

that of an impactful leader and my good friend, Stamford's own Jack Bryant. Jack's quiet dignity and ebullient approachability belied the immense work he accomplished throughout his life, whether most recently as a member on the Board of Education, his long service in the Stamford NAACP, including as its president, as a deacon at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and involved community volunteer, and as a beloved father and family member. Whenever you needed something good for the community done, you didn't have to go to Jack. He was already there, and he welcomed your help with open arms.

Education and opportunity animated Jack. When he ran for Board of Education, he spoke movingly of his own education at Stamford's Westhill High, and watching his children achieve their own success. He dedicated his time and energy to removing the barriers too often found preventing educational attainment, particularly in communities of color. He did this civically, frequently coming to the Board of Education and Stamford's city government to testify and participate, and he did it through example in the community, leading local high school student visits to Historically Black Colleges and Universities for decades. Jack made sure these trips built more than resumes; they built character. Jack demonstrated how these young men and women could grow with the opportunities present today and build even stronger communities in the future by investing their talents in the following generation.

Nowhere was this more evident than his own family. One of those HBCU trips resulted in one daughter attending college at Howard University, then medical school. Today she is on the front lines of saving others from the devastating consequences of this pandemic. In her grief, his other daughter celebrates his life and encourages all in the community to follow in his footsteps. His son coaches at Stamford High, serving as the same kind of community role model that his father always did. And countless others are sharing their memories of "Uncle Jack," and how we can all model our lives in his legacy.

I worked most closely with Jack during his decade-long presidency of the Stamford NAACP, looking to achieve justice for those who too often lack it and making sure the least of ours in the community get what they need in a tough world. We've worked together to register and empower voters; to combat the scourge of gun violence that claims too many urban victims; to remedy the historic injustices of our criminal justice system; and of course to help the next generation seize opportunities to get a world-beating education and better understand and improve the world they will soon enter.

Whenever we talked, I came away hopeful. Whenever we worked, I saw the grateful faces of those he served. Whenever we prayed, I knew Jack's earnest and sincere pleas flew up to the heavens above.

This world has lost a great leader, and that leader left a great legacy. I dedicate today to mourning and remembrance, yes, but more so to furthering his legacy of service and sacrifice, uplifting those who follow in his path and commending the others so inspired to do so now. To help feed the hungry, as the number of those who hunger grows; to provide a better future to the next generation, as the future grows more perilous; and to always keep fighting for justice and equality for all. May we all

be even half as successful as Jack Bryant was at leaving the world a better place than we found it and loving our neighbor even more than ourselves.

THOMAS WALLACE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Thomas Wallace for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Thomas Wallace is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Thomas Wallace 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 Thomas Wallace 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR
JOSEPH OWES

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand here today to announce that on April 2, we lost Pastor Joseph Owes of Pomona, California, to complications with COVID-19. Pastor Owes devoted 20 years of his life to providing hope and inspiration to the people of Pomona.

A Georgia native, Pastor Owes spent his formative elementary and junior high school years in the South, experiencing desegregation firsthand. As difficult as those times were, they taught Pastor Owes to "outlast the enemy" and forgive quickly. He immersed himself in football, earning an MVP award and 27 college scholarship offers. Eventually he landed on Texas Southern University, where he majored in mechanical engineering. After graduating, Pastor Owes worked hard in sales and management for five Fortune 500 Companies and married the love of his life, Michele Lipkins, in 1986. Together they raised four loving children.

Eventually, Pastor Owes found his way to preaching in 1989 and completed his ministerial training, receiving his ordination under the leadership of his mentor and friend, Pastor Reuben L. Monmouth II. Pastor Owes used his talents of bringing people together to start a church inside a maximum-security prison in Texas. There he mentored trustees and helped prepare them for the outside world. He later established a church and Christian School in Southwest Houston.

In February of 2000, Pastor Owes accepted an assignment to pastor From the Heart

Church Ministries of Pomona, serving as a pillar of inspiration and guidance for the community. During the economic crash of 2009, he was instrumental in bringing badly needed service to the Pomona Valley, using his church to host food banks and health fairs, and provide job and financial literacy workshops for those struggling with foreclosures. I was fortunate to have met him and partner with him in providing these services to our community.

Pastor Owes enjoyed the outdoors and working with his hands to create things like slingshots and bow and arrows. He often played racquetball, rode his bicycle, and participated in competitive bowling with his sons. His friends and family called him the "Grill Master" as he often cooked large meals for his loved ones. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his family and having all the children and grandchildren together under one roof.

For his exemplary life, Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Pastor Joseph Owes. His decades of service and contributions to our community are worthy of admiration, and his memory will live on through the countless lives he has impacted. Pastor Owes is survived by his wife of 22 years, Michele, their four children, six grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING FORWARD
SCIENCE'S CONTRIBUTION TO
FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Forward Science, one of our many businesses in TX-22 for their efforts to aid those on the front lines fighting against coronavirus.

