

away on June 22nd of this year. Frank was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and husband who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Frank will long be remembered for the many meaningful contributions he made to his business and community. He successfully ran the Suite-Kote Corporation for many years while also serving on the Homer School Board and many other Homer-based community programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Frank Suits. While we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life and the legacy he leaves behind. May his life and memory always be a blessing.

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#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JUNE CATALANO

#### HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of June Catalano as she retires from the City of Pleasant Hill.

Throughout her career, most recently as City Manager in the City of Pleasant Hill, California, June has been dedicated to her community and to improving the lives of Bay Area residents. Prior to her work with the City of Pleasant Hill, June served as City Manager of Martinez from 2001 to 2006. Additionally, she served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Milpitas from 1998 to 2001. She also was the Director of Development Services with the City of San Leandro, Director of Planning and Building for the City of Santa Ana, and Community Development Director for the City of Laguna Beach.

June's leadership has been instrumental to the expansion and growth of Pleasant Hill. During her tenure with the City, June worked to foster a vibrant community within Pleasant Hill and to provide public spaces for community members to gather and enjoy. She played a key role in the redevelopment of the Crossroads Shopping Center and the newly renovated Pleasant Hill Library. June also led efforts to coordinate the Concerts by the Lake, Community Service Day, National Night Out, and more. Additionally, June guided the City through the Great Recession and through the COVID-19 pandemic where her leadership and dedication were critical in prioritizing community safety and health. June has worked tirelessly throughout her career to bring community members together and to improve quality of life for all residents of Pleasant Hill.

Please join me in congratulating June Catalano on her well-deserved retirement after 17 years of outstanding public service to our community.

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#### REMEMBERING DR. DENNIS CARLTON WOODS

#### HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Dennis Carlton

Woods, an inspiring and influential member of the Southeast Michigan community who passed away on May 26th of 2023. As Dr. Woods' family reflected upon their loved one's magnificent life, they affectionately recalled him as a persistent, creative, and intelligent father and community member. While Dr. Woods will be deeply missed by the many people he impacted, there is no doubt that these qualities have been passed on to his family and friends and will continue to positively influence his community.

On December 3, 1943, Dr. Dennis Carlton Woods was born in Detroit, MI, to Flavia Bell Taylor and Meldon Hubert Woods. Welcomed into a large, loving family, he was the third of seven dedicated and energetic children. After losing his father, Meldon, early in life, Dr. Woods sought new opportunities for himself and was determined to fulfill his intellectual curiosity. This determined spirit led him to Tennessee State University as a student athlete studying biochemistry with the intention of going to medical school. As a true Michigander, he still managed to return to Detroit during his summers to work at the Ford Motor Company foundry. Working hard to support himself and explore any opportunities that came his way, he sincerely believed that hard work is what is required to make something out of your talent. These values took Dr. Woods to Meharry Medical College in 1967, where he was incredibly involved in his campus community and pursued his medical degree, specializing in ophthalmology.

Outside of his academic career, Dr. Woods tried as many different activities as he could while at Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College. During his undergraduate career, he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. While in medical school, he was Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, the *Meharrian*, Class Treasurer, Pre-Alumni Association Treasurer, captain of the Meharry basketball team, and member of the Urology Club. His time as a student was also when he developed a passion for civil rights.

His drive to try new things didn't stop when he came back home to Detroit. Even when he co-founded a private practice, the Detroit Medical Group, he continued to lead an adventurous and well-rounded life. Dr. Woods became politically active in the area, hosting multiple political fundraisers at his home for multiple candidates, including the first African American mayor of Detroit, Mayor Coleman Young. These acts of social service included volunteering regularly at Plymouth United Church of Christ. Throughout his lifetime, he enjoyed fine art, photography, gardening, genealogy, travel, and more. His hobbies allowed him to bring his community of family and friends together to enjoy the activities as a group.

Above all, Dr. Woods was a family man. He was a loving father to his three children—Delisa Chimene, Dennis Jr., Krystle Charon—and was married to his wife—Polly Ann—for almost 55 years before his passing. He was heavily involved in his children's upbringing and encouraged them to pursue several opportunities and find their passions early in life. He spread his life experience, kindness, and zest for life to his children throughout their upbringing by showing them what they could achieve and supporting them in their individual pursuits. He remained close to his family and was even fortunate enough to spend time with

his nine grandchildren. Dr. Woods had an impact on everyone around him—he took photos of families at every community gathering, participated in shared gardens, spread his scientific teachings, and connected people across his lifetime.

Dennis Carlton Woods was truly a unique man—he was driven, brave, intelligent, curious, and above all, he was kind. His loss is one that leaves a community not only with irreplaceable memories, but also with valuable life lessons and love that will never leave them. He was a loving husband, father, and community leader who never failed to teach those around him. His legacy of hard work, dedication, and belief in his peers to succeed will live on for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the life of Dr. Dennis Carlton Woods today, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his remarkable impact on his community.

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#### HONORING SARAH HARRIS

#### HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Harris, a standout public servant and local leader who recently retired from her role as Puyallup's Parks and Recreation Director after a 35-year career with the City.

After graduating from Arkansas College, Sarah spent several years working for the military with a focus on recreational sports and fitness. When she moved to Washington state, she applied her love of sports and recreation to her first job with the City of Puyallup as a part-time Recreation Supervisor in 1988. Sarah eventually shifted to her most recent role with the City as their Parks and Recreation Director, working to grow the City's parks and beautify its public spaces for South Sound communities.

During her decade-long tenure as Director, Sarah oversaw several community projects, including the creation of Van Lierop Park and the installation of Puyallup's first-ever Spray Park in Pioneer Park. Thanks to Sarah's skilled leadership and sustained commitment to the City's development, Puyallup has one of the best Parks and Recreation systems in Washington.

I commend Sarah for her tireless service to the people of Puyallup and the state of Washington and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

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#### CONGRATULATING DR. CHRISTOPHER COLLIVER

#### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Christopher Colliver, a recipient of the coveted Presidential Rank Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the Federal career civil service.