

public servant, Tommie Mabry, Ph.D. A native of Jackson, Mississippi, Mabry grew up in the Midtown neighborhood and rose from humble beginnings.

He is the founder and CEO of Tommie Mabry Company. As an advocate for education and student success, his goal is to provide insight to educators on factors that often hamper access to academic achievement. Mabry has traveled across the United States speaking about the importance of student investment and development.

As a first-generation high school graduate, he embarked on his undergraduate journey at Tougaloo College receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 2011 and a Master of Arts in Child Development in 2017. He is the Best-Selling author of two books: *A Dark Journey to a Light Future* and *If Tommie Can Do It, We Can Do It*.

Despite many obstacles and distractions, Mabry has been determined to better himself in order to give back to his community and others. He recently received his Ph.D. in Higher Education from Jackson State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tommie Mabry, Ph.D.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
THOMAS R. COOPER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas Regan Cooper, who passed away peacefully on September 22, 2020.

Thomas's life began on March 13, 1943 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was raised in Anguilla, MS, where he graduated from high school before attending Mississippi State University.

Shortly after his graduation from college, Thomas moved north to New Albany to start a career in management for Futorian Manufacturing Company. His devotion to his community and commitment to public service began soon thereafter, as he was elected Alderman of Ward One in 1981, a role he served three terms. After his tenure as an Alderman, he was then Mayor and Chancery Clerk of New Albany until his retirement in 2008.

Thomas's dedication to service and love for his town went far beyond the parameters of his official roles. He was a volunteer fireman for more than 30 years and a member of countless clubs, societies, charitable organizations, and boards. He balanced these many responsibilities all while being a private business co-owner of Custom Alloys Corporation and devout member of First United Methodist Church.

No less important than his community impact was his remarkable character. Thomas was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend, known for his unmatched integrity, friendliness, and unwavering desire to serve.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Gloria of 54 years; his son, William Thomas Cooper; his daughter, Mary Katherine Cooper; his two brothers, Herman and Bill Cooper, and many other family members.

Thomas R. Cooper's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community.

He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING BILL CARPENTIER ON  
50 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of Washington, Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to recognize William "Bill" Carpentier on 50 years of combined service to his country, both as an active duty military member and a civil servant as a Veterans Affairs (VA) employee; He has reached a truly remarkable milestone.

Bill was originally drafted into the military in 1969 at 19 years old, and when his country called on him to serve, he didn't shy away from the opportunity. He chose the Air Force and left for Naval Utility School in 1970 where he graduated with top honors. Bill went on to serve for eight years working in missile facility sites around the world.

After his time in the military, Bill began a career of civil service accepting a job working on the flight line at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. In 1980, he started his first job at the VA and eventually landed a position back in his home state of Washington. He currently is a plumber on the Facilities Management Services team where his work is essential in keeping the building operating properly for the veterans and staff.

During his time with the VA, Bill has had the chance to work on projects, with the Wall of Heroes being one of which he is most proud of. The Wall of Heroes reminds patients, visitors, staff and volunteers of the sacrifice, valor, bravery and heroism all Puget Sound veterans have.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank Bill Carpentier for dedicating the last 50 years serving our country and its veterans. This is an incredible achievement that few have achieved.

IN MEMORY OF ROSANA CHANOU

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mrs. Rosana Chanou, a Cambodian American community leader and constituent in my 47th Congressional District, who passed away on September 22, 2020 in Long Beach, California.

Born in 1951 in the Kampong Cham Province of Cambodia, Mrs. Rosana Chanou spent her childhood in the capital, Phnom Penh. In 1972, she passed the Cambodian National Baccalaureate II Exam. Rosana dreamed about studying abroad in the United States with its world class education. Within a year, she successfully acquired a student visa, bid farewell to family and friends, and began a journey to pursue her ambition.

Rosana arrived in the United States with just \$200 in her pocket. She worked several minimum wage jobs to support herself while

attending school and tirelessly practicing her English. In 1975, when the Khmer Rouge overtook Cambodia, she was granted asylum status to remain in America. Rosana attended Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland, and then obtained a scholarship to study at the American University in Washington D.C. In 1979, she received her BS in Computer Science, married her college sweetheart Pasin, and moved to California to join her family who were able to escape the Khmer Rouge.

Rosana became a U.S. citizen in 1984. She went on to achieve a long and illustrious career as a software engineer. As an Asian-American woman in the early years of the computer industry, she overcame barriers such as racial and sexual discrimination with her programming talents and tenacious personality. Rosana began working for the Boeing Company in Long Beach in 1986 and retired in 2015 after three decades with the company.

Rosana and Pasin Chanou are proud parents to three children: Diana, Ryan, and Ronald. They instilled in their children the values of hard work, education, and family. They encouraged their children to be progressive and forward-thinking while also remembering the wise lessons of tradition. All three of their children completed their college education at the University of California, began their successful careers, and started families of their own. Rosana loved playing with her grandchildren, showing them how to make 3D origami, blowing bubbles, and picking exotic fruits and flowers together around the vast garden that she maintained. She also loved to travel to places all around the world such as Australia, France, Canada, the Bahamas, Alaska, Hawaii, and numerous countries throughout Asia. She has traveled back to Cambodia several times to visit friends and family, showed her children where she grew up, gave back to her home country, and witnessed the amazing development it has gone through despite its tragic history.

In addition to her personal success and achievements, Rosana Chanou was a community activist and leader. She volunteered for events such as the Special Summer Olympics, Long Beach Marathon, NCCJ Peace Walk, and LA Heart-Walk. She ardently championed Cambodian arts and culture by inviting Cambodian artists to perform at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration. She generously donated to various Cambodian community organizations such as Cambodia Town, Inc., Cam-CC, and Khmer Arts Academy. In 2001, she co-founded the Cambodia Town Initiative Task Force (CTITF), whose mission was to officially designate a section of the Anaheim street corridor in Lon Beach as Cambodia Town, in honor of Cambodian Americans who transformed the neighborhood into a vibrant community. In 2005, CTITF was restructured as a nonprofit known as Cambodia Town, Inc. Rosana served as the First Vice-Chair of the organization. Both Rosana and Pasin were major donors to the Long Beach Mark Twain Neighborhood Library's "Cambodia Town" Community Room, and proud sponsors sofa Cambodia Town street sign.

Rosana was multi-talented. She provided tremendous support to Cambodia Town, Inc. at all levels. She designed pamphlets and booklets, organized parades, and conducted signature drives. She used her love of cooking to build team spirit, hosting meetings in her