

Device, Marine Corps veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Staff Sergeant Stanley R. Richards of Otway, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Engineman Third Class Edward C. York, Jr., of Jackson Center, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

Private First Class Laurace H. "Larry" Beckwith of Delaware, recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

EOD 1 Benjamin I. Christenson (posthumously), recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Navy veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Specialist Donald F. Clutter III of Lodi, recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Staff Sergeant David F. Hilliard of Steubenville, recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Specialist Eric N. Hurdle of Williamsburg, recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Global War on Terrorism.

Sergeant Harold L. Roberts, currently living in Parkersburg, West Virginia, recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant First Class Mark E. Sexton of Galloway, recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Army veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Private First Class Leonard L. Staats of Akron, recipient of the Army Commendation with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LESLIE "LES" OUTERBRIDGE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Leslie "Les" Outerbridge, a man who led a life of selfless bravery and held a keen devotion to justice. Born in 1936, Les Outerbridge was raised in Chicago's Cabrini—Green Homes and initially attended Wells Community Academy High School at the age of 12, later leaving high school in 1953 at the age of 15 and volunteering to serve his country in the United States Air Force. An avid athlete as a young man, Outerbridge played three sports, football, basketball, and baseball on his Air Force installation. Later in his life, Outerbridge would return to school, receiving a Bachelor's in Science from Chicago State University in 1981.

Feeling that he still had more to give to his community and country after serving in the armed forces, Outerbridge joined the Chicago Fire Department in 1961. While dutifully and bravely serving his community, Outerbridge was not afraid to simultaneously fight the fires of injustice within the fire department. For much of the 1960s and 1970s, the percentage of minorities serving in the fire department was under five percent. Furthermore, when African-American or Hispanic firefighters were given the opportunity to put their lives on the line for their fellow Chicagoans, they found themselves stifled by a systemically racist department that made promotion unattainable.

Unable to stand by and watch this injustice pervade the department he was a part of, Outerbridge sprang into action. Working with key community leaders and activists including Father George Clements and Kermit Coleman, an attorney, and civil rights organizations including Operation PUSH and the Urban League, Outerbridge set out to end the unfair treatment of African-Americans in the Chicago Fire Department. Along with his fellow firefighters Jim Winbush and Wesley Thompson, Outerbridge founded the Afro American Firefighters League (AAFL).

Madam Speaker, it is difficult to understate the positive impact of the Afro American Firefighters League on the Chicago Fire Department. Outerbridge and the AAFL worked diligently to document the racial discrimination they found within the Department, and their work would lead to the United States Department of Justice filing suit against the City of Chicago, resulting in a consent decree that mandated the Department increase its total number of African-American firefighters from 125 to at least 400.

While work remains to be done to build a Chicago Fire Department that is reflective of the city it serves, the legacy of Outerbridge's work continues. In 2011, a lawsuit brought by African-American Chicago firefighters made it all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States, which ruled that over 6,000 African-American applicants for positions within the Chicago Fire Department could pursue a disparate impact claim against the city. The Supreme Court's ruling helped pave the way to a settlement that allowed almost a thousand applicants to reapply, and the possibility of monetary reward as compensation for the discrimination they faced. From the Cabrini-Green Homes to the Supreme Court—that is how far the lasting and enduring legacy of Les Outerbridge stretches.

In 2002, Outerbridge would author and publish a book detailing his life's remarkable journey titled "Memoirs of a Black Fire Fighter: Les Outerbridge, 1961–1995". Those close to him Outerbridge will remember him as passionate historian and an avid photographer.

My best wishes and prayers are with the Outerbridge family and all those who had the distinct privilege of knowing Leslie Outerbridge during his remarkable life.

HONORING GREATER MT. OLIVET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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 church, Greater Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church.

On November 28, 1945, Rev. A.C. Alexander and a small group of people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitley at 227 South Sixth Street in Greenville, Mississippi, to organize a church. Their first meeting was held on the third Sunday in December at the Greenville Industrial College located at 240 South Eight Street. Meetings were held each third Sunday until 1947, when the group moved to a wooden structure building at 239 North Seventh Street. The church was orga-

nized with eight members. However, the church membership did increase, and Rev. Alexander served as Pastor the years of 1945–1954. Then, Rev. Albert Johnson served as Pastor the years of 1954 to 1957.

