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TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER HOLMES

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Holmes, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who is retiring after 28 years of service to the Legislative Branch.

Jenny began her Federal career in 1986 working for the U.S. Government Accounting Office. Soon after, in 1989, she started her long tenure working for the House Appropriations Committee, first as staff of the Treasury-Postal Service and Defense Appropriations Subcommittees.

After leaving the Hill briefly to work in the private sector, Jenny returned to the House Appropriations Committee in 2005. In 2007, Jenny became professional staff for the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee where she was instrumental to the operations of Congress. In response to two tragic events that affected our colleagues in the House of Representatives, the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and the shooting at the Congressional baseball game practice, Jenny worked tirelessly to ensure that resources were focused beyond just the few square blocks that make up the Capitol grounds.

Jenny advocated for infrastructure projects that will make the Nation's Capital, specifically the U.S. Capitol grounds, accessible for years to come. Jenny was involved in many important projects, such as the restoration of the Capitol dome, improvements to the Capitol power plant, billion-dollar renovations of the Cannon House Office Building, the Library of Congress's Visitor Experience initiative and so many more. Jenny and her colleagues on the committee staff oversaw many of these projects from start to finish, and she should be very proud of her accomplishments.

Jenny was known to cheerfully volunteer to coordinate retirement ceremonies, portrait dedications, and other social events for the Appropriations Committee. Jenny also demonstrated her leadership and compassion by pulling together Appropriations Committee staff, Members, and external stakeholders for a very meaningful celebration of life event in honor of Chuck Turner, a long-time Committee staff member who was a dear friend and mentor to many.

A hallmark of Jenny's reputation was being a problem solver. She dedicated so much of her life to public service and never forgot why she was here. I know Jenny is looking forward to spending time with her husband Paul, her sons Kevin and Caiden, her daughter Karley, and her horses. We wish her the very best in her next journey and thank her for everything she has done for the United States Congress.

PAUL MARTIN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paul Martin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Paul Martin is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Paul Martin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Paul Martin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

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REMEMBERING JOHN PRINE

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great singer-songwriter and friend, John Prine, who passed away last week in Nashville from complications of the coronavirus. John was an exceptional lyricist, described by his friend and producer Jerry Phillips as "thinking like nobody else thought" and writing lines that were "brilliant in the strangest way." John produced three of his 18 albums in Memphis, including his debut, the eponymous "John Prine," in 1971. The album was cut at Chips Moman's American Sound Studio, and included his classics "Angel from Montgomery" and "Paradise." His fourth album, "Common Sense," was made in 1975 at Ardent Studios in Memphis and was produced by the legendary Steve Cropper. His sixth album, "Pink Cadillac," was made at the Sam Phillips Recording Service in 1979 by Sam's sons, Knox and Jerry. John's last album, "The Tree of Forgiveness," was recorded in Nashville and produced by his friend Matt Ross-Spang of Memphis. Songs from that album—"You Got Gold," "When I Get to Heaven" and "No Ordinary Blue"—were part of his last performance in Memphis, at The Orpheum, on September 25, 2018. John's songwriting career took off when, working as a postal worker in Chicago, he was discovered by singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson. Bob Dylan said of his work: "Prine's stuff is pure Proustian existentialism. Midwestern mind trips to the Nth degree. And he writes beautiful songs." Always gracious and friendly, he seemed to his friends to be delighted with life. As Ross-Spang told *The Commercial Appeal*: "If you can imagine a kid eating an ice cream cone for the first time, that's how John looked at life. He had a love of Archie comics, hot dogs, meatloaf, fried chicken and Cadillacs. He always had a twinkle in his eye." And as

his friend Memphis singer-songwriter Keith Sykes said in tribute: "I don't think there's many songwriters who can make you laugh and cry in a single line—and make it rhyme." John Prine's was a life well-lived and he's been taken too soon. He leaves the treasure of song for future generations to enjoy and learn about life. He will be missed.

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HONORING CAPTAIN CLARENCE  
MCGEE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a generous and brave man Captain Clarence McGee. Captain McGee has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Captain McGee, a Yazoo City Firefighter, is known for his generous spirit and for making a positive impact in the lives of local children.

Captain Clarence McGee, a native of Holly Bluff, has been a member of the Yazoo City Fire Department for over six years. He is the son of Eddie Ma McGee of Holly Bluff and is the loving husband of Cheris McGee. He is the father of six children: Codarius, Terryanna, Demarrius, Dontarius, D'Rihya, and Cla'Zarreria.

McGee graduated from Yazoo County High School in 2001. He attended Holmes Junior College for almost two years before accepting a job at the Nissan Plant, where he worked in stamping as a dye setter.

McGee started at the Fire Academy in 2011. He failed the academy twice and refused to give up. Third time's a charm, he passed the academy. In 2013 he started working full-time for the Yazoo City Fire Department, where he fell in love with the interacting with various children attending local schools.

Captain McGee is actively involved in his church, New Foundation M.B. Church in Holly Bluff, where he was raised.

Aside from his work as a fireman, McGee also operates a side business renting outdoor recreation equipment, and is known throughout the community as the "Space Jump Man". In the past he has been known to rent out his space jumps to local community events or fundraisers free of charge so that local children can have a place to play and enjoy themselves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Clarence McGee for his passion and dedication to serving Yazoo County and desire to make a difference in the community.

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NEVAEH GROSSMAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nevaeh Grossman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nevaeh Grossman is a student at Wayne Carle Middle School and received this award