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ACT, 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Chair, the funds in H.R. 4821, The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act to decrease by \$3 million and increase by the same amount the \$67,942,000 designated for the Department of Interior (DOI) Office of the Secretary are intended to be used for a Work Environment Survey for the Department of the Interior and all its bureaus. They will help generate data that can be directly compared to the Work Environment Survey done at Interior and the National Park Service in 2017 by the Federal Consulting Group and the CFI Group. The survey is necessary to determine whether progress has been made after years of efforts by the Department to address sexual harassment, discrimination, and other workplace satisfaction issues, and to determine how to target resources for future efforts. According to the Office of the Inspector General Report, the 2017 Work Environment Survey cost nearly \$2.4 million. Assuming inflation rates assigned by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a survey conducted now would cost \$3 million.

HONORING UCLA CHANCELLOR
GENE BLOCK

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Representatives LINDA SÁNCHEZ, JIMMY GOMEZ, BRAD SHERMAN, and JAY OBERNOLTE, today to honor UCLA Chancellor Gene Block on his 17 years of steadfast leadership at one of America's premier research institutions.

Originally from New York, Chancellor Block received his bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from Stanford and the University of Oregon, respectively. Prior to his service at UCLA, Chancellor Block was internationally recognized for his research on the body's "biological clock." He continued his work at Virginia, leading a team that established an NSF Center for Biological Timing.

Since beginning his tenure in 2007, Chancellor Block's sure-handedness and optimism has navigated the Bruin community through numerous unprecedented challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and 2008 recession. He has led the campus towards great successes—like consistently ranking as the top public university in the nation. In his 17

years as Chancellor, the research budget has more than doubled—from \$4 billion to \$11 billion annually. This enables staff and student-researchers to develop solutions to society's most pressing issues.

Chancellor Block has also increased diversity of our body and the accessibility of a UCLA education. Enrollment at UCLA has grown by 9,000 students each year, and the school has acquired new properties in the South Bay and downtown Los Angeles and has strengthened ties with the region's diverse communities. UCLA's partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District that began under Chancellor Block in 2009 brings UCLA instructional programs and teacher training to students in the underserved Koreatown/Pico-Union neighborhood. This work is important to the Southern California community that UCLA supports.

The Chancellor has overseen the fundraising of hundreds of millions towards making a UCLA education more accessible by bolstering scholarship initiatives like the Bruin Scholars initiative, Chancellors Centennial Scholars Program, and UCLA affordability initiative. As a result of his commitment to diversity and accessibility, nearly a third of UCLA graduates are first-generation college students—as Chancellor Block was himself.

I join my colleagues and fellow UCLA alums, Representatives SÁNCHEZ, GOMEZ, SHERMAN, and OBERNOLTE, in thanking Chancellor Block for his commitment to higher education in our nation and Southern California community. We wish him a smooth transition back into research and teaching.

Go Bruins.

RECOGNIZING THE 19TH ANNUAL
FAIRFAX COUNTY HISTORY CON-
FERENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County History Commission on the occasion of the 19th Annual Fairfax County History Conference.

Since 1969, the Fairfax County History Commission has worked to identify, document, record and preserve the history of our region. There are few areas in the country that are as rich in history as our area is. The History Conference provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year while recognizing our neighbors who have made significant contributions to preserving and promoting our local history. Through the dedicated efforts of the History Commission and its many volunteers, we are assured that our history will not be lost and will be available for future generations.

This year, a number of dedicated individuals are being honored for their commitment to the preservation and education of history. I am

proud to enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Mike Salmon and Ean Eschenburg received the Mayo Stuntz Award for their work to promote and preserve the history of Fairfax County through video historic documentary production with their film, "Small Family Cemeteries: is There Room in Fairfax County?"

Josie Ballato received the Edith Moore Sprouse Prize for her interest in developing new data sources and maps to analyze influences on Fairfax County's growth from 1865 to 1965.

