

Bailey Smith, Executive Director of the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Cole volunteered for numerous community activities, including Red Cross community blood drives, RAGBRAI, AtlanticFest, Coca-Cola Days, Christmas in Atlantic Ice-Skating Rink, and more. One of his favorite days among them was enlisting at a company picnic for a local organization. There, he manned bouncy castles and was able to interact with a lot of great community members.

"A big lesson I learned from these experiences was the importance of coordination and communication. I saw the many details and all the preparation that goes into events like these and how it can go smoothly if things are well planned and executed. I come from a family who believes in volunteering," Cole stated.

Volunteerism is significant to the entire Sampson family, Cole's mother Jackie being an encouraging force for Cole to continue volunteering within his community. His grandmother, Eleanor Hoover, was also a role model for what it means to be a true member of the community.

"My grandmother was always ready to help in the community in any way she was able, whether it was with sporting competitions, YMCA events, or with anyone else who needed a hand," said Cole.

Maintaining a rural community takes many hands and the work is never finished. Atlantic's Silver Cord Scholarship program is a great example of not only how to maintain a community, but also how to instill from a young age a sense of purpose and pride in giving back for the greater good. Because of that early engagement and opportunity to learn, a young man is carrying important lowa values with him from Atlantic to Ames and beyond. I am proud to recognize Cole for his dedication to supporting his hometown and causes that make a meaningful, local impact. I am even prouder knowing there are many young people from communities across south-west Iowa who are carrying that same spirit forward as they embark on the next phase. It is my honor to share Cole Sampson's story and recognize him as our Iowan of the Week.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF INA  
RAE BURDMAN LEVY

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ina Rae Burdman Levy, of Sarasota, Florida, who passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at the age of 91.

Mrs. Levy was born July 22, 1929, to Harry and Doris Burdman, in Youngstown, Ohio. Each of her parents immigrated to the United States from Russia in the 1920s. Mrs. Levy was raised in Youngstown, and in 1957, she married the love of her life, Rabbi Theodore S. Levy. Together for 48 beautiful years, they lived in Huntington, West Virginia, and Waterbury, Connecticut, and then settled with their family in Syracuse, New York, for 30 years. After Syracuse they spent 10 years on Hilton Head Island, where Rabbi Levy died in 2004. Ina Rae moved to Sarasota, Florida and into the Sarasota Bay Club, where she enjoyed

continued community work, new friends and being closer to her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Levy's life was full of educational pursuits, community involvement, philanthropic work, family and travel. Ina Rae Levy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1967 and a Master of Science degree in family therapy in 1972 from Syracuse University. Her relationship with Syracuse University continued throughout the 1970s while she worked as an assistant professor and assistant to the dean in the College of Human Development. Mrs. Levy was involved in innumerable local and worldwide organizations and received many awards as a result of her impact in those organizations. She was vice president of the New York State Federations of Women's Clubs and was the first president of the Women's Assembly of Syracuse Jewish Federation. Levy was also active in the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and was the president of her district. As a vice chair for the World Union for Progressive Judaism, she traveled extensively with her husband, visiting member Reform Congregations around the world. While in Syracuse, Mrs. Levy was also the president of the prestigious Upstate Medical Center. Levy once received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Levy was also tireless in her devotion to the equality and advancement of women. She was named by the Syracuse Post-Standard as the Woman of Achievement in Career Development in 1972 and again in 1985 she was named the Overall Woman of Achievement. In addition, she was always involved in and passionate about Planned Parenthood and The League of Women Voters wherever she lived. One of Ina Rae's proudest achievements was being the only woman invited to participate in the first ordination of Rabbis since the Holocaust in Dresden, Germany.

When Mrs. Levy moved to Sarasota, she once again became active in her synagogue, became an active member of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), chairing fundraising events in both Sarasota and Tampa. She always was concerned with the plight of Jews around the world. In 2005, Mrs. Levy was instrumental in the donation of a Holocaust Torah from a synagogue in Youngstown to a small synagogue in a small Russian community. She regretted not being able to attend the Torah dedication herself.

Despite all of the accolades and achievements, foremost for Mrs. Levy was her love for her family. She had three younger brothers, Ronald, B. Richard and Kenneth Burdman, all who predeceased her. She leaves behind two sisters-in-law, Babette Burdman and Marsha Burdman and their families. In addition to her children, Seth (and wife, Alice), Cyndi and Jonathan (and wife, Karen), she leaves five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. They were all the joys of her life.

I sincerely thank Mrs. Levy for her years of dedicated service and activism. She truly embodied the spirit and grit of the Mahoning Valley. I am proud to be friends with Mrs. Levy's son, Jonathan, and his wife, Karen. My deepest condolences go out to Mrs. Levy's entire family, and to all whose lives she touched.

APPRECIATING BILL RISER

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Midlands of South Carolina is appreciating the extraordinary service of the late Bill Riser, as so well revered by The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg on August 21, 2020:

JOHN W. RISER SR.

WEST COLUMBIA—On Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, John William "Bill" Riser Sr., loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at the age of 86 after a short illness.

Bill was born on Jan. 4, 1934, in Bowman, to the late Thomas "Doc" Riser Sr. and Nell Weathers Riser. He received a BS degree from Clemson University in 1957, where he played basketball from 1952-56. He was on the first Clemson team to play in the first ACC Conference in 1954. He worked for the Clemson University Extension Service in Aiken, Saluda and Richland counties retiring in 1989. In 2015, he was in the first class of inductees to be inducted into the A. Frank Lever County Extension Agent Hall of Fame for service to S.C. and the farming industry.

Bill also served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1991-2002 for House District No. 69, Lexington County. His tenure in the House included effective membership on the critical Ways and Means Committee and on the budget subcommittee for Higher Education, TECH, and Cultural, as well as his vital chairmanship of the legislative Personnel and Benefits Subcommittee. He was also a member of the Agricultural, Natural Resources and Environment Affairs Committee for four years.

Bill served his community well, and never met a stranger. When he became Richland County's top agent, he became a media star, hosting the Early Riser show from 1976-89, and was a columnist for The State. A long-time farmer and extension agent, he never refused to share plant and garden tips as he traveled the countryside. Bill was a former Jaycee, Lion's Club member, and worked with the youth in the 4-H program in Saluda County.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Peggy Ann Gwinn Riser. They raised three children, Deborah A. Riser of Columbia, Karen R. Roof (Robert) of Eastover and John W. Riser Jr. (Jennifer) of Atlanta; four grandchildren, Caldwell Roof, Kirsten McClam, Emma Riser and Chloe Riser; as well as one great-grandchild, Drakeford McClam.

HONORING EMORY ALTIZER

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Emory Ralph Altizer of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, who passed away on August 29 at the age of 99. Once recognized as America's oldest coal miner, Mr. Altizer represented the strong work ethic, spirit, patriotism, and faith that characterize the people of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District whom I am honored to serve.

Mr. Altizer was a native of Tazewell County, born on August 12, 1921 to William and Chloe

Day Altizer. He graduated in 1940 from Richlands High School. He began his career in the coal mines of Southwest Virginia in the 1930s. He told Coal People Magazine in 2007 that the first time he entered an underground mine, he could stand up in low-seam coal. "I was raised in mining," Mr. Altizer said. "Don't know why I liked it. I just did."

Like many of his generation, his life was interrupted by World War II; also like so many, he proudly served, manning the tail gun of a Martin PBM Mariner flying boat stationed aboard the USS *Chandeleur*.

After the war, he resumed his career in the coal mines, working at a succession of them over 68 years. He saw the industry change many times, but he remained dedicated to it. As he said to Coal People Magazine, "I'm getting old, I know, and I realize someday I'm going to have to quit, but I don't want to. Don't want any handouts. If I ever thought I couldn't help, I would quit."

In 2012, when he stopped working in the mines at last at the age of 91, he was recognized as America's oldest coal miner. He met then-candidate Donald Trump in 2016, and I had the honor to meet Mr. Altizer several times as well.

Mining was important to Mr. Altizer, but it wasn't the only thing. He was a charter member of the Richlands Tabernacle and attended Belfast Full Gospel Fellowship. He was married for 73 years to his wife Lila, and they had six children.

Emory Altizer is survived by Lila, his children Danny, Dana, Diane, and Doug, thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and his brother Landon. I would like to offer them my condolences. In a region that takes pride in its coal mining heritage, Emory Altizer became a legend.

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HONORING CROSSROADS CHURCH  
FOR 25 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN  
MINISTRY

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my home church, Crossroads Church, for a quarter century of Christian ministry in Concord, North Carolina. I am both grateful and proud to be part of this family, which continues to grow in membership and impact while embracing our mission to create a community where people are welcomed home, built up, and sent out.

Crossroads Church first met in 1995 when Pastor Lowell McNaney and thirty-five others gathered to worship in an office building. We inhabited a number of other worship locations, including a delicatessen, poolside, and roller rink, before making our home on 22 acres of land where we offer multiple ministries that each day transform lives. Our youth group planted a church in Mexico and was the very first recipient of the Denman Award for their impact in evangelism.

As we celebrate today, I am reminded of Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before

men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." A steward of grace in our community, Crossroads has ministered under bridges, at sprawling cathedrals, and everywhere in-between. Crossroads has sent out dozens of medical mission teams, disaster relief teams, and building teams, and their missions have fed tens of thousands of people locally and around the world.

Crossroads has seen countless international ministries launch from our body and raised up many first-time pastors, missionaries, and youth leaders; among them, Capstone Climbing and Adventure, Seekers Aquatic Adventure, Anathon, Nehemiah International Ministries, and Elder Orphan Care.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to my good friend, Pastor Lowell McNaney, and our entire church family for 25 years of service and dedication to our community. Renee, Lane, and I look forward to the next 25 years together.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Crossroads Church for a quarter century of Christian ministry in our community and across the globe.

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HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN  
LEWIS

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention my full statement honoring my late friend and colleague John Lewis, was not included in the RECORD on July 22, 2020; only my brief remarks on the House floor were recorded. I am resubmitting below my full statement that I prepared for delivery so it may be properly reflected in the RECORD:

No one loved Nashville as much as John Lewis. The self-described 'boy from Troy' Alabama arrived in Nashville on a bus, with a ticket purchased by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King wanted John to study at American Baptist College, one of Nashville's four legendary HBCUs. For anyone wondering how to honor the legacy of John Lewis, think of his alma mater, American Baptist, or the other justly-famous Nashville HBCU he later attended, Fisk University. If you want more John Lewis's in our world, those were his beloved training grounds.

John loved reminiscing about Nashville. Once, when John was trying to integrate the Krystal restaurant on West End, the manager panicked and locked John inside alone. The fire-suppression system was turned on, filling the building with gas. John could have suffocated but he somehow managed to escape unharmed. Yet he never hated the manager whose panic could have killed him. He understood the man's fear and tried to ease his fear.

John loved learning non-violence from Dr. James Lawson who led seminars, including at the Highlander Folk School, about how to resist the overwhelming urge to fight back during protests despite the taunts, the insults, the cigarette burns, the physical blows, and even the broken bones. They practiced hurting each other so they knew they were battle-hardened. The young activists knew the danger. They made out their wills before joining the Freedom Rides.

As congressman, John was always kind to meet with visitors, interns and staffers from Nashville, and even individual families, who wanted a moment with the great man, the historic figure, the living saint. After the meeting, they were starry-eyed, often crying from the intensity and purity of the encounter. John also accepted as many invitations as he could to speak in Nashville, once bringing the Faith & Politics pilgrimage to Nashville.

John made history again with his anti-gun-violence protest on the floor of this House in 2016. We on the Democratic side were honored to follow his leadership, his empathy for victims, his impatience with injustice, and his moral courage. His friends across the aisle could not quite comprehend his motivation or his actions, but he forgave them anyway.

Nashville's current District Attorney, Glenn Funk, contacted me a few months ago to ask John how he would like his Nashville arrest records handled: expungement, apology, or even, it sounded like, a ticker-tape parade. Much like when I personally witnessed Montgomery's police chief officially apologize to John for his treatment at the hands of local authorities, I was happy that John was finally being recognized by Nashville, the city he loved, for causing Good Trouble, only Good Trouble, just the way his mother preferred it, if he had to get in trouble at all. I believe that John was called by God to get in Good Trouble and I am thankful that he accepted that call, for the sake of us all.

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COMMEMORATING THE GRAND  
OPENING OF THE CHEROKEE  
CHARTER ACADEMY

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the grand opening of the Cherokee Charter Academy of Gaffney, South Carolina.

The Cherokee Charter Academy offers a quality, well-rounded education to students of South Carolina cost-free. Their mission is simple: to be the best educational institution in the Upstate developing the next generation of American citizens.

A core belief of the Cherokee Charter Academy is that a good education is not one-size-fits-all. Their commitment to a holistic approach to learning is rooted in the belief that education is best when individual growth is of higher priority than judging a student by the performance of their peers. The academy recognizes the importance of a diverse, rigorous education for young minds which is why in addition to core subjects, students have physical education and are exposed to either music or art class every single day. The Cherokee Charter Academy is where kids get to be kids.

Gaffney will not only be the peach capital of South Carolina, but also home to some of the brightest students the state has to offer.

I congratulate the town of Gaffney and Cherokee County on their beautiful new elementary school and the students on the bright future ahead of them as the next generation of leaders. Go Patriots.