

We all owe a debt of gratitude to those survivors who bravely spoke up about the horrific abuses that they endured and then turned their grief into advocacy. It is my hope that their work and this legislation will bring lasting, positive change to the sports world.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON BIGGS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of George Washington Biggs, who passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at the age of 95. A native son of Arizona, George was a legend among us and the last remaining Tuskegee Airman in our state who valiantly served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. For his selfless service and sacrifice, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor—the highest civilian recognition given by Congress. George was a hero with unwavering patriotism who fought tirelessly to uphold and preserve American values, and our country's indebtedness to him will forever stand the test of time.

Born in Nogales, Arizona, to a family with a history of military service, George answered the call to duty early in his life. At age 18, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen—the first Black military aviators to fly in combat during World War II. George and his fellow airmen overcame racism and discrimination and played a significant role in the eventual integration of the United States armed forces.

George returned to civilian life in 1946, but his heart remained on the frontlines, and he reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he would go on to fight in the Korean War as a Second Lieutenant. Following the ceasefire in Korea, George returned to the states and was stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, where he trained and mentored Black airmen. In 1970, George retired from the military after flying his final mission during the Vietnam War.

His life was forever intertwined with those he served alongside—never forgetting the sacrifices our brave men and women make to preserve the American way of life. Each Memorial Day, George would visit the Nogales City Cemetery where his father was buried to plant flags over the graves of veterans to honor them.

As a nation, we join his wife, Olga, their 10 children, 22 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and loved ones in honoring George. A man of unshakeable conviction, courage, and dedication, George's legacy will remain synonymous of a true American patriot. Thank you for your service, George and Godspeed.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF LEWIS W. BUTLER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Lewis W. Butler.

Lewis was born in San Francisco, California, on March 27, 1957, the son of Lewis H. and Sheana Butler, and died on September 17, 2020 at the age of 63 at his home in San Francisco.

Lewis grew up in San Francisco with the exception of the two years spent in Malaysia while his father served as the Director of the Peace Corps there, and time in Washington, D.C. while his father served in what was then the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Lewis earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Stanford and a Master's in architecture from Harvard University. After their Harvard graduations in 1985, he and his wife Catherine Armsden formed Butler Armsden, a successful architecture firm in San Francisco.

Lewis is described as an inventive modernist residential architect with a prominent clientele. He is also described as a teacher, a mentor, and a confident man with a can-do attitude. He possessed a great sense of humor and a humble demeanor.

He was a true gentleman, a winner of countless merit awards who took no particular pride in showing them off. He was a surfer and a vintage British motorcycle aficionado and he built sand castles as part of a non-profit fundraiser. He was devoted to his community and served on the boards of the Hamlin School, University High School and the San Francisco Girls Chorus.

Lewis W. Butler leaves his wife of 37 years, Catherine Armsden, his son, Tobias, his daughter Elena, his father Lewis H. Butler, and his sisters Serra and Lucy. He also leaves four nephews and three nieces.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and work of this good and great man. He has left an indelible imprint on the architecture of the San Francisco Peninsula and beyond, and his friendship has left an imprint on the lives of so many who had the good fortune to know him. Lew Butler was a national treasure. He strengthened our community, bettered our nation, and was a true blessing in every way imaginable.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1154, condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes. Although my vote was not recorded, I strongly support this resolution. I spoke on the floor on Thursday to commend Representatives MALINOWSKI and RIGGLEMAN for their leadership on this issue. I was pleased to vote yes on the Rule. I have been targeted by QAnon on social media and have seen per-

sonally the absurdity and danger of their beliefs to our political system and to our countries historical beliefs in truth and in reality.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE FOOD DESERTS ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, food security is quickly becoming a national crisis that we must address. In my district alone, 1 in 5 people live in a food desert where grocery stores are unfortunately closing down, taking away healthy options and prices are skyrocketing for smaller stores. Too many families already lack a car or reliable public transportation to get to the nearest alternative, often located over a mile away. Today, thousands of my constituents are struggling to find the food they need, with many forced to rely on fast food and convenience stores. These options are neither healthy nor affordable. These problems have only been made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sadly, this situation is not unique. Over 29 million people, almost 10 percent of the U.S. population, live without ready access to affordable, nutritious food and over 2 million people have no transportation to get to their nearest store. Many have seen their local stores close their doors during the recent economic downturn. Others lost access years ago and are now facing the serious long-term impacts of obesity, diabetes, malnutrition and other diet related ailments. Unfortunately, residents in these low-income areas tend to spend less on groceries, leaving little financial incentive for traditional grocery chains to make costly investments for new locations.

In the wealthiest country on Earth, nutritious food should be an expectation, not a luxury. That is why I am reintroducing the Food Deserts Act, which creates new avenues to fund stores in underserved communities. This bill will create USDA funding for state operated revolving funds that will issue low interest loans for the operation of grocery stores in food deserts. The bill ensures that recipients of these loans, including for-profit, non-profit and municipal entities, will provide affordable, healthy food, including fresh produce and staples like milk, bread and meat. It will also ensure that USDA professionals are available to provide technical assistance to recipients who need it.

Access to healthy food is something that most of us take for granted. But despite our own experiences, we need to remember that millions of our constituents are struggling every day to feed their families. With this market driven approach, I hope to complement existing federal programs and efforts around the country by ensuring a stable lending stream for struggling grocery stores and sustainable access to food for communities in need.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the Food Deserts Act.