

healthcare, and arts education. In addition to these causes, Emmaline has produced several original art shows with the aim of raising funds for those in her community. Some of her shows' revenue has been used to purchase medical supplies for those with ALS or AIDS, and some has been used to purchase baby clothing and supplies for those facing teenage pregnancy.

Given a \$1,000 scholarship and \$2,500 to donate to the COVID-19 efforts of a nonprofit of her choosing, Emmaline stands out as one of the most selfless examples of servant-leadership. I take this time to thank her for her service to the state we both call home.

RECOGNIZING DR. BERT BRIGHT

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to a very special gentleman who has been instrumental in the growth and development of many lives in eastern North Carolina. Dr. Bert Bright has served well in numerous roles at Arendell Parrott Academy in Kinston, N.C. for the past 25 years.

Dr. Bright has excelled as a middle school science teacher, a Science Olympiad coach—taking five teams to top ten finishes nationally, a varsity football coach, Assistant Headmaster, and finally, Headmaster. He has been a servant leader, a forward thinker, an encourager and a friend to students, parents and faculty. During his tenure as Headmaster, he has overseen multimillion-dollar building projects, administered advanced technology with campuswide wireless access, instituted an after-school program, expanded transportation services and fervently cheered state championship teams in five different sports. He expanded a diverse enrollment through multi-community outreach. But even more than all these achievements, Dr. Bright will be remembered most as a caring teacher and leader who saw the potential in every student and challenged them to be their best. A nurturing administrator who mentored his staff with skill, understanding and dedication.

Parrott Academy enjoys a family atmosphere while maintaining a rigorous curriculum, competitive athletic programs, and exemplary fine arts interwoven with a culture of service. Such an environment would not be possible without the compassion, extraordinary commitment to excellence in education, model of sportsmanship, and servant's heart of Dr. Bert Bright.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing upon his retirement, a true Patriot in every sense of the word: Dr. Bert Bright.

CONGRATULATING PETER
NEWBOULD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Peter

Newbould, the Senior Public Policy Manager of the Alzheimer's Association Washington State Chapter, on his retirement.

Peter has had an outstanding career advocating for those affected by Alzheimer's. In his six years at the Alzheimer's Association he guided other advocates in opening a meaningful discussion with Congress about this disease. Peter spread awareness of Alzheimer's and was a top ten recruiter in the nation for the Alzheimer's Impact Movement.

Peter was instrumental in advancing public policy goals and served on the advocacy subcommittee of the Dementia Action Collaborative, helping win State appropriations to implement priorities in the 2016 Alzheimer's State Plan.

Prior to joining the Alzheimer's Association, Peter had an impressive career including working for over 13 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the 1980s, he was Chief of Staff to Congressman Jim Florio of New Jersey and Congressman RON WYDEN of Oregon. He then served for 21 years as Director of Congressional & Political Affairs at the American Psychological Association, during which he co-chaired a coalition that won passage of two federal laws on mental health parity.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize and congratulate Peter Newbould on his retirement and the incredible advocacy work he has done for those facing Alzheimer's.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET
OWENS

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janet Owens, an inspirational community leader and advocate, who passed away on April 8th after a long battle with cancer. Janet was the executive director of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation's (LISC) Jacksonville office for 10 years, serving as a tireless advocate for residents and communities. Under her leadership, new affordable housing was financed, community centers were created to improve financial stability, playing fields were renovated, and local nonprofit organizations were made stronger. I am saddened by her passing, but honored to recognize her dedication and longtime commitment to the people and neighborhoods that Janet fought to improve every day of her life.

Janet was first and foremost a community servant, focused on empowering people and organizations as well as equipping them with the right information and resources. A significant part of her career was spent in public service. She worked in city government in Greenville, South Carolina; Adrian, Michigan; and Washington, D.C. Her service continued after leaving government and was extended in the private sector where she served as Vice President of United Way of Northeast Florida and held positions with the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and Volunteer Jacksonville.

At LISC, Janet was a tremendous driving force in advancing the organization's mission to help under-resourced neighborhoods in Jacksonville. She believed these neighbor-

hoods were ripe for opportunity and renewal, and her leadership ensured that public and private resources benefitted those most in need. Since its opening in 1999, LISC Jacksonville has invested nearly \$500 million in the community, creating 2,100 affordable homes and 1.7 million square feet of space for commercial, community, and educational facilities. Most notably, Janet was the driving force behind LISC Jacksonville's investment in several pivotal historic preservation projects in downtown Jacksonville, including the Barnett Bank and Laura Street Trio.

Janet's commitment to community development extended well beyond her professional life. She was involved in a range of volunteer activities and was acknowledged for her commitment with numerous awards and accolades over the course of her life. In 2019, she was the recipient of the University of North Florida's OneJax Humanitarian Award, which recognized her integrity, generosity, and dedication to improving the relationships among Jacksonville's diverse populations. Leadership Jacksonville also acknowledged her as an outstanding community trustee during its 2018 Leadership Celebration. The Girl Scouts Gateway Council bestowed their Women of Distinction Award to Janet in honor of her career accomplishments, service to others and impact on the Northeast Florida community.

Janet was a true advocate for the underserved, and her legacy of community service will live on through her accomplishments both in Florida and nationally. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating her life of public service and extend deepest condolences to her mother, Mamie Garrett; her beloved husband of thirty-seven years, Gregory Owens; their three children Greg, Garrett and Morgan; and her grandchildren, siblings, relatives and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS AIRPORT HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the catastrophe of the Wuhan Virus it was uplifting to read on the front page of The State newspaper of Columbia, S.C., on May 14th "Airport High School holds virtual graduation ceremony" by Tracy Glantz.

Lexington County School District Two is professionally led by Superintendent Bill James with an extraordinary School Board of Chairman Bill Bingham, Elizabeth (Beth) Dickerson Branham, Cynthia M. (Cindy) Kessler, R. Kevin Key, Christina Rucker, J.M. (Bud) Summers, and Linda Alford-Wooten. Principal David Damm provides dynamic leadership.

I include in the RECORD the article highlighted by the inspiring family photo of Graduate Marcus Gadsden and his deservedly proud parents Yvonne and Richard Gadsden.

AIRPORT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

About 300 seniors at Airport High School walked across a stage in their graduation caps and gowns on Wednesday, but it wasn't their graduation day yet. Wednesday was the second day of filming and photographing at the school to produce a televised, virtual graduation ceremony that will air June 6.