

her on her retirement following decades of service to Fairfax City and our Northern Virginia community.

As Chairman of the Fairfax City Independence Day Celebration Committee, Beverly has donated her time, skills, and talent with faithful displays of leadership and commitment. Fairfax City's Independence Day Celebration continues to be one of the biggest and best celebrations of our nation's birthday in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Its signature event, the Independence Day Parade, attracts participants and spectators from throughout the region and is an event that I have had the privilege of participating in for years. Every year the parade has continued to grow and flourish, and due to Beverly's efforts, all who attend are guaranteed to have a wonderful time.

Beverly has also dedicated her time serving as Chairman of the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee. Her leaderships with this festival, another event that I have enjoyed attending over the years, has helped increase the festival's popularity and attendance. Because of Beverly's tireless work behind these events, the City of Fairfax benefited tremendously in reputation, city visits, and economic gain.

Through Beverly's work, she has brought together the community and enhanced volunteerism. Because of her selfless dedication, she has received several community honors and awards recognizing her efforts. These honors include the PRAB Exemplary Service Award (2020), Volunteer of the Year Award (2017), Mayor's Award for Outstanding Community Service and Dedication to Volunteerism (2012) and VFW Post No. 8469 Americanism Award Citation (2010) to name a few of her accolades.

I often say that the health and happiness of a community can be measured in part by the spirit of community and volunteerism that exists. Beverly embodies this spirit of service and we have all benefited from her service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Beverly Myers and in thanking her for her years of selfless service to our community. As Beverly retires and returns home to Missouri, we wish her continued health, happiness, and success.

**NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS  
CONSERVATION EXTENSION ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2020*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, over four months ago, the House passed the Heroes Act to support our nation's heroes and everyday Americans to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, the Senate has refused to take up this vital legislation, and many senators seem to believe that Congress has already done enough. The truth is that the needs of our country have only increased. Today 13.6 million Americans are unemployed and 200,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, with cases rising again around the country.

The House is serious about providing relief to Americans and reaching a compromise with the Senate and the White House which is why

today's Heroes Act is \$1.2 trillion less than the original bill we passed in March. Although smaller, today's bill still meets the needs of the American people by putting money in their pockets to strengthen our economy and providing the resources we need to crush the virus. Specifically, the updated Heroes Act includes the following:

An additional \$600 per week in Unemployment Insurance through January 2021;

A second round of \$1,200 checks to most taxpayers and \$500 for their dependents;

\$75 billion for testing, tracing, and treatment to get COVID-19 under control;

\$436 billion to state and local governments who employ heroes like first responders and health care workers who are at risk of losing their jobs;

\$225 billion for K to 12 school, colleges, and universities to address the challenges of distance learning in the new school year;

\$71 billion for renters and homeowners to ensure they don't lose their housing during the pandemic;

Over \$15 billion for connectivity, including \$12 billion to close the homework gap, \$3 billion to keep low-income Americans connected, and \$200 million for telehealth.

The new Heroes Act is proof that the House is willing to compromise in order to deliver desperately needed relief to the American people. It's time for the Senate and the White House to meet us halfway so we can protect American lives and livelihoods.

**DR. JAMES "JIM" WALTER  
BARTLING**

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a true health care hero, Dr. James "Jim" Walter Bartling, who passed away on September 24 at the age of 70.

Jim dedicated his life to being an amazing son, brother, husband, father, teacher, counselor, pharmacist, and friend.

His life was marked by his contributions to the practice of pharmacy as soon as he graduated from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, as well as a Doctorate in Pharmacy degree.

Jim practiced at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Atlanta before being named Director of Admissions, Job Placement, and Continuing Education at Mercer University, and eventually became the Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions and served in that role for 38 years until he retired in 2016.

He was also committed to counseling and supporting pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians with substance abuse disorders.

As a pharmacist myself, I am immensely grateful for the work he did to leave a lasting impact on the pharmacy profession and the countless lives he touched.

His legacy will surely continue for many years to come.

**CONGRATULATING MELANIE  
KENNEDY**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melanie Kennedy on her recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Ms. Kennedy is the President and CEO of Southwest Financial Federal Credit Union in Dallas, Texas, where she has served for nearly 14 years. Known for her collaboration and networking skills, she has the unique ability to help others achieve greatness.

Ms. Kennedy recognizes the role credit unions play in a functioning economy and is thoroughly dedicated to the success of the industry. Her wealth of financial services knowledge opened up leadership opportunities, including her most recent position as the Treasurer and Executive Committee member of the Cornerstone Resources Board of Directors.

Ms. Kennedy attended the University of Texas at Arlington and is also an active member of her community—volunteering at the Promise House, an organization helping homeless youth in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Texas's 30th Congressional District, I'd like to wish Ms. Kennedy the best of luck in her new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I am confident that her skill set will complement the board and its associated credit unions for years to come, and I look forward to working with her.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF  
THE LATE HAJJ MOHAMAD  
MEHANNA (ABU IMAD)

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the esteemed life of the late Hajj Mohamad Kamal Mehanna (Abu Imad). He will forever be remembered for his tremendous service to our community, and he will be deeply missed.

Hajj Abu Imad was a true embodiment of the American dream. In 1988, he immigrated to the United States from Lebanon and quickly dedicated himself to supporting his local community in the Metro Detroit region. He was a founder and board member of the Islamic Institute of Knowledge, an organization that strives to support the spiritual, informational, educational, and social needs of Michigan's Islamic community. Hajj Abu Imad committed himself to furthering the vision and mission of the Islamic Institute of Knowledge, and he served as the Chairman for the Public Relations Committee for many years. Even after immigrating to the United States, Hajj Abu Imad remained faithful to honoring his heritage and supporting Lebanon. He made several trips to Lebanon to meet with the President and Prime Minister to discuss ways to promote progress and meet the evolving needs of the Lebanese community.

