

honors in 1964. He continued his education at Savannah State College (now University), graduating with a B.S. degree in Biology in 1968.

He answered the solemn call to serve his nation during the Vietnam Conflict, proudly serving in the United States Air Force for four years where he was stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama as a Weather Observer Specialist.

Following his service in the Air Force, he engaged in further career and educational pursuits. He worked for Green Giant, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois and for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Marshall also graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1982, fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming a Medical Doctor.

He began his three-decade medical practice in Plains, Georgia. The highlight of his time there was having our 39th President, Jimmy Carter, as one of his patients. After leaving Plains he opened a practice in Leslie, Georgia, but went on to make his greatest impact in Americus, Georgia, where he operated a Family Medical Practice for 24 years.

Our late and beloved colleague, Congressman John Lewis, often said that "When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something: you have to do something." Dr. Marshall was a dedicated civil rights activist who did just that.

He said what others were afraid to say. He fought battles that others were afraid to fight. He truly gave a voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless. Dr. Marshall was actively involved and served faithfully as the president of the Americus-Sumter branch of The NAACP for 14 years. He was also the owner and publisher of the Americus Sumter-Observer Newspaper, which he used as a platform to expand his civil rights advocacy by exposing injustice, holding those in power accountable, and highlighting stories that may not otherwise have been told.

Dr. Marshall loved his family and his patients. He was always pushing both groups to do the right thing for their physical, spiritual, and social well-being. He delighted in the successes of all of those that he pushed to be better and reach their full potential.

He was indeed a very spiritual man who loved God and was guided by God's purpose for his life. He felt a calling to serve "the least of these" and gave his all in that service.

On a personal note, Dr. Marshall was my friend and supporter. He always encouraged me, and I will miss his wise advice and sage counsel. He indeed spoke truth to power and always gave me the unvarnished truth. He never told me what I wanted to hear, but always told me what he felt I needed to hear. While we did not always agree, our mutual respect and friendship created an unbreakable bond. Dr. Marshall did so much for so many for so long to improve the lives of the people he encountered. Truly, the world is a better place because Dr. Marshall passed this way.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian, and I, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District and count-

less others across the nation salute Dr. John Dent Marshall, Jr. for his outstanding service to his community and our nation. Moreover, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Dr. Marshall's family, friends, loved ones, and all of those who mourn his loss. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING LUKE HARTZ AS IOWAN  
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring an Iowan who has taken up the call to respond to the devastation brought by the derecho that hit Iowa and the Midwest last week. Hundreds of thousands of Iowans were left without power as the storm brought sustained winds of over 100 mph in many areas of our state, downing trees and crop fields, knocking down power lines, and damaging buildings and the electrical supply capacity across Iowa. I ask you to join me in honoring Luke Hartz, a senior journeyman lineman, who is one of the many individuals working around the clock to restore power and a sense of normalcy to affected Iowa families.

The shockwaves of not having power during a global pandemic cannot be overstated. Employees were left without a way to work from home, students could not complete distance learning, businesses had to close their doors, and fridges and freezers had to be emptied of food that went bad. Families that sustained significant damage to their homes had to find shelter in hotels, motels, and with friends or family members that still had power. It was a gut punch Iowans didn't need after everything we've been through this year.

Luke and his fellow linemen across the State of Iowa have been working extra shifts and additional hours, leaving their families for days on end to help address the needs of others. Luke was in Long Island, New York earlier this month to help with the response effort to tropical storm Isaias. After helping New Yorkers, he came straight back to Iowa to assist in response to the derecho. He has consistently been working 14+ hour days for the past three weeks to help restore power to the hundreds of thousands of individuals impacted by these natural disasters, and he's one of many doing that work. Linemen from around the Midwest have come to Iowa's aid, and to them we are forever grateful.

One thing Luke regularly tells the members of his crew is, "I need you every day, not just today". The scope of the damage is still being tabulated and these individuals are going to be pulling double and even triple shifts to serve their communities and state in this trying

time. The repair work they're undertaking would normally take months. Instead, they're working to get us back on track within weeks.

Madam Speaker, Iowans take care of each other. When we see someone in need, we step up to make them whole. Luke is helping hundreds of thousands of our families and neighbors reconnect and rebuild. We are grateful to have hardworking Iowans like Luke and linemen around this state to get us up and running once again. Iowa has had more than our fair share of difficulties over the last 18 months, and now a storm that had rain and winds similar to a hurricane. But no matter what disaster has come our way, people like Luke have showed up to help us get through it. I couldn't be prouder of him and his fellow linemen for their selfless and tireless work.

It is my honor to ask the House to join me in recognizing senior journeyman lineman Luke Hartz as our Iowan of the Week.

BUS TOUR 2020

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 22, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, each August I am grateful with my wife Roxanne to participate in a bus tour of the district with dedicated staff to meet with constituents in the five counties I represent.

This year was significantly virtual to respect health concerns of the pandemic. Initiatives on facing the Wuhan virus were presented by Chancellor Sandra Jordan of USC-Aiken, Aiken United Way President Sharon Rodgers, Veterans Administration Director Dr. Robin Jackson, Irmo Chamber President Kerry Powers, ZVerse Founder John Carrington, Farm Bureau President Harry Ott with Fred West of Amick Farms, USC President Bob Caslen, MEP President Chuck Spangler, and Medical School Dean Dr. Les Hall with Doctors Caughman Taylor and Stephen Shelton.

In Barnwell we met with Master Sergeant JJ Cruz who founded Bronze Star, LLC, to produce hand sanitizer. Sergeant Cruz is also Potentate of the historic Omar Shrine Temple of Charleston and Mount Pleasant.

Concluding the tour were live and taped interviews with Keven Cohen of The Point Broadcasting in addition to Gary David and Christopher Thompson of WVOC Radio, and Kelly Nash and Jonathan Rush of the Jonathan & Kelly Show.

The tour is always humbling and inspiring for me to visit constituents I represent.

In conclusion, our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery for the courageous Alexi Navalny, in Berlin, who has been a champion of Democracy for the extraordinary people of the Russian Federation. Putin has been merciless in his oppression of the Russian people denying them basic freedoms and opportunities for success.