

HONORING VINTON POLICE
OFFICER BRANDON ALTERIO

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Brandon Alterio of the Vinton Police Department, who was chosen by his peers as Officer of the Year for 2019.

A graduate of William Byrd High School and Liberty University, Alterio embodies the ideal of service above self.

Following a six-year stint in the United States Air Force, he joined the Salem Police Department, where he served four years before transferring to Vinton PD last March.

He made a quick impression on his colleagues and the community when he received notoriety for selflessly buying a nine-year-old boy a bike when he learned that the child's had been stolen.

When presenting the award to Alterio, the Chief of Police said that he was being recognized for his devotion to the town, the agency, and the profession.

The Chief continued stating that Officer Alterio had exhibited exemplary skills, a can-do attitude, and a desire to succeed in the short time he had been with the Department.

Alterio has served the people of Vinton with excellence, compassion, and fairness, and will continue to do so.

I congratulate him on this distinct honor and wish him well on his career in law enforcement.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the upcoming 75th anniversary of the United Nations and recognize the continued importance of multilateral action as we pursue a more peaceful, prosperous and just world.

On October 24, 1945, less than two months after the world emerged from the deadliest conflict in human history, the United Nations Charter entered into force, formally creating the United Nations. The Charter was and continues to be a visionary document dedicated to the indispensable idea that, through diplomacy and consultation, states can work together to achieve a better world.

American leadership played a central role in the effort to establish the United Nations. Even before the United States entered the Second World War, President Franklin Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter to outline their vision for the post-war international order. In the final years of the war, individuals like Cordell Hull, Edward Stettinius Jr., Ralph Bunche and many others played crucial roles in shaping the draft United Nations Charter.

Congress was deeply involved as well, with Members on both sides of the aisle participating in the San Francisco Conference. Rep-

resentatives Sol Bloom of New York and Charles Aubrey Eaton of New Jersey and Senators Tom Connally of Texas and Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan helped make the case for the United Nations in Congress and to the American public. On July 28, 1945, the Senate voted to ratify the United Nations Charter by an overwhelming vote of 89 in favor, 2 against—a dramatic change from the rejection of the League of Nations just 26 years prior.

Yet the push for a United Nations also came from beyond the halls of Washington. In 1943, a dedicated, passionate group of Americans created the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), bringing the discussion of a post-war order to homes and communities across the country. Thus began a rich history of advocacy for American leadership and participation in the United Nations that continues to this day, with over 20,000 UNA-USA members in over 200 chapters across the country.

In the decades since 1945, through the most turbulent years of the Cold War, through the challenges of decolonization and entering the new millennium, the United Nations has been center stage for the international community in addressing issues like conflict and peace, economic development, global health, gender equality, human rights and more. Through the United Nations and the multitude of specialized agencies that have emerged to coordinate international action, the international community has come together to eradicate smallpox and curb other infectious diseases, protect the ozone layer, lift millions out of poverty, promote maternal and child health, preserve cultural and historical sites and so much more.

Yet, in an era of renewed great power competition, we must not forget nor neglect the responsibility of the United Nations for international peace. This duty is enshrined first in the preamble of the United Nations Charter in its resolution to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.” In our world today, amidst heightened tensions, rising nationalism and a growing rejection of multilateralism, we cannot afford to forget United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld’s famous statement that “the United Nations was not created in order to bring us to heaven, but in order to save us from hell.”

No one can deny that there are limits and flaws to the United Nations, and examples abound of ways in which the organization has fallen short. Yet it is also an evolving institution, reshaping itself to face the challenges and meet the demands of an ever-changing world. To quote Hammarskjöld again, “setbacks in trying to realize the ideal do not prove the ideal is at fault.”

The United Nations was America’s answer to an uncertain global future in 1945. Since then, the United Nations has been a pillar of the liberal international order that has benefited not just the United States but the entire world as well.

It is too early to say exactly how future historians will recall 2020. The challenges ahead are many, not just this COVID-19 pandemic, but also a worldwide economic recession, a global refugee crisis, climate change, and more. America’s answer to those challenges must include the United Nations. It falls upon all of us today, as heirs to the legacy of those brave and visionary Americans who won both

the war and the peace after, to continue working with the United Nations in pursuit of the future we want.

