

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF GREENVILLE, MO

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Greenville, Missouri as it celebrates its 200th anniversary. Greenville's history can be traced as far back as 1541 when the De Soto Expedition explored the upper reaches of the St. Francis River. In 1819, the city was laid out by David Logan and Elijah Bettis, Jr. in a cornfield in the area known as Bettis Ford. Greenville is the seat of Wayne County and was named for the Ohio town where General Anthony Wayne signed a treaty with Native Americans.

In the Civil War, the town was the scene of the "Surprise on Greenville" when Confederate soldiers captured the Union encampment and took away horses, guns and supplies in 1862. In the decades since, Greenville has grown as churches, schools and businesses were established and some of them are still in operation today.

Floods and fires have forced the city to band together to rebuild and it is that community spirit that keeps Greenville thriving today.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate Greenville, Missouri as it begins its second century today before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
WRIGHTSTOWN COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DIVISION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wrightstown Community School District for receiving recognition as a Patriotic Employer by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Patriot Employer Award reflects the efforts made to support deployed employees through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, family care, and granting leaves of absence.

Wrightstown Superintendent of Schools, Carla Buboltz, was recognized for supporting newly-employed teacher, Logan Gruszynski, during his deployment to the Middle East with the National Guard. Community members in Northeast Wisconsin have an incredible tradition of looking out for one another, and our community is fortunate to have employers such as Ms. Buboltz who recognize the sacrifices of service. I am confident that the Wrightstown Community School District will continue to thrive under her leadership.

I would also like to thank Logan Gruszynski for his service with the National Guard. His service took him away from his work and family, he honorably represented his community and the State of Wisconsin. As a dedicated service member and teacher, Mr. Gruszynski is a positive role model to us all.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of the Wrightstown Community School District

and thanking Mr. Gruszynski for his service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH
WITHERS RECEIVING THE NA-
TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICUL-
TURAL EDUCATORS TEACH-
ERS TURN KEY AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elizabeth Withers on receiving the Teachers Turn Key Award from the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

Agricultural education plays a vital role in shaping the future of the farming industry and ensuring that the legacy of Wyoming farmers and ranchers continues through the generations. Elizabeth, serving as agricultural educator at Green River High School, has mentored and guided members of the Future Farmers of America chapter there. This award recognizes her hard work to foster leadership skills among her students, and to provide them with practical experience through hands on projects.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Elizabeth Withers on this national recognition, and thank her for all that she does to inspire the next generation of farmers.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
NICHOLAS HALUPKA ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT FROM THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Halupka for his outstanding contributions as a United States Air Force officer for his more than 22 years of service. In May 1997, he received his Bachelor of Science from Auburn University in Auburn, AL where the Auburn University "Flying Tigers" Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps commissioned him into the U.S. Air Force as a nuclear and missile operations officer. He then joined the 10th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base leading some of America's most important strategic nuclear deterrence forces as a missile combat crew commander. After advanced training in space operations, he transitioned to a space operations officer and was assigned as a defensive counterspace flight commander at NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, in Cheyenne Mountain where he was in charge of protecting America by providing early missile warning and space object detection.

Branching out, he was selected to deploy to Afghanistan to set up a new training command for the Afghan National Army. His efforts yielded clear results with the Afghan Army meeting their training requirements to fight the Taliban. Returning to America, he took on the role of director of operations for missile warning at

Beale Air Force Base, boosting U.S. and Allied awareness of space by tracking nearly two million space objects. He then took his accumulated knowledge to work as a space and counter-space senior advisor and analyst embedded with the State Department, where his advice and analysis informed some of our nation's most important strategic foreign policy decisions.

In his relentless pursuit of excellence, Lieutenant Colonel Halupka dedicated his free time to pursue additional educational opportunities, earning a Master of Science in Business Management in 2006, and a Master of Arts in International and Security Studies in 2012 from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Lieutenant Colonel Halupka concluded his career serving as a congressional liaison at the Defense Intelligence Agency. It was during this last assignment that I had the opportunity to get to know Nick. His tireless efforts ensured members of the House Armed Services Committee received timely and critical intelligence that was crucial to informing lawmakers during both moments of crisis and everyday legislative operations. These efforts supported the creation of many bills and enabled the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act. I am personally thankful for the time he has devoted to this task and the vigor and professionalism with which he executed it.

I thank Lieutenant Colonel Halupka for his dedication in service to the security of our nation. While many pursue careers in military, Lieutenant Colonel Halupka viewed the military not as a job, but a calling to service. He is in the less than one percent who serve in the nation's military, and an even smaller percent who give their full service until retirement. The United States owe him a great debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, I honor Nicholas A. Halupka for his lifetime of public service. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him a happy retirement as we celebrate his legacy of selfless service to the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, on the evening of July 9, 2019 I was on the House Floor participating in the evening vote series. I cast a YEA vote on Roll Call No. 433 but unfortunately, my voting card did not register the vote.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER
OF GEORGE "TONY" MORRISON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement and service of George Morrison, a treasured principal who has impacted the lives of innumerable students at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

Morrison is a Cape Cod native whose passion for giving back and heart for service led him to an enlistment with the U.S. Marines for four years before he returned to the Cape to pursue a career in education. Once back in Massachusetts, Morrison maintained a close working relationship with the military, continuing to serve under the Army National Guard's Aviation branch during his tenure as an assistant principal. In 2005 Morrison was called to Iraq and Kuwait, where he would serve nearly 18 months with the 3rd Battalion 126th Aviation Regiment.

