

Beyond the church's physical plant, Rev. Dr. Diggs also oversaw the purchase of commercial property that provide business opportunities in the community like barber and beauty shops and a restaurant.

During his time as a faith leader, he also served in many secular capacities. He taught at Benedict College in Columbia and Morris College in Sumter. Rev. Dr. Diggs also served as President of the Florence Branch of the NAACP and was a powerful voice for social justice. He was a calming presence during the 1975 riots that erupted in Florence after a police officer shot a black man during a traffic stop.

Rev. Dr. Diggs served as a board member of Friendship, Benedict and Morris colleges, Morehouse School of Religion, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Nannie Helen Burroughs School, the Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity, and the Florence Mayor's Human Relations Committee.

He was awarded the state's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto. In addition, he was named to the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame and was recognized in the South Carolina African American History Calendar.

Rev. Dr. Diggs was married to the former, Clotilda Daniels, and the couple has two adult children, William, Jr. and Mary Lynn, who managed my campaign for South Carolina Secretary of State. They have one grandson, William, III.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs, Sr. I considered him both a political and religious mentor, who taught us all "to do justly, be merciful and walk humbly" as instructed in Micah 6:8. He will be sorely missed.

FAYLENN DENNY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

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

Faylenn Denny is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

CONGRATULATING KYLE TUNINK FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kyle Tunink, a senior from Newman Central Catholic High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 152 pound weight class.

To claim the state title, Kyle defeated his opponent in a 5-1 victory. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Kyle displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Kyle is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Sterling so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Kyle Tunink that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Kyle Tunink on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, on the Foreign Affairs Committee, we know that so many critical national security threats require a global, coordinated response. We know that we're stronger when we work with our international partners to face challenges head-on. And we know that the United States has a vital global leadership role to during international crises.

Today, those principles should guide our response to this pandemic. The rapid spread of COVID-19—an infectious disease that knows no borders—has presented us with unprecedented challenge and heartbreak. We need a path forward for the United States and countries around the world to get on the road toward rebuilding and recovery.

More than 50,000 Americans have died from coronavirus. It's painfully clear that the Administration should have done more to prepare for this pandemic and protect our citizens. There is so much more we have to do to keep Americans safe and our communities healthy moving forward. We need more testing. We need to support our doctors and nurses. We need to help those who provide our food and those who keep us safe. But, we simply can't do those things effectively if we bury our heads in the sand and wall ourselves off from the rest of the world.

Our world is interconnected. Fighting the coronavirus for America means making sure other countries can effectively fight the pandemic, as well. The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres summed it up well: "We are only as strong as the weakest health system in our interconnected world."

That's why the Trump Administration's decision to cut funding for the World Health Organization is so counterproductive. The WHO plays a vital role in supporting and enforcing international health regulations, educating the public, and strengthening the ability of health systems—particularly those in the developing world—to prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks. This is precisely the time that we need the WHO most. Instead, the Administration is stopping all our funding—just like shutting down the fire department in the middle of a blaze.

Retreating from global health institutions at this time only makes it harder for us to combat COVID-19, putting our national security and American lives at risk. When America pulls away from the world, others will fill the void. China is already providing relief and support to countries now on the brink of their own crises—particularly in Africa and the developing world. And, Beijing pledged an additional \$30 million to the WHO just as Trump suspended American funds to the world body. The United States must act to preserve the critical development gains we helped drive, from basic education to access to clean water to free and fair elections.

If we want to see the world recover in a way that strengthens our economy, national security, and environment—in a way that promotes and preserves the values of freedom and democracy which we hold dear—in a way that raises up impoverished people—we need to lead it in that direction. Now is the time for American global leadership. Now is the time to recognize our interconnected world and work with our partners to save lives in countries near and far. Now is the time to move forward for America and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF NANCY ANN KINCADE WILLIAMS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Nancy Ann Kincaide Williams, who passed away on April 26th at the age of 78.

Nancy Ann, born in 1941, grew up in the Mississippi Delta and graduated from Clarksdale High School in 1959. After high school, she spent one year at the Mississippi University for Women before transferring to the University of Mississippi. After graduating from the University of Mississippi she began working as a teacher until she received her ultimate calling of being a loving and dedicated mother to her four children.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church, Nancy Ann was very active teaching bible study and serving as a youth leader. She was also a very active member of her community volunteering in the Fin de Siecle Club, Garden Club, and Junior Auxiliary. Nancy Ann's life of service and giving back to others also included serving as a homeroom mother, a scout leader, and a swim team coach.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 57 years, Kenneth Weaver Williams, her four children, her brother, and 15 grandchildren, as well as many friends and family members. Nancy Ann's life was one of service, grace, love for her family, and community.