

Black musicians to Sheridan Circle, the ambassador got complaints from White neighbors. "They were saying, 'Oh, the music coming from the embassy is so disturbing!'" Pappas told Safter. "Who are these people?"

The ambassador, opting for diplomacy, replied: "My sons are studying anthropology. That's why they have all these people coming." Still, he was stunned when the embassy's White staff balked at eating meals at the same table as Black staff members. As his daughter Selma explained to Safter, segregation "was not something we were used to."

The stories and images create a complex portrait of 1940s Washington. Historian Maurice Jackson described to Safter an Ertegun-organized concert at the Jewish community center: "Two Muslim brothers bringing Black music to the center belonging to our Jewish brothers and sisters. This is historic."

While in D.C. last year, Safter had planned to film a concert in the Ertegun Jazz Series at the Turkish Embassy, but it was canceled because of political events in Turkey. However, the crew filmed a jazz concert at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest Washington. They returned home just ahead of covid-19 travel restrictions. Passengers on their flight to Istanbul were already wearing masks.

Safter counts herself lucky that her crew managed to complete most of the filming before the pandemic lockdown. But work on the documentary dragged. "It's not possible to meet with the rest of my crew," she explained in April. "And the main challenge is I can't sit next to my editor." She was working with Omer Leventoglu, who edited her 2019 film "On the Wings of Hope," about Iraqi Kurdish refugees. "He's a great editor," she said, but they could talk only by Skype or WhatsApp.

Eventually during the summer they cobbled together a new editing process and went into postproduction in September. Now with a rough cut, Safter hopes to have a finished film very soon.

But other hurdles loom, including financing and distribution. Movie theaters remain closed. "This is a very difficult time for filmmakers," Safter says. In darker moments, she thinks back to her D.C. premiere five years ago.

"Because it was my first feature-length documentary film," she recalls, "it encouraged me. That's the reason I produced the second film." She has submitted a rough cut of her new film to several U.S. competitions, including the DC Independent Film Festival and FilmFest DC. She hopes she will be able to return to the city that gave her that first boost.

RECOGNIZING DR. BARBARA CAREY-SHULER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, a courageous community leader, dedicated public servant, sagacious mentor, inspiring educator, and loving mother, in honor of Women's History Month.

Dr. Carey-Shuler has been a powerful force for positive change in South Florida for decades. She is a trailblazer who has paved the way for many successful professionals, entre-

preneurs, and businesses. Her efforts have improved the quality of life for thousands of South Floridians.

Dr. Carey-Shuler's life is founded on a spirit of generosity. Her unselfish character is only overshadowed by her loving spirit and acceptance of others. She considers her ability to empower and inspire others as her greatest accomplishment. Regarding her passion for helping young people she says, "I want to exude my passion so that they will have the same passion to give back and help other young people."

Dr. Carey-Shuler was first appointed to the Miami Dade County Board of Commissioners in 1979. She made a major impact through her progressive policies and legislative decisions. She initiated the groundbreaking legislation to create Affirmative Action and set-aside programs in Miami Dade County which are credited with creating more jobs and opportunities for minorities and women than any other legislation in the county's history. She also created the 15 miles per hour school zone in Dade County and was later adopted by the rest of the State of Florida. She made history in 2002 when she was selected as the first African American woman to serve as chairperson of the Miami Dade County Commission.

Dr. Carey-Shuler has never shied away from an opportunity to help others or promote equality without regard to the popularity of her decisions. In 1990, she attended an event where the late South African President Nelson Mandela delivered a speech upon his release after being unjustly imprisoned for 27 years. The event was locally controversial but Dr. Carey-Shuler was among a small group of elected officials who attended because she understood President Mandela's importance to the international campaign for human rights. Her courage and vision earned the respect and admiration of her constituents and was a large part of the reason she was re-elected several times.

Above all, Dr. Carey-Shuler values education as the key to a happy and healthy life. She was well-regarded as an administrator with Miami Dade County Public Schools. She was also credited with inspiring and advancing the careers of dozens of educators as an assistant superintendent. She has an impressive educational resume of her own: Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Florida A&M University, Master of Science in Communications from Ohio State University, Specialist Degree in Guidance from the University of Miami, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Florida.

Since retiring from elected office in 2005, Dr. Carey-Shuler has managed very successful family-owned funeral homes in Palm Beach County, Florida. However, she has continued her passion to help others and mentor young people. Her board memberships include Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, West Palm Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Delta Heritage Foundation, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Educational Foundation, Pathway to Prosperity, among several others.

Madam Speaker, in observance of Women's History Month, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing a great woman, a great public servant, a great businessperson, a great mother, and a great American, Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler for her in-

delible contribution to our community and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ROBERT MOORE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Robert "R.G." Moore who passed away January 6, 2021.

R.G. Moore was born on February 5, 1943 to Albert R and Mary M. Moore in Louise, Mississippi. R.G. dedicated his life to service and state as a SSGT U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. He also founded the Marine Corps League and became a founding member of the Desoto County Veteran's Park in Southaven, Mississippi.

R.G. served 34 years and retired as Captain from the Memphis Police Department. He was also involved with the American Legion Post No. 134 of Horn Lake and Rolling Thunder MS Chapter No. 2. I am grateful for Mr. Moore's lifetime of service to the United States and the state of Mississippi.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 54 years, Diane. He is remembered by his two sons; Matthew and Mark; and five grandchildren, Jackson, Tucker, Rylie, Lucy and Lily.

Mr. R.G. Moore was a light unto all who had the opportunity to know and love him, and he will be deeply missed. My deepest condolences are with his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. DAVID J. FERGUSON, JR.

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Sergeant David J. Ferguson, Jr. in honor of his retirement after nine years of service in the United States Air Force.

Sergeant Ferguson joined the United States Air Force in 2012, after his high school graduation, and through his years of service, has risen to the rank of Staff Sergeant. David was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas where he served in the 7th Security Forces Squadron. In this role, he provided a vital service in fulfilling the Air Force's mission and demonstrated great resolve in protecting the 13,000 military and civilian personnel living and working on the base. Throughout his service, he has exemplified the core values of the Air Force: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all you do.

Over the course of his service, his lovely wife and high school sweetheart, Colleen, has been a dedicated companion. David and Colleen have three daughters; in whom I am certain they will instill the same values and patriotism they have exemplified through service in the U.S. Armed Forces. They return home to Adairsville, Georgia in February 2021 to begin a new chapter in their lives as a family; and