Throughout Michigan, Hajj Abu Imad was recognized as a humble, kind, and dapper

gentleman. He was a man of great wisdom who offered comforting words of guidance in troubling times. He was a loyal friend to all those who knew him and left others in good spirits. He valued friendships and sought to develop deep, lasting, and meaningful relationships with others. He was a member in a social group known as "Khalan Al-Wafa," where he endeavored to make connections, discuss issues, and foster a deep sense of community and unity. Most importantly of all, Hajj Abu Imad was devoted to his family. He married his wife Hajjah Aziza Anani in 1967, and the two shared a fruitful and prosperous marriage of 53 years. Together, they raised a beautiful family. At his death, Hajj Abu Imad was the beloved patriarch of seven children and fourteen grandchildren. He will be missed by all, but his memory will endure through the countless lives he touched.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of the late Hajj Mohamad Kamal Mehanna (Abu Imad). His passing is a loss to our entire community. May he rest in eternal peace.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARKER-GRAY HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the 100th anniversary of the Parker-Gray High School in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Parker-Gray High School opened in September of 1920 and provided countless African American students with a comprehensive education during a time of segregation. Though faced with adversity—lack of resources, teachers, and facilities—Parker-Gray was able to provide students with what is now understood as a fundamental right.

The alumnae of Parker-Gray took their education and were able to apply it to not only the City of Alexandria, but to all aspects of their lives.

Please join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of Parker-Gray High School. It is important that we continue its mission and ensure the Parker-Gray legacy lives on.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY "TONY" ETCHISON

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tony Etchison, an Indiana basketball legend, accomplished farmer, and loving family man. Born on April 14, 1972, in Tipton, Indiana, Tony was a life-long Hoosier. He dedicated much of his life to athletics and giving back to the youth teams in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District. While we mourn Tony's unexpected death, we are forever grateful for his endless victories and accomplishments, both on and off the basketball court.

Tony graduated from Noblesville High School in 1991 where he began his standout career in basketball. As a four-year letter winner and leader of three consecutive sectional championship teams for Noblesville, Tony was chosen as the County Player of the Year for two seasons and was named All-Hamilton County four times. His countless accomplishments in high school led to a scholarship opportunity at Mercer University in Georgia where he continued his athletic career as a star basketball player.

He led his team in the Trans American Conference in three-point shooting during his four-year collegiate career. Tony made Mercer University history by being the first player to earn Trans American All-Academic Team honors all four years he played. He completed his education and graduated in 1995, from Mercer's Stetson School of Business & Economics with a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration and Finance. After completing his education Tony returned home and began work for the family business, Etchison Farms. It was also during this time in Tony's life that he began a twenty-two year career as an agent for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, serving many families in the Fifth District.

As an adult, Tony's earlier athletic accomplishments did not go unnoticed. In 2009, he was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame. Later in 2016, he was inducted into the Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame and honored by the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame by being selected to be a teammate on their 2016 Silver Anniversary Team. In July of 2019, Tony was elected as a director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. In addition to his basketball career, Tony loved to coach youth sports in the area.

Tony's proudest role in life was being a husband and father. Tony and his wife, Toby, were blessed with three sons: John Phillip or "JP", a freshman at Indiana University, Gus, a junior at Hamilton Heights High School, and Tillman, an 8th grader at Hamilton Heights Middle School. One of Tony's greatest joys in life was having the opportunity to share with his sons his love of all sports, and the joy of competition.

Tony died tragically on October 23, 2019, on the family farm in Arcadia, Indiana. Tony will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Indiana basketball community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Tony's wife, Toby, their three sons, the entire Etchison family, and their friends, who mourn his passing.

JACK KASTER

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mr. Jack Kaster who passed away on September 8 at the age of 91.

Jack bravely served our country in the Korean War as a First Lieutenant in the Army and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He spent 33 years working with IBM, and then went on to spend 3 decades selflessly leading charitable organizations.

Jack loved music and sports, especially golf, and was devoted to serving others with every opportunity he was given.

He was president of the Fairfield County Council Boy Scouts, and he was impressively awarded the Silver Beaver, which is the highest national non-Scout honor.

Jack was committed to improving education and literacy throughout his 20 years serving as Chairman and then lifetime board member of the Live Oak Public Libraries Foundation in Savannah.

I am thankful for the selfless and honorable life Jack led.

He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING GARLAND JAMES' 99TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize the 99th birthday of my constituent, Garland James, on October 3rd, who is turning 99 years young. An active member of the Arizona community, Garland is a veteran, loving husband and father, and business owner whose life is symbolic of the American dream promised to all.

A member of the greatest generation, Garland arrived in Europe in 1944 in our great struggle against fascism. Landing at Normandy and serving through France, Germany, and Central Europe, Garland was a light truck driver, retrieving young Americans who had fallen on the battlefield.

Returning from the war in 1945, Garland met his wife Mary while working as a truck driver across the Eastern part of the U.S. Their new family moved out West, and over the course of the following decades, Garland would find success in the tire industry, opening a series of stores in Arizona and California. In fact, his stores in Apache Junction and Tuba City still stand today, with the Apache Junction store remaining in the family, managed and owned by his son.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to represent Garland James, a true patriot and shining example of a good man, father, and citizen. I urge all my colleagues to join me in wishing Garland a very happy 99th birthday, to thank him for his service to this great nation, and to wish him well as we wait for this time next year to share in his 100th birthday celebration.

RECOGNIZING YOUNG ARTISTS OF FLORIDA'S EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, creativity often spearheads innovation, paving the way for our Nation's future.

As such, I want to take a moment to recognize the talented young artists of Florida's Eighth Congressional District who competed in