

from Mississippi State University, then received his Masters from the University of Mississippi before answering the call to serve our great nation in the United States Army during WWII.

On August 22, 1948, Buster married Billie Faye South, and they remained together for over 63 years. Buster's love for basketball brought him back to Belmont High School where he became a basketball coach. He also coached at both Kossuth High School in Corinth, Mississippi and Thrasher High School in Booneville, Mississippi. In 1962, Buster began coaching at Itawamba Junior College in Fulton, Mississippi, and led the team to multiple State Finals. He left his coaching career in 1975 and started his career with Davis Ford. He stayed with Ford for over 55 years.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters: Pam Davis Horton of Birmingham, Alabama, and Patti Davis Bennett of Fulton, Mississippi; his grandchildren, great-grand children, as well as many friends and extended family members.

Buster's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all who he encountered.

TRIBUTE TO THE SPITZER SPACE TELESCOPE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) mission managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), the Spitzer Space Telescope. After 16 years of discovering hidden truths of our Universe, Spitzer will be retired on January 30, 2020.

Designed to study the cold, old and dusty, Spitzer was launched in August of 2003 and used its sensitive sensors to study infrared light emitted by celestial bodies and cosmic objects from our own solar system to the furthest reaches of the Universe. Spitzer returned data on space phenomena from asteroids to the most distant galaxies ever detected whose light was emitted 13.4 billion years ago when the universe was less than 5 percent of its current age. It discovered the largest ring around Saturn made of dust particles, identified the first Buckyballs in space, found distant blackholes and mapped out our Milky Way with unprecedented clarity. Spitzer gave us a view beyond the gas and dust clouds to study the youngest stars and the ingredients to create planets, comets and other components of our solar system.

As with many NASA missions, the telescope operated much longer than expected and has a long list of accomplishments beyond the mission's original science goals. Undoubtedly, one of Spitzer's greatest discoveries was seven Earth-size planets in around the star TRAPPIST-1. Spitzer enabled scientists to study exoplanets and identify atmospheric molecules, temperature variations, and wind speed.

As Spitzer is safely retired in deep space orbit far from Earth, the legacy of the mission will be continued by the James Webb Space Telescope, which will also conduct infrared astronomy based on Spitzer's pioneering and

trailblazing work in infrared light. The massive amount of data collected by Spitzer has been used in over 8,700 scientific publications and its data will continue to be available to the scientific community around the world for future research.

I have great appreciation and pride for the countless personnel that have worked to ensure that Spitzer operated with precision, from design to data analysis, that allowed Spitzer to study the Universe with infrared light. The numerous discoveries made move us closer to shedding light on the profound mysteries of our Universe. I ask all members to join me in honoring the achievements of the Spitzer Space Telescope and the hard-working individuals and organizations that made Spitzer's mission so successful.

CONGRATULATING DR. JEAN G. CHAMPOMMIER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jean G. Champommier on his retirement from a distinguished career in community organizing and social work. He has dedicated his life to creating programs that improve the lives of those in underserved communities throughout Los Angeles County.

Dr. Champommier began his career in social work during the 1960s when he took on a field-work placement at the Kennedy Child Study Center in Santa Monica. Through this position, he worked with children with developmental disabilities and their families, solidifying his passion for helping his neighbors and his community.

Since 1983, Dr. Champommier has served as the Executive Director, and later President/CEO, of Alma Family Services. This agency provides communities throughout Los Angeles County with multilingual and multicultural services, including helping families and individuals cope with substance abuse, emotional difficulties, and developmental challenges. Through his role at Alma, he expanded the agency's first contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and oversaw Alma's growth as a provider of community-integrated social programs. During his tenure, Alma has added social rehabilitation programs for child abuse, gang prevention and reduction programs, and has grown to 16 sites throughout Los Angeles County. In 2015, Dr. Champommier was appointed by County Supervisor Hilda Solis to Los Angeles' Public Health Commission. Eventually serving as chair of the Commission, he supervised the Public Health Department's programs and made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to ensure that community input was heard in matters of public health.

Dr. Champommier's impact stretches outside his field work and into the classroom. He has taught courses in child welfare and community organization at UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Northridge, and Cal State L.A., and has also been an instructor in social work for USC and UCLA. Additionally, he has coordinated conferences on youth empowerment and farm labor for UC Santa Barbara Extension.

Dr. Champommier's career demonstrates his admirable dedication and service to his community. I thank him for his 40 years of contributions to Los Angeles and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

IN HONOR OF JOHN ROBERT MILLER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of World War II veteran John Robert Miller of Barren County, Kentucky.

After growing up in Freedom, Kentucky, John Robert volunteered for the Army when he was just eighteen years old in June 1941. He served in the Pacific theater until World War II concluded in 1945. During his Army service, John Robert rose to the rank of technical sergeant in an artillery unit, and he witnessed General Douglas MacArthur stepping off the landing craft to make his triumphant return to the Philippines.

Following his service in the Army, John Robert became a fixture in the Barren County community. He married his wife Christine in 1945, and they were married for 67 years until her death in 2013. John Robert was a farmer with hogs, corn, and tobacco, and he also worked as a crop insurance adjuster. John Robert served as a Magistrate on the Barren County Fiscal Court for three years, and he has served as an Election Commissioner since 1993. In 2016, John Robert was awarded the Patriot Award by Barren County Veteran's Association, and he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Honor for Barren County Schools.

I thank John Robert for his service to our country and to our community.

RECOGNIZING LEXI RODRIGUEZ FOR BEING NAMED THE 2019-2020 GATORADE ILLINOIS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lexi Rodriguez, a junior from Sterling High School, who was named the 2019-2020 Gatorade Illinois Volleyball Player of the Year.

Lexi led the Golden Warriors to a 36-6 record and a second win at Class 3A State Championships this year. Showing her dedication to sports, she also took part of this season to help Team USA win a gold medal at the FIVB Girls U18 World Championships in Egypt. In addition, she is a three-year class president and a youth volleyball coach. As a former athlete, I commend her for her determination and attitude. Lexi is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see her represent Sterling so well throughout the state and the country with her talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Lexi that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam