

would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Clyde "Ernie" Hiers on his 39 years of service to our communities.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered by my colleague Congresswoman SPANBERGER and my fellow members of the New Democrat Coalition National Security Task Force, Congressmen BOYLE and BROWN. Our foreign policy rests on three interconnected pillars of defense, diplomacy, and development. All three elements are critical and work in concert to promote American leadership in global affairs. We cannot shortchange one without harming our overall foreign policy.

As former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis put it succinctly: "If you don't fully fund the State Department, then I need to buy more ammunition."

That is but one reason I am so deeply concerned by the many critical foreign service positions that remain unfilled in the Trump Administration. These empty posts include the assistant secretaries overseeing the Middle East, East Asia, South Asia and Political-Military Affairs, as well as key ambassadorships around the world.

Our amendment would encourage the State Department to implement recommendations from a recent GAO study that found foreign service vacancies are undermining our foreign policy objectives. In addition, the amendment encourages GAO to expand its study to include the impact of vacancies in senior leadership and politically appointed positions at the Department of State on the United States' ability to meet its foreign policy, diplomacy, aid, and national security priorities and objectives.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment to ensure all three pillars of our foreign policy are working together at their best to promote our interests abroad and ensure our national security.

IN HONOR OF MS. SUE SWANN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sue Swann's forty

years of service to the Essex County Department of Social Services.

Ms. Swann was known as a diligent and determined employee who gave everyone she worked with countless reasons to admire her work ethic. Not only did she dedicate four decades of her life to the Department, but she worked three years in other state offices as well.

At work, she was frequently requested personally by clients for face-to-face meetings to discuss the benefits entitled to them. She did her job with unmatched love and care. Over forty years, she decided to stay in her position and reject countless promotions. Had she chosen to move to other localities, she could have been a Benefit Program Specialist 4 or 5, but because of the passion she has for what she did, she remained a Specialist 2.

Ms. Swann plans to go into retirement now after decades of her tremendous work, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the service of this great woman, Ms. Sue Swann, to the people of Virginia's 1st District, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the entirety of our great nation. May God bless Sue and her family for her countless hours of labor in service to her country.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 PRINCE
WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPI-
ENTS OF THE STONEWALL JACK-
SON VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and are the 2019 recipients of the prestigious Prince William Chamber of Commerce Merit Award and Valorous Unit Award for their service. The annual Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals.

For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to our firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service. These brave men and women put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. These dedicated service members of a combination career and volunteer system fight fires, provide emergency medical services, perform rescues, and work in our community to promote fire safety and prevention. In recognition of their acts of valor, it is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue public safety personnel:

Merit Award for Valor: Firefighter/EMT Carlos Ambrosini.

Silver Medal for Valor: Firefighter Ian Lauderdale.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients

of the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women truly merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue public safety professionals for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF
MAJOR GENERAL JAMES LISON,
JR.

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of Major General James Lison, Jr., who passed away on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the age of 98.

Maj. Gen. Lison was born in Green Bay on October 23, 1920. He graduated from Green Bay East High School in 1938, where he met the love of his life, Marian Kehl. Upon graduating from the Reserve Officer Training Course at St. Norbert College, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army and ordered to active duty at the U.S. Army Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama on June 10, 1942. He returned to Green Bay to marry his sweetheart on September 11, 1942. The couple had four children, Kathy, Peter, Susan and Joan.

Maj. Gen. Lison served on active duty from 1942 to 1946, of which 14 months was in the European Theater as a rifle company officer, combat liaison officer and assistant operations officer with the 42nd "Rainbow" Division.

Separated from active duty in March 1946, Maj. Gen. Lison accepted immediate assignment to the U.S. Army Reserve. In November 1947, his Army Reserve unit commander, then organizing a Wisconsin National Guard regiment, recruited him to organize and command Tank Company, 426th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division. In 1951, he was assigned to the G-3 Section, Headquarters, 32 Infantry Division.

In 1953, Maj. Gen. Lison transferred to State Headquarters, Wisconsin Army National Guard, to accept full-time employment in the state Adjutant General's Office, where he served in a variety of staff assignments, culminating in his appointment by Governor Warren Knowles as the State Adjutant General in February 1969. He was promoted to Brigadier General in December 1968, and to Major General in March 1970. He retired from the active National Guard in 1980, and from state employment with the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs in 1983.

Through his service, Maj. Gen. Lison earned many awards and decorations which include the Legion of Merit, with Oak Leaf Cluster (second award), the Bronze Star Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (two campaigns-Rhineland and Central Europe), the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, as well as a number of State decorations and awards.

Madam Speaker, words cannot adequately thank Maj. Gen. Lison for his years of service to our country. May his service, dedication, and sacrifice be remembered by a grateful nation. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family.

HONORING EARLEAN MARSHALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Ms. Earlean Marshall.

Earlean Marshall was born on September 14, 1948 in Greenwood, Mississippi to U.S. Army Veteran, Mr. O.Z. Marshall, Sr. and Mrs. Mildred Macy Debro Marshall. She was the eldest of seven children. Her brother John D. Marshall and parents preceded her in death.

Growing up, Earlean's life journeys would take her to Chicago where her parents also lived. They would later relocate to Mississippi, settling in the Rosebank Community of Holmes County.

