

contributions that immigrants make across our country.

For her 20 years of distinguished experience in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Horak was named an honoree for the 2017 Women of Distinction Awards by the YWCA of Darien and Norwalk. This year, she was appointed to the Board of Directors of Amicare's Free Clinics.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me, along with a grateful Fourth Congressional District, in congratulating Ms. Catalina Horak for her extensive public service and in wishing her success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LEFLORE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable group of leaders, the Leflore County Board of Supervisors.

On Monday, June 22, 2020 the Leflore County Board of Supervisors voted to remove the Confederate monument located on the Leflore County Courthouse lawn. This Confederate monument has long been a divisive symbol for the citizens in the city of Greenwood, MS and Leflore County.

Unveiled on October 9, 1913 on the courthouse lawn, this monument has intimidated and invoked fear for over 100 years in citizens that have come to the courthouse to conduct county business. As a symbol of treason and slavery, this monument had no right to be in a public place.

After legal advisement from Board Attorney Joyce Chiles, Supervisor Reginald Moore made a motion to have the Confederate monument removed from the courthouse lawn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mitchell. Supervisors Robert Collins and Anjuan Brown joined in support and the motion was carried 4–0, with one member, Sam Abraham, absent from the meeting. This is a historic achievement for Leflore County as Mississippians move to create a more inclusive climate throughout the state.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Leflore County Board of Supervisors for their dedication and bravery to promote racial equality.

RECOGNITION OF MR. KENT D.
FARMER'S RETIREMENT FROM
RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC CO-
OPERATIVE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Kent D. Farmer's retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative. Mr. Farmer will retire on August 1, 2020.

Mr. Farmer has served as president and CEO of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative

since 2004 and has been with REC for a total of 41 years. The Rappahannock Electric Cooperative serves a wide range of Virginia, from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Farmer is leaving a positive legacy with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative that will not be forgotten. His strong leadership and genuine care and concern for local citizens has contributed to many successes during his time with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative.

I am proud of Mr. Farmer's work with the REC, and I know he will be greatly missed. I have worked closely with Mr. Farmer and the REC, and I am honored to serve them in the First District of Virginia. Mr. Farmer has laid a strong foundation that will serve the REC in years to come.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in recognition of Mr. Kent D. Farmer's contributions to the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative and the First District of Virginia. I wish Mr. Farmer the best of luck in his next chapter, and I look forward to continuing to serve Mr. Farmer and the First District of Virginia.

HONORING OFFICER ANTHONY DIA

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today. In my district and my hometown city of Toledo, Ohio, our community is putting to rest a young Toledo Police Officer killed in the line of duty in the early hours of July 4th.

Officer Anthony Dia, 26 years old, was known throughout our community as a dedicated husband, father, son, valiant public servant, and revered member of the Muslim community. In the words of his wife, Jayme Dia, he worked every day of his life to provide for his family, including their two sons, Younes and Maytham. He lived and breathed family. In Officer Dia's final words, which he radioed to the department after being fatally wounded were: "Tell my family I love them."

Officer Dia's death serves as a telling reminder of the constant dangers law enforcement officers face every single day in service to our communities. Officer Dia died a hero—Toledo will never forget his service and the ultimate sacrifice he made for the safety and security of our city and our families.

I join in spirit with our community in Toledo to pay respects at Officer Dia's memorial service today. My sincerest condolences and prayers are with Officer Dia's family, the Toledo Police Department, and the entire Toledo community during this in extraordinarily difficult time. Our hearts are broken.

In his memory, today in Washington D.C., an American flag is being hoisted above the U.S. Capitol in his memory to be presented in lasting gratitude for his laying down of his life for those he was sworn to protect and serve.

May the memory of Officer Anthony Dia live on in our hearts and in our community forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL
KEILHOLZ

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Keilholz on his years of devotion to the Vocational Agriculture program and its students. Mr. Keilholz retired from Pleasant Hill High School after 31 years of teaching agriculture.

