

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF A FIERCE ADVOCATE AND VITAL MEMBER OF THE TAMPA BAY COMMUNITY, ROGER A. VAUGHAN, JR.

### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and contributions of a fierce advocate and vital member of the Tampa Bay community, Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. who passed away on July 3, 2019, at the age of 84. Roger positively impacted Tampa Bay in innumerable ways. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jean, their 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 4 siblings.

Roger was born in Washington, D.C. and attended St. Anselm's high school. He graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, and earned his law degree from George Washington University. Roger was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1964, and just three years later co-founded his own law firm, located in beautiful downtown Tampa. Roger became a nationally respected maritime lawyer and represented the claimants in the Sunshine Skyway Bridge case. Roger fought for the victims of one of the worst bridge disasters in history after a freighter ship struck a pier supporting the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. His efforts ensured that the victims and their families were properly compensated and that those at fault were held responsible.

Roger was beloved in the community for his generosity, his selfless disposition to serving those in need and loyal devotion to his family. He also dedicated a large part of his life to helping seamen, other maritime workers and the maritime legal community. He co-authored: "Maritime Law & Practice," The Florida Bar, 1980 Edition, 1987 Edition.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. Roger represents the best Tampa has to offer, his advocacy on behalf of victims and families in the Tampa Bay community is worthy of our respect. Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. leaves behind a legacy of fierce advocacy, service and family. His legacy is cemented into the history of our community and will never be forgotten.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, on October 15, 2019, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present I would have voted: "yes" on Roll Call Vote 557, H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act.

RECOGNIZING PAMELA WILHOITE STROMAN

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and work of Pamela Wilhoite Stroman on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Stroman was born in Rapidan, Virginia on October 22, 1919. She was the second of three children. In her early teens, she moved to Washington, DC, where she attended Garnett Patterson Jr. High School and Armstrong High School.

After passing the government worker's entrance exam, Stroman worked for 35 years at the Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing as a final assembler of paper money. She retired in 1974.

As an avid sports lover, she calls herself Tiger Wood's grandmother and coaches him, and the Washington football team, from her living room. She wears T-shirts for good luck and knows all the scores, statistics, players and officials by name.

Stroman is a resident of Ward 5 in the Stronghold community, where she is one of the oldest neighbors. She was one of 15 original residents in the "White Hat Patrol", a group of residents who monitored security in the neighborhood. She is the mother of two daughters, Tayloria and India, and the wife of David Stroman.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and work of Pamela Wilhoite Stroman on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARRETSON FORGE AND FARM

### HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garretson Forge and Farm, a national historical landmark in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the settlement of Garretson in 1719. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the volunteers of Garretson Forge and Farm Restoration, Inc., this special property has been preserved and kept open to the community. In recognition of Garretson's anniversary, I would like to include in the RECORD the poem "A Heritage to Keep," by William F. Haywood which captures the long history of Garretson Forge and Farm, a Bergen County treasure.

The traffic moves in swifter pace  
Around the bend that holds this place  
In gentle curves where time has flown  
And countless passers it has known,

The silent step of moccasin,  
The echoing of forge's din;  
A gangling pine saw all of these,  
New homes replacing other trees.

The continental soldier came,  
Lone hunter seeking wary game,  
A farmer tilling fertile soil  
Where the river turns its coil.  
So generations came and went

Through seasons ill and fairly spent.

The Garretsons had built to last,  
While time has added to the past  
A heritage for here and now—  
To keep it whole should be our vow.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Garretson Forge and Farm's 300th anniversary, I know that we will continue to enjoy Garretson for many generations to come.

#### RECOGNIZING CHARLIE DUNIGAN

### HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlie Dunigan from Jackson, Michigan as he prepares to retire at the end of the year, completing a 42-year career in the construction industry.

Started by Charlie's father, Joseph, Dunigan Brothers, Inc. is a well-respected underground construction company that has serviced the Jackson area and beyond for more than 70 years. Growing up, Charlie spent many nights and weekends working for the family-owned business prior to joining full-time after completing high school.

Throughout his tenure, Charlie and Dunigan Brothers have largely specialized in various types of sewer and water construction projects, including building critical infrastructure around more than 20 lakes throughout Michigan. They played an important role in safeguarding the beauty and ecosystems of these lakes, something we take with great pride in the Great Lakes State.

Despite the many notable projects he has overseen, Charlie would tell you the most fulfilling part of his career is the wonderful people he has worked with over the years.

Charlie's days at Dunigan Brothers may be coming to an end, but his commitment to giving back and making the community a better place will be remembered for years to come.

I congratulate Charlie on his long and distinguished career, and wish him a happy retirement with his wife, Laurie, and his children and grandchildren.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act, which I am proud to co-sponsor. I regret that I was unable to cast my vote in support of this legislation, but I am pleased that it passed with strong bipartisan support.

