

community, Tom Flores has truly been a role model, not only for Latinos but all fans of the NFL.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tom Flores. We recognize his successful career and contributions to society, look forward to his enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING REGINA WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Regina Williams on being named 2020 Historian of the Year by the Bedford County Historical Society.

Throughout the past year, Ms. Regina Williams has kept the history of Bedford County alive through her work to maintain social media pages dedicated to preserving our local history.

Her love of Bedford County goes beyond social media, as she has led hikes to the historical salt cave in Sweet Root Park, as well as the Imes Cemetery. She has also created education programs about Southampton Township for the Bedford County Leadership Group. Furthermore, Ms. Regina Williams has worked tirelessly to restore the Point Pleasant School in Southampton Township.

Ms. Regina Williams' work has greatly impacted the people of Bedford County for the better and her commitment to sharing our community's history is unmatched. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I congratulate Ms. Regina Williams on being named 2020 Historian of the Year and wish her continued success in her work to tell the story of Bedford County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. HIRAM "H" BOWLIN

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Hiram "H" Bowlin, who is a distinguished veteran that served our country in World War II and recently celebrated his 101st birthday on June 7, 2021. I extend my sincerest gratitude to Hiram for his dedicated service to our country, and I further thank him for his continued service to our community. I am delighted to wish him a very happy and joyful 101st birthday.

Hiram's service began when he was sent to Europe and assigned to the 94th Infantry, which was a part of the 3rd Army commanded by the great General George Patton. This infantry saw a total of 209 days of combat and participated in campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe. Hiram served as a Communications Sergeant and was responsible for stringing "commo wire" to different command posts during the war.

He was discharged January 16, 1946, and he returned home to the U.S. on February 6, 1946. For his service, Hiram has been award-

ed the Bronze Star, the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the M-1 Rifle Marksmanship Badge Medal, among other awards.

Hiram is described by his friends as a man of God who is beloved by his community. He often exchanges a warm smile and friendly wave with his neighbors as they pass by his home. He spent his 101st birthday surrounded by his friends and loved ones and even got the opportunity to ride in an antique fire truck that is as old as Hiram himself. When asked about the secret to living a long life by a local reporter, Hiram jokingly quipped, "Keep breathing."

Hiram is a blessing to everyone that knows him, and he has made a large impact on our community. He is known as a kind, caring man who loves Jesus. Veterans like Hiram are the backbone of our nation, and we owe them our sincerest gratitude. His service and sacrifice are a testament to his character and his deep love for our country. I want to extend my deepest thanks to Hiram for his dedicated service to our nation, and once again, wish him a very happy birthday.

KAT DOUGLAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kat Douglas for being awarded the 2020 Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Chairman's Choice Award.

As the Director of Jefferson County Community and Workforce Development, she has led the workforce, housing, homeless and Veterans program while supporting the economic vitality of the community and region. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kat and her teams supported the ongoing response and recovery efforts, along with their strong partner network, across Jefferson County. Specifically, Kat and her team helped manage the small business grant program, the Business and Economic Recovery Task Force, and the five-star certification program. The five-star certification program allowed certified businesses to open at a larger capacity, providing them with the ability to serve more customers and helping their bottom line following a difficult year. The process helped the Jefferson County community identify businesses as safe and responsible during times of uncertainty and helped jumpstart the economic recovery for businesses that were hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic and the region in general.

Kat's work to help businesses and the economy of Jefferson County—as well as her more than 17 years in Jefferson County government—is remarkable and clearly demonstrates her as a leader in our community and someone works hard to serve the needs of our residents and businesses. Thank Kat Douglas for her hard work and dedication to our community, and congratulate her on receiving the Arvada Chamber's Chairman's Choice Award.

COMMEMORATING ASSYRIAN MEMORIAL DAY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Assyrian Memorial Day, which is observed annually on August 7 to honor the memory of all those Assyrians who have fallen victim to genocide, other mass atrocities, and persecution. I am very proud that the Second Congressional District of Massachusetts is home to a vibrant Assyrian-American community—a proud reminder of survival and perseverance in the face of mass atrocities and extreme injustice.

