

HONORING THE LIFE OF
SERGEANT JAMES COOK

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to honor the life of Sergeant James Cook, who was tragically killed while serving as a security guard at the MetroLink Delmar station. This is especially heartbreaking as James leaves behind a wife and two young daughters. Along with being a husband and father, James was a veteran who served this country bravely for eight years in combat in Afghanistan and Africa. After his service, James would carry on his service to the community by continuing his work in law enforcement as a jailer in Crawford County. It is always a tragedy when a hero like James is taken. We must continue to honor him by living in service to others just as James did during his life. He will always be remembered for his sacrifices to his nation and his love for his family. I thank him for his service, and I wish my most sincere blessings to his family. May he now peacefully rest with God and watch down upon his wife and daughters as they live life in his honor. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Sergeant James Cook.

NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL COURT
REPORTING AND CAPTIONING
WEEK

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important and irreplaceable work done by our court reporters and the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) during the 9th annual national court reporting and captioning week of February 6–13.

As guardians of the record, court reporters have a large impact on capturing history for posterity. During our nearly 250 years of American history, court reporters have been the cornerstone of our American justice system. From George Washington's Farewell Address to Lincoln's divided house speech, these noble servants have transcribed some of the most important pieces of American history.

Today, the NCRA provides a free course to introduce realtime writing to all Americans. This course allows high schoolers, career changers, college redirects, and military veterans to see if a profession in realtime writing is a good fit for them.

Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's important we focus on providing flexibility to our court reporters and ensuring captions are adhering to the FCC's Caption Quality Best Practices—as opposed to Automatic Speech Recognition, which oftentimes creates erroneous captions.

I want to thank realtime writers everywhere and the NCRA for all the hard work they do.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
CAROLYN LITTLE

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn Little for her exceptional service to New Jersey and to announce that Ms. Little was selected as the 2021–2021 Outstanding Educator of the Year by New Jersey Thespians.

Amid a global crisis, while leading a statewide organization and serving as teacher for her students and two young daughters, Ms. Little continuously put the needs of her students and the less fortunate ahead of herself. While serving as a mentor to her students during this tough time, Ms. Little helped lead Toms River Thespian Troupe 7455 in their Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat Program. With the help of Ms. Little, Toms River Thespian Troupe 7455 at Toms River High School North raised over 547 pounds of food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

I could not be prouder of Ms. Little and I thank her for her service.

RECOGNIZING SARAH LUMPKIN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an amazing public servant.

The City Clerk of Hinesville, Sarah Lumpkin, is retiring after over 3 decades of service in local government.

Sarah began her career with the City of Hinesville when she joined the City team as an Accounts Payable Clerk and rose to the rank of Assistant City Clerk by 1991.

Throughout her career, she accumulated a long list of awards and accomplishments including being named the first recipient of the Hinesville City Hall Employee of the Year Award in 1994 and being designated "Certified Municipal Clerk" by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in 1996.

She took her leadership skills to new heights when she served as President of the Georgia Municipal Clerks and Finance Officer's Association of the State of Georgia from 2006 to 2007. Sarah's guidance and expertise throughout her career paved the way for tremendous growth and success for the city of Hinesville, and I am very grateful for all she accomplished.

I wish her the best of luck as she begins her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORT
BEDFORD HONOR GUARD

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Fort Bedford Honor

Guard as this treasured organization marks 75 years of service to the Bedford County community.

The Fort Bedford Honor Guard, which is believed to be one of the longest-serving all-volunteer veteran honor guards in the nation, was formed in 1946 by World War II veterans Fred Wilfong, Ray Mock, Adam Crouse, Bob May, and Bob Howsare. For decades, this group has lived out its mission statement, "We Honor the Dead by Serving the Living," by serving the community with participation in funerals, parades, special services, and other ceremonies to honor the American flag, our veterans, and military families.

The members of the Fort Bedford Honor Guard are outstanding Americans, and we are indebted to their service to Bedford County, our Commonwealth, and our nation. I thank the leaders and members of the Fort Bedford Honor Guard for their years of service and congratulate them on this remarkable 75th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF ZETA PHI
BETA, HIGHLAND PARK CHAPTER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding contributions of the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta's Highland Park, Michigan Chapter, Kappa Rho Zeta.

Under the leadership of the late lone H. Gibson, Florida Mitchell, Mary Grant, Louise Beamon, Brenda Reed and Constance Russell, Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority was founded with the purpose of upholding the tenets of sisterhood, service, and scholarship. Over the past 40 years, the sisters of Kappa Rho Zeta have given countless hours of community service to the people of Highland Park. Their service and charitable work has extended to several locally-based organizations, including the Agape of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Coalition of Temporary Shelter (COTS), Highland Park Lions Club, Park Geriatric Village, the Children's Center, Detroit Goodfellows, the Boys & Girls Club of Highland Park, and Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries in Highland Park. They spearhead the annual holiday celebration for the seniors of Highland Park. Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter also opened two Stork's Nest locations in the community to provide workshops and assistance for pregnant mothers. And, in the tradition of scholarship of Zeta Phi Beta, uplift the graduating high school students of Highland Park by awarding scholarships to support them in their academic pursuits.

The sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter have embodied the spirit of giving and the importance of service. Please join me in recognizing the women of Zeta Phi Beta Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter for their many outstanding contributions to the residents of Highland Park and the 13th Congressional District as they celebrate 40 years of sisterhood in service.