

Mr. Gonzales was born and raised in the small town of Santa Paula, CA. For a few years, he and his wife lived in Santa Barbara before permanently moving to Lompoc in 1984, where he dedicated thirty-three years of his life to helping youth and preaching the word of God.

While in Lompoc, Mr. Gonzales had a reputation for his ability to mentor troubled and at-risk youth, earning the nickname of Lompoc's "Kid Whisperer." Most of his work in Lompoc was carried out at the church he founded, Cornerstone Church, and at the Boys & Girls Club. During the thirteen years that Mr. Gonzales directed and oversaw Lompoc's Boys & Girls Club teen program, he expanded it from a small group of 25 kids to around 400 strong.

As a result of his work, Mr. Gonzales had received numerous accolades during his life. One of those being the renaming of the teen center at the Boys & Girls Club to the "The Conrad Gonzales Teen Center." Other honors included being the first recipient of the Valley of Flowers Peace Prize Award as well as being the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Kiwanis Club of Lompoc.

Mr. Gonzales passed away on December 27, 2018, after a bout with Lou Gehrig's disease, but his soul lives on in his loving family, his friends, and every troubled and at-risk teen he aided and inspired along the way.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join with the nation and the Gonzales Family in celebrating the special life of Conrad Gonzales.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN H. CARL MCCALL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CELEBRATION OF HIS FIFTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2019*

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, for more than five decades, H. Carl McCall has always been a steward for public good and will go down in New York's history as a monument to public service.

Before he turned thirty, McCall worked as a school teacher, served in the U.S. Army, and opened a church. This is a testament to his character and unbridled work-ethic. Born in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts, McCall eventually made New York City his home, where his indelible impact is seen to this day.

Spanning multiple administrations, McCall has been elevated to positions of greater and greater import. It is not lost on New Yorkers or observers of his body of work that he has risen to meet many daunting challenges and emerged successful. During his career in public service, McCall has served as New York State Senator, a delegate to the United Nations, Commissioner of the New York Division of Human Rights, President of the New York City Board of Education, and Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. With his long list of roles and accolades, we cannot speak of H. Carl McCall without recognizing his groundbreaking achievement

as the first African American to hold statewide office in New York State as Comptroller serving from 1993 to 2002.

But for all his accomplishments, we all know that public education has always been a passion and priority since McCall was a teacher himself. As president of the New York City Board of Education under Mayor David Dinkins from 1991 to 1992, his vision guided policy for one of the largest public-school systems in the U.S.

It was always his belief that public education was the incubator for personal growth and scholastic enrichment. This was exemplified in his leadership as the chairman of the Public Higher Education Conference Board and later member and chairman of the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees. He has served on the board since 2011 and has presided over a significant expansion of SUNY's academic curriculum and the diversification of its administration, faculty and student body.

Over his long and distinguished career, McCall has been awarded nine honorary degrees, in addition to his own degrees from Dartmouth College, the University of Edinburgh and Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. He has also received the Nelson Rockefeller Distinguished Public Service Award from the University of Albany.

On behalf of the New York Congressional Delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 116th Congress, we want to congratulate H. Carl McCall on his retirement after ten years of service with the State University of New York Board of Trustees and thank him for his half-century of public service to New York and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE TALENT OF LACI KAYE BOOTH

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laci Kaye Booth of Livingston, Texas. She is a musician with an incredible God-given talent, which she has so graciously shared with her community, state, and country.

Laci Kaye Booth was born in Livingston, Texas on August 28, 1995. Surrounded by sixty acres of land, Laci grew up playing in the woods and creeks of East Texas. Music was a big part of her life from the beginning, whether it was singing at home or church. Inspired by her upbringing she began singing at the age of three and learned to play the guitar at the age of eight. She has become a talented musician and song writer who finds joy in sharing her talents with others.

Booth attended Sam Houston State University in pursuit of a degree in healthcare. While in college, she used her musical talent to help with expenses. Earlier this year, Laci was selected as a candidate on the competitive television show, American Idol, where she secured a spot in the top five. She sang herself into the hearts of many Americans. It has been said by hit vocal artists that she has a beautiful, "unique timbre voice," and is a "diamond in the rough." Livingston and the entire

36th Congressional District are proud of Laci's accomplishments and are looking forward to supporting her musical pursuits in the future.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Laci Kaye Booth. May God continue to bless Laci and the voice He has given her, so that she may continue to share it with America and the world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ATTORNEY JENNIFER ASHLEY MITCHELL-CARTER

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2019*

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Attorney Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter, a Louisiana-licensed attorney and a founding partner at Pearson & Mitchell, LLC. Mrs. Mitchell-Carter passed away on Monday, May 27, 2019 at the age of 34.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was born and reared in Shreveport, Louisiana where she graduated from Caddo Parish Magnet High School in 2003. In 2007, she graduated with honors from Louisiana State University College of Arts and Sciences where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science. Two years later she became a certified mediator by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. In 2011, she went on to earn a master's degree in political science from Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and a Jurist Doctorate from Southern University Law Center.

During her career in state government, Mrs. Mitchell-Carter served as the attorney for the Louisiana State Senate's Senate and Government Affairs Committee, the Select Committee on Women and Children, and as support staff for the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus. Moreover, she was the youngest Executive Director of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus and Executive Director of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Baton Rouge Bar Association, and Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was an integral part of her community and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and all the members of the community who felt a special connection with her. Her legacy will live on through the many people and organizations she supported in our great state.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Attorney Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT ARNOLD RAYMOND LAMBERT AND HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-