As our Houston hospital heroes face down the coronavirus pandemic, they need to stay healthy so that they can help others fighting to overcome this disease. Hand sanitizer plays a critical safety role in this fight, but our hospitals have faced a medical supply shortage.

Like many regions across the nation, our Houston hospitals faced a dire shortage of personal protective equipment or PPE's. Doctors and nurses have been forced to improvise and use their own makeshift PPE's, turning to raincoats and swim goggles to protect them from the coronavirus because the supply of masks and gowns was depleted.

TX-22 comes together to face challenges head on. Forward Science, an oral healthcare products company out of Stafford, Texas, has joined other companies in shifting their production to provide a needed supply of hand sanitizer for our healthcare heroes.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we extend our deep gratitude to Forward Science for their commendable actions filling the gap and helping our healthcare professionals at this critical time.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF
SERGEANT GARY LEE MCKIDDY
ON 6 MAY 1970

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism of Sergeant Gary Lee McKiddy of Ohio, who valiantly sacrificed his life on May 6, 1970, during the Cambodian invasion in the Vietnam War.

During the May 1970 incursion in Cambodia, then-Specialist McKiddy was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division as a crew chief/door gunner on a single-engine "scout" helicopter. On May 6, McKiddy was sent to Cambodia alongside friend and observer Jim Skaggs and Warrant Officer Tom Whiddon, the pilot, to identify and attack enemy strongholds. While on patrol, the helicopter was struck by enemy fire, causing the transmission line to burst and the helicopter to make a crash landing.

Based on the account of survivor Skaggs as well as the accounts of the medical evacuation team, all three men survived the initial crash. McKiddy, who was thrown from the helicopter, bravely and heroically charged back into the burning crash in an attempt to save both fellow crew members. After successfully rescuing Skaggs, McKiddy was killed while trying to save his pilot, Warrant Officer Whiddon. On June 24, 1970, McKiddy was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, the third-highest personal decoration for valor in the United States Armed Forces.

As we remember Sergeant Gary McKiddy on the 50th anniversary of his heroic sacrifice, I am drawn to John 15:13, which says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Gary's actions that morning are a true example of gallantry and belief in the Warrior Ethos. I am confident that God was with Gary that morning and that Gary is with Him now in His heavenly kingdom.

Madam Speaker, I thank my friend and constituent Jim Skaggs for sharing this story with me and for continuing to honor the legacy of his fallen friend. We remember Sergeant Gary McKiddy for his bravery, and I pray for his friends and family on this special anniversary.

VIOLA GARCIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

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

Viola Garcia is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Viola Garcia 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 Viola Garcia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF BUTCH, GUY, CLOYD, AND PETE STAFFORD

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the military service of Butch, Guy, Cloyd, and Pete Stafford. These brothers served our country for a combined 73 years.

Raised in the Bell Orchard community of Guilford County, North Carolina, the Stafford brothers farmed and worked the land, attended Jesse Wharton and Rankin Schools, and were members of Hillcrest Baptist Church. It didn't take long after turning 18 for any of these brothers to begin their service to our country.

Cloyd served eight years in the National Guard, Pete served 21 years in the National Guard, Butch served 22 and a half years in the Navy, and Guy served 21 and a half years in the Navy.

It's not often that you come across a family so devoted to service to America, which rep-

resents a piece of history larger than any one person. It shows a powerful belief and dedication to our country's bedrock principles of service, selflessness, and sacrifice. I'm thankful for their devotion to the United States. There's no question that the Stafford brothers set an example and passed down a legacy to their children and grandchildren that will live on for generations to come.

Please join me in gratitude for the Stafford brothers, who honorably served their country and have continued to be steward citizens in our community.

COMMENDING JACKSON GOODMAN
FOR HIS SUPPORT OF MOTHERS
& FAMILIES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible young man in TX-22. Jackson Goodman is a ten-year-old fourth grader at Epiphany Catholic School who at a young age is already making a sincere impact in our community.

Jackson has been gathering diapers and baby wipes through diaper drives for the past two Lenten seasons to help the Pregnancy Help Center. This needed center gives confidential and free care to people with unplanned pregnancies.

In his first year collecting donations, Jackson gave the Pregnancy Help Center almost two thousand diapers. He more than tripled that contribution the following year, donating over 6,900 diapers. This year, Jackson was able to donate over 7,000 diapers and almost 10,400 baby wipes to the Pregnancy Help Center.

These supplies may seem like an easy grocery store grab, but for some mothers and families they are a needed—and expensive—commodity. And, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, they are harder to get than ever.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we commend Jackson Goodman: an impressive young man who more than lives up to his last name.