

I express deepest gratitude for the precious life of Sister Pamela. Let her life serve as an example to all during this especially challenging time. May her spirit and prophetic legacy inspire a humane path forward for all people who seek liberty.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.
THOMAS ELY OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Thomas Ely for his distinguished career in the medical profession and recent election as the 124th President of the American Osteopathic Association. Tennesseans across our great state are proud to join me in celebrating his accomplishments and election to the highest leadership role in the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Ely's career has been marked by dedication and tireless leadership in the medical field. As a fellow Tennessean, he served his patients with care and represented our great state for over 30 years as a delegate to the AOA House of Delegates, as well as serving as the President of the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA).

His desire to help others led him to join the United States Army, where he served honorably for 20 years, and where he received many honors, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. Even after retiring from service, he eagerly answered the call to support our troops during Operation Desert Storm. It is the sacrifices of brave men and women like Dr. Ely that has built our country, and we are forever indebted to his service.

I am honored to have worked alongside Dr. Ely in the medical profession. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Dr. Ely for his service, and I congratulate him as he continues his lifelong career of serving others, now as the President of the American Osteopathic Association.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF ALAN S. BECKER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of my dear friend, co-founder of Becker and Poliakoff law firm, Alan S. Becker. Alan's quest for a law degree brought him to Florida where he attended the University of Miami School of Law. Alan graduated in 1969 and scored the highest grade on that years legal Bar exam. Early in his career he worked in the Office of the Attorney General and as an assistant public defender.

At the age of 26, Alan became the youngest person elected to the Florida House of Representatives, serving three terms from 1972 to 1978. Alan pioneered community association law with his long-time business partner, Gary Poliakoff, initially working out of the trunk of a car representing condo owners. Their law firm

has since grown into one of the largest in Florida, with offices in New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

The official accolades and honors for Alan are too numerous to count, however, I want to highlight a few. Alan passed the Czech Republic Bar exam in 1992 and served as honorary counsel there until 2016. He was a passionate writer, teacher and painter. He authored two books, taught "The Business of Law" at the University of Miami School of Law, and lectured on leadership at Keiser University. Alan sat on the Board of Directors for Enterprise Florida and received the Governor's Business Ambassador Medallion for his contributions to economic development.

Madam Speaker, Alan was a lifelong Democrat, but always reached across the aisle and worked in conjunction with others to find the best solution for our community, a quality that I honor and respect and is one of the many outstanding qualities of his character that made me proud to call him a friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Alan's family and friends and I pray that they find comfort during this extremely difficult time. Alan will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELI KENT

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 an outstanding young man whose life was taken too soon. Eli Kent, the son of Nicky and Alisha Gray Kent, passed away at the age of 10 on June 25, 2020, at the North Mississippi Medical Center.

Eli was known for his love of travel and Ole Miss sports. When he wasn't watching the excitement on Swayze field, Eli was watching his sister dance or the Wheel of Fortune. He was also a special member of Bethel Baptist Church, sharing his smile with the many people who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Nicky and Alisha Kent; his sister, Kylee Kent; his grandparents, Jeff and Lori Gray, and James Kent; as well as many friends and extended family members.

Eli suffered from spinal muscular atrophy, and while we mourn his loss, we know he is pain-free and safe in the arms of our Lord.

RECOGNIZING THE ASTRO JELLY
DOGS' ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING
SELECTED AS A GLOBAL INNOVATION
SEMI-FINALIST TEAM

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishment of my constituents, the Astro Jelly Dogs, who were selected as a Global Innovation Semi-Finalist Team for the FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award. I congratulate Ryan Vollmer, Mary Jane Gibson, Tyler Carney, Samuel Perretta, Jack Stauder, Molly Rich-

ards, Benjamin Richards and their coach, Kelly Vollmer, on their passionate commitment to environmentally sustainable solutions and their impressive results. Through their innovation, the Grow Home, the Astro Jelly Dogs will renovate an abandoned row house to provide Baltimore City residents more access to fruits and vegetables.

The FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award recognizes and celebrates the next generation of innovators. Teams identify a problem in their local community and then work to design a unique and environmentally sustainable solution. Teams are tasked with considering barriers to implementation, evaluating their invention and validating their invention with STEM professionals. 20 semi-finalist teams are chosen from 40,000 FIRST LEGO League teams from over 100 countries to receive further assistance and ultimately win a cash prize.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary achievement of these bright children and I hope my colleagues and constituents will join me in congratulating the Astro Jelly Dogs on a job well done.

REMEMBERING MARIE J.
BONAMICI-WOODCOCK

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the beautiful life of Marie J. Bonamici-Woodcock, mother of my esteemed colleague, Congresswoman SUZANNE BONAMICI, who passed away on June 14, 2020, at the age of 91.

Marie was born on August 10, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan. Growing up, she studied music and had a profound appreciation for the arts. In 1948, Marie married and moved to Plymouth and then Northville, Michigan, where she raised three children, Andrew, SUZANNE, and James. She was an active member of the Northville Historical Society and the Detroit Folklore Society.

She modeled for her children openness to ideas, respect for the environment, and a deep appreciation of diverse cultures. She inspired in them lifelong interests in music, art, world cultures, environmental protection, and human rights—all qualities that we admire about our colleague, Representative BONAMICI, today.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her two brothers, John and Robert Kehrl; and her husband, George. She is survived by her children, Andrew Bonamici (Beth), SUZANNE BONAMICI (Michael Simon), and James Bonamici (Debra); grandchildren, Kate Flaim (Ben), Tom Bonamici, Andrew Simon, Peter Bonamici, Sara Simon, and Nicolas Bonamici; and three great-grandchildren, Tuck, Ellie, and Hannah Flaim.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable life of Marie Bonamici-Woodcock and the love of peace and freedom that she spread throughout society.