

Command, and at the National Security Council before joining Secretary of State's Executive Secretariat in the summer of 2017. As part of secretariat staff, he advanced travels for the Secretary of State to Manila, Beijing, Doha, Mexico City, Brasilia, and Paris, among other places.

Daniel dedicated his life to his country and his loss will be felt deeply at the State Department. To his coworkers, Daniel was thoughtful and intelligent. They could always rely on his calm demeanor and valuable insight into policy and the State Department's role in the world.

Daniel was a husband, son, and friend. He is survived by his wife Renae Ask; his mother Marcia del Castillo; his two older sisters Deborah and Michele del Castillo; nieces Isabella and Cezanne; nephews Giovanni and Alessandro; and two great-nephews, Hayden and Hudson. My prayers are with them as they mourn his loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF MR.
RICHARD GENAL

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of Mr. Richard Genal.

Mr. Genal graduated from Appleton High School in 1959. Feeling the call to serve his country, he enlisted in the United States Army. Under the buddy program, he completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After further training at Fort Ord, California, he began active duty on June 22, 1959 as a construction draftsman.

Mr. Genal served many assignments in the U.S. during his time on active duty, including stations at Fort Belvoir and Fort Lee in Virginia. On July 23, 1960 he married Mary Lou Gerth, and they had two children, Eugene and Rene. While in service, he was diagnosed with myxedema and discharged with a 10 percent disability rating on August 8, 1962.

Following Mr. Genal's discharge, he furthered his education and graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering with a master's degree. After successful careers with Master Lock in Milwaukee and Nu-Line Industries in Suring, Mr. Genal retired from being an engineer and started enjoying life on the golf course.

Even though Mr. Genal removed the uniform, his service did not end. Mr. Genal was involved in many veteran organizations. Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin, an organization with a mission to foster a sense of support, pride, and enthusiasm among veterans in Oconto County, became his passion. Before his death, Mr. Genal started plans for a flag memorial at Riverside Park in Suring. To honor Richard's legacy, Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin will carry out his mission and see the memorial through fruition.

On April 23, 2019, Richard Lee Genal of Suring, Wisconsin left our lives to be with his heavenly Father and family.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Mr. Genal's selfless service to our country. His love for his country, veterans and

community will always be remembered. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family.

HONORING DR. JOSÉ SIMÓN VILLA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. José Simón Villa, an educator, philanthropist, and leader.

Dr. Villa is a proud native of San Juan, Texas. José became the first in his family to graduate from college when he earned his bachelors degree from the University of Oregon. Dr. Villa went on to complete his Ph.D. in educational administration at the Ohio State University. His dissertation research focused on the educational aspirations and opportunities of migrant youth and children. Dr. Villa served many years in higher education at Ohio State as the Assistant Vice Provost for the Office of Minority Affairs, Director of the College Assistant Migrant Program, and Program Coordinator for Hispanic Affairs. Additionally, he has served as Program Consultant for the U.S. Department of Education and as an Educational Consultant and State Director of Migrant Education for the Ohio Department of Education.

Furthermore, Dr. José Simón Villa has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project (ECMHSP) for the past five years. The ECMHSP is the largest Migrant and Seasonal Head Start provider in the country with 38 centers across the area from Lake Okechobee in Florida to Lake Erie in Pennsylvania. It is a non-profit organization that advocates for farm worker communities and provides quality Head Start services to young children. Under the leadership of Dr. Simón Villa, the ECMHSP has helped over 10,000 children and has expanded further into Florida to include Palmetto and Jennings.

Madam Speaker, Dr. José Simón Villa has worked tirelessly to give migrant families and children the opportunities they need to succeed. He serves as both a light in our community and as a generous leader. It is an honor to represent a dedicated and selfless individual who has greatly impacted the educational journey of thousands of children across the United States. I wish Dr. Villa the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
ROGER CLECKLEY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and dear friend, Roger Cleckley. Roger is a man driven by faith, duty and honor. He has spent most of his career in public service and all of us are the beneficiaries of his tremendous commitment to building a better community, state and nation.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "everybody can be great . . . because anybody

can serve . . . you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." By that definition, Roger Cleckley is among the greatest among us.

Roger is a native of the Cope-Cordova community of Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He was the third of four children born to Solomon and Celia Mae Cleckley. He attended G.W. Carver High School and Voorhees College both in Denmark, South Carolina. He has also earned a Certificate of Leadership Training from the University of South Carolina.

He began his commitment to service by joining the United States Army. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a combat infantryman. His distinguished service earned him numerous awards and medals. After two years on active duty, Roger received an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant (E-5).

A veteran of the Civil Rights Movement, Roger never shies away from standing up for what he believes is right. After returning from Vietnam and a year in Washington, D.C., he took a job with Tepeck Industries in St. Matthews, South Carolina, and quickly discovered that racial injustice in his home state were still prevalent. He fought against these injustices in his workplace, which ultimately resulted in his dismissal from the company.

Undeterred, Roger found work selling insurance at the A.L. Williams Insurance Company and became active in the NAACP. In 1986, he felt the call to public service and ran for Orangeburg County Auditor. His hard-won victory made him the first African American elected to serve in this capacity in South Carolina since the post-Reconstruction era. When I offered for Congress in 1992, Roger and his wife hosted my maiden community event in their home and he became my Orangeburg County Chairman. When Roger retired he held the distinction as the longest serving local elected official in Orangeburg County.

Over the years, Roger has tirelessly worked for his church and community and has been a relentless voice for the voiceless. He is presently Chairman of the Forfeited Land Commission, Secretary of the Orangeburg County Fiscal Education Commission, and Chairperson of the County Democratic Party Nominations Committee.

Roger has held many positions in the African Methodist Episcopal Church from Sunday School, Steward Board, Class Leader, and the Lay Organization. He is currently the outgoing Seventh Episcopal District Lay Organization President, which comprises the entire state of South Carolina.

His wife, Bessie Idella Cleckley, has been his partner and soul mate for fifty years. She has always been a tremendous source of encouragement to him as he served the people of South Carolina. They are the parents of sons, Roger "Al," Adrian, and Kendrick, and the grandparents of five.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in offering congratulations and sincere gratitude to Mr. Roger Cleckley on the occasion of his retirement. His extraordinary work has had a profound impact on all who have been touched by his selfless service. I believe he exemplifies the sentiment found in Matthew 25:23, "well done, my good and faithful servant," and I offer my best wishes as he embarks on this new phase of his life.