

him and his colleagues across the country that I will do everything I can to be a voice for the urgent needs of the medical community in the halls of Congress. In fact, let us all join in that pledge. Heroes like Dr. Duvernay-Tardif are on the line, helmet-to-helmet with this threat, standing between us and total catastrophe. They are guarding us so that we can do our jobs. It is the end of the fourth quarter, we have no more time-outs, and our team has come to a standstill. We have had a play on the books since May, and it is time to put it in the field because time is running out. Dr. Duvernay-Tardif is fighting for our lives. It is time we had his back.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to vote on September 14, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 183, and yea on Roll Call No. 184.

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HONORING MR. ROBERT REILLY

**HON. MAX ROSE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to acknowledge today the efforts of Robert Reilly, who throughout this turbulent year has gone out of his way to support his workforce at RTR Financial on Staten Island. It is well known within RTR Financial that when you work for Mr. Reilly you become part of the family; he often says that “family comes first.”

During the early months of pandemic, Mr. Reilly exemplified these values by ensuring that every single employee had their needs met. He became an early adopter of remote-work to keep his employees safe, and invested in his employees to make sure they were properly equipped for this new environment. Mr. Reilly's kindness did not stop there, for he continues to support his workplace family through the transition back to the office. Robert has consistently reassured his employees as well as keeping them informed about local testing initiatives.

Packages of sanitizer and other safety equipment are given to employees weekly, and Mr. Reilly has allowed many to continue their remote-work indefinitely. I want to thank him for setting a positive example and for proving that the best way for businesses to navigate these tough times is by investing in the safety and well-being of their employees.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S FIRST RESPONDERS

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor South Florida's first responders, as they continue to serve our communities through these unprecedented times.

As we all know too well, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. In response, many states and municipalities imposed restrictions and closures on business and individual activities to reduce the spread of the virus. Despite taking these drastic, yet necessary, steps, the virus struck South Florida much harder than other areas of the state.

Putting themselves at great personal risk, our first responders have been the first line of defense for our communities during the COVID health crisis; even as they continued to fight fires, handle emergency health situations, and keep our communities safe.

That is why I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our first responders, and their service and sacrifice to our communities. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM O' HALLERAN**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, on September 14, 2020, I did not have a chance to cast my vote for two bills on the floor of the House of Representatives. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4894, the Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of 2020, and S. 2193, the CHARGE Act.

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CELEBRATING MR. ARLIN PATTERSON'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. MO BROOKS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arlin Patterson on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

Arlin Patterson, or Pat, as he is lovingly called, was born on November 28, 1925 in Memphis, Tennessee. At eighteen, he graduated from Messick High School and enrolled at Memphis State College. Shortly after, World War II interrupted his education and on January 7, 1944, Pat was drafted into the U.S. Navy.

Pat began his training as a signalman in Samson, New York. He went on to serve as the personal signalman to two Commodores on the USS *Flint* and served on the maiden voyage of the USS *Amsterdam*. While serving on the USS *Amsterdam*, he participated in the shelling of Tokyo, Honshu, Muroran, and Hokkaido. Finally, on September 2, 1945, the USS *Amsterdam* arrived in Tokyo Bay and

was moored next to the USS *Missouri*, where the surrender of Japan took place just the day before.

After the war, Pat returned to Memphis State College and, in 1950, graduated with honors in Business Administration. While there, Pat also served as the President to the Phi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and was nominated to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities—the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Memphis State College student.

After college, Pat worked as a salesman and actively served in The Exchange Club, Memphis Sales Managers Club, and the Children's Health Center. He went on to receive the Distinguished Service Award in 1951 and 1953. Later in his life, Pat opened his own business, Business Products, Incorporated, and in 2011, the Memphis City Council proclaimed April 16th the Mr. Pat Patterson Day in honor of his exemplary service during World War II.

Pat and his wife, Joyce, have always been active in their local church, where Pat served as an usher, Sunday School teacher, and financial leader of the church. In 2018, Pat and Joyce, moved to Huntsville, Alabama and became involved with Honored Legacies for Veterans. As a result, the Madison, Alabama Rotary Club presented Pat with the Veteran of the Week honor in the newspaper.

Madam Speaker, Pat Patterson's work ethic, mental and physical stamina, and passion for service embody the “greatest generation.”

I wish Pat and his entire family the very best as they celebrate Pat's 95th birthday.

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IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGE CATHEY

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend George Cathey for his distinguishing and exemplar service during the Revolutionary War. George Cathey was a volunteer soldier that, like many of our soldiers today, embodied the courage and bravery that is reflected in our American spirit.

George Cathey served three times in the Revolutionary War; first as a Private, and later as both a Lieutenant and Captain. He fought in the skirmishes at Big Bear Town, Silver Creek and Ransoms Ford, and later in the battle of Cowpens.

When this Nation's freedom was secure, George Cathey was later granted a pension in 1833 while living in Cooper County, Missouri, with his wife Margaret and their ten children. George Cathey later died on December 14, 1840, at age 85. However, his legacy lives on through our enduring freedoms that we still maintain today.

As we approach our Nation's 250th Birthday, it is only fitting that we honor those who fought for our freedom. George Cathey is one of those soldiers and today, we honor his legacy of freedom we all enjoy.