

activities are not currently considered a community service under the Federal Work-Study program. This means that college students cannot rely on compensation from Federal Work-Study for their participation in after-school activities.

The Federal Work-Study program has helped support undergraduate and graduate students, who have exhibited financial need, find part-time jobs. In the 2017–2018 school year, the Federal Work-Study program employed about 600,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Across all higher education, 7 in 10 college students work at least 15 hours per week to help cover their tuition, and 1 in 4 work more than 35 hours a week. While mentorship's benefits are clear, the absence of after-school activities from consideration as work-study programs causes students with financial need to more often pursue other opportunities. This means that many students are unable to serve in mentorship roles, even if it aligns with their course of study, for financial reasons. This dynamic exacerbates the widening mentoring gap, which includes the over 9 million young people without a mentor outside their family to support their growth and education.

As a result, more work needs to be done to help compensate students who choose to serve their communities by mentoring younger students. That is why the Students Helping Young Students Act is so important. This bill incorporates work at after-school programs into the Federal Work-Study Program under community service by making participation in these programs eligible for federal funds. In short, this bill allows college students to access Federal Work-Study funds for their participation in after-school activities. Moreover, this legislation requires eligible schools to allocate federal funds to students who want to work with after-school programs.

Through the Students Helping Young Students Act, after-school mentoring programs, like those Celia and David participated in, will count as community service under the Federal Work-Study program. Students can be compensated for their work, including time spent in training and travel, directly related to the program. This will allow any student who wishes to serve in their community to participate in mentorship activities, regardless of their financial background. As a result, the Students Helping Young Students Act will also help close the mentoring gap and ensure that younger students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have the support they need to succeed and reach their goals.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill to ensure that Federal Work-Study students are compensated for their mentorship efforts. The stories of Celia and David remind me of the undeniable power of young people to lift and inspire those around them. It is important that Congress supports these students in their pursuit to serve our communities. I urge the House to support this bill.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOHN A. SWEAT, JR. FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my friend Captain John A. Sweat, Jr. upon his induction into the North Carolina Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

Over the years, CPT Sweat has answered historic calls to duty on behalf of our nation, state, and community. He began his extraordinary career in 1986 with the U.S. Air Force and served honorably in both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. CPT Sweat's leadership extended far beyond the battlefield and he was named Active Duty Volunteer of the Year for his off-duty devotion to family services. CPT Sweat was selected as the Tactical Air Command First Term Airman of the Year and served in a special duty billet as an instructor at the Security Police Academy at Lackland Air Force Base.

Following tours in Turkey, Florida, and Texas, CPT Sweat went on to join the North Carolina Air National Guard. Exemplary of his tireless leadership, he became the first officer to complete training with the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard. From his days at basic training to his 2011 retirement from the North Carolina Air National Guard, he only missed one day of service over his combined 24 years, 9 months, and 23 days of military service.

He has led a career of distinction and is an effective, prolific leader. In addition to his military service, CPT Sweat has served on the Concord City Council since 2009. A tireless public servant, he has also served on the Racial Diversity Committee, Historic Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Concord and is a member of the Habitat for Humanity Executive Board and Literacy Council for Cabarrus County.

This year's class was selected by an independent selection committee that includes North Carolina military veterans and civilians. In total, a group of eighteen was chosen to join the ranks of our state's greatest heroes in the Hall of Fame. CPT Sweat is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to our great nation and state.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating CPT Sweat on his induction into the North Carolina Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JAMES EDWARD "J.E." HUDSON

### 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 James Edward "J.E." Hudson, who passed away on Monday, September 7 in the comfort of his home.

Born on June 21, 1919 to Milton Edgar "Mit" Hudson and Florence Irene Dexter Hud-

son, J.E. was one of eight children. From an early age, he learned to homestead his land, nearly to the point of self-sufficiency, through his gardening, hunting, and fishing capabilities.

J.E.'s devotion to others began with his service in the United States Army during World War II and after as a beloved community member. He was an avid fan of Blue Grass Music and was known to travel far and wide attending Blue Grass festivals. J.E. translated his musical passion into his community, where he would become widely known at his home church, Campground United Methodist, for his stellar songleading abilities.

J.E. treasured time spent with his family, many of whom are left to cherish his memory, including his daughter, Connie Walker; three sons Barney, Jerry, and James Neil Hudson; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends.

James Edward "J.E." Hudson's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family, community, and country. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JAMES PHILLIPS

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Little Rock Police Officer Mr. James Phillips.

When Officer Phillips and fellow officers were checking on an SUV that had abruptly stopped in the road, it soon became clear that there was a medical emergency inside the car.

Officer Phillips immediately took action, and after discovering a choking child in the vehicle, he pulled the boy from the car and began using the Heimlich technique to clear the boy's airway.

Officer Phillips successfully dislodged the piece of candy that had caused the boy to choke and helped him regain a stable breathing pattern.

Thankfully the child, who is almost two-years old, was unharmed and returned to his parents safely. We thank Officer Phillips for his quick, effective action in saving this young boy's life, as well as all the first responders who protect our communities every day.

TRIBUTE TO BILL NEIKIRK

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Neikirk, co-founder and first President of the Mill Springs Battlefield Association (MSBA), as we celebrate the fruits of his tireless labor to preserve southern Kentucky's historic Civil War battlefield. Bill Neikirk led the charge to secure 900-acres of land and the battlefield's iconic structures in Pulaski and Wayne counties, which are now designated as a National Monument in the National Park System (NPS).

In 1991, the National Park Service identified the Mill Springs Battlefield as one of the 25