

Sergeant William Parker received two Purple Hearts, one Bronze Star, a Good Conduct Ribbon and Sharp Shooter Ribbon. He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. He continues to serve our country, community, and his fellow World War II veterans. It is my honor to recognize Sergeant William Parker as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's June Veteran of the Month.

HONORING EMMA SANDERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable leader, Emma Sanders.

Known as one of the "unofficial" slate of Black Mississippians who sought to displace the nonrepresentative all-white delegation at the 1964 Democratic National Convention, Emma Sanders became active force in the civil rights movement in Mississippi. She was one of the people who helped organize local citizens and some of the 700 or so young people from the North who flooded Mississippi to help Black citizens surmount Jim Crow-era barriers that had kept their voter registration at 7 percent of those eligible.

She graduated from Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Alcorn State University) in Lorman, Miss., the nation's first Black land grant college, and studied toward a master's degree in business at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Mrs. Sanders taught in Jefferson County, Miss., and in Jackson, and later served as the executive director of Hinds County community action programs. While working as an assistant to Representative Wayne Dowdy, a Mississippi Democrat, she played a role in the naming of the first federal building in the nation for a Black person, the Dr. A.H. McCoy Federal Building in Jackson, which honored a local dentist, insurance executive, and civic leader.

Mrs. Sanders would live to witness great progress on civil rights, but one breakthrough that she had hoped for—the removal of the Confederate battle emblem from Mississippi's state flag—would not occur until four days after her death.

Sanders, who was 91, died in her home on June 24, 2020.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Emma Sanders for her dedication to the civil rights movement in the State of Mississippi.

HONORING BRAD HILTSCHER OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, we join together to honor the long career of public

service provided to the people of Southern California by Brad Hiltcher of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

There is no issue that is more controversial for California Members of Congress than water policy. The very complicated details of California water policy have the ability to divide us by party, by geography, and by industry.

One of the few things that California Members do agree on is our deep gratitude for the invaluable expertise we have received from Mr. Hiltcher over the past 35 years. We are happy that he is moving on to a much deserved retirement at the end of this month, but we will greatly miss the reservoir of knowledge that he has provided to our offices.

Brad has provided policy advice that has been at the forefront of the water debates and legislation that the Congress has produced over the past 3 decades. He helped Congress enact Safe Drinking Water reauthorizations, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act, the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project, the California Bay-Delta Restoration Act, the Hoover Dam Reauthorization Act, the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act, and many more pieces of important water legislation in the West. Brad's talent is that he is able to break down these very complex issues involving historic water rights, urban water usage, endangered species, infrastructure, interstate agreements, federal programs, and the hundreds of water agencies in the West quickly and concisely. He has provided invaluable insight to Members of Congress and has always done so by advocating for the best interests of Southern California.

Brad is trusted by both sides of the aisle for being fair and honest, which has been demonstrated by the way he conducts bipartisan briefings and gives both sides the same policy message without politics.

Mr. Hiltcher has been an invaluable resource to us, our staff, and those of numerous other Members with his expert analysis and advice that has informed our legislative work. But we will not only miss his knowledge, we will miss his kindness and friendship on Capitol Hill.

I ask our colleagues to join me, Rep. CALVERT, and Sen. FEINSTEIN in congratulating Brad Hiltcher on his retirement, and thanking him for his long career of public service to the people of Southern California.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF WILLIAM C. DEMENT, M.D., PH.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. William C. Dement, a distinguished Stanford scientist and professor who died on June 17, 2020, at the age of 91.

Known as "The Father of Sleep Medicine", Dr. Dement made unparalleled contributions to the field of sleep medicine. Dr. Dement's contributions to sleep research include the association of REM sleep with dreaming; the neuropharmacology of sleep; the quantification and causes of daytime sleepiness; the pathophysiology and genetics of narcolepsy;

the assessment of jet lag and other circadian disorders; the behavioral and cardiovascular impact of sleep apnea; and pharmacotherapy for insomnia.

Dr. Dement was an ardent supporter of insurance coverage for sleep analysis and treatment, and advocated widely and effectively about the dangers of sleep deprivation and need for sufficient sleep for students, drivers and others, and he had a deep impact on the lives of the Stanford University students who enrolled in his iconic Sleep and Dreams course.

Dr. Dement founded the Stanford Sleep Disorders Clinic and helped to establish the professional society that is now the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and additional professional organizations such as the Sleep Research Society. He was often seen on Capitol Hill in his role as Chairman of the National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research. The cornerstone recommendation of the National Commission was the establishment of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, and in 1993, during the reauthorization bill for the National Institutes of Health, Congress followed through with the statutory establishment of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research at NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Madam Speaker, I consider myself fortunate to be among those who knew Dr. Dement and benefited from his wise counsel and his warm friendship. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and contributions of Dr. William C. Dement and in extending our sincere condolences to his two daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine, his son Nick, his son-in-law Gary, and six grandchildren. Dr. Dement bettered our community and strengthened our country by a life lived well and with high purpose for so many.

IN HONOR OF INDIANA BLACK EXPO'S 50TH SUMMER CELEBRATION ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of Indiana Black Expo's 50th Summer Celebration Anniversary.

Since 1970, Indiana Black Expo has served as a catalyst for social and economic advancement for African American Hoosiers. Founded by a volunteer group of civic leaders with a view to expand opportunities for small, minority businesses, the organization has evolved into a robust entity with a statewide infrastructure of 12-chapter affiliates. The Summer Celebration, held in the heart of the 7th Congressional District in Indianapolis, is a festival that embraces the change and growth of our community. Through a variety of workshops, concerts and exhibitions, the series of events provides resources, information and entertainment celebrating Black culture. In these trying times—during a global health crisis and institutionalized violence disproportionately impacting Black lives—Indiana Black Expo's vision of cultural diversity and inclusiveness is increasingly important. The growing need to shine a light on our community's success and voice is evident, and organizations like Indiana Black Expo continue to create a platform for this work.