REMEMBERING JAMES M. RYAN, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my cousin James M. Ryan, Jr., of Warren, Ohio, who passed away Monday, October 19, 2020, at the age of 51.

James was born November 11, 1968, in Warren, Ohio, the son of James M. Ryan, Sr. and the late Linda DeMattio. On May 11, 1990, he married Tina L. Jones, with whom he shared 30 years of marriage and many wonderful memories.

To say Jimmy was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, who deeply loved his family is an understatement. His deep affection and joy that he got from his family was always evident to anyone who knew him. He loved nothing more than to be surrounded by them at a party or family event. Jim was a man of deep faith and compiled a list on his phone for people he was faithful to pray for. I have never witnessed anyone go through a battle for their life with the level of faith in God that Jim did. It was truly inspiring to watch him let go and Let God. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and coaching his sons in sports. He loved watching the Cleveland Browns, Indians, and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

He was self-employed and the caretaker of Johnson Community Center.

Memories of James will be cherished by his loving wife, Tina L. Ryan of Warren, OH; father, James M. Ryan, Sr.; three sons, Michael Ryan, Zachary Ryan and Justin Ryan all of Warren, OH; sisters, Amy Machingo and Jaime Ryan both of Warren, OH; grandson, Aaron Ryan; mother-in-law, Dolores (Ashley) Yakubek and father-in-law, William Jones, Sr. and Jimmy had a very special relationship and bond with my dad, Allen Ryan, Sr., that they both treasured dearly.

In addition to his mother, Linda DeMattio, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Anthony DeMattio; and maternal and paternal grandparents. Jimmy will be missed by so many. His spirit and love were a blessing to all that knew him. We are all better off for having been touched by his life. Godspeed Jimmy.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
THOMAS “TIM” MILTON SMITH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas “Tim” Milton Smith, who passed away on October 11, 2020.

Tim was born to parents Milton and Edwina Smith on August 17, 1940 in Memphis, Tennessee. He grew up in Memphis, graduating from Central Hill School and later attended Northwest Community College.

In 1971, Tim and his wife Janice moved to Horn Lake, Mississippi. Tim's dedication to his country and community were made evident by his service in the United States Army and 40 years of service to the City of Horn Lake. He was a reserve Police Officer for 10 years and an Alderman for 27 years. Additionally, he served three years on the Planning Commission and one year on Design Review. Tim believed in the potential of his beloved city and was widely known for his commitment to its improvement.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Janice; son, Larry Sheffield; daughters Tina Judd and Lee Antley; eight grandchildren, and many other family members.

Thomas "Tim" Milton Smith'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.

IN RECOGNITION OF AY YOUNG
AND THE BATTERY TOUR

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize AY Young, an entertainer, singer-songwriter, dancer, producer, entrepreneur, and leader in the fight for a more sustainable world. On September 18th, the Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations announced that Mr. Young had been named one of the U.N.'s seventeen Youth World Leaders, a position he will hold for a two-year term. Standing out as the only American on that list, Mr. Young was then placed on Energy News Network's annual "40 Under 40" list, which recognizes young leaders paving the way for a clean energy economy. While these honors have shined an international spotlight on Mr. Young, his musical talents are rooted on street corners in the heart of America.

Mr. Young grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. A home-schooled Eagle Scout, he began writing poetry at the young age of fourteen, drawing attention to topics far beyond his years. In fact, his earliest compositions brought focus to the "Troost Divide," a deep and painfully visible scar left by decades of redlining and a lasting symbol of the residential segregation and economic disparities that persist in Kansas City to this very day. Mr. Young and his trademark fedora soon became fixtures of Kansas City street corners from the River Market to the Plaza. His shows have always been interactive and engaging, looking more like spontaneous parties than standard routines. In 2012, Mr. Young appeared on The X Factor, receiving a "Yes" vote from all four judges. However, despite this noteworthy accomplishment, Mr. Young was still unable to find a manager or record label willing to carry his career to the next rung on the conventional ladder to stardom. Unfazed, he went back to the street corners, this time not just in Kansas City but across the country, garnering a grassroots following while opening for the likes of Wiz Khalifa, SHAGGY, T-Pain, Flo-Rida, Aaron Carter, and Wyclef Jean. But Mr. Young wasn't just busking his way across America to earn his keep; this too was simply an opening act. After learning that over a billion people on

Earth lack access to electricity, Mr. Young decided to turn his tour into the start of a much deeper, much more difficult, journey. Mr. Young's tour, it turned out, would be powered entirely by renewal energy.

Thus was born the Battery Tour, a global movement developed by Mr. Young and his enterprising business partner Thor Dietrich. Showcasing musical artists alongside innovative new technologies designed to address global crises, the Battery Tour takes the forces of a musical experience, sustainability education, and a humanitarian mission and unites them into a whole that is more powerful than any of its parts. Mr. Young has hosted and performed more than 800 shows around the world—each a unique fusion of original solos, interactive covers, and personal requests—powered only by renewable energy. His performances are pure collaboration—collaboration between artists, collaboration between music and technology, collaboration between Mr. Young and his audiences. If you have a request or want a turn at the mic, he will make it happen. Mr. Young calls his fans "outlets" because they provide the power that drives both his shows and the causes he champions. They see a world and a way of life in need of drastic change. "Outlets" across the globe have faith, I have faith, the U.N. has faith, that Mr. Young can help make it happen.

The Battery Tour is a bold, innovative, and powerful idea, aimed at leveraging creative passion in pursuit of a societal goal, while leveraging a societal goal in pursuit of creative development. If the Battery Tour expands its reach and proves successful in raising awareness the world over, significant innovations will be seen in the realms of sustainable energy, music, and live performance. And they're just getting started. Young and Dietrich's newest addition to the Battery Tour global brand is the creation of an app that promotes and incentivizes small acts of sustainable altruism among their many "outlets." They hope the Tour will one day feature a large variety of artists who can each be fully compensated for their work as they promote sustainability on the world stage.

Madam Speaker, please join me, a proud Fifth District, and "outlets" around the world in congratulating Mr. Young on these well-deserved honors and wishing him luck as he goes forth as an ambassador for our country, the 193 members of the United Nations, and a better, cleaner, more equitable future for all of humanity. Let each of us aspire to his example and seek to set our talents upon such a noble and pressing goal. Our unsustainable life is contributing to worldwide inequality and condemning future generations to build their lives in a world on fire. So, to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I say this: if we truly want to honor Mr. Young and his leadership, it's time to plug in.

RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF CREDIT
UNIONS AND CONGRATULATING
LISA SCHLEHUBER ON
HER ELECTION TO THE NAFCU
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the role of credit

unions across the country, and especially in Indiana. I'd also like congratulate Indiana's Lisa Schlehuber on her recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Credit unions play a vital role in our nation's banking ecosystem allowing more people to access capital, obtain mortgages, and receive other financial tools that are otherwise difficult to obtain. Additionally, I've seen firsthand in my own district, how credit unions provided vital services during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that the smallest of businesses received the necessary aid to assist during such trying times.

Lisa currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Elements Financial Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has 37 years of experience in accounting and financial management and has served as the CEO of Elements since 2005. During her tenure as CEO of Elements, the credit union has grown by over 60% and now manages \$1.66 billion in assets and serves 112,000 members. Recently, Elements was honored as one of Indiana's best places to work.

Lisa has a wealth of financial services and leadership knowledge. Her vision and decision-making skills will be a valuable addition to the NAFCU Board and credit unions for years to come. Lisa attended DePauw University and is an active member of her community, sitting on the local United Way and Chamber of Commerce boards.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lisa Schlehuber and wishing her the best of luck in her new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I look forward to working with her and NAFCU members to better serve our constituents during these challenging times.

RECOGNIZING TOM BULGER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Tom Bulger and his more than 40 years of service to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), on the occasion of his well-earned retirement.

The MTC is the San Francisco Bay Area's designated metropolitan planning organization and the region's transportation planning, financing, and coordinating agency. After beginning his career as a member of the MTC staff, Tom soon felt the pull of our nation's capital and moved to Washington, DC, where for 35 years he has represented MTC as President of Government Relations, Inc. During his time as MTC's advocate, Tom has played a key role in advancing national transportation policy.

Tom's tireless efforts spanning four decades assisted in establishing Surface Transportation Program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and continued to the present-day Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which currently is funding projects throughout the country. Tom's fierce advocacy helped secure full funding grant agreements