have always known Dick to be a consummate professional with an exacting attention to detail and a passion for ensuring the success of America's space program. When I took over as the Ranking Democrat on the Committee, my first action was to name Dick the Chief of Staff. In the ensuing 12 years as my Chief of Staff, Dick guided the Committee staff through many successes, culminating in the passage this year of the CHIPS and Science Act, the largest and most comprehensive legislation in the Committee's history.

After three decades of service, I am happy that Dick will have some well-deserved time for rest and relaxation. I know he will appreciate having more time to spend with his beloved wife, Grace and his two children Pearl and John. But I also know that Dick is not one to hold still for too long, and I'm sure he will have success in any of his future endeavors.

We often speak of the dedicated staff who make this institution such a wonderful place in which to work. Dick Obermann is just such a person. His decades of public service have made this institution a better place. His efforts as a space policy professional were instrumental in ensuring the many successes of our nation's space program. But most of all, his sound counsel and friendship have made my time in Congress all the better. I thank Dick for his many years of dedicated and loyal service.

HONORING PHILIP DAVIS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as the first Bahamian American elected to Congress, to honor and welcome Philip Davis the newly elected Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Bahamas.

Philip Edward ''Brave'' Davis was born on June 7, 1951, in Nassau, Bahamas, the oldest of eight children born to Dorothy and Brave Edward Davis. Mr. Davis received his primary education at the Old Bight All Age School on Cat Island while living with his grandparents. After returning to Nassau, he went on to receive an education at the Eastern Junior & Senior Schools, and at St. John's College in New Providence.

Prime Minister Davis is perhaps best known now as a politician, serving as Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party, and Member of Parliament for Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador. However, he entered politics late in life. Professionally, he is known both locally and internationally as an acclaimed Corporate and Human Rights lawyer, a highly distinguished legal educator, a passionate sportsperson, a sponsor of many sporting activities, and a Toastmaster.

After a brief stint in banking, he articled as a Law Clerk in the Law Chambers of Wallace Whitfield & Barnwell. His appointment as Queen's Counsel, the highest possible honor which is conferred on those practicing law in the English legal system anywhere in the world, came in recognition of both his highly successful legal practice, but also his contribution to legal education. A leading litigation lawyer, Philip 'Brave' Davis has an impressive record in the Courts of Appeal, with perhaps more appearances before the UK Privy Council than any other Bahamian lawyer.

A former Member of the Council of Legal Education for CARICOM, he has made an unprecedented contribution to legal education in the Caribbean region. Mr. Davis twice served as Vice-President of the Bar Council before becoming President of the Bahamas Bar Association in 1995. Since 2002, he has been Managing Partner of the law firm which bears his name: Davis & Co.

In 1970 Mr. Davis became a Member of Toastmaster Club 1600, a nonprofit organization established to develop leadership skills through listening, thinking, and speaking. He served as its President in 1979, and as Division Governor of Toastmasters for The Bahamas in 1989. A keen sportsman interested in baseball, softball, swimming, and athletics. Mr. Davis served as Vice-President of the Bahamas Swim Federation from 1986 to 1990 and was President of the Sea Bees Swim Club from 1980 to 1990.

Mr. Davis has the love and support of his caring wife, Ann-Marie Davis. They have six children who have inherited their father's passion for sports, hard work and patriotism, which led them to represent the Bahamas at the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) Games.

During the last administration of the Progressive Liberal Party, from 2012 to 2017, Mr. Davis ran a super-ministry, the Ministry of Works. His portfolio covered everything relating to the physical infrastructure of The Bahamas, as well as oversight of Bahamasair, BEC, and the Water & Sewerage Corporation. Since May 2017, he has been Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party. On September 16th, he was elected the fifth Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, where he also serves as Minister of Finance.

HONORING GORDON KINNE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gordon Kinne.

Gordon is a lifelong Missourian, having been born in Hamilton, Mo. on August 23, 1952, and raised on his family's farm. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1970 and then came to Springfield to attend what is now Missouri State University—an institution with which he has enjoyed a lifelong relationship. Gordon to this day continues his connection with Missouri State. He's served as chair of the their Foundation's Board of Trustees. He also has been a board member and past president of the Missouri State University Alumni Association, and past co-chairman of the Bears Fund, as well as an active supporter of Bears athletic programs. He earned his bachelor's degree before entering the field of insurance.

In 1984, Kinne founded the third party administrator and full-service employee benefits brokerage firm MedPay, Inc., a company for which he still owns and serves as its president today. With nearly 50 employees, MedPay is one of the largest independently owned third party administrators in Missouri, partnering with a diverse mix of employers from both the private and public sector for both fully-insured and self-insured benefit plans. Its clients include large regional employers, small businesses, municipalities, school districts and institutions of higher education. He is past President for the Board of Directors of the national association of third-party administrators, the Society of Professional Benefit Administrators, which works to build best practices for the self-insured industry, and serves as a resource to the various federal departments that regulate the employee benefits industry.

In addition, Kinne has served a number of Springfield business and civic organizations, including serving as chairman of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, chairman of the Springfield Business Development Corporation, the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau and currently serves on the Springfield Good Government Committee. Gordon received the prestigious Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Springfieldian award which is given each year to an individual who exemplifies outstanding community service and dedication to improving the quality of life for Springfield and its citizens.

Gordon also serves as Missouri's National Committeeman to the Republican National Committee and is a former chairman of the 7th District Congressional Republican Committee. Gordon has a great passion for politics giving of his time and financially contributing to various political candidates.

Kinne has a strong passion for helping charitable organizations. He has offered his time and energy to a number of organizations in the Springfield area, including the Ozark Empire Fair, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, Lake Country Soccer and the Council of Churches of the Ozarks. He also financially supports numerous other local charities.

Gordon is a lifelong Christian and faithful member and supporter of Schweitzer Church in Springfield.

Gordon and his wife, Laura have been married 41 years and reside in Springfield, Missouri. Their oldest son, Marshall, and his wife, Winter, also live in Springfield with their son, Walker, and granddaughter Kate. Gordon's younger son, Mason, and his wife, Jamie, reside in Chandler, AZ.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that Gordon Kinne has dedicated his adult life to his community and many causes dear to his heart. I commend his work and wish him all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF ADMIRAL BENJAMIN NICHOLSON

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Admiral Benjamin Nicholson for his outstanding leadership as Commander of Joint Region Marianas. In June of 2021, Admiral Nicholson was sworn in as Commander of Joint Region Marianas tasked with fortifying American freedom and democracy in his work to achieve Indo-Pacific Command objectives while strengthening Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. With unwavering focus