

South Carolina state officials have left it to school districts to plan for graduation while taking necessary precautions with social distancing to stop the spread of coronavirus. "We talked of every possible option, but never stepped away from our foundational desire to keep it safe and keep it responsible," Airport High Principal David Damm said.

Groups of graduates and their parents were spaced several feet apart as they approached the stage. The students took their turns, walking across the stage, receiving their diploma case and getting photographs made. These images will be put together in a video along with speeches by Principal David Damm, valedictorian Ashleigh Smith, salutatorian Rose Brandon, Student Body President Katie Kyzer, and Senior Class President Geena Rocanella.

"There's some element to it that we hope is special. . . We are trying to provide the graduates with a memory, a video of their graduation, but do it in a way that keeps people apart and safe," Damm said.

"I'm just glad to have had a ceremony, even if it was small," Julion Brooks said after walking across the stage. His parents, Shaquana and Lamar Brooks, made photographs while wearing T-shirts honoring the class of 2020—"delayed not denied"—printed across the front.

At Lexington District 2's other high school, Brookland-Cayce, students will have a similar opportunity on May 14. Other efforts to help honor the class of 2020 include yard signs, billboards, social media and a countywide porch light salute on May 20, at 8:20 p.m. Virtual graduation ceremonies for the two high schools will air online and on local television June 6, the Lexington 2 school district announced this week.

They will be broadcast together from 5-7 p.m. June 6 on WACH-Fox 57. They will also be available for streaming via STIRR, a free TV app. The presentations will be posted on the school district's YouTube channel after they have aired.

HONORING OUR OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1961 and authorized by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, National Peace Officers Memorial Day was proclaimed on May 15th. The proclamation further established the calendar week of May 15th as National Police Week.

National Police Week honors the heroic and selfless devotion of our peace officers to our country. It is a time to honor those who make sacrifices year-round, missing weekends, holidays, and family events to serve their communities. It is also a sacred time as we honor the fallen men and women in law enforcement who have laid down their lives in the line of duty to protect others.

This week we are humbled by the challenges they face and the profound sacrifices that they make. Despite the daily adversity officers face, their dedication to protect the rule of law and their communities remains unwavering. Even in times of grave danger and uncertainty, such as the current Covid-19 pandemic, our nations' police officers were some of the first to stand ready to serve and protect the citizens of their communities.

The spirit of National Police Week is exemplified by those whose actions reflect courage, sacrifice, and selflessness. I am honored to rise today and recognize several individuals who bravely serve the residents of California's 39th District. Serving the Cities of Walnut and Diamond Bar I'd like to honor Lieutenant Tomas Giandomenico, a 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and an Army Veteran, Sergeant Paul Parkhurst, who has served since 2006, and Deputy Jesse Acuna who has served since 2010. From the Fullerton Police Department, I would like to recognize, Sergeant Ryan O'Neil, who has served our community since 2008. From the Chino Hill's Sheriffs Station, I would like to honor Deputy Ed Hernandez, Deputy Eileen Negron, and Deputy Tony Ortega for the daily sacrifices that they make to keep our citizens safe.

These deputies have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Not only serving their community while in uniform, but also using their personal time to help those in need. Lieutenant Giandomenico and Deputy Acuna help disadvantaged youth in Kenya at the School of Angels, a school they founded to provide over 100 children a safe place to gain educational opportunities. Sergeant Parkhurst, a Marine combat veteran, helps transitioning veterans who are returning from active duty adjust to civilian life in the Los Angeles Sheriffs Departments, Vets to Vets program.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these heroes: Lieutenant Tomas Giandomenico, Sergeant Paul Parkhurst, Sergeant Ryan O'Neil, Deputy Jesse Acuna, Deputy Ed Hernandez, Deputy Eileen Negron, Deputy Tony Ortega, as well as all law enforcement officers, past, and present that make our country, and my District such a special place.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MS. TAMMY ROGERS

HON. TRENT KELLY
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the outstanding career of Ms. Tammy Rogers and congratulate her on her retirement from the Lee County Board of Supervisors. After nearly three decades in this seat, Ms. Rogers has served her county well and set the precedent of hard work and commitment in county government.

Tammy Rogers first applied as the Lee County Board of Supervisors Secretary in 1989, though this was not the first they had heard from her. A coworker recalls her phone calls regarding the dilapidated state of a bridge near her home. Ms. Rogers commitment to excellence was only solidified by her new position in public service. She is known for her work-ethic and transparency among her coworkers, as well as her dedication to forming relationships with each supervisor. It is dedication like this that makes North Mississippi great.

The decision to retire after 30 years of service was a difficult one for Ms. Rogers, however she will continue with her career at a local bank. I respect and admire her commit-

ment to public service for so many years and wish her the best in this new chapter of life.

Her colleague Billy Davis said of Ms. Rogers, "You can get some more good ones, but you won't get anyone better." I think this comment exemplifies Ms. Rogers impact on her community and dedication to service. She will continue to be a pillar in her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALEB WAWRZYNIAK ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Caleb Wawrzyniak of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Caleb's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2024. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Caleb brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2024. While attending St. Francis de Sales in Toledo, Ohio, Caleb was an elected officer of the Latin American Student Support Organization, and member of the campus ministry, while maintaining a 3.679 GPA.

Throughout high school, Caleb was involved with football, baseball, wrestling, and track among other extracurricular activities. I am confident that Caleb will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Caleb Wawrzyniak on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Caleb will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ORRIN (BOODY) BROWN, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS
OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 100th birthday of Orrin (Boody) Brown, Jr.

Mr. Brown was born on Easter Sunday April 4th, 1920, to Orrin and Mary Charles at their home on South 4th Avenue in Opelika, Alabama. During his childhood, Mr. Brown attended Miriam S. Brown Elementary School.