

the University of Akron. Jennie had a passion for emergency medical services and worked for many years in the emergency departments of Trumbull Memorial Hospital and Warren General Hospital. She created the paramedic training program in Trumbull County and trained countless EMTs throughout Northeast Ohio. A lifelong member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Jennie loved her nephews, her dogs, vacations in the sun and the friends of her Red Hat Society and card clubs with whom she shared adventures and laughs.

She will be sadly missed by her brother, John and his wife, Chrissie of Columbus; and her three nephews, Johnny, Dante and Marco; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

My heartfelt condolences go out to Jennie's family, and all whose lives she so dearly touched. I thank Jennie for her tireless work taking care of the people in the Mahoning Valley.

### CITIZEN SOLDIER HEROES

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, members of the South Carolina National Guard are heroes. During this challenging time, it is inspiring that South Carolina National Guard Service Members choose to serve the citizens of South Carolina. The National Guard continues to answer the call and assist communities affected by the Wuhan Virus. Here are six heroes in South Carolina.

Doctor (Col.) Phillip Latham is the state Air Surgeon for the South Carolina Air National Guard, serves as the South Carolina Air National Guard medical lead and COVID-19 medical response coordinator. His efforts and accomplishments positively impact South Carolina communities daily.

Colonel Latham liaises with the South Carolina Hospital Association. He assists statewide medical surge planning and weekly regional response coordination meetings. Additionally, Colonel Latham has coordinated a patient transportation response plan, enhanced resource acquisition allocation, and regional planning for Tier 1 and Tier 2 alternate care sites, as well as improve emergency ambulance response protocols. He also worked through the South Carolina Hospital Association and South Carolina Manufacturers Empowerment program for the creation of centralized ordering and distribution of protective personal equipment. Engineering support statewide alternate care site surveys, identified and planned for possible infrastructure expansion to meet needs in excess of current regional hospital capacity. Lastly, he coordinated phase 2 testing and contact tracing plans in concert with the South Carolina Hospital Association, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, Department of Health and Environmental Control and National Guard leadership for a roll out of both diagnostic and immunity testing across the state.

Doctor (Lt. Col.) Vanessa Wideman, is the 169th Medical Group, Flight Surgeon. Lieutenant Colonel Wideman advised South Carolina National Guard leadership on COVID-19 miti-

gation efforts, mapped out McEntire Joint National Guard Base's strategy and response for COVID-19, and advised 169th Fighter Wing leadership on Health Protection Condition (HPCON) levels. She continues to coordinate with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to improve individualized member response to COVID-19 for potentially affected members.

Doctor (Lt. Col.) Fred Smith, is the 157th Fighter Squadron, Flight Surgeon. Lieutenant Colonel Smith's testing efforts helped map out hospital network efforts across South Carolina. He also observed and provided oversight for the South Carolina National Guard—civilian partnership, in food distribution, and receiving, at Harvest Hope food bank.

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Laymon is the 169th Security Forces Squadron Commander. Lieutenant Colonel Laymon has coordinated, organized, planned, staffed, and co-lead the development of the COVID-19 Joint Task Force—Security (C-JTFS). He also developed new Operating Instructions for safe and secure entry onto McEntire Joint National Guard Base and authored the National Guard's Adversary Threat Assessment to include concerns over weaponization of the Novel Virus COVID-19. Lastly, he coordinated with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the South Carolina Joint Operations Center for the safe-secure delivery and redistribution of the CDC National Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Lieutenant Colonel Allen R. Stewart serves as the South Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Logistics Director. In this capacity, he's coordinated South Carolina National Guard support at Oliver Gospel mission, set up Blue Tent training between the Department of Health and Environmental Control and 59th Troop Command, and worked with the South Carolina National Guard to set up the Georgia Air National Guard's sanitizing "Train the Trainer" classes for the South Carolina National Guard. Furthermore, his efforts helped improve planning efforts and protective measures with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Lieutenant Colonel Stewart also helped set up South Carolina's food distribution in Horry County and facilitated the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle's plan to use South Carolina National Guard armories across the state to enable social distancing between the public and DMV staff.

Second Lieutenant Trey Murphy is the Logistics Readiness Officer for the 169th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Second Lieutenant Murphy coordinated and hosted the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) refresher training course, which showed how to manage distribution of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) material. His efforts enabled his squadron to store over two-hundred pallets of personal protective equipment on more than fifty tactical convoys, serving all forty-six counties in South Carolina. He also coordinated the joint effort for the staging of US Army personnel and equipment in advance of civilian bus driver training conducted on McEntire Joint National Guard Base.

I am grateful to have worked with my colleagues in the 116th Congress to provide needed funding for vital personal protective equipment, material, and support for our Service Members and their families.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF LENORA PRATHER

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life and legacy of Mrs. Lenora Prather, a native of West Point, Mississippi and a pioneer in the field of law and justice in our state. Mrs. Prather dedicated her life to public service and cemented herself in our state's history, while continuing to have an impact on young minds.

Lenora Prather was born and educated in West Point, Mississippi, where she graduated from the Mississippi State College for Women before continuing her education at the University of Mississippi School of Law, earning her juris doctor in 1955. She practiced law with her father and later met fellow attorney Bob Prather. The two were married and began to practice law together until her appointment as Municipal Judge in West Point. Together they had three daughters. Among her many academic contributions, she taught in the Communication Department at Mississippi State University. In 1982, Prather was appointed as Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court. She attributed her success in her career to her parent's example. She served as a source of inspiration to countless individuals, and among her friends and family.