Carole Herrick received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the preservation of history in Fairfax County through her roles in organizations aimed at presenting and preserving the history of McLean.

Nadine Mironchuk received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her service as a Sister historian and long-time member of Fairfax County's Bull Run Civil War Roundtable. She has been a longtime champion and devotee of both Civil War history in Fairfax County.

Robert E. Beach received the Distinguished Achievement Award for his support of the Fairfax County History Commission over the past 22 years. His academic and practice backgrounds as an Architect specializing in historic restorations has been an extraordinary resource for the Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating all the honorees and thanking the Fairfax County History Commission for the important work they do for the Northern Virginia community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
RICHARD BARON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Richard Baron of Woodstock, Connecticut who retires from his work with the Woodstock Fire Marshal's office on November 30, 2023. Richard's retirement concludes 50 years of exemplary service to the Town of Woodstock, the last 27 of which were as Fire Marshal. His outstanding dedication to his community and expertise will be sorely missed.

From his earliest days in northeastern Connecticut, Richard was destined to be an exceptional member of the Woodstock community. He attended the Woodstock Academy and Ellis Technical School in Woodstock and Danielson respectively and was drawn to helping others by following a special calling to the challenging work of public safety. At a very young age, Richard began his journey at the Muddy Brook Fire Department as a volunteer, which gave him a chance to apply his technical knowledge and caring disposition to the tasks of a firefighter.

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Richard's professional career has also been defined by his service to the community—in the halls of Connecticut's state government, where he worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for over 31 years. His talented work and leadership skills were rewarded over the years with a series of promotions. At the time of his retirement, he had risen to the position of Fleet Manager for the entire state of Connecticut, which is a huge responsibility, requiring tremendous logistical and organizational skills.

In November of 1973, when Richard joined the Muddy Brook Fire Department, one of three volunteer departments serving Woodstock and the surrounding community, he started on the training squad. He has since remained a dutiful protector of his neighbors, serving 50 years in fire safety through many different capacities. He has always been guided by a principle to contribute wherever he felt he was needed by the town. Richard spent 45 of those years as an EMT. Given his diligence, Richard was promoted several times within the Muddy Brook Fire Department. His valuable contributions to the community were recognized and he achieved the rank of Captain by the early 1980s. During his time as Captain, Richard committed himself to advancing fire safety in Woodstock and took on the role of Deputy Fire Marshal for the town in 1984.

In 1990, Richard was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Muddy Brook Fire Department. Only two years later he was promoted again to Chief of the Department, a position he would hold until 1995. It was not just his extensive experience and impressive ethic that prompted these promotions, but also his obvious leadership qualities. Richard has always been willing to share his abundance of knowledge by mentoring and recruiting new members of the fire department.

Richard was appointed Fire Marshal by the Town of Woodstock in 1996, the position from which, after nearly another 30 years, he retires this month. Richard has been essential in presenting fire safety and prevention techniques. As Fire Marshal, he has been responsible for assisting all three Woodstock Fire Departments with fire suppression and hazardous materials activities. Richard's impact has reached far beyond administering the basic duties of a Fire Marshal. He has used his plentiful experience to create poster contests for children, scholarships, and more to help publicize and educate the public on Woodstock's fire safety activities. During this time, Richard has also served as the Safety Officer for the Muddy Brook Fire Department, demonstrating how deeply he cares about protecting those within his community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent such committed constituents like Richard Baron. Richard is an institution unto himself whose retirement leaves shoes that will not easily be filled. However, we can take solace in the knowledge that Richard's legacy lives on in the countless firefighters he mentored and, despite his retirement, that he will remain close to the Woodstock firefighting community. Having positioned the town of Woodstock for greater success, Richard has earned this retirement and will appreciate time with his wife of 30 years, Beth, and their family. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Richard Baron's community-oriented contributions to the town of Wood-

stock and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING COBB PRE-
PARATORY ACADEMY'S HON-
ORING OF VETERANS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cobb Preparatory Academy's effort to honor its community veterans.