Michael Keilholz grew up in the small Catholic community of Frankenstein, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri and graduated in 1989. He had several different jobs before he began teaching at Pleasant Hill High School, where he remained for 26 years. Over the years he oversaw 77 American FFA Degrees, 113 State FFA Degrees, 7 State Stars in either FFA Star Agribusiness, Star Placement or Star Farmer with 1 State Winner in Agribusiness, 1 State FFA 1st Vice President, 85 State Qualifying Teams in Vo-Ag/FFA, 110 State Qualifying Proficiency Awards based upon FFA Leadership and SAE's (4 State Winning Proficiency awards), 14 State Talent, 2 National Talent, 1 National Band, 3 State Band, 25 State Chorus, 7 Student Teachers, 264 District Vo-Ag/FFA Teams, Countless Scrapbook and Record Books displayed at state. In addition, he worked as an instructor for 28 years.

Throughout the years he has been recognized for his efforts by being awarded Top 6 Nationally—NAAE (State and Region IV Winner); Two time State Ideas Unlimited Winner, One time Regional Winner, two time National Presenter; 30-Year Service Award, Missouri Ag Teachers; Honorary American FFA Degree, National FFA Organization, 2011; Distinguished Service Award, Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; Honorary State FFA Degree, Missouri FFA, 1999; Supervised Agricultural Experience Best Practices, National FFA, 1998; Region IV (U.S.) New Vocational Teacher of the Year, American Vocational Association, 1993; New Vocational Teacher, Missouri Vocational Association, 1993; Outstanding Young Member, MVATA, 1993; Outstanding Young Professional, University of Missouri College of Education Alumni Award, 1993; Teaching Ideas—District Winner, 1996; Instructional Materials Lab, Sold Copyright-Crop & Weed Plant ID, 1993.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of all is the number of lives Mr. Keilholz has impacted over the years. Thousands of young people have been blessed by his tutelage as they have learned invaluable life lessons taught through agriculture, the leadership opportunities provided through FFA, and the work ethic instilled through student SAE projects. Mr. Keilholz's interest in every student, his encouragement, and personal example of character and commitment will leave a legacy of amazing future leaders in agriculture who will impact our nation and our world.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Michael Keilholz for his hard work and dedication, and I thank him for his years of selfless devotion to agriculture.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AMERICAN FARMS, FOOD BANKS, AND FAMILIES ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing the American Farms, Food Banks, and Families Act, which authorizes a new position within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) tasked with ensuring the nation's food supply chain remains a national priority.

This legislation authorizes the establishment of an "Agriculture Supply Chain Administrator," either designated or appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture within the USDA. The Administrator is charged with developing efficiencies and addressing key challenges within the domestic agriculture food supply chain.

Key points to address by the Administrator include: identifying barriers, either regulatory or statutory, which prevent or inhibit domestic growers from offering their product to the domestic market through food distribution entities; promoting the domestic supply chain; and connecting growers with surplus products with appropriate food distribution organizations.

The Administrator is also tasked with convening a Federal Advisory Committee with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), other appropriate federal agencies, and industry stakeholders to collaborate and advise the Administrator on addressing inefficiencies.

Finally, the American Farms, Food Banks, and Families Act will establish—in coordination with AMS and industry stakeholders—a national database to record and report excess agricultural products and food distribution organizations in need of the available products.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHARLEIGH FORD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of veteran Charleigh Ford, who passed away on Monday, June 27, due to COVID-19 and dementia complications.

Charleigh's life began on October 20, 1941, in Columbus, Mississippi. Charleigh was a man who loved to share stories, stories that dated back to his time as a paperboy, and riding bikes on dirt hills with the other boys in the area. He would eventually outgrow the role of paperboy and would take on the role of a team member—in football, track, and the United States Air Force.

After graduating from Lee High, Charleigh stuck to his Mississippi roots and attended Mississippi State University, where he met his wife, Lillian Hixon "Lillajo" Ford. Little did Charleigh know that his impact on the world was just beginning after he graduated from Mississippi State University. After college, a wedding, and the birth of his first son, Charleigh was deployed to Vietnam for a year, writing letters to Lillian every day.

