

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.