Earlean began her early public-school education at Mt. Olive School in the Mt. Olive Community. She dearly loved Mt. Olive School and would later serve on the Mt. Olive All-Class Reunion Committee. And, then she attended high school at Tchula Attendance Center (TAC) but would later finish high school in Los Angeles, California where she relocated in 1964 to live with her Aunt "Lovie" and cousins.

Earlean graduated from LA High in 1967 and received bachelor's degrees from California State and UCLA. She was very smart where many of her colleagues asked for her assistance. She was well liked by friends, co-workers and neighbors.

Earlean joined Liberty Baptist Church and was active on the youth usher Board as well as sang in the youth choir. Years later, Earlean joined Holman United Methodist Church in May 20, 1979. She was very active within her church community. She participated on the Holman Church Board, Advisory and Trustee Committee, The Women's Organization, The Holman Mass Choir, and the Usher Board. Earlean was always willing to serve and was very appreciated.

A business-minded individual, Earlean began her career in retail at Broadway Department Store in California but would later further her career for years in the corporate world as a contractor with TRW, Inc. and with The Boeing Company—The Aerospace & Tech Leader. Her work took her on numerous business travels.

Following Earlean's lengthy career in corporate America, she returned to Mississippi after her father died and made her home once again in the Rosebank community. She reunited with Rosebank M.B. Church where she would share her beautiful, melodious voice during devotion, served as acting secretary, was mistress of ceremony on numerous occasions, very active in Sunday School, and was a faithful supporter of the church. She remained active until her health began to decline.

An education advocate and family historian, Earlean often rejoiced in the achievements of

her nieces and nephews and other relatives of the family, always encouraging them on achieve greatness. God called her home to rest in His arms with sweet, sweet peace early Monday morning on February 25, 2019. She will truly be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Earlean Marshall.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduced the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would prohibit the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) from exercising authority over non-federal property in the District of Columbia.

Under presidential executive orders (EOs) and federal law, the CFA has review authority for D.C.-owned parks and buildings, as well as for certain private land in D.C. Under the relevant EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the District "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act. The members of the CFA are appointed by the President.

The federal government, including the CFA, has no business in local land-use policies and decisions unrelated to the federal presence. Not only is the federal government's authority over D.C. buildings and private property anti-democratic, it also delays and increases the cost of public and private development in the District.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING CLYDE AND GWEN WASHINGTON FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 DUMFRIES MAYOR'S LIVING LEGEND AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2019 Dumfries Mayor's Living Legend Award. This award is presented to those who have had a profound impact on the Dumfries community through public service, civic engagement, and mentorship. The Town of Dumfries honors the recipients of this award at the Dumfries Mayor's Ball for their extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following individuals:

Clyde Washington: Clyde is a graduate of Norfolk State University, with a degree in Education. He also has a Master of Education de-

gree from Virginia State University. Clyde has used his passion for education and put it back into the community, serving as an educator for 31 years in Prince William County. During his tenure, he was a coach and mentor for many young men. Clyde was also an active member of the Prince William County Education Association, both the Virginia and National Education Association, and he was the Prince William County Representative on the Virginia Education Board of Directors. He also served as a Prince William County delegate to numerous State and National Conventions. In recognition of his dedication and civic engagement, he received several honors including a certificate of outstanding achievement from former Neabsco District Supervisor, John Jenkins. While Clyde was teaching, coaching, mentoring, and being an active civic leader, he also held a seat on the Town of Dumfries Council. In 1980, he ran for the Dumfries Town Council and was elected. He went on to serve the town of Dumfries as a Councilman for twenty-eight years; several of those years serving as the Vice Mayor. He always strived to work cooperatively with each citizen and with other town officials. He is and has always been committed to the citizens and promised them dedicated service, and representation with integrity; promises that he fulfilled. Clyde is the husband of Gwen Porter Washington, who is also being honored tonight. He is also a dedicated member and Deacon at the Little Union Baptist Church, a member of the NAACP, and a Lifetime Member of the Virginia Education and the National Education Association.

Gwen Washington: Gwen was educated in the segregated Prince William County school system. She graduated from Jennie Dean High School in Manassas, Virginia. Gwen is a graduate of Virginia State University, with a degree in Education. She also has a Master of Education degree from George Mason University. Gwen is a third-generation educator which fueled her passion to teach. She invested her passion for education back into the community, serving as an educator for 33 years. Gwen's 33-year teaching career allowed her to have many rewarding experiences. She had a very successful coaching career, winning numerous championships in gymnastics, track & field, and volleyball; she served as department chair for seventeen years; she served as a workshop presenter at numerous county and state teacher workshops, and she also participated in teacher-mentoring where she was able to share effective motivational and behavior modification skills with other teachers. While working part time at Dumfries Elementary School, in November 2015, Gwen was appointed to serve on the Dumfries Town Council. This allowed her to serve out the term of a council member who was moving to the Mayors position. She was highly honored to be asked to serve in this leadership role. At the end of her designated appointment, she went on to be elected to two more terms before retiring. Gwen is the wife of Clyde Washington who is also being honored tonight. She is also a dedicated member of Little Union Baptist Church in Dumfries where she is on numerous chairs and ministries. She is past president and current vice-president of the Deaconess Board, president of the Drama Ministry, and a member of two choirs. She is also a member of the