

always enjoyed most walking by his office and harassing him if his favorite baseball team wasn't doing that well or if his favorite college football team may have lost to one of the others in the Big Ten.

An institution like the House of Representatives will move on from all of us who are here now, but this one is a hard one to replace.

I thank Tom Wickham for his service, and I wish the best to Jason Smith, his successor.

#### PROTECTING MILKWEED MILE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible efforts of the Thelander and Zarate families, who have spearheaded a conservation and awareness program for thousands of beautiful monarch butterflies that began their lives as caterpillars in Michigan's 11th District before attempting the 2,000-mile migration to central Mexico every year.

A couple of years ago, Maecy Zarate, who was then just 8 years old, petitioned the Highland Township board to establish the Milkweed Mile, a beautiful stretch of land along highway M-59 in Highland Township that provides a sanctuary for monarchs.

Along this stretch of road, which is designated as a no-mow zone, milkweed is left to grow and thrive freely, creating an ideal environment for monarch caterpillars to complete their lifecycle.

Each summer, these conservation efforts culminate in the Highland Monarch Butterfly Festival, an annual celebration of these amazing butterflies, in an effort to raise awareness of this species that has seen their global populations plummet in recent years.

I was honored to visit the Highland Monarch Butterfly Festival in August of 2019, and it was so inspiring to meet young Michiganders passionate about conservation and biodiversity in our great State.

This is also part of the work that we are doing on the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, to protect and to promote biodiversity throughout the world.

The Thelander family also tags and releases hundreds of monarchs every year. One butterfly, named Jeronimo, was tracked all the way from Michigan's 11th District to central Mexico last year, beating the odds and completing a grueling 1,900-mile journey over 3 months.

This is significant and symbolic. It is symbolic because of the journey that we are on as a Nation right now in somewhat uncertain and troubling times but with an end goal to reach the other side.

The monarch sanctuary along Milkweed Mile provides a special opportunity for young people to get involved in real conservation efforts right in

their backyard. As Maecy says, "If there's no milkweed, there's no monarchs."

I look forward to working with monarch lovers all over Michigan to protect Milkweed Mile as a sanctuary for years to come.

I ask this Chamber to join me in recognizing the inspiring efforts of the next generation of conservationists who are making a difference in our community through their passion and dedication for these beautiful butterflies. I could not be more proud of their efforts, and I look forward to learning more about their progress in next year's Highland Township Monarch Festival.

#### REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in final salute to the service of a man who loved the United States and devoted his life to her service, Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft.

General Scowcroft died August 6, 2020, and leaves behind his loving daughter, Karen, and her family. His devoted friends, colleagues, and loyal longtime staff members are left with terrific memories of a man who served two Presidents and had delivered his wise counsel to them.

General Scowcroft was the only American to serve two Presidents, President Gerald Ford and President George H.W. Bush, as their National Security Advisor.

In September 1991, President Bush asked me to leave the Treasury Department and join the White House staff, directing his Economic Policy Council. General Scowcroft was a member of that group and always made significant, substantive, and humorous contributions to our meetings when he was awake.

Brent was renowned among his colleagues for his long hours, dedicated work, and daily care for his long-ailing, beloved wife, Jackie. That made late afternoon meetings a bit of a struggle.

President Bush initiated the Scowcroft Award to that Cabinet Secretary or senior staffer that nodded off in a meeting, as former staffer and now President of the Council on Foreign Relations Richard Haass described, in the most ostentatious manner. One of those nod-offs occurred in the Roosevelt Room, with his head resting on my shoulder.

During those White House years, my wife, Martha, served General Scowcroft as his deputy legal adviser. Our family extends our heartfelt condolences to Brent's family and his scores of friends around the world.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD COLBURN BUTLER, III

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy

of one of Arkansas's great historic preservationists, and my lifelong friend, Richard Butler, III, who recently passed away at the age of 82.

Richard was born in 1937 in Little Rock, where his father, Dick, was a philanthropist for whom the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies is named.

After receiving his law degree from the University of Arkansas, Richard practiced law for a few years before becoming a trust officer at the Commercial National Bank of Little Rock.

His attention to detail and historic architecture led to wonderful projects in Old Washington, Arkansas. For his devoted work, Richard was known in our State as Mr. Preservationist.

Richard had a passion for teaching people about the history of Arkansas and was a steadfast supporter of churches and the arts.

He was an inspiration and friend to many across our State, and I extend my respect, affection, and prayers to his friends, family, and loved ones.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DICKSON FLAKE

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and legacy of one of Arkansas's great businesspeople and civic leaders, Dickson Flake, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 30, at the age of 81.

Throughout his life, Dickson's accomplishments knew no bounds, as he played major roles in crucial Little Rock developments, including the Arkansas BlueCross BlueShield headquarters and the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Dickson started his career in 1965 after finishing at the University of Michigan with a master's degree in business with high distinction. Because of his dedication, he was awarded the Arkansas Real Estate Association Realtor of the Year in 1971 and was inducted into the Arkansas Real Estate Hall of Fame in 2011. He was named the 2020 Business and Professional Leader of the Year by the Rotary Club of Little Rock.

With the passing of Dickson Flake, Martha and I lost a good friend. Like many in central Arkansas, I lost a wise counselor.

In this time of thanks and reflection, Martha and I extend our condolences and prayers to his family.

#### LOS ANGELES OFFICERS AMBUSHED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, just last weekend, a 31-year-old mother and a 24-year-old man in Los Angeles were ambushed. They were shot at pointblank range by a coward who targeted them for no reason except for the uniform that they wear.

These two police officers were attacked in the very community where they serve, the community that they have sworn to protect.