The issue of homeless veterans in the greater Los Angeles area is a pressing one, and this legislation is an important step to help address the crisis. Specifically, the bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to pay a partial per diem to the VA's Homeless Grant Per Diem service providers supporting our nation's homeless veterans with children, making sure that veterans and their

families receive housing and supportive services. I commend the sponsor of the legislation and hope that it can swiftly be enacted.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 557.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LORI TRAHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, on October 15, 2019, I was unable to participate in the vote series. I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted if I were present; YEA on Roll Call No. 556, and YEA on Roll Call No. 557.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 15, 2019, to attend important events in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call No. 556 and yes on Roll Call No. 557.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN C. PENETAR, D.O. FFAFP, RECIPIENT OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Martin C. Penetar, who received the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's Italian American Man of the Year Award along with his brother, Attorney Daniel L. Penetar. The brothers continue the legacy of their father, the late Judge Daniel L. Penetar, Sr., who was president of the association in 1959 and Man of the Year in 1976. Martin and Daniel were honored on Sunday, October 13, 2019 during the organization's annual dinner honoring the voyage of Christopher Columbus.

Martin received his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Scranton, and he then went on to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine to complete his medical education. He started his medical career in 1988 as the chief intern at the Shenango Valley Medical Center in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. He then served as chief resident from 1989 to 1991 at the Wyoming Valley Family Practice and as an emergency room physician from 1990 to 1993 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and Mercy Hospital Scranton. Currently, he operates a family practice in Clarks Summit with partners Dr. Philip Boccagno and Dr. Dominic Ruggiero. Martin is also the team doctor for the AAA baseball Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders.

As a preceptor, Martin has given personal instruction, training, and supervision to nurse

practitioner students, medical students, and young physicians from the University of Scranton, Allied Medical Tech, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also on the clinical faculty of the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

Martin is a member of the American Board of Family Practice, American Academy of Family Practice, Lackawanna County Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, American Medical Association, and American Academy of Family Physicians. His community involvement includes the Columbus Day Association, UNICO Scranton Chapter, Victor Alfieri Club, and volunteering for the pizza frita stand at the St. Joseph's Festival for 30 years.

Martin is married to Dr. Barbara Penetar, and they have three children, Julianna, Elisa, and Christopher.

It is an honor to recognize Martin as he is named the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. May he continue to honorably represent and support the Italian American community for many years to come.

HONORING CITY YEAR/SILICON VALLEY

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th Anniversary of City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley and acknowledge its work and accomplishments.

City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley ("City Year") was founded in 1993. Susan Hammer, the Mayor of San Jose during City Year's early years, supported City Year's mission. She played a key role in connecting City Year to important partners in our San Jose community. Today, City Year prepares 138 AmeriCorps Members who help in over a dozen elementary, middle, and high schools. Its programs reach over 7,000 students each year through partnerships with public schools in our most challenged communities.

City Year's diverse AmeriCorps teams serve as tutors, mentors, and role models, helping to provide research-based student, in classrooms and city wide. City Year strives to help students stay in school and on track to graduate from high school with a solid foundation for college and future careers. A recent study showed that students from schools that partnered with City Year were likely to demonstrate improvement on mathematics and English language arts assessments.

Madam Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend City Year for its dedicated work to improve educational access for all students, regardless of background. Today, we honor City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley for 25 years of service in our Santa Clara County community and for helping our students strive for a better future.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIFFANY JOHNSON COLE

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the Tiffany Johnson Cole. Tiffany is an attorney with the Law Offices of Robert Simms Thompson, PC in Tuskegee, Alabama.

She handles cases in the areas of automobile products liability, negligence, wrongful death, trucking litigation, fraud and breach of contract. Tiffany made history when she became the first female to be appointed as Municipal Court Judge in the City of Tuskegee.

Tiffany received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Spelman College and her Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. She is licensed to practice law in Alabama and Georgia.

Tiffany is a member of the North Florida Child Development Center Board and the Alabama A&M Board of Trustees. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc where she serves as the Alabama Social Action Coordinator. Tiffany is a member of the Alabama State Bar Association, Alabama Association for Justice, Macon County Bar Association, the Links Incorporated and Jack and Jill of America. Tiffany was recognized as one of the most influential persons in Macon County and most recently named as one of the Women of Shape the State of Alabama.

Tiffany is married to Jermaine and together they share five children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Tiffany and congratulating her on appointment as the first female Municipal Court Judge in the City of Tuskegee.

HONORING DR. ANNE FRIESEN AS MOORE COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Anne Friesen as the recipient of the Moore County Woman of the Year Award.

The Woman of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. Dr. Friesen has more than 20 years of professional experience in human services and serves as Executive Director of Friend to Friend, a Moore County non-profit whose mission is to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking rebuild their lives. During her tenure at Friend to Friend, she quickly responded to a devastating fire and oversaw the creation of a new, state-of-the-art shelter within one year.

In addition to this important work, Dr. Friesen serves on the boards of The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and The North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking. In 2018, she earned her