The Genocide that we are commemorating today is a history of persecution and the systematic destruction of a people, based on their religion and ethnicity. It is a history shared with Armenians and Hellenes, or Greeks, perpetrated between 1914 and 1923. This is the period that began to form the world's modern-day understanding of crimes against humanity and genocide, culminating 20 years later in the atrocities committed against the Jewish people of Europe.

Madam Speaker, today is a moment to remember the hundreds of thousands of Assyrians who perished during this horror were irreplaceable human beings. Each individual—man or woman, children or the elderly—were part of a family, with dreams and hopes for the future—and all those hopes, all of those dreams, all of those "possibilities" were erased. This was done deliberately. This was a choice made by leaders at all levels of the Ottoman Empire and those who took charge immediately after the empire's demise.

The Assyrian people and the Assyrian Catholic Church have existed for over 2,000 years. In their ancestral homes of the Middle East—in Iraq, Syria, and Turkey—they lived and worshipped, established communities, and broke bread together, centuries before Islam was born in the region.

Sadly, the minority religions and peoples of the Middle East are facing yet another test, as they are again being persecuted and targeted for extinction. Most of the world's 2 to 4 million Assyrians still live around their traditional homelands, although they are frequently displaced and fleeing violence and war like so many others in the region. It is estimated that some 60 percent of Iraqi Assyrians have been forced to abandon their homes and leave the country since the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003.

Today, tens of thousands of Assyrians in Northern Iraq have fled persecution at the hands of ISIS, which has attacked Assyrian villages, killing or imprisoning hundreds. And with ISIS has come another form of genocide—the war against the history of mankind—with the destruction of archaeological sites, ancient books, artifacts, works of art, houses of worship, museums, centuries-old Bibles, and relics. Yet, we can take hope from the survival of towns like Alqosh in northern Iraq and the Nineveh Plains. People survive and the culture and memory survive.

We cannot sit idly by and watch this destruction continue. We need to provide aid and protection to these communities, these villages and towns—certainly for the sake of the Assyrian and other Christian minorities defiantly

surviving the bloodbath raging around them, but also for the sake of our shared humanity.

And clearly, the Assyrian culture and religion survive within all of those who, over the centuries, fled the region and made new lives in strange lands, including right here in the United States and in Massachusetts. And what a wealth of history, culture, and religion they have brought to us, enriching our communities and our public life.

Part of that history is St. Mary's Assyrian Apostolic Church which was built on Hawley Street in Worcester in 1924. I have read that it was built by about 30 Assyrian families who came to Massachusetts from southern Turkey. They were joined in later decades by Assyrians from Turkey, Lebanon, and Syria, and more recently, from Iraq. I knew that church. It was a wonderful place. But a couple of years ago, it moved to its new home in Shrewsbury, which luckily, is also part of my congressional district.

And like the Assyrian American Association of Massachusetts Cultural Center in North Grafton, it is a place of community and a place of defiance, of resistance, in the best meaning of those words—a place where culture and religion and human potential are valued, remembered, renewed, and strengthened.

So, while I rise to commemorate the tragedy of the past and to honor its enduring memory, I also celebrate the strength of the Assyrian-American community and the hopes of their future, and their children's futures.

In 2015, the Assyrian-American community of Massachusetts dedicated a monument called "Hope." Hope gives us life, gives us purpose, and a reason to look forward to tomorrow.

For centuries, Assyrians have survived persecution and some of the greatest evils known to humankind. But far from being exterminated, the Assyrian people—their religion and their culture—continue to survive and thrive.

HONORING PASTOR CHAD D. BRYANT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated community leader, an outstanding Man of God, and a dear friend of longstanding, Pastor Chad D. Bryant who is retiring and celebrating his 40th anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. An anniversary worship service will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 3 p.m. at the church located at 3601 Yeomans Street in Columbus, Georgia.

A native son of Columbus, Georgia, Pastor Chad D. Bryant was born to the late William Bryant, Sr. and Mattie Bryant. Pastor Bryant began his Christian journey after accepting Jesus at the age of 8. At the age of 16, he confessed a calling to the preaching ministry and by 18, he was ordained—all of which happened under the tutelage of the late Reverend C.C. Cloud of New Providence Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. Pastor Bryant received his grade school education in the public

schools of Columbus, Georgia before graduating from Spencer High School in 1974. He then went on to attend Morris Brown College, where he studied Sociology with an emphasis in Psychology. He also received a certificate in Church Administration and the Old and New Testaments from the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Columbus, Georgia.

In addition to being the beloved pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and a founding active member of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., he has also served as Assistant Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church; Associate Minister of Greater Beallwood and New Providence Baptist Churches in Columbus Georgia; a former instructor of the American Baptist College Extension Center; Assistant Director-General and Director-General for the Congress of Christian Education; and President and Dean of the Fourth District Congress of Christian Education under the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Pastor Bryant has gone far in life because his everlasting faith in the Lord is a vivid testimony of His greatness to all whom he encounters. His love and commitment to Christ are reflected in his compassionate and considerate leadership, which makes him a guiding light within the community. He is a humble man who always puts himself in the shoes of others. It has been said that, "The true person of success is not the person that climbs the ladder of this life with one hand, but climbs the ladder of this life with two hands and reaches back with the other." Pastor Bryant has always climbed the ladder of life with an eye towards helping others to reach their full potential, both spiritually and socially.

On a personal level, Pastor Bryant has been a friend and supporter for many, many years, and his friendship, advice, and counsel have always been valued by me. I am grateful and honored to be able to call him my friend.

Today I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the congregation of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in honoring and commending Pastor Chad D. Bryant on his outstanding career and upon the occasion of his retirement. We wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life.

AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF
H.R. 4502

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment to Division E of H.R. 4502, which provides funding for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, for fiscal year 2022. The purpose of this amendment is to highlight the need for additional financial resources for our rural water systems to address lead in drinking water.

It was recently reported that the drinking water at three locations in Clarksburg, West

Virginia, contained lead levels above 15 parts per billion, which is EPA's action level for lead contamination. The Clarksburg Water Board, CWB has done everything in its power to address the issue at hand, yet they are still constrained and need assistance to address this issue. The \$8,804,000 this amendment subtracts and adds back to the funding level for capitalization grants under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is the total amount the CWB would need to replace their water lines and improve their drinking water distribution system. By highlighting this needed funding, Congress will ensure that our rural water systems are given the assistance they deserve.

FLATIRONS DANCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Flatirons Dance as the 2020 Business of the Year by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Flatirons Dance was founded in 2016 by Jessica Fitzgerald. As director of the studio, she worked to create a studio based on family values and her classes highlight the importance of teamwork, collaboration, and positive group interaction. Additionally, classes provide a high-quality dance instruction by teaching the history, vocabulary, technique, and cultural context behind dance. Classes help students in their day-to-day life by providing structured and supportive interactions, practice problem solving, and experience building academic and artistic skills.

Flatirons' more than 20 professionally trained staff members work to make a nurturing, inclusive and welcoming environment for all of their students. Today, Flatirons offers both adult and children's classes and serves more than 400 students each year. Students have the opportunity to study many styles of dance including jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop, and musical theatre. For students looking for a larger commitment, Flatirons offers a competition team and a cheer program. Each student has the opportunity to showcase what they have learned in a presentation to peers, teachers, families, and the community each session.

I applaud Flatirons Dance for their work to make a difference in the lives of their students every day and their commitment to our community. Congratulations on being awarded Business of the Year by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING THE WICHITA BREWING
COMPANY'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 10th anniversary of the Wichita Brewing Company (WBC). Over the past decade, owners Jeremy Horn and Greg Gifford have built the brewery up from one location to