Charleigh didn't stop pursuing his passions even after the war. He later found his place in

the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development business, making his most significant impact on Lowndes County. He was incredibly instrumental in forming the "Golden Triangle Link" to recruit industries to Columbus and surrounding areas.

Of all of Charleigh's accomplishments, his family was his pride and joy. Once he had grandchildren, his life was complete. He was such a devoted grandfather, the ladies at daycare had to tell him to stop looking through the window at his granddaughter because she would get upset every time he left. When they were old enough to spend the night, he would have all of them over so they could get McDonald's pancakes in the morning. He would always treat the kids to whatever they wanted.

Charleigh's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community and will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Michelle Turberville; his two grandsons, Josh and Drew Turberville; his brother, Jimmy Young; as well as many other friends and extended family members.

IN RECOGNITION OF MEALS FOR HEROES MIAMI

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, founded on April 1, 2020, Meals for Heroes Miami has become foundational to South Florida's efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. This organization was founded by Miami natives Will Osborne and Karen Bechtel, and Will's son Mac, a New York-based restaurateur.

This non-profit, donation-based organization emerged to address two issues stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic: feeding the stressed and exhausted frontline workers risking their lives daily and protecting jobs at Miami restaurants. Meals for Heroes Miami, powered by community donations, serves both these needs by purchasing and delivering meals from local restaurants to frontline workers.

By mid-May, Meals for Heroes Miami had purchased and delivered 10,000 meals to workers; fed teams at 24 hospitals, testing centers, first responder departments, prisons, and other locations; and preserved approximately 50 jobs at 22 partner restaurants. The organization has only continued to grow in the time since.

This kind of innovation is precisely what we need in communities across the country to conquer this pandemic and help families support themselves. I commend Will, Karen, Mac, and all those who have donated to this fantastic cause for their service to our shared community.

HONORING JAMES DONALD KERR

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of

James Donald Kerr, who we lost last month at the age of 86. Don was an enterprising cotton farmer, and every aspect of cotton production was a joy to him.

Don was born in his grandparents' farmhouse in Marvin, North Carolina. After high school, he attended North Carolina State University to pursue a degree in agribusiness. He left his junior year to join the U.S. Army, where he served with distinction before farming with his parents. As a member of the Southern Cotton Growers Board, the National Cotton Council, and the National Cotton Board for over three decades, Don made immense contributions to the cotton industry, with his passion leading him to researching and developing the crop for international markets.

Don lived his life doing what he loved, while also making the world a better place. I was privileged to know him and call him a friend. Today, it is my honor to memorialize his legacy.

COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINED RENEWAL AND CONTINUITY OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING EVERY ELECTION

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with respect and upon reflection of the core tenets of our democracy: our federal elections and their aftermath.

As you know, Madam Speaker, our nation boasts a steady history, no matter the circumstance, of maintaining a peaceful and efficient process upon the conclusion of our presidential elections. Whether a President continues in office for another term, experiences defeat, or concludes holding office due to the Constitutional term limit, our democracy has flourished to the benefit of the American people for centuries. Our streak of peaceful transitions of power remains unbroken, intentionally and without accident. This reflects the genius of our founders and the will of the American people to continually commit to forming a more perfect union.

In America, our government and its successful function does not depend on one person or political party. Rather, our federal government and its institutions represent the glory and the privilege bestowed by the system of a federated republic. And while to some, the peaceful transition in the aftermath of our presidential election may seem perfunctory, our society and the success of our economy depend on the reliable transition of presidents-elect or presidents continuing to a second term.

It is without question essential that the talented and dedicated public servants in our federal government are able to serve the American people following the aftermath of any election. Such duties include ensuring no veteran is denied benefits and no Social Security recipient misses a check. Professional civil servants—nonpartisan and the best in their fields—provide continuity and ensure that government stays focused on serving the American people. From air traffic controllers to food safety inspectors to servicemembers defending our nation at home and abroad, the federal