

1994 with the mission of preventing unintentional child injuries, which are the number one cause of death for children in North Carolina and the United States.

Today, the organization leads a state-wide network of 48 local Safe Kids coalitions representing children's hospitals, health departments, fire departments, EMS services and non-profits. This network gives Safe Kids North Carolina a strong presence to provide injury prevention services to communities throughout the state. It is the largest Safe Kids Worldwide state coalition in the United States.

One of Safe Kids' focus is ensuring parents keep their children safe on the road. Their network of local coalitions held over 100 car seat check events last year and operates 96 permanent car seat inspection stations to make sure car seats are properly installed and to educate parents on child passenger safety. Additionally, last fall, in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, the organization hosted a series of Child Passenger Safety Seat Take Back events to help families replace, free of charge, car seats damaged by the region's extensive flooding. At these events, Safe Kids North Carolina made over 400 car seats available to needy families in the hardest-hit parts of the state.

In addition to car safety, Safe Kids North Carolina has been a pioneer in drug takeback measures. The organization works with communities and families to decrease the incidence of childhood unintentional medication ingestions. Since 2010, Safe Kids North Carolina has joined with the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement agencies, and community partners in Operation Medicine Drop, which has resulted in the safe disposal of more than 152 million pills of unwanted medication. In the years since Operation Medicine Drop began, the organization has supported over 3,000 events and helped to establish 250 permanent disposal locations across North Carolina. In this program, Safe Kids North Carolina and NCDOL are a model for other states to follow.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Safe Kids North Carolina for its work over the past 25 years to protect the health and safety of all North Carolina children.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARK
BURKE

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today because on April 22nd Colorado and our nation lost an invaluable public servant—City Council Member Mark Burke of Breckenridge, Colorado.

Mark was renowned throughout his community for the many things he did to help the town grow. During his time in office, he worked tirelessly to better the city's education system and protect the community's natural environment. He also led efforts to develop the city's infrastructure and helped it to recover following the Great Recession.

In addition to being a devoted leader, Mark was also a loving friend to all those around him. Many recall numerous times where he

went out of his way to help those in need, or even just to brighten someone's day. To Mark, lending a hand was not a challenge, but an opportunity.

Mark's love of life and those he shared it with fundamentally changed my home state of Colorado and our entire nation for the better. His leadership and devotion to others brought changes to his community that will be enjoyed for years to come. I hope others in this body and throughout this nation will join me in remembering Mark and the tremendous service he gave to his community and country.

HONORING JAMES HAMMOND FOR
HIS SELFLESS DEVOTION TO
CIVIL RIGHTS AND SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in admiration and respect to honor the life of true civil rights champion, James Hammond. Retired Lt. Col. U.S. Army James Hammond was born on November 11th—Veterans Day, a fitting beginning for a man who would give so much to our state and our country. A pioneering civil rights leader, Mr. Hammond helped shape my hometown of Tampa and we will remember his legacy for the stands he took, the differences he made and the lives he touched.

Born in Tampa, FL, Mr. Hammond graduated from Middleton High School and later attended Hampton University earning a degree in electrical engineering. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Texas, Germany, England and Washington, rising all the way to the rank of lieutenant colonel. While serving in the Army he created the Hammond Electric Company. He became Tampa's first African-American, licensed, class-A electrical contractor. He would go on to use his experience in business to help create the Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan—working to bring affordable housing and business incubators to underserved areas.

Mr. Hammond served as the First Commissioner of Community Relations for the City of Tampa. In that role he was tasked with working towards racial equality during the mid-60s. He worked to bring people together, while constantly pushing our community to improve. His work led to more training and jobs for African-Americans in city government. He partnered with U.S. Congressman Sam Gibbons to secure a federal grant to create our county's first preschool program. He worked to integrate Tampa's downtown businesses. Where there was discrimination, he worked for change; where there was injustice, he worked to overcome it; and where there was an opportunity to improve the lives of his neighbors, he seized on it.

Mr. Hammond's commitment to education lasted throughout his life. He and his beloved wife Evelyn established a scholarship fund at their alma mater, Hampton University. At the elementary school named for him, students and families would often see him at school events. As Hammond Elementary School principal Sheri Norkas described, "He would tell the students to repeat after him, and they happily repeated, 'I will be somebody.'"

Mr. Hammond was part of the fabric of the Tampa community, helping improve lives every day. He served as Chairman of the Civil Service Board, District Chairman Boy Scouts of America, Board of Director Member of The Greater Tampa Urban League, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and Community Federal Savings and Loan Association. He was a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the NAACP. He has been honored on this floor before, when my friend Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS proclaimed May 4th as National James A. Hammond Day.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of America, the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor James Hammond for his courage and selfless devotion to the people in our country and our community. The time and energy he put in to improving the lives of every person he met are unmatched. Today, we all pledge to carry on his work and practice what he preached, the "Three P's" of patience, persistence and positive thinking. He lifted up others and inspired our greater Tampa community to bridge our differences for the benefit of all. He walked humbly and was full of grace.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMADOR VALLEY
HIGH SCHOOL'S "WE THE
PEOPLE" TEAM

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the students of Amador Valley High School (AVHS) in my congressional district, who competed in the national We the People competition held right here in Washington, D.C. I am proud to report that its We the People competition team took second place out of 56 participating groups.

The We the People competition is held annually. Teams come to Washington, D.C. to compete in mock congressional hearings that test the high school students' knowledge of U.S. history and the Constitution. I am thoroughly impressed with the participation, dedication, and knowledge of AVHS students regarding our history, government, and political system. The students displayed exceptional commitment and love of history and civics. They are truly a model for students across the country.

I also want to recognize their teacher, Stacey Sklar, who worked tirelessly to provide guidance, organize the team and prepare the students in winning the statewide competition this winter and place second in the national competition. And I also want to commend Cheryl Cook-Kallio for her resounding efforts as the California state coordinator for the We the People program.

Madam Speaker, again I congratulate AVHS and their students from the We the People program. I want to take this opportunity to list the members of the team: Shurthi Chandran, Esha Chawla, Sandra Chen, Emma Garman, Prerita Govil, Robin Hwang, Kate Inman, Kavya Katragadda, Quincy Kumpfert, Matthew Lyou, Gabrielle Mirsky, Trent Moca, Nicole Park, Andrew Pereira, Vanshaj Singhania, Jessica Stubbs, Emil Tu, Evan Yang, Zoe Yao, and John Yi.