

twenty-two career in Michigan Republican politics, where he would go on to greatly shape the political makeup of Michigan, especially in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. His dedication, kindness, and infectious charisma made him well liked and respected by all who had the opportunity to meet him.

Frank passed away on September 5, 2020. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his legacy will undoubtedly live on for generations for come. Frank's tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Francis V. Egeler. His legacy will forever live on in his family and through the many lives he bettered through his service.

HONORING WESTON T. HENNING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Weston T. Henning. Weston is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 43, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Weston has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Weston has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Weston has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Weston restored a sign and added landscaping around the Agency Community Center in Agency, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Weston T. Henning for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MS. ROSEMARY LOWE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of a dear mentor, a great Kansas Citian, and an extraordinary American: Ms. Rosemary Lowe. Ms. Lowe, who passed away on the evening of September 22nd, was an unstoppable force for change, force for good, and force of nature. A public servant can only hope to mean to their community what Ms. Lowe means to hers. Since I learned of her passing, I have been thinking about her remarkable story—about everything she was able to accomplish—and I still find it hard to believe she was able to fit it all into just ninety-four years.

Ms. Lowe grew up in Dumas, Arkansas in the painful shadow of Jim Crow. When she was just fifteen, her family moved to Kansas City, where she would go on to become a pioneer in the fight for desegregation. Ms. Lowe spent her early career with another pioneer in that struggle: Black physician Dr. Dennis Madison Miller, who would go on to be appointed Superintendent of the Jackson County Hospital Colored Division. She worked for him for twenty-three years at his office on 18th and Vine. In the 1950s, Ms. Lowe was instrumental in efforts to desegregate downtown Kansas City department stores. Ms. Lowe was also instrumental in the founding of Freedom, Incorporated of Kansas City, Missouri, a political organization conceived in 1961 to elevate the votes, voices, and volition of the Black community of Kansas City to the halls of government. The next year, she and Freedom, Inc. co-founder Leon Jordan ran for seats as Democratic committee representatives for our City's 14th Ward. She lost. Jordan won. But Ms. Lowe would later go on to win that seat and hold it for two decades as Kansas City's first Black committeewoman. In 1964, when thousands of activists travelled south to Mississippi as part of Freedom Summer, Ms. Lowe stayed in Kansas City and helped register thousands of Black voters before a city-wide vote on a proposed ordinance that would make it illegal to discriminate in taverns, trade schools, hospitals, and clinics. Kansas City's public accommodations ordinance passed, predating the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by several months. A retired cosmetologist, she spent her later years, if anything, expanding her efforts to help her community. She volunteered for the American Red Cross at Menorah Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital of Kansas City, won and maintained a place on the Democratic National Committee for six years, co-founded the Local Investment Commission to improve the lives of children and families in the Kansas City region, and helped convince city leaders to relocate a Patrol Division of the Kansas City Police Department and rename it after none other than Freedom, Inc. co-founder and KCPD's first Black lieutenant, Leon Jordan. And whether it was Freedom, Inc., the Kansas City Democratic Committee, LINC, or any other of the tables of decision at which Ms. Lowe sat, she was, more often than not, either the only woman, the only Black voice, or both.

I failed to mention, of course, the linchpin of Ms. Lowe's life of service. In 1952, after the Supreme Court ruled that people could not be evicted from their homes on the basis of race, Ms. Lowe's became one of the first Black families to move to the beautiful Santa Fe Neighborhood on the East Side of Kansas City. Kansas City's history of 'redlining' and Santa Fe's history of racial covenants meant the transition for the first wave of Black residents was far from easy. White families began to move away in fear until, in 1955, just 15 percent of the neighborhood remained White-owned. Years later, when new residents would move into the Santa Fe Neighborhood, they were told to go see the President of the Santa Fe Area Council, a Ms. Rosemary Lowe, who had held the position for many decades. As President of the Santa Fe Neighborhood, Ms. Lowe fought for more streetlights, improved housing and infrastructure, and stronger, more trusting ties between police and the communities they had sworn to protect.

Ms. Lowe was also a sage counselor, mentor, and role model to countless civic leaders, community organizers, and elected officials like myself, who sought her wisdom as we began our own barrier-breaking careers on a path she helped pave. We who owed her so much, who loved her so much, who looked up to her so much—we called her "Mother Lowe." We sought her out not only for her experience and wisdom, but also for her kindness, her warmth, and her unflinching, unapologetic honesty. She is the political mother of African American power in Kansas City.

Decades working for Dr. Dennis Miller, decades as the committeewoman for the 14th Ward, decades as the President of the Santa Fe Area Council—Ms. Lowe was one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever seen in action. Hers was not a rise to power, where one springs from one post to another. Ms. Lowe became "Mother Lowe" because she stayed in the arena, fighting in the struggles of today, every day, for ninety-four years' worth of days.

There is a stretch of street in Kansas City, on 29th between Prospect and Indiana Avenue. It runs right through the heart of the Santa Fe Neighborhood. It is called the Honorary Rosemary S. Lowe Lane. Today, we honor a woman who has defined a stretch of history in Kansas City. It is a stretch that runs right through the heart of our struggle to become more free and more equal. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the extraordinary life and memory of Ms. Rosemary Lowe. Ms. Lowe's march to a better future for our city did not relent for one minute. Let us be grateful for the world she handed us and resolve to bring the spirit of Mother Lowe to each and every effort we undertake to make it better.

CONGRATULATING BILL BECKER

HON. DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Becker on his 30 years of remarkable service to the Florida Keys-based U.S. 1 Radio 104.1 FM and to our community.

Bill began his career with U.S. 1 Radio in 1980 when the news station had just established itself. He served as the news director, where he broadcasted local news, and hosted U.S. 1's 90-minute "Morning Magazine" every morning to highlight local issues and events through on-air interviews and commentary.

His passion and devotion to marine biology first led him to the Florida Keys and is what jumpstarted his career in radio. After graduating in 1971, Bill began working at the Lower Keys' Newfound Harbor Marine Institute at Sea Camp. He taught marine biology to kids, through outreach programs and became involved in local organizations. Bill co-founded one of the Lower Keys' signature events: the annual Underwater Music Festival that spotlights coral reef preservation. Every year the event draws hundreds of diving and snorkeling enthusiasts, as well as national and international media coverage.