Mrs. Lenora Prather was a shining example of commitment to values, community, and justice. She had a lasting impact on this state, and her example will continue to inspire young minds. I commend her lifelong efforts in making Mississippi great.

### RECOGNIZING STAFF AT CENTRAL ARKANSAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

#### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the staff at Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System that volunteered to help their sister facility in Louisiana: Erin Pitchford, Diana Tran, Latoya Johnson, Tonya Filbert, Teri Kennedy, Vickie Mabry, Ellen Shollmier, Linda Tate, Joe Wood, Nicholas Asman, and Michelle Freck.

In April, three teams of Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetics traveled to New Orleans to support the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System.

These 11 front-line heroes provided support to their sister VA facility during the initial surge of COVID-19 in Louisiana. The staff provided direct patient care in critical areas of the facility, including medical and surgical units.

The purpose of this united effort was to ensure the well-being of our veterans who have served our country.

We thank the nurses who are deployed, all those who stepped in to fill their shoes back home, and CAVHS for their compassion, clinical expertise, and their commitment to serving our veterans.

## HONORING BEN KELLY

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Ben Kelly, an entrepreneur, surfboard shaper, and surfer on the central coast of California. Ben will be remembered for his kindness, adventurous spirit, and passion for his religious faith.

Ben Kelly was born in Orange County in Southern California. While attending Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, where he met his wife, Katie, Ben began shaping surfboard and eventually developed his own brand, Ben Kelly Surfboards.

Following his move to the central coast of California, Ben and Katie started their social media company, named Authentic Approach. This business encapsulated Ben's quick embrace of his new community. Not only was he dedicated to the work he did with his wife to help others realize their dreams of starting and operating local businesses, but he also quickly established himself in the local surfing community on the Central Coast. Ben's friends knew him as an adventurous young man who formed tight bonds with those around him and used his supportive and sincere nature to encourage friends to excel at their goals.

Ben was especially passionate about his deeply held Christian faith. As a member of Twin Lakes Church in Aptos, California, Ben channeled his faith to guide his generous nature and devotion to helping friends and strangers. Ben's faith was a part of his daily life, finding daily lessons in the world around him and offering earnest guidance to anyone who needed help.

Ben will be remembered for his adventurous and generous spirit and his love for and devotion to his wife, Katie. We, as a community, celebrate his life well-lived. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Ben Kelly.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. GUY RESCENTIALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2020*

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 965, which is nothing

more than a power grab by my Democrat colleagues that would upend over 200 years of precedent and have serious constitutional and institutional repercussions.

Across our nation, millions of Americans go to work every day to help their communities and defeat the COVID-19 outbreak. They expect their elected officials to do the same. But under the proposal put forth by House Democrats, 20 members would control Congress, while the rest stay home and cede their votes.

Article 1, Section 5 of the U.S. Constitution states, "a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members." At a time when traveling took days to weeks, rather than mere hours, our Founding Fathers recognized that while inconvenient, being physically present was necessary for good governance. And despite recent legislative sessions, which prove Members of Congress can conduct regular business in a safe manner, Democrats want to recklessly alter the U.S. House of Representatives as our founders designed it.

In addition to throwing out 230 years of tradition, H. Res. 965 stifles the voices of tens of millions of Americans. As long as these rules are in place, House leadership will control every step of the legislative process. Rank and file members will be cut out of lawmaking completely, in turn denying the people they represent a seat at the table.

Republican Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, Rules Committee Ranking Member TOM COLE, and Administration Committee Ranking Member RODNEY DAVIS put forward a detailed plan for how the House can continue operations during this crisis. House Republicans stand ready to find bipartisan solutions that ensure members can fulfill their constitutional duties.

But the resolution proposed by House Democrats is not the answer.

Mr. Speaker, our country has faced serious challenges since its founding, including the Spanish influenza. For the first time in our history, a single party is taking advantage of a crisis to jam through unprecedented and unconstitutional changes that will forever alter this institution. I strongly oppose H. Res. 965, which will devastate our democracy and silence the People's voice.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PAUL MITCHELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 105 the Previous Question on H. Res. 967, Roll Call No. 106 Agreeing on H.

Res. 967, Roll Call No. 107 Agreeing on H. Res. 965, Roll Call No. 108 Motion to Recommit on H.R. 6800, and Roll Call No. 109 Passage of H.R. 6800, I am not recorded because I was absent.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 105; NAY on Roll Call No. 106; NAY on Roll Call No. 107; YEA on Roll Call No. 108; and NAY on Roll Call No. 109.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on May 15, 2020 for Roll Call Vote 105, Roll Call Vote 106, Roll Call Vote 107, Roll Call Vote 108, and Roll Call Vote 109 as I am on doctors'-ordered bed rest after sustaining a fall two weeks ago. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 105, Yea on Roll Call Vote 106, Yea on Roll Call Vote 107, Nay on Roll Call Vote 108, and Yea on Roll Call Vote 109.

## RECOGNIZING SOPHIA SAID

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sophia Said for receiving the 2019 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award.

Ms. Said is currently the Chairwoman of the Madina Institute and Mosque located in my hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas. She is also the Executive Director of the Interfaith Center of Arkansas.

Established in 1990 to honor individuals for their efforts in fighting crime, terrorism, and violence in the United States, the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award is a true testament to the work Ms. Said has led to combat violence and hate crimes against religious groups in Arkansas.

Ms. Said has brought together law enforcement agencies, religious congregations, and community leaders for FBI-lead trainings to prevent terrorist attacks in Arkansas.

On behalf of all Arkansans, I thank Ms. Said for her devotion to protecting our Arkansas communities, and congratulations on this deserving recognition.