

200% growth in church membership and giving throughout his pastoral assignments. However, it is with great humility that Dr. Harmon would suggest that there is no greater success in ministry than simply sharing the gospel of Christ to a lost world in need of a Savior. As a member of his congregation at First Baptist Church in Somerset, Kentucky, I can personally attest that countless lives have changed as a result of his dedication to Christ's Great Commission.

In recent years, Dr. Harmon has been a consummate advocate for the needs of the people of southern and eastern Kentucky. He organized an anti-drug abuse march and rally in partnership with Operation UNITE to combat the opioid abuse epidemic in our Appalachian region. I recruited him to share his wisdom and expertise as a board member, and now Vice Chair, of SOAR—Shaping Our Appalachian Region, an initiative to revitalize and diversify our coal-producing region. I deeply appreciate his ingenuity and guidance as we collectively work to inspire and generate new economic development opportunities in the mountains.

In addition to serving as my pastor, I count Dr. Harmon as a true friend and trusted advisor. In fact, I invited him to lead prayer on Capitol Hill for the U.S. House of Representatives and to join me during meetings with prominent leaders over the years, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He has been a tremendous ambassador for the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Somerset.

For those reasons, I find it bittersweet to congratulate Dr. Harmon as he begins a new chapter as President of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. My prayer for Dr. Harmon and his family is written in Numbers 6:24–26, “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

HONORING SIG SANCHEZ

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sig Sanchez on his upcoming 100th birthday.

Sig was born in Hollister, California as the second eldest of eleven children. Raised by his Spanish immigrant parents on his family farm, he would eventually have his own farm before entering public service.

In our community, Sig is well known as a pillar of the community and champion of south Santa Clara County. Seven years ago, I rose to honor Sig's accomplishments and thank him for his dedication to our community. He spent over 55 years in public service before retiring, spending numerous years as a Gilroy City Councilmember and Mayor, before becoming a Santa Clara County Supervisor, and then joining as a Valley Water Board Director. He was a key player in the merger of water districts that allowed for full integration of all the county's reservoirs and groundwater facilities, as well as many other important projects. Sig guided the community through the floods in the 1980s and the 1987 drought.

Sig's impact and influence is well documented in our community. He has been inducted into the Gilroy Hall of Fame and was named Man of the Year by Gilroy's Chamber of Commerce in 2013. Even a portion of Highway 101 is named after him.

We are thankful for his many years of service and his presence in our community. Along with his family and friends, I extend my best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to Sig on his 100th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BILLIE DEAN

HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of City of Apopka Commissioner, Billie Dean. Commissioner Dean passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020, but his life of service will continue to make a difference in the lives of others for decades to come.

Mr. Dean proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning the Bronze Star for his heroism on the battlefield.

After his military service, Commissioner Dean attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and received a master's degree in Agriculture. Commissioner Dean was a proud, “rattler” and everyone knew it! He was one of the most enthusiastic alumnus and served as an inspiration to young adults in college or preparing for the journey. Commissioner Dean had a long-standing career spanning 38 years as an agriculture teacher at both Phyllis Wheatley High School and Apopka High School. He fully understood that education was the key to success, and he committed to ensuring that his students were prepared for the future.

Billie Dean loved Apopka and he was willing to do the work necessary to make the place he called home a great place to live, work, and visit. After retiring from the school system, he was elected to the Apopka City Commission. A visionary with a powerful voice, Commissioner Dean worked tirelessly to revitalize South Apopka by creating state of the art facilities, enhancing affordable housing opportunities, and increasing public safety.

Commissioner Dean served on the city commission with honor and distinction for 24 years before retiring as the Vice Mayor.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Dean was a true public servant. His unselfish service to his country and community has truly made a positive difference in the city of Apopka, in the State of Florida, and the United States of America. We are grateful for a life well lived.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARSHALL J. HUNT

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marshall J. Hunt's many contributions to the communities of Wayne Coun-

ty, Michigan and statewide, particularly his nearly four decades of service to Accounting Aid Society, one of southeast Michigan's largest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance non-profit organizations.

A Certified Public Accountant for more than fifty years, Marshall Hunt accumulated more than thirty years of federal service to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and in tax administration before joining the team at Accounting Aid Society. Mr. Hunt possesses a wealth of knowledge and expertise on income tax issues and tax code. More importantly, Marshall Hunt recognizes the need for financial and income tax services in metropolitan Detroit's most vulnerable communities.

As director of Accounting Aid's income tax program, Mr. Hunt has been instrumental in the organization's growth to provide free income tax preparation at multiple locations throughout southeast Michigan, including mobile pop-up sites. This work is vital in putting deserved dollars in the form of income tax refunds back into the pockets of the people who need it most.

Beyond his work with Accounting Aid Society, Marshall Hunt is an educator. He teaches accounting at University of Michigan Dearborn and is instrumental in Accounting Aid's volunteer income tax preparers' education each year. In addition, he has served on the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council. He is a member of the Michigan Department of Treasury Individual Tax Advisory Group, the Tax Practice and Procedures Committee of the American Institute of CPAs, and the Steering Committee of the Taxpayer Opportunity Network. Mr. Hunt is also active in the Michigan Association of CPAs and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit.

Please join me in recognizing Marshall Hunt's numerous outstanding contributions and his thirty-nine years of service to Accounting Aid Society.

HONORING JOANI MOLLER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, September is National Suicide Prevention month. In light of this, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Joani Moller, the Area Director for the Iowa Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, as our Iowan of the Week.

In Iowa, one person dies by suicide every 18 hours. It is the second leading cause of death amongst people ages 15–34 and is the ninth leading cause of death in the state overall. Iowa finds itself in a particularly concerning situation as farmers remain at highest risk of death by suicide. And as we continue to see the effects of isolation during the COVID–19 pandemic on mental health across the board, suicide rates are an immediate concern.

Thankfully, we have people like Joani Moller dedicated to the mission of eliminating suicides in Iowa. After 20 years of non-profit work, Joani became Area Director of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Iowa Chapter just over a year ago. In