

Due to the pandemic, the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York is holding a series of events virtually to chronicle the critical contributions the Hispanic community has made to Buffalo and western New York.

This year, the Hispanic Heritage Council is also celebrating 10 years of work raising community awareness of the contributions our Hispanic friends and neighbors have made towards strengthening our community's future.

America is stronger because of its diversity. Our lives are enriched through a greater appreciation of other experiences and cultures.

We are thankful for the opportunity to spotlight the contributions of the Hispanic community this month and grateful to have the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York committed to this mission this year and every year.

#### HONORING COLEMAN CREST FARM

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coleman Crest Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. This farm is one of Lexington's oldest African-American-owned family farms with a remarkable legacy.

James Coleman, the farm's first owner, was born into slavery in 1845 in Uttingertown, Kentucky. Incredibly, in March of 1888, James Coleman purchased the land he and his parents had worked on for years as slaves.

The farm has passed through four generations of Colemans since that time, all while enduring and prevailing over racial discrimination, the Great Depression, and two world wars.

In 2001, James Coleman's great-grandson, Jim, and his late wife, Cathy, purchased the farm. Tomorrow on September 15, Cathy Coleman's birthday, a groundbreaking of a new house at the farm will take place dedicated to Cathy's memory. The farm will be used to help shape the future for Black farmers as Lexington youth are exposed to the agricultural opportunity as a means to realize the American Dream.

I am honored to pay tribute to the entire Coleman family today in the people's House.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN HENRY TURPIN

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Henry Turpin, a distinguished U.S. Navy sailor and a lifelong resident of Bremerton, Washington.

John's 30-year career in the Navy included service during the Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion, and World War I. He is believed to be

the first Black American to qualify as a master diver and was one of the first Black Americans to achieve the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. John's outstanding legacy of service to our country is made even more significant by the era of prejudice and discrimination during which he served.

I am proud that today the House of Representatives unanimously passed the bipartisan bill that I introduced to designate the U.S. Postal Service facility on Pacific Avenue in Bremerton as the John Henry Turpin Post Office Building in recognition of his achievements and his service.

It is fitting that today Democrats and Republicans stood together in honoring his lifelong and selfless commitment to the defense of America and American values, and in ensuring that his accomplishments are permanently remembered in the city of Bremerton.

#### RECOGNIZING MATTHEW WEBB AND WILLIAM GIANAKOPOLOUS

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two brave police officers in my district for their outstanding actions and bravery.

Sergeant Matthew Christopher Webb and Corporal William Gianakopolous exemplify the best of our Nation.

Webb and Gianakopolous responded to a house fire and an armed man following a woman during the very same shift.

At 1 a.m. on July 6, Webb and Gianakopolous helped evacuate residents and a family pet from a fire where they bravely went into the burning structure several times.

Then at 5 a.m. on the same day, they responded to a call of a man following a woman where the officers found him hiding with two knives in his possession.

Mr. Speaker, Officers Webb and Gianakopolous, exemplify courage, commitment and honor that our Nation, State, and south Jersey deserve, and we thank them for their heroism.

The virtue and integrity of the majority of our hard-working men and women in blue cannot go unnoticed, especially in these trying times.

William and Matthew, thank you. May God bless you and God bless America.

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#### COMMENDING WALTER PUDDIFER, TOM GARNER, HUGH LOFTING II, DAN DIGREGORIO, DAVID MACDONALD, AND BURNETT H. WILSON III

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before the House of Representa-

tives to commend Walter Puddifer, Tom Garner, Hugh Lofting II, Dan DiGregorio, David MacDonald, and Burnett H. Wilson III for their heroism.

On Tuesday, August 4, in our community of Chester County, amidst fast-moving floodwaters, these six men risked their own lives and saved a father and children from sinking in a vehicle.

It is so important in these trying times to try to recognize the brave, heroic acts that everyday Americans are committing.

This story is not an isolated incident. There are countless stories across the country of people stepping up to save lives: healthcare workers, essential workers, and, indeed, the average person who sees somebody in need and drops everything to help.

Mr. Speaker, I thank these brave Pennsylvanians, and I enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for their selfless and courageous acts of service.

#### HONORING PAUL BECKHAM

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of an amazing leader, Paul Beckham, who sadly passed away on August 30.

Paul was dedicated to improving my alma mater, Young Harris College, through his work on the Board of Trustees. He served as its chairman for 8 years and improved the lives of countless students and faculty members.

Paul had a diversified background in business, marketing, sports, and finance that included television operations.

Impressively, he served as Turner Broadcasting System's president. He also served as president of Private Networks, Inc., which is the wholly owned subsidiary of TBS responsible for developing nontraditional television opportunities, including the Airport Channel.

Remarkably, he was also chairman and cofounder of Hope-Beckham with Bob Hope when they purchased the events division of Whittle Communication LP of Knoxville.

Paul was also a devoted member of his church, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, and was active in multiple charitable and community organizations.

His life was marked by service to others and working to improve the greater good.

I am immensely grateful for the life he lived. He impacted countless individuals in all his pursuits, and I was grateful to know him.

Paul's family and friends will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

I know his legacy will remain for many years to come.