From 1957–1976, Rev. H.A. Armstrong served as a Pastor. He surveyed the needs of the church and those needs were Christian commitment to the church, furniture for the church, and a renewed hope in Christ. Rev. Armstrong's first sermon title was taken from Nehemiah 4:6, "For the people has a mind to work." During Rev. Armstrong's tenure, Mt. Olivet built their 2nd Church building in 1972.

Dr. Hudson Augustus became the full-time Pastor of Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church. During Dr. Augustus tenure, the 2nd Church building was paid in full. Dr. Augustus was a faithful shepherd of this church until his death on April 9, 2003.

Currently, Dr. Lee E. Morris, Jr., is the Pastor, and has been serving since 2004. Under the leadership of Dr. Morris, the church has attracted many new members and new ministries and a name change to Greater Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church. Under Dr. Morris leadership, Greater Mt. Olivet built their 3rd church building, which includes a new sanctuary, an educational annex (9 classrooms), recreational complex (gym), and a pastoral parsonage.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Greater Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church for its longevity and dedication to serving others.

IN MEMORY OF EARL "JIM" LINEBAUGH

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an outstanding Pennsylvanian, Mr. Earl E. "Jim" Linebaugh. A member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Linebaugh served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A lifelong resident of Adams County, he was an incredible member of our community throughout his life.

Mr. Linebaugh was born on September 23, 1922, in Washington Township, the son of the late Amos and Lucy L. (Stine) Linebaugh.

In 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Following his service, Mr. Linebaugh was employed with East Berlin Feed Mills for many years before retiring from Sprengle Feed Mills in York.

He was the husband to Mildred E. (McManus) Linebaugh, who died in 1986, and the late wife Loretta (Crook) Linebaugh. Mr. Linebaugh had ten children and numerous grandchildren, whom he adored. In addition to his work and life with his family, Mr. Linebaugh also was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown and a robust member of the Adams County community.

When he passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 97, Mr. Linebaugh left an indelible impression on both our community and our nation. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, it is my privilege to honor the life and service of Earl "Jim" Linebaugh. I offer my deepest sympathies to

the Linebaugh family and Jim's many loved ones. This American hero will not be forgotten, and I will continue to honor his remarkable legacy in Adams County and America.

**HONORING MIKE BARBOUR OF THE
VETERANS FOR FOREIGN WARS
AND THE AMERICAN LEGION
POST 43 UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Barbour, who is retiring from his position as the Service Officer for Veterans for Foreign Wars and the American Legion Post 43. With a long and illustrious career serving our country in Vietnam and advocating for veterans in Naperville and Aurora, Mike has distinguished himself as a valuable and dedicated member of the community.

Mike served with the U.S. Army Special Forces in Vietnam. Since 1994, he has devoted his time to educating veterans and their families about benefits and health care they can receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). As an honorary board member for Naperville Responds for Veterans, Mike has served as an important resource for veterans by helping to share their stories to the younger generation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mike Barbour's exemplary service to the veterans of Naperville and Aurora and congratulating him on a prominent career.

CONGRATULATING BRIAN MIXON

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 Brian Mixon on his retirement after 4 years of active duty and 32 years of civilian service with the Department of the Army.

Brian served honorably as an air traffic and airspace officer, and was recognized for his work when he was awarded the Air Traffic Control Manager of the Year award by the Air Traffic Control Association in 2019. This national award is formally known as the General E.R. Quesada Memorial Award, and it's a medallion award presented to an individual for outstanding achievement and contribution during the previous year as an Air Traffic Control Manager.

This is not the first time Brian has been recognized for his exceptional work. He also earned two other national awards, among many others.

Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia's First Congressional District is one of the premier power projection platforms in the Army, which is utilized to deploy thousands of soldiers and essential equipment. Brian's contributions have been essential to the readiness capabilities of the units that utilize Hunter Army Airfield. I can't thank him enough for his many years of steadfast dedication to serving our great na-

tion, and I wish Brian the best as he begins his retirement.

