

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

the short time since, she has managed to build their board, collaborate with new community organizations to support their suicide awareness and fundraising events, and build coalitions with other suicide prevention organizations in Polk County. She is inspired by her volunteers' dedication to the mission of AFSP and the stories they share with her. "When I started for AFSP, it was shocking to me how many people's lives have been touched by suicide," said Joani. At the age of 18, she too experienced the loss of her boyfriend when he took his life.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Iowa is a grassroots organization that focuses on eliminating death by suicide through programming, events, and providing vital resources to Iowans in need.

Their programs educate people from different backgrounds about the risk factors and warning signs of suicide. They also work hard to raise much-needed funds for research and programs that provide support to people who have lost individuals to suicide.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, AFSP's Iowa Chapters have successfully transitioned their in-person programming to virtual offerings, providing over 500 presentations in just four months. They have also created an additional program: Enhancing Mental Health during COVID-19.

Preventing suicides is no small task. Joani believes that continuing to have conversations is a critical part of suicide prevention as it destigmatizes the topic and makes people more comfortable confronting it. As new obstacles continue to present themselves during this pandemic, we are fortunate and grateful to have people like her running vital organizations in Iowa. While Joani humbly credits the success of AFSP to her volunteers, we know it would not be the organization that it is today without her dedication towards its success and the elimination of suicide in the state of Iowa.

It is my honor to recognize Joani Moller as our Iowan of the Week. I will continue to work in Congress to ensure everyone has access to accessible and affordable health and mental health care so that Joani's goal of zero suicides becomes a reality.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD BERRY'S
TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR VET-
ERANS

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Howard Berry of Cincinnati, Ohio, who passed away on June 17, 2020, for his tireless advocacy for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

After tragically losing his son, Joshua, a U.S. Army veteran, to suicide, Mr. Berry dedicated himself to veteran mental health issues and veteran suicide. His advocacy throughout Greater Cincinnati led to expanded resources and programs for veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Recognizing a serious problem, Mr. Berry started Flags for Forgotten Soldiers, which placed American flags on the graves of servicemembers who died from suicide to honor their service. Flags for Forgotten Sol-

diers has now been replicated in 32 other states.

Mr. Berry was passionately committed to raising awareness about veteran suicide, and in February 2020, Ohio became the first state in the nation to dedicate a highway and recognize veteran suicide in that way.

I thank Howard for his commitment to drawing greater attention to this issue and providing better resources and care for our nation's brave and deserving veterans. Our community is grateful for his many years of advocacy and contribution.

REMEMBERING BRIAN PATRICK
O'DONNELL

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 Brian Patrick O'Donnell, of Akron, Ohio, who passed away on September 1, 2020.

Born in Altoona, PA, Brian lived most of his life in Akron, Ohio. He was a diehard Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns fan and loved fishing, especially with his grandchildren.

Brian was an amazing baseball player himself, playing for his high school alma mater, South High School in Akron. Mr. O'Donnell loved spending time with his family and dutifully served our country in the United States Army. After leaving the Army, Brian worked for the Finest, Tops, and Giant Eagle food chains for over 30 years.

Brian was preceded in death by his grandmother, Grandma Burks; brother Leon (Lee) Jones, Jr.; mother-in-law, Ruth Mosley; brothers-in-law, Robert Mosley and Roger Mosley, Sr.

Brian leaves to cherish his life and legacy, the love of his life, Velze (Mosley) O'Donnell, his wife of 42 years; children: Camilla (Franklin) Lewis, Tara Mosley Samples, Gordon Mosley and Donte Mosley, Sr.; parents, Margaret Jane O'Donnell (Leon) and Thomas Alfred O'Donnell; siblings: Thomas O'Donnell (Shirley), Deborah Mosley (Derrick), David O'Donnell, Beanne Clipper, Leon Jones (Wendy), Farrah O'Donnell and Christopher Jones (Mandy); 25 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

I am proud to represent the great City of Akron, along with Mr. O'Donnell's daughter, Councilwoman Tara Mosley Samples. My sincerest thanks to Mr. O'Donnell for his brave service to our country. My deepest condolences go out to Brian's family and to all whose lives he touched.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FRANCIS
G. NEWLANDS MEMORIAL RE-
MOVAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Francis G. Newlands Memorial Removal Act. This bill would remove

the plaque and inscription bearing Francis G. Newlands' name from Chevy Chase Circle, a federal park located both in the District of Columbia and Maryland. I am pleased that Representative JAMIE RASKIN joins me in introducing this bill.

Newlands was a U.S. senator from Nevada, a conservationist and the founder of the Chevy Chase Land Company, which developed the Chevy Chase neighborhood that touches D.C. and Maryland. Newlands was also a segregationist. He built Connecticut Avenue and dedicated it to D.C., and ran a streetcar up the road to the newly built Chevy Chase Lake. However, homes on Connecticut Avenue were purposely priced to keep working families out, and covenants were later added to many of the property deeds in Chevy Chase explicitly prohibiting the land from ever being owned by African Americans or Jews. These covenants have since been declared void. He also used his conservatism as a way to keep Black and white Americans separate. In the late 1800s, he and Senator William Stewart secured 2,000 acres of land for Rock Creek Park. Establishing this park not only increased property values for landowners like Stewart and Newlands, but also kept white communities distinct from emerging Black communities on what they called the "wrong side of the park." Newlands' racist views went even further. In 1912, he called for the repeal the 15th amendment, which gave African American men the right to vote.

The fountain was established in 1932 by Congress. In 1990, the Chevy Chase Land Company also added the plaque next to the fountain. My bill would remove Newlands' name from the fountain and remove the plaque entirely. A resolution to remove Newlands' name from the fountain was first introduced by the Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission in 2014, and on July 27, 2020, the Commission voted unanimously to ask the National Park Service to remove the bronze plaque bearing Newlands' name and to begin discussion on a new name for the fountain. My legislation would gift both the plaque and the inscription on the fountain to Newlands' descendants.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MANJIT
SINGH

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. COSTA, to honor the life of Manjit Singh and to recognize his valiant act of heroism. On August 5th, 2020 Manjit Singh heroically sacrificed his own life while rescuing three children that were being swept away by a strong current at the Kings River near Reedley, California. Manjit was enjoying a summer day when he saw the children struggling in the water. Without hesitation, he jumped in to save them. Manjit and other bystanders were able to pull two of the children to safety but when returning to the water to save the third child, Manjit was swept away. He was just 29 years old.