The school honored: Sergeant Jaclyn Berry. Mr. Eddyer Brown. Mr. Chales R. Burton. Sr.. Mr. Kenneth Burton, Frazier Burrough. Mr. Tony Butler, Mr. Victor Byers, Ms. Nashonda Carter, Mr. Jimmy Catlett, Mr. Johnny Daniel, Mr. Donald Ray Dennison, Mr. Lonnie Elvin, Mr. Steven Folks, Mr. Adrian Fredricks, Mr. James Glover, Bishop Charles D. Gregory, Sr. Mr. Jason Granholm, Mr. Thomas Hall, Mr. Joe Harrington, Reverend Clyde Hill, Dr. D.R. Hill, SFC Daryl Ledford, Reverend Levi Lyles, Mrs. Wanda Lyles, Staff Sergeant Alyssa Louis, Lt. Retired Colonel Franklin McClain, Mr. Franklin McClain, Jr., Mr. Thaddues Moore, SFC Edward Mos, Jr., Reverend John H. Oliver, Mr. Antonio Phillips, Mr. Harold Ray, Reverend Ross Reed, Ms. Smoot, Mr. Stanley Shack, ILT, Brianna Sutton, Major Thomas, Mr. Antonio (Munford) Oliver, Commissioner Fred Wilson, Mr. James Woods, Mr. Fernaldo Wood, Mr. Danny Patterson and many others.

It is touching to see Alabamians go to such great lengths to honor our Nation's veterans, who have given so much to ensure the safety and well-being of America.

I would like to thank Mrs. Tersia J. Moore Hall. Principal of Cobb Preparatory Academy, faculty, staff, parents, and students for their efforts in this initiative that honors and expresses deep appreciation for their community members that have served their country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Cobb Preparatory Academy for its efforts to honor our veterans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. DESAULNIER. I regret that I was unable to vote on Thursday, November 2, 2023, during the second vote series.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

NAY on Roll Call No. 567, on agreeing to Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 568, on agreeing to Amendment No. 15 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 569, on agreeing to Amendment No. 59 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 570, on agreeing to Amendment No. 60 to H.R. 4821, the Depart-

ment of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 571, on agreeing to Amendment No. 61 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 572, on agreeing to Amendment No. 70 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 573, on agreeing to Amendment No. 70 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 574, on agreeing to Amendment No. 73 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 575, on agreeing to Amendment No. 74 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 576, on agreeing to Amendment No. 78 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 577, H.R. 6126, Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 578, H. Res. 798, Condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education, which may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff, as amended.

HONORING MEL SHELDON, JR.

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. I rise today to acknowledge that November is Native American Heritage Month. My district includes sovereign tribes whose people and culture contribute greatly to our region and nation: the Tulalip Tribes, Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Nooksack Indian Tribe and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians.

November is also a time to honor the women and men for their service in the United States Armed Forces. This Veterans Day, I honor the women and men from Native communities in northwest Washington who have fought for freedom, their homeland and their culture. More than 140,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans live in the United States today, including approximately 5,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans in Washington. Historically, Native peoples have answered the call to serve at the highest per capita rate of any population, embodying the values of bravery and sacrifice.

The Tulalip Tribes' proud history in the U.S. Armed Forces exemplifies the tradition of Tribal service. During the Vietnam War, approximately 42,000 American Indians—one out of every four eligible Native people—served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including 39 members of the Tulalip Tribes. My friend, Mel Sheldon, Jr., was one of these servicemembers. In August 1969, soon after graduating high school.

Mel enlisted in the U.S. Army. Thanks to his high aptitude, Mel advanced to Warrant Officer Flight School where he learned to fly helicopters. Arriving in Vietnam in October 1970. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sheldon volunteered to fly dangerous scouting missions as a member of Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. CWO2 Sheldon routinely exhibited bