

and particularly important mission: conserving our Federal lands, mitigating fire threats, and suppressing active wildfires.

My central Washington district is home to two of these centers: Columbia Basin in Moses Lake and Fort Simcoe in White Swan. At these centers, students learn hands-on skills that they utilize to expand public access to Federal lands, improve campsites in national forests throughout Washington State, and serve as impactful stewards of our environment.

I have strongly supported and defended Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers because I have witnessed firsthand how these programs act as catalysts for the young people I represent, giving them a chance to give back to their community while learning life-changing skills.

I was sincerely grateful to Secretary Perdue for committing to work with me and my colleagues in Congress to help improve CCC programs across the country instead of transferring operations to the Department of Labor earlier this year. Now, with this recent announcement, Secretary Perdue has followed through on his word.

Under the Secretary's direction, Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen announced a recommitment to Job Corps CCC students by realigning the mission of these centers with the Forest Service's own motto, which is "Caring for the Land and Serving People."

The U.S. Forest Service is uniquely qualified to administer Civilian Conservation Centers, which play a critical role throughout the United States and go above and beyond traditional Job Corps programs. Under this new vision, these specialized Job Corps programs will better prepare both urban and rural youth to become the next generation of responsible land managers.

The Forest Service has committed to revamp the CCC's curriculum to meet the needs of Forest Service regions across the United States. Focusing on regional performance targets will allow the agency to increase student learning opportunities while making much-needed improvements to forest conditions. By strengthening the alumni network and supporting a pipeline between CCCs and the Forest Service, these centers can focus on jobs in forestry, firefighting, and conservation, which are all critical careers throughout the rural West.

In the words of Chief Christiansen: "Our Job Corps faculty and students embody the Forest Service values of service, interdependence, conservation, diversity, and safety."

As I have seen firsthand, these students and our public lands deserve this investment.

So, Mr. Speaker, I thank Secretary Sonny Perdue and Chief Vicki Christiansen for their commitment to rural America, our national lands, and the students of the Civilian Conservation Centers.

RECOGNIZING POLICE OFFICERS FROM MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THEIR SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four police officers from Middletown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Officers Ryan Morrison, Christopher Viscardi, Glenn McPherson, and Robert Compton were recognized for their service during three separate cases this year.

On April 5, Officers McPherson and Viscardi were in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, to attend a court hearing. As they sat in their vehicle, they noticed a man threatening to jump from the top of the Bucks County Justice Center parking garage. Both officers quickly jumped into action, and Officer McPherson calmed the man down while Officer Viscardi contacted local law enforcement for assistance.

On June 16, Officer Compton was able to track down and detain the suspect following two gas station robberies by the same suspect.

On July 2, Officer Morrison noticed a car tailgating him and flashing high beams, which initiated a traffic stop. During that stop, Officer Morrison found the driver was intoxicated and the passenger had several warrants and was in possession of a firearm and narcotics.

Mr. Speaker, because of the actions of these brave officers and their colleagues, Pennsylvania's First District is a safer place. We thank these heroes for their service.

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IN RECOGNITION OF MASON CHANDLER ALLEN

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mason Chandler Allen. A fellow native of Levittown, Pennsylvania, Mason was an intelligent and thoughtful 11-year-old boy when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, the most common form of bone cancer, in late 2015.

Through months of exhaustive chemotherapy, physical therapy, and several surgeries, Mason was never without a smile or his amazing sense of humor. He even got to hang out with his football idol, Philadelphia Eagles' star Darren Sproles, at an Eagles practice, and later, on the sideline of an Eagles game.

A year after homeschooling, Mason came back to school with the aid of crutches, and was excited to join clubs, launch the school's newspaper, and was soon able to leave the crutches behind. Following a holiday season surrounded by his family, the cancer returned in January of 2017. And on March 11, Mason lost his battle with cancer.

Soon after, Mason's family and friends founded the Mason Chandler Allen Memorial Foundation to increase awareness and funding to fight pediatric cancer. On September 28, the foundation held its third annual Steps

Towards the Cure Walk in my hometown of Levittown. This walk benefits pediatric cancer research funding and supports quality of life projects for children and teens who are fighting cancer.

Mr. Speaker, as long as organizations like this exist, we can continue the fight to end childhood cancer forever.

IN HONOR OF FRANK TROUTMAN, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Troutman, Jr., who passed away on August 10 at the age of 84.

A great citizen of the State of Georgia, Mr. Troutman was passionate with every endeavor he undertook.

In academics, he graduated from the University of Georgia, earning Phi Beta Kappa membership, attended the university's law school, and remained a lifelong voracious reader and lover of history. He was one of the biggest Georgia Bulldog fans in the State, making the trip to Pasadena in 1943 to see the Dawgs play UCLA in the Rose Bowl.

Mr. Troutman served for 15 years as president of his family's Castleberry's food business, introducing modern techniques to the company, and making it into the business that it is today. And he was the first Republican elected to the Richmond County Commission, being largely responsible for introducing the Republican Party in the State of Georgia.

It would be hard to find anyone in Georgia more passionate about our State than Mr. Troutman, and I am thankful to have called him a fellow Georgian. His family and friends will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JUDGE TOM EDENFIELD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Judge Tom Edenfield, who passed away on Tuesday, October 15, at the age of 80.

Born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, Judge Edenfield made our community a better place to live during his numerous posts in the judicial system.

Only a few examples of his positions include his work as a special assistant to the district attorney, creating his own law firm, and presiding as a municipal court judge. Constantly using his position to help others as a municipal court judge, he would often suspend sentences in return for individuals attending a house of worship. He additionally assisted with the county's drug court in order to help people reclaim their lives from substance abuse problems and avoid incarceration.

Judge Edenfield's colleagues remember him as always having a smile on his face and a bad joke, along with being a mentor to all members of the bar. He will be missed throughout our