

medical portion of numerous special operations combat missions. Eventually he was selected to lead as the Senior Medic for the 1st Battalion for actions in Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2017, Master Sergeant Flowers became the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) for the Special Operations Aviation Regiment, overseeing all medical operations and participating in no-notice deployments in direct support of Special Operations Forces, under the direction of the Secretary of Defense and President of the United States. As the NCOIC for the Night Stalker Medical Treatment Facility, he served over 1,500 soldiers' occupational, aviation and emergency medicine needs.

For his faithful service and outstanding achievements, Master Sergeant Flowers received the Meritorious Service Medal, along with numerous other medals and awards, demonstrating his commitment to excellence and the lives of his fellow soldiers. He will forever be an example to countless soldiers and exemplifies the ideals of the United States Army. Having deployed with Master Sergeant Flowers to combat myself, I saw firsthand his incredible bravery and courage, and know that his skills were well beyond his scope as a flight medic. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Master Sergeant Flowers for his service, and I congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army.

HONORING JEANNE PEDIGO

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jeanne Hann Pedigo of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on July 3, 2020 at the age of 91. Jeanne was a brilliant engineer in the field of aviation as well as an active participant in Salem's community life.

Jeanne was born in Roanoke, Virginia, to Thomas and Mildred Hann on November 29, 1928, the same day Thanksgiving was celebrated that year. She graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1946 and subsequently attended Lincoln Memorial University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, physics, and drama as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, English, and history.

Aviation became her life's work. She started at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the predecessor agency to NASA. While at Langley Field, she researched airflow on experimental fighter aircraft. She then joined North American Aviation and continued her research career in California. The projects she worked on included the F-86 Sabre, F-100 Super Sabre, and stellar supervised guidance systems for unmanned missiles. Jeanne also attended night school at the University of Southern California.

In 1953, Jeanne was spending Christmas at home. She went on a blind date with William Pedigo, who proposed to her the next day. She accepted three days later and they married four months later. They would remain married for 58 years until his death in 2012.

In 1970, Virginia Governor Linwood Holton appointed Jeanne to the Virginia Aviation

Advisory Board, now the Virginia Aviation Board. She was reappointed several times by later governors, Democrat and Republican, and in 1981 Governor John Dalton named her the first female chairman. Jeanne left the board for the private sector in 1986, working at Campbell and Paris Engineers as Director of Business Planning and Governmental Affairs. Governor Jim Gilmore appointed her for another stint on the Aviation Board in 1998, and she served until 2002.

Jeanne pursued a variety of interests outside of her career in aviation, including numerous community activities and hobbies. She was involved in the YWCA, Girl Scouts, Greene Memorial Church Chancel and Concert choirs, Covenant Presbyterian Church choir, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Roanoke airport support groups, the Air Force Association, and the International Rotary Club. The Republican Committees of both Roanoke City and County benefited from her service, as did candidates for the Virginia General Assembly. She also gardened, read often, and studied the genealogy of her family.

Survivors of Jeanne include her two daughters, Linda Jean Pedigo and JoAnn P. Crouch, two grandchildren, Zachariah Crouch and Lindsey Crouch Streng, and two great-grandchildren, Skyler Streng and Blaire Streng.

The author Tom Wolfe famously wrote of the "right stuff" possessed by the flight test pilots of the postwar era and early space program—the blend of skill and confidence required to stand out in the field. Jeanne Pedigo showed in her own way that she, too, had the right stuff, using her formidable intellect and abilities to build an exceptional career in the field of aviation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Representative John Lewis was a man with such character and conviction, and it is with great sadness that we gather here on the House floor without him today.

Though many of my colleagues referred to him simply as "JOHN", I always recognized him as "Mr. LEWIS", because of the profound respect I had for him.

No matter the occasion, when JOHN spoke about an issue, rooms would fall silent and people would grasp onto every word. Undeniably, he helped carry the mantle for the civil rights movement in the United States, and he stood on the front lines of the campaign to end Jim Crow laws with the same passion he held during his time as a member of the People's House.

JOHN was more than just a legislator; he was a friend to both Republicans and Democrats alike. Issues of the day may have brought heated debate, but JOHN was always willing to extend his hand across the aisle in both partnership and friendship.

May God provide his family with both counsel and comfort during this time. We will never forget his passion, his spirit, and the pursuit of justice that encapsulated his life's work.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANGELA
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HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Angela Navarro for her service to the Commonwealth of Virginia during the COVID-19 outbreak and response. Ms. Navarro currently serves as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the State of Virginia and went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure my constituents in the First District were protected and received the most up to date information.

Angela previously served as Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources under both Virginia Governors Northam and McAuliffe where she focused on energy and clean air policies. Prior to her appointments, Angela spent five years practicing law with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) as a member of the Clean Energy and Air team.

Throughout the Coronavirus outbreak and response, Angela was a valued resource to my operations to keep my constituents informed, as well as the rest of the Commonwealth. In addition to her duties as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade, she participated in town halls and calls with local officials to brief and answer complicated questions about relief for small businesses. She also served as a representative for the VA Governor's office to explain the nuanced rules for businesses during increased restrictions. She was critical to getting information to my constituents when information and transparency was in high demand.

Ms. Navarro is a true public servant and the First Congressional District is grateful for her service to the Commonwealth and the Nation. Madam Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Angela Navarro.

100TH BIRTHDAY OF REAR
ADMIRAL DOUGLAS C. PLATE

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Rear Admiral Douglas C. Plate.

Born 1920, he attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and was commissioned in 1941. A man of many talents, Rear Adm. Plate had a steadfast foundation of success in his military career. He served on the staff of many fleets in the Pacific and Mediterranean during the second World War. Rear Adm. Plate commanded numerous vessels, like the USS *Everett Larson* and USS *Mitscher*.

President Nixon assigned Rear Adm. Douglas C. Plate as Commander of the Second Atlantic Fleet, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia in 1970. He recalls the most memorable moment of his Naval career to be when General MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender for the Allied Powers. Rear Adm. Plate was the Junior Officer of the Watch on the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay when this happened,