**HONORING MAYOR JOSE ALVAREZ
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Mayor Jose Alvarez was born in Havana, Cuba, and came to the United States in 1971 as a child. He grew up and attended public school in Miami-Dade, started a family and began a career with the Florida Department of Transportation. In 1997, he and his wife, Darlene, made the decision to move their family to Kissimmee. Married now for more than 32 years, they have five beautiful daughters and five grandchildren.

Mayor Alvarez is a Licensed Real Estate Broker and small business owner. Throughout his 20 years as a Realtor, he has had the privilege of serving his industry and community by taking part in numerous home ownership and business growth initiatives. Among numerous appointments to industry committees and boards, he's served on the Florida Association of Realtors Board of Directors, the Mid-Florida Regional MLS Board of Directors, and, in 2009, he was elected to serve as President of the Osceola County Association of Realtors.

Over the years, Mayor Alvarez has served numerous causes, boards, and committees throughout Osceola County. An experienced leader, advisor, and representative of both industry and cause, he is frequently called upon when leadership, integrity, credibility, and deal-making skills are vital for the success of an endeavor. Now in his second term as an elected member of the Kissimmee City Commission and the First Hispanic Mayor to be elected in the City of Kissimmee, Mayor Alvarez continues to play important roles on a range of topics. Mayor Alvarez' true passion is the people he represents.

From multi-million dollar endeavors to life-changing initiatives, through his various board memberships and affiliations, Mayor Alvarez has been responsible for advising CEOs and lawmakers, contributing to strategic plans, approving budgets and business decisions, evaluating management, and representing his charge to stakeholders.

**HONORING EARLINE P. MALLETT
MELCHOR**

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 Earline Mallett Melchor.

Earline P. Mallett Melchor was born October 1, 1930, to the late Percy Polk and Frenchie Foreman Polk in Drew, Mississippi. She was the oldest of six siblings, of which she is the only one living. She has lived in Quitman County since December 15, 1945. She attended grade school at Marks Industrial High

School, before the name was changed to West Side and Quitman County. She graduated on May 25, 1950. After graduation Earline immediately started working with Mrs. Ultimo Taylor on Riverview Plantation known as Self Farm. On December 4, 1950, she enrolled in Coahoma Junior College to get an Educator License. She then went to Rust College, Mississippi Valley State, and later attended Jackson State in Jackson, Mississippi, where she earned a B.S. degree. In 1963, she completed a master's degree in Special Education. She taught at West Side School for 26 years. Mrs. Melchor devoted herself completely to the Quitman County education system. She retired on June 4, 1994, with 43 years and 5 months of service. She enjoyed all the years worked in the Quitman County School System, with her students being her favorite part of the job.

She is a member of the Shady Grove M.B. Church, where Rev. Larry Smith is the pastor. She has been a member since 1946, and held many positions in the church. Despite having a heart attack, she remained a faithful member. Mrs. Melchor is grateful to The Lord for blessing her, and she is thankful to relatives, church members, friends, her Pastor and Wife and all who have supported her. She enjoys sewing, traveling, and helping others.

Mrs. Melchor served as a Board Member of the Quitman County Development Organization, Counselor for the Gala Committee, Former Fire Fighter for the town of Falcon, and member of the MAE. She also served as a poll worker for many years and Election Commissioner for the town of Falcon. In addition, she is also a longtime member of the NAACP. She is also a farmer and landowner, having brought lunch for her students before the free lunch program was implemented.

The mother's one son, Gene W. Mallett. She also raised her sister's son, the late Steven L. Polk. She has many grandchildren and nieces and nephews. In Mrs. Melchor's words, "I give God all the Glory."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Earline P. Melchor for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF EMMANUEL LU-
THERAN CHURCH**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 125th anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the 75th anniversary of her parish school, Emmanuel Lutheran School. These significant milestones are worthy of celebration.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church was founded in Dearborn, Michigan in 1895 with Christian Thiel, Gottfried Hebestreit, and Louis Rechlin Sr. acting as the first trustees and Johann Lange, Wilhelm Ziegler, and Fredrich Sylvester servings as elders. A year later, Henry Behrens became the church's first pastor, and the church celebrated the opening of its newly erected sanctuary at Military and Morley Avenues. In its early years, the church quickly grew. In 1900, the congregation became a