

Our nation has lost a brilliant young leader. May the world be inspired by this exceptional young man's legacy and strive to follow in his footsteps.

IN HONOR OF COURTNEY KETCHIE
SILVER FOR BEING NOMINATED
AND NAMED AS HONOREE FOR
THE STEP AHEAD AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Courtney Ketchie Silver for being nominated and named as Honoree for the Manufacturing Institute's Step Ahead Award.

Courtney is the CEO of Ketchie Incorporated, an ISO-certified, woman-owned corporation operating machine shop. She joined the company in 2008 and became the CEO after her husband lost his battle with brain cancer in 2014. Despite the devastating loss she took her knowledge from supply chain management and continued to propel the company forward.

I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet Courtney and take a tour of Ketchie in 2017. I was blown away by her focus on craftsmanship as well as her emphasis on, and providing of, an ideal work environment for her employees.

In addition to being CEO, Courtney remains active in the community. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge with others and encouraging woman to be leaders. In fact, she hosts community college students and participates in Manufacturing Day activities with local high school leaders. When she isn't working or mentoring, she can be found volunteering. Whether it's preparing meals for youth at local shelters or participating in church activities, there are no bounds to her generosity in our community.

The Manufacturing Institute launched the STEP women's initiative to support women in science, engineering, production, and technology careers and inspire others to join them. I cannot think of a more deserving person of this honor.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Courtney Ketchie Silver and her STEP AHEAD award nomination and as being named an Honoree.

IN HONOR OF MRS. CHARLOTTE P.
TAYLOR

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in today in honor of Mrs. Charlotte Taylor. Mrs. Taylor unfortunately passed away in May 2015. However, I am pleased to announce that Hamilton Homes Middle School (HHMS) has announced that its cafeteria will bear her namesake. A pleasant gesture commemorating her wonderful life.

Charlotte worked a rewarding 44 years as both a bus driver and instructional aid for King William County Public Schools (KWCPSS). She not only ensured the safety of our students during transit, but also selflessly served students with special needs by mentoring them and bestowing upon them the values of a principled life that we all should abide by.

Charlotte cherished family values and was a role model to her community. She was blessed with a loving family and was an incredible mother, grandmother, and wife. Her generosity and consideration towards anyone—from the local hunters to a struggling family—has not been lost on those who have met her. Her faith in God and the ethics she lived by are a reminder that God's grace lies within anyone willing and courageous enough to practice what they preach.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Charlotte Taylor

and applauding KWCPSS for approving Hamilton Homes Middle School's cafeteria to bear Charlotte's name. Her sacrifices, hardships, and devotion to others are worthy of reverence. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING COURT REPORTERS
AND THE NCRA

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important and irreplaceable work done by our court reporters and the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) during national court reporting and captioning week from February 8–15.

As guardians of the record, Court reporters have a large impact on capturing history for posterity. During our nearly 250 years of American history, court reporters have been the cornerstone of our American justice system. From George Washington's Farewell Address to Lincoln's divided house speech, these noble servants have transcribed some of the most important pieces of American history.

Today, the NCRA provides a free course to introduce Realtime writing to all Americans. This course allows high schoolers, career changers, college redirects, and military veterans to see if a profession in Realtime writing is a good fit for them.

I'm proud to be the co-lead of H.R. 5285, the Training for Realtime Writers Act, which will help continue providing grants for training court reporters and closed captioners while also encouraging individuals with disabilities to pursue a career in Realtime writing.

I want to thank Realtime writers everywhere and the NCRA for all the hard work they do.