

1973, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. In 2018, Mr. Talbott requested his service records from the National Archive and discovered in an evaluation from 1968 that his superior officer had recommended him for a Bronze Star Medal. No further action was taken at the time, and Sgt. Talbott was not informed. Upon discovering the recommendation, former Sgt. Talbott, now in his 80s, took immediate action and applied to have his service record changed to reflect the Medal. Unfortunately, the passage of over half a century between then and now means that Airmen and others who witnessed his actions and who could provide evidence of his valor have all died. His request to have his record amended was denied. Though he has appealed, the likelihood of a change is very small.

Nonetheless, Rene Talbott deserves to have his actions acknowledged. With this entry into the official proceedings of the Congress of the United States, I call attention to the strength and courage he displayed during his active duty service with this excerpt from Airman Talbott's evaluation:

During his training, he showed an outstanding ability to learn and to retain what he learned. This was demonstrated on 30 May 1968, when as assistant machine gunner during a fire fight with an enemy of unknown strength and size, he reacted in a professional manner. He assisted the machine gunner in spotting targets and directing his fire. His self-control under fire showed his good discipline and outstanding ability to react under adverse conditions. For his action in this incident Airman Talbott was recommended for the Bronze Star.

While I still hope that Mr. Talbott will succeed in having his service record reflect the awarding of the Bronze Star, with this entry into the official record of the Proceedings of the U.S. Congress, I call attention to his dedication, his courage, and his integrity. The heroic actions that originally inspired Airman Talbott's chain of command to recommend him for the Bronze Star are now on full display for public recognition.

HONORING DRAKE'S BBQ

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable establishment, Drake's BBQ.

It all started with one man and a vision. Mr. Kendrell Drake always loved cooking and grilling. His wife, Mrs. Shulundia Drake, recalls, "We would always have cookouts at our house every weekend and invite friends and family over." One day, Mr. Drake said, "I wonder would my friends buy my barbecue if I started selling it." Mrs. Drake remembers saying to him, "Sure they would."

About a year later, they began their barbecue journey. It started with their family; Mr. & Mrs. Drake and their three daughters; Sekayi, Khamya and Kendall. It was late summer 2014 when they started selling barbecue from a trailer Mr. Drake built. Mrs. Drake was right by his side on those hot days, standing next to a big grill waiting and serving customers.

They were both employed full time at the time of their venture. He was employed with Frito Lay and she was employed with Greenwood Leflore Hospital. On his off days, which were Wednesdays and Saturdays, he would pull the trailer on the side of Highway 82 and wait on customers to arrive. By the time Mrs. Drake would arrive, around 11:15, they would have a line of customers.

They worked in the heat, rain, and freezing cold weather. And you wouldn't believe how people would come out in that type of weather for Drake's barbecue. That made them realize that a physical location was needed.

Four years later, they are now located inside the Village Shopping Center at 1904 A Leflore Avenue in Greenwood, Mississippi. They've been at this location for about four years now. They have been nominated as one of the Top 10 Places to Work, Top 30 under 40 by the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and received the Greenwood Commonwealth People's Choice Best Barbecue Award 3 years in a row since 2018.

The Drake's credit to their success to the loyalty of their customers. Every year in September, Drake's BBQ holds a customer appreciation day. They give away around 400 to 500 plates to the customers to show how much they appreciate their continuous support. "After all, they're the ones who keep us going," states Mrs. Drake.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Drake's BBQ for their service and commitment to the community.

SALUTING COAST GUARD SECTOR ST. PETERSBURG

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I am honored to express my gratitude to the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard stationed at Coast Guard Sector Saint Petersburg, and all the units within Pinellas County. They consistently perform with honor, respect, and devotion to duty throughout Florida, our nation, and among our international maritime community; even in times of crisis, uncertainty, and emerging threats.

Between fiscal years 2019 and 2020 alone, Sector St. Petersburg ran over 1400 Search and Rescue cases, the third highest across the nation. More importantly, they saved 320 and assisted 1858 lives. In addition, they helped keep our waterways beautiful and clean by conducting 726 Marine Environmental Protection cases. To keep the Marine Transportation System moving safely and efficiently, often described as the lifeblood of our economy, with \$5.4 trillion in annual impact, they expertly conducted 294 Marine Safety cases. And, among the many other accomplishments, Sector St. Pete helped maintain our security by leading 173 Security missions, and 761 Law enforcement missions.

If that body of work was not impressive enough, I am particularly proud of how they've managed to step up to the plate in the face of adversity. From our ongoing fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters and hurricanes, or an uncertain budgetary environ-

ment—they continue to live up to their motto of "Semper Paratus"—Always Ready.

HONORING SHERIFF RUSSELL GIBSON AS A DEDICATED LEADER

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Sheriff Russell Gibson began his law enforcement career in 1985, at the Brookfield Township Police Department in Ohio. He worked for two years as a Reserve Deputy before moving to Osceola County, dedicating 28 years to public service.

On January 12, 1987, Russell began his career with the Osceola County Sheriff's Office in the Corrections Department becoming a Field Training Officer and Sergeant supervising booking, classifications, security and release of inmates. Russell later transferred to Divisions in Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Judicial Services, and Community Services.

Within the Criminal Investigations Division, Russell was a member of the Violent Crimes Unit as a homicide detective, investigating murders, suspicious deaths, and suicides. He solved every investigation assigned as lead detective, including cold cases.

Russell also gained investigative expertise in persons and sex crimes, solving sensitive cases involving elderly abuse, sex crimes, crimes against children, and cyber-crimes. Before retiring to seek the Office of Sheriff, Russell was the Sergeant over the School Resource Officer Program (SRO), supervising SROs designated to the west and south sides of Osceola County's unincorporated schools and all 55 crossing-guards.

Russell has been married to his wife, Scarlet, for over 20 years and has a son, two daughters, and two granddaughters. Weekly, Russell participates in delivering Meals on Wheels to Osceola's local senior citizens. Russell is committed to keeping citizens safe by demonstrating a sense of compassion and fairness to all of our diverse communities and has been a transformational leader for Osceola County.

Sheriff Gibson is a board member of the Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX) and the Board of Trustees of the Criminal Justice Academy at Osceola Technical College. He is also a board member of the Osceola Council on Aging, Osceola County Investigative Bureau, Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation and is a member of the Florida Sheriff's Association.

CONGRATULATING JIMMY RAY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jimmy Ray of Chatham County for being recognized as Veteran of the Year by the Veterans Council of Chatham County.

Georgia's First Congressional District is home to many of our nation's veterans, so being recognized as veteran of the year is an incredible honor.