

cannot thank him enough. I extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Major General Mingus; his wife, Amy; and children, Nathan, Zoe, and Luke as they embark upon this exciting new chapter.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Major General James J. Mingus on his 35 years of extraordinary military service.

HONORING MR. LEONEL GARZA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Leonel Garza of Freer, Texas, who celebrated his birthday along with the United States of America this past 4th of July. Mr. Garza has a special place in Texas' history for his creation of the Muy Grande, the first deer hunting contest in the state.

Leonel Garza is one of 13 children born to Lazard and Olivia Garza. Lazard and Olivia were migrant workers that traveled across Texas and the Midwest to support their large family. Leonel married his wife, Elda Garcia, in 1961 and settled down in Freer, Texas. At that time, Leonel made a living selling gas, tires, and servicing autos at a small gas station he managed named Center Circle Gas Station. Here, began the formation of the Muy Grande, an unlikely success story.

Let me preface that Leonel Garza is one of the hardest working individuals in South Texas and pays extra special attention to the personal relationships he makes throughout life, so it is no surprise that success followed. One day in 1965, while Leonel was working at Center Circle Gas Station, a man whose car had gotten stuck walked in and asked for help. Without hesitation, Leonel dropped everything and drove forty miles to help tow the car. After successfully transporting the car, Leonel refused to accept anything in return and told the man "Just tell you buddies that I'm the hunter's friend."

This man happened to be Fred Strong: an Outdoors' Sportswriter. In just a few weeks, Leonel's life would change forever, as Fred Strong wrote an article about the "Hunter's Friend" in Freer, Texas. Fred's story was picked up by newspapers all across Texas. The small town of Freer became known for its whitetail deer and Leonel Garza. All of a sudden, the Center Circle Gas Station had a line of cars filled with hunters down the street.

With the overnight fame, Leonel wanted to boost his gas sales by creating a deer hunting contest, the first of its kind in the state of Texas. After realizing that he did not have a prize for the first contest, he gave the winner the watch off of his own wrist. As this contest continued to grow, Leonel named it Muy Grande after the size of South Texas deer. Now Muy Grande and Leonel Garza are known world-wide and the contest has its own hall of fame and continues to attract thousands of visitors each year.

Leonel's work ethic never ceased, as he earned his Real Estate License in 1976 to be able to visit all the South Texas farms he grew up visiting with his father. In the 1980s, he wrote a book called "The Legend of the Muy Grande," and produced three videos called

"The Legend of the Muy Grande," Part I, II and III. Leonel Grande continues to be an active member of Freer, Texas, serving on multiple community organizations and still runs the Muy Grande Hunting Village, the largest gas station in Freer, Texas.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Leonel Garza is a Texas legend whose creation of the first deer hunting contest changed the sport of hunting. His relentless work ethic, kindness to all, and ability to turn overnight fame into something long-lasting is well-worthy of recognition. I stand here today thanking Mr. Garza for his contributions to the world, and I wish him a happy belated 80th birthday.

CELEBRATING NELL LONG'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Nell Long on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Nell Long was born in Alabama's Oak Grove community on July 12, 1920. Her family settled in Alabama long before that. Nell grew up during the Great Depression, so she possesses a toughness and tenacity that only true hardship can produce. Nell worked hard to help her family as a girl. She harvested cotton with her father and preserved food with her mother. Nell went on to finish high school, most notably, in the light of an oil lamp—electricity did not come to Oak Grove until 1935.

At nineteen, Nell married James Long and started a family. They had three beautiful children. As an active mother, Nell volunteered as a substitute teacher, a 4-H Club leader, in the PTA, and on local campaigns. She worked in her children's school lunchroom. She did all this in addition to helping James on their farm. Nell and James were committed to conservation in Madison County and the fruits of their labor can still be seen in our community today. In 1986, Nell was named Madison County Woman of the Year for dedicated service in the community and church.

After James' passing, Nell has remained active in the community. She is a member of the local Homemaker's Club, Hunt Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and of Owens Cross Roads Church of Christ. She has inspired scores with her dedication to improving the lives of others.

Madam Speaker, the Tennessee Valley is fortunate to have such an exemplary citizen for 100 years. Nell Long's unwavering hard work, strong family values, and unshakable faith embody the best of our community.

I wish Nell and her entire family the very best as they celebrate Nell's centennial birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND DR. GEORGE W.C. RICHARDSON, JR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of

Reverend Dr. George Washington Carver Richardson, Jr., a learned and devoted man of faith whose bravery in and commitment to the Civil Rights Movement helped guide the moral trajectory of Alabama, our nation and the world.

Born in Geiger, Alabama in Sumter County to George and Louise Richardson, Reverend Richardson moved as a child to Gordo, Alabama where he matriculated through the Pickens County School System. A lifelong man of God, Reverend Richardson began preaching at the tender age of four and was officially licensed to spread God's word by the age of twelve. By sixteen, Reverend Richardson was pastoring several small churches throughout the Alabama countryside.

Understanding the unparalleled value of a good education, Reverend Richardson attended and received degrees from a number of schools including his BA from Selma University; an ETA from Southeastern Bible College; Bachelor of Theology from Sunshine Bible College, Master of Divinity from Interdenominational Theological Institute; Master in Religious Education from Sunshine Bible College, Doctor of Divinity from New Era Seminary; Doctor of Humane Letters from Faith Grant College, Existential Degree from Southeastern Bible College; and a LCU Degree from Insurance Underwriters. He also studied at the following schools: Temple University, Sanford University, Southern Christian Bible College, Alabama Christian College, University Bible Institute and Interdenominational Theological Institute.

Reverend Richardson spread his God-given gifts far and wide, preaching throughout the United States and spreading the Gospel. He conducted workshops, seminars, revivals and special preaching engagements through which he met kings, princes, presidents and dignitaries from across the globe. He served as Pastor at Maggie Branch Baptist, Union Baptist, Shiloh Baptist and Mt Hebron Baptist. In 1979 he became Pastor of Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama where he remained for forty-one years until his passing.

In addition to his work in the church, Reverend Richardson dedicated himself to many community organizations including the NAACP, SCLC, the Montgomery Improvement Association and the Future Leaders of Montgomery County. He also served on the board of Star Management, Inc.; as President and CEO of SCOM's Ministry; as Chairman of the Board of the Survivor's Prison Ministry; on the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council, and on the board of the Covenant Family Ministries, Inc.

Reverend Richardson played an important role in the Civil Rights Movement, belonging to an organization known as "Friendly Brethren's", headed by Dr. F.D. Reese of Selma, Alabama. The five members comprising this organization were at the forefront of initiating the Selma Movement and were later supported by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the SCLC, who were sent in as support and who then came to lead the Selma Movement. Reverend Richardson participated in the many mass meetings, marches and demonstrations comprising the movement, most notable the events of Bloody Sunday which would later lead to the passage of the pivotal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Reverend Richardson was also instrumental in the integration of the University of