

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 a 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