

HONORING THE 97TH BIRTHDAY OF JAMES A. ST. JULIEN, SR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 97th Birthday of World War II Veteran, Mr. James A. St. Julien, Sr.—also known as “PawPaw.”

Born on January 9, 1923, Mr. St. Julien is a lifelong New Orleanian and was raised in the 7th Ward. He is a proud member of the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Prior to her transition nearly 10 years ago, he was married to his beloved wife Mrs. Selma St. Julien for 67 years. Additionally, he is the father of 11 children: 9 girls and 2 boys and has over 35 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren, 10 great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

As a World War II Veteran, Mr. St. Julien participated in several campaigns and theaters. The American Theater of WWII, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of WWII, and the Battle of the Philippines. In the 766 Engineering Company, Mr. St. Julien cleared the pathway for the landings on the island of Leyte. A force of 700 vessels and 174,000 men accompanied these landings. On July 5, 1945, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur announced the liberation of the Philippines. Shortly after the end of WWII, Mr. St. Julien was honorably discharged and separated from the U.S. Army on December 18, 1945.

Mr. St. Julien's military service to our country is truly admirable. He is a leader and role model in the community. His 97th Birthday deserves to be celebrated and I am honored to join in its celebration. I thank Mr. St. Julien for his service, and I wish him many more birthdays.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the 97th Birthday of a proud World War II Veteran, Mr. James A. St. Julien, Sr.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE WALSH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joe Walsh, who passed away on December 28, 2019 after a lifetime of service to his country.

Joe was born on March 18, 1919 in East Orange, New Jersey. After enlisting in the Marines in 1938, Joe served in the Marine Corps' Third Defense Battalion at the Navy Yard in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He was attending a morning color guard ceremony when the attack began. He helped man three anti-aircraft guns to shoot down the invading planes.

Joe believed that “the guys who were over there who didn't make it back deserved to be remembered.” Joe was the last surviving member and cofounder of the Pearl Harbor Survivor Association's North County Chapter 31. Since 1986, he organized an annual memorial at Oceanside Harbor on the anniversary

of the Pearl Harbor bombing. He attended his last memorial service two weeks before he passed.

I was honored to meet Joe and his wife Bea to celebrate his 100th birthday. Bea was one of 23,000 women who enlisted in the Marines during the war. She was a member of the Aviation Women's Reserve Squadron 21 at Quantico, Virginia. Joe and Bea were married for 73 years and have six children.

Joe Walsh lived an incredible and full life. He could talk to anyone and somehow make them laugh. He was a dedicated husband, parent, and friend. We are grateful for his service to his country and his contributions to the Southern California community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Vote No. 430 at the end of the series on June 27, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NO on Roll Call No. 430.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 112TH AN- NIVERSARY OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCOR- PORATED

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 112th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It is my honor and privilege to recognize its years of distinguished service to communities throughout Michigan.

Since its founding on the campus of Howard University on January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has been steadfast in its mission “to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of ‘Service to All Mankind.’” The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are known for their excellent academic prowess, dedicated leadership skills, and commitment to advocacy and community service. Through its wide breadth of programs, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority endeavors to develop innovative programs to address significant community issues regarding education, health, family, the arts, technology, and economics.

Over a century later, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is still celebrated as one of the most distinguished Greek-letter organizations today. Its nearly 300,000 members are recognized as leaders who strive to make a difference and effect change. Today, chapters are active in the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Washtenaw and continue to provide essential programs and services to our community's youth and seniors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the 112th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. This significant milestone serves as a testament to the sorority's unrelenting commitment to community service, academic excellence, and empowerment. We are grateful for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's impact and wish it continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING DAKOTA CARSON TERHUNE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dakota Carson Terhune. Dakota is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dakota has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dakota has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dakota has earned the rank of Firebuilder and is a member of the Lone Bear Council in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Dakota has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dakota constructed a 24-foot gazebo with seating as part of an outdoor classroom at Parkview Elementary School in Cameron, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dakota Carson Terhune for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America, and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE BRAVERY OF KYSHAUNE LINDSAY

HON. RUBEN GALLEGOS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and heroism of Kyshaune Lindsay, a fifteen-year-old from Phoenix who recently saved the life of a man in a burning building.

Kyshaune was playing basketball outside when he saw his neighbor fleeing her home. His neighbor, Cindy Nunez, told him that her house was on fire and that her brother, who is paralyzed and bedridden, was trapped inside without access to his wheelchair. Upon hearing that Cindy could not physically pick up her brother to bring him out of the house, Kyshaune did not hesitate to make his way inside and help the man, lifting him into his chair to get him to safety.

Marcos Marquez, the man that Kyshaune rescued, described him as a “true hero.” His selflessness and courage in the face of real danger are remarkable, as is his humility in the aftermath of the event.