduate and Graduate Social Work Programs around the U.S., advising them on curricula.

Mrs. Charles has received numerous awards: National Social Worker of the Year (NASW), 1975; Humanitarian of the Year, Federal Women Employees Association, 1975; Founders Award, New Orleans Chapter, National Association of Black Social Workers, 1979; Doctor of Humane Letters, Dillard University, 1993; and she also was one of four women honored by the New Orleans YWCA for lifetime of service to the community. Mrs. Charles was hailed as a lifelong crusader for equality during a ceremony in which she was presented The Times-Picayune Loving Cup on Tuesday, June 24, 2013.

Mrs. Charles loved the city and the people of New Orleans. Her legacy will forever be a part of the city and her dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mrs. Charles, but surely, we can try to match her sense of service. We cannot match her courage, but we can strive to match her devotion.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Millie Ruth McClelland Charles.

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate 73 & Main Restaurant on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce New Business of the Year Award.

Located in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, 73 & Main Restaurant has established itself as a restaurant that caters to not just folks from around the area, but people from across the country. This restaurant features a bourbon bar, chef's table, patio, event space, and more. 73 & Main has quickly become a source of pride for the community, myself included.

Led by Dr. Allen Dobson and General Manager Anthony Misuraca, 73 & Main over the past year has not just become Mt. Pleasant's largest employer, but has also helped revitalize downtown Mt. Pleasant and eastern Cabarrus County. With over 50 percent of their guests coming from outside Cabarrus County, it is clear that 73 & Main is worthy of their already stellar reputation.

Dr. Dobson, Mr. Misuraca and 73 & Main Restaurant are deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to provide excellent service to our community. I personally look forward to my next visit while I'm traveling across the district.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Allen Dobson, Anthony Misuraca and 73 & Main Restaurant on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce New Business of the Year Award.

HONORING SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT DAVID HOUTZ

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Senior Master Sergeant David Houtz. After 24 years of dedicated and honorable service in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, SMSgt Houtz will be retiring at the end of this month.

I have a profound admiration for those individuals who answer the call to serve and dedicate themselves to our country and community. SMSgt Houtz is actively engaged in strengthening his community and serves as an important role model for both fellow airmen and our younger generations.

Throughout his distinguished career, SMSgt Houtz has received various awards and accolades, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He has also served as a Boy Scout leader, a coach for various youth sports, and a member of the Myerstown Water Authority.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking SMSgt Houtz for his dedicated service to the United States and his many contributions to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We wish him the best as he enters this next chapter in life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YAKIMA
RIVER BASIN WATER ENHANCE-
MENT PROJECT PHASE III ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act. As my constituents know all too well, communities across the western United States are often faced with the detrimental impacts of droughts and water shortages. This bipartisan legislation offers solutions to give water users more certainty, while also recognizing the concerns of conservationists and the various stakeholders in the Yakima River Basin.

The Yakima River Basin is one of the leading agricultural regions in Washington State and throughout the country. The orchardists, wine grape and hop growers, and other members of the agricultural community inject approximately \$3.2 billion into Washington's economy and support countless jobs in the area. However, the demand for water in the region currently exceeds the resources available, especially during times of drought, which have hit the state especially hard in the past few years.

With researchers predicting that drought seasons will only become more common and