While serving his country on a national scale, Morrison also maintained a personal connection with the student body of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, where he served as assistant principal from 2001 until his promotion to principal in 2017. A certified social worker, Morrison's 18 years with the school have been defined by his ability to engage freely and openly with his students, a fact many of them have attested to. In his tenure with the Massachusetts school system, Morrison has truly gone above and beyond the role of administrator by fostering a space where his students can not only learn, but truly grow.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the retirement of George "Tony" Morrison and offer my sincere gratitude for his dedication to improving the lives of those in our community. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him all the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. DAVE BARTHOLOMEW

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Dave Bartholomew, a legendary New Orleans musician, who passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at the age of 100.

Mr. Bartholomew was born on December 24, 1918 in Edgard, Louisiana, the seat of St. John the Baptist Parish. He was the son of a jazz trumpet player, growing up in a musical household, this led to Mr. Bartholomew learning how to play the tuba before moving on to trumpet.

Mr. Bartholomew wore several hats in his career including music producer, arranger, and songwriter. He also served our nation's Army and played a key role as one of the architects of rock 'n' roll and the unique soundscape that defines New Orleans music today. His accomplishments throughout his career earned him recognition from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Grammys, and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

It was Mr. Bartholomew's work in the 1950's and 1960's with Antoine "Fats" Domino that served as his most celebrated of accolades. Mr. Bartholomew's impactful presence behind the scenes helped create some of the biggest records of this era including "Ain't That a Shame", "I'm Walkin'", and "Let the Four Winds Blow."

Mr. Bartholomew lived an extraordinary life that cannot be overstated. He was committed to elevating others, perfecting his craft and

producing quality music. Mr. Bartholomew was a musical trailblazer and his musical legacy along with spirit will remain a guiding force for all future musicians.

Mr. Bartholomew is survived by his wife, Rhea Bartholomew. He also survived by his five sons; Dave Jr., Don, Ron, Darrell, and Alvin in addition to his three daughters; Deborah, Diane, and Jacqueline, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Dave Bartholomew.

IN CELEBRATION OF PASTOR SIDNEY R. CRAWFORD'S 101ST BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to an inspirational leader and true man of God, Pastor Sidney R. Crawford, who celebrated his 101st birthday on Wednesday, June 6, 2019, with his family and friends.

Sidney Richard Crawford was born on June 6, 1918, in Bonneau, South Carolina to the union of the late Mr. William Henry and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Hodge Crawford. He graduated from Berkeley County High School in 1937 and went on to attend college in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

In 1941, he married the love of his life, Ms. Iva Elizabeth "Betty" Harper, in Heath Springs, South Carolina. That same year, he responded to God's call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by becoming an ordained Baptist Minister at Emanuel Baptist Church in Summerville, South Carolina. He pastored several churches in the Charleston and Summerville areas until 1947, when he decided that he wanted to serve not only his community, but his country. That year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and honorably served his country for seven years. In 1954, he was called back into the ministry to preach in Adamsville, Alabama. Over the years, Pastor Crawford successfully balanced the role of Pastor at several churches in Alabama and Georgia until 1970, when he decided to return to college to enhance his studies. His hard work and dedication paid off in 1972, when he graduated with a degree from Charleston Southern University. But even with his newfound wealth of knowledge, he continued pastoring in churches and teaching at schools in South Carolina.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Pastor Crawford has advanced far in life because he never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Pastor Crawford has continued to run the race of life with zeal and dignity and God has blessed him over his lifetime.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife,

Vivian, and me, along with the almost 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring an outstanding citizen and man of God, Pastor Sidney R. Crawford, for a lifetime of selfless service to God, the church, and to humankind. We extend our best wishes to him on the occasion of his 101st birthday and without reservation exclaim: To God be the Glory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 I missed the following votes and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 431; YEA on Roll Call No. 432; and YEA on Roll Call No. 433.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
BERNARD "GENE" HELMICK

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bernard "Gene" Helmick, 78, who passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at Mercy Health St. Joseph's Warren Hospital.

Gene was born on November 4, 1940 in Cowen, West Virginia, and was a 1960 graduate of Niles McKinley High School, where he played football under Coach Tony Mason, whom he greatly admired. Gene then went on to attend and play football at Arizona State University.

He later returned to the Valley where he was employed at the General Motors Lordstown plant as a waste water treatment technician for 41 years, retiring in December of 2006. Gene was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Niles, where he was a pizza sale and festival volunteer. He was also a member of the Niles Jaycees, Niles Rebounders and Frontliners.

Gene was known to enjoy yard work, home repairs, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events and theatrical performances. He was also a dedicated Ohio State and Duke basketball fan.

Memories of Gene will be carried on by his wife, Jennie Nardo Helmick, whom he married Oct. 26, 1963; his son, Kevin T. Helmick and his wife, Regina of Niles; his daughter, Gina Price of Girard; his brother, David L. Helmick and his wife, Joan of Cleveland; and his three grandchildren, Makenzie and Matthew Price, and Kasen Helmick.

Gene was a quiet, gentle man who loved his family with peaceful and unwavering devotion. We were raised in the same small-town community of Niles, Ohio, and he and his family are lifelong friends of mine. We were all very lucky to have him in our lives and, as much as he will be missed by us all, Gene will remain with us every day.