

IN MEMORY OF JEAN ANN FOWARD

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the memory of a dear friend and a remarkable woman from my community in Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Jean Ann Foward, who passed away on April 11, 2019. Jean was the wife of Dr. Derrick L. Foward, president of the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, the second largest NAACP chapter in the State of Ohio.

Jean was born in Springfield, Ohio on December 2, 1958. She spent most of her life in Dayton and attended Dayton Public Schools. She was highly recognized for her Spelling Bee talent at Jackson Elementary School. Jean graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in 1976 and pursued a degree in Business Management at Ohio University.

Jean married the love of her life, Derrick L. Foward, on July 11, 1998. Together they raised four wonderful children: Jayme, Letoia, Troy Jr., and Donte. Jean was a devoted wife and mother known throughout the community as the “Wind beneath Derrick’s Wings”—as she supported him throughout his community service career. She was sweet, mild mannered, and loved dearly by her family and friends. She catered and hosted several family, community, and political gatherings at their home, where she welcomed everyone with a smile.

Jean and her husband shared a passion for the cause of justice and civil rights for all Americans. She was an equal partner and an inspiration to her husband in the fight for human rights and equality for all people. She was more than just Derrick’s wife, she was a leader in her own right.

Jean was an exemplary community servant and role model. She took pride in her neighborhood and was a member of the Northern Hills Neighborhood Association. Moreover, she participated in the annual Back-To-School, Stay-In-School school supplies event.

Jean loved volunteering for the City of Dayton Feast of Giving, where she served food to hundreds of people on Thanksgiving Day. She also participated in WDAO Radio’s annual Feast of Love to feed the homeless and others during the Christmas holiday season.

Jean served for 13 years as Advisor of the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council. Because of her sound financial stewardship, the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council had a budget surplus from 2005 to 2018. Due to her commitment to youth development, the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council remains the only active NAACP Junior Youth Council in the State of Ohio.

Jean contributed greatly to the lives of many young people throughout the Dayton region. She exemplified phenomenal leadership in mentoring, training, and developing our youth ages 1 through 13. She encouraged them to be humble leaders and faithful community servants. During her tenure as Youth Advisor, she had the distinct honor of richly depositing hope, respect, integrity, discipline, and character into the lives of over 510 youth who joined the organization under her leadership.

Because of her outstanding community leadership, Jean was the recipient of numer-

ous awards that include: the International Apostolic University of Grace and Truth (IAUGT) Appreciation Award (2002); the Dayton Unit NAACP President’s Award (2011); the Youth Empowerment Award (2013) the Stellar Attendance Awards (2010 through 2017); the General Membership Award (2018); and the Christian Women Coalition Senior Citizen Trailblazer Award (2018).

I am deeply saddened by the loss of a longtime personal friend and outstanding public servant whose many contributions to the community she loved will always be remembered. The Dayton region was blessed to have benefited from the good deeds of this exceptional mother, wife, mentor, and civil rights champion. Let us remember Jean by following her example and committing ourselves to spreading love, serving our communities, and working with our neighbors to achieve equal opportunity and justice for all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences and prayers to Dr. Derrick Foward upon the loss of his beloved wife Jean Ann Foward, and their children, family members, and their many friends. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring her memory.

HONORING VICTORIA HINOJOS FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS
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Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brownsville, Texas native Victoria Hinojos, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Victoria joins a selective group of scouts, and she should be proud of this recognition. The Girl Scouts of the USA Gold award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award is contingent upon earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Victoria assisted families affected by domestic violence in the Rio Grande Valley. I am impressed with her efforts to provide the Friendship of Women Shelter in Brownsville with additional resources. She went above and beyond the expectations, raising awareness in the community and collaborating with partners, local organizations, and fellow Girl Scout Gold Awardee—Hannah Edelstein.

In addition to her personal development within the Girl Scouts, Victoria excels at Saint Joseph Academy in Brownsville, Texas, earning second honors since freshman year. She is an active member of the National Art Honors Society, Rotary Interact Club, and the Varsity Dance team. Additionally, she teaches tap dance classes at the Brownsville Dance Center, highlighting her leadership skills outside of the classroom.

It is a great honor to recognize Victoria. Her work and service make our district a better community, and I am confident that the skills

and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

HONORING DALE FREEMAN

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Dale Freeman. Mr. Dale Freeman was simply the best teacher I had at any level of education. More than any other instructor, he taught me how to think independently and creatively. He taught me how to be disciplined in the basic foundations of writing and critical thinking. Having a solid foundation is essential to creativity because it provides a place to return to after exploring new ideas. Mr. Freeman truly loves learning and teaching. He cares deeply about his students and made them better equipped to handle the world around them. In fact, his work with students has given them the tools to shape the world around them. He is a compassionate person and I am so proud to have had him as an instructor.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF CLINTONVILLE POLICE CHIEF JAMES BEGGS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN
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Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief James Beggs’ 44 years of service in law enforcement.

Chief James Beggs began working for the Clintonville Police Department as a full-time Patrol Officer in September of 1975. Through hard work and dedication, he rose up in the ranks of the department from Patrol Lieutenant to Police Patrol Captain, a position he held for 22 years. In 2016, Beggs was promoted to Police Chief, a position he served in for three years.

Throughout his career, Chief Beggs served his community in capacities that went far beyond his role as Police Chief. During his 44 years of service with the Clintonville Police Department, Chief Beggs served as a firearms instructor for the Clintonville Police Department, served 13 years with the Clintonville Area Ambulance Service, and 14 years on the Waupaca County SWAT Team. Outside of his work with the Clintonville Police Department, Chief Beggs achieved a number of academic successes, including an Associates Degree in Police Science. He also attended the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development School where he was trained in emergency management, crisis negotiations, internal affairs, and first level leadership, as well as Homeland Security-Weapons of Mass Destruction.

During Chief James Beggs’ 44-year career with the Clintonville Police Department, he went above and beyond to serve and protect his community. His dedication to and his leadership in Northeast Wisconsin stands as a