

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.

IN HONOR OF ANNA MAC CLARKE

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Anna Mac Clarke. Ms. Clarke was a native of Anderson County, Kentucky and worked to desegregate our nation's armed forces during WWII. Today she is honored with the renaming of her hometown Main Street in her honor.

Ms. Clarke grew up in Anderson County and was a 1937 graduate of Lawrenceburg High School. She then furthered her education at Kentucky State College where she participated in athletics, wrote for the school newspaper, and joined Delta Sigma Theta sorority before graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics in 1941. Following the Attack on Pearl Harbor, Ms. Clarke decided to join the all-female Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC).

Upon completion of WAAC officer training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Third Officer Anna Mac Clarke became the first African-American WAAC assigned to a command that was otherwise an all-white unit. Ms. Clarke went on to lead a unit of 144 African-American women in service at Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana before also serving at the WAAC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. After the WAAC auxiliary units became a part of the regular army, Ms. Clarke let the first Women's Army Corps (WAC) unit onto base at Douglas Army Air Field in Arizona. When she and her unit first arrived, the base was segregated. However, Ms. Clarke stood against this injustice, refused to sit in the colored section, and raised this issue with commanding officers. In response, the commanding officer issued the following order, "Educate properly all enlisted and civilian personnel in your respective departments to accept any colored WACs assigned as you would any white man or woman in the Army of the United States. Every consideration, respect, courtesy, and toleration will be afforded every colored WAC. No discrimination will be condoned."

Ms. Anna Mac Clarke sadly passed away on April 19, 1944 at the age of 24 following complications from surgery. Yet, her steadfast contributions to the desegregation of our armed forces serve as an extraordinary example of courage and patriotism in service to one's country. It is my honor to recognize Ms. Clarke, as a street is renamed today in her honor in her hometown of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. I am forever grateful for brave Americans like Anna Mac Clarke.

CONGRATULATING MS. JAILENE FRANCOIS FOR WINNING THE 2020 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION IN FLORIDA'S 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Jailene Francois for

submitting the winning entry in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition for Florida's 20th Congressional District. Jailene is a 10th grader at Millennium 6–12 Collegiate Academy in Tamarac, Florida. Her photograph, entitled "Oppression," represents the oppression faced by people of color in America. The piece features a black and white photograph of a small African-American girl, crying, with a white X across her lips.

Typically, we would recognize and congratulate young artists from Congressional Districts throughout the United States with a celebration here in the Capitol. This year is anything but typical. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced millions of American to cancel or postpone their celebrations and we in Congress are not exempt.

Madam Speaker, I take great pride in honoring Jailene for her inspiring art work, which will be displayed on Capitol Hill for the next year.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PAUL DEBOLT)

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Paul DeBolt upon his retirement as an educator in Contra Costa County after forty years.

A West Contra Costa native and graduate of De Anza High School in Richmond, Paul attended Contra Costa College before transferring to San Diego State University, where he was a walk-on member of the Aztecs' basketball team. It was during this pursuit of his passion for basketball that Paul discovered another passion in journalism. He graduated with a degree in journalism in 1977 and earned a Master's Degree in mass communications from San Diego State in 1980.

After completing his education, Paul returned to Contra Costa College, teaching journalism and advising the student newspaper. In the classroom, he introduced Contra Costa's diverse student population to the basics of journalism. Through his tutelage and practical experience, students learned the value that quality, accurate reporting can have on communities across the country. Paul even counted among his students his own son David, who would eventually go on to win a Pulitzer Prize for his role in reporting on Oakland's Ghost Ship Fire.

In 1986, Paul started a women's basketball team at Contra Costa College. By the time he stepped down in 2016, he had led the Comets to 11 Bay Valley Conference titles, four visits to California's final eight, three trips to the final four, and two visits to the state championship. Following the state championship game in 2001, Paul was named the California Community College Women's Basketball Association Coach of the Year.

Paul's work in the classroom and on the court has impacted the lives of countless students and athletes at Contra Costa College. As he retires from Contra Costa College, we wish Paul well knowing that his legacy will continue to inspire all those who have known and worked with him.

REMEMBERING STAFF SERGEANT VINCENT MARKETTA

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Staff Sergeant Vincent P. Marketta of Brick, New Jersey, who tragically passed away following an accident while conducting aviation training with this Regiment. He was just 33 years old.

Staff Sergeant Marketta enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2011 as a 15T UH-60 "Black Hawk" Repairer, and was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). While assigned to the 160th SOAR, he was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and deployed multiple times to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. During his service, Staff Sergeant Marketta was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal with V Device for heroism against an armed enemy, and an Army Commendation Medal with C Device.

Staff Sergeant Marketta represents the kind of uncommon courage and sacrifice that defines our service members and their families. Vincent was a loyal and dedicated member of his family and community and served bravely alongside his Regiment in defending our nation abroad. His passing is a tragedy that is felt in Brick, and across the State of New Jersey.

The immense sacrifice that Vincent and his family have made in service to our country is a reminder to all of us in Congress that we are here serving something greater than ourselves. My heart goes out to Staff Sergeant Marketta's family, and the entire Brick community during this incredibly difficult time. Vincent Marketta's dedication and service to our country will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRENCH HARMON

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend and pastor, Dr. French Harmon, who has been elected to lead the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

During a time of great unrest in our nation, the church remains our guiding light as an invisible enemy attacks the health of Americans, our economy, and our way of life. It is spiritual leaders like Dr. Harmon who will ensure that our sovereign God is still recognized as the cornerstone of our blessed and sovereign nation.

His servant's heart has never been resigned to ministry inside a building. Rather, Dr. Harmon has embodied the love of Christ through his outreach in every community where he has resided, and through mission work in foreign countries, including Brazil, Israel, Kenya, and South Africa. Successful ministries are often defined by congregation size, tithing growth and doctoral achievements; to that end, Dr. Harmon is among the elite as a Doctor of Philosophy, a Doctor of Ministry, a Master of Theology, a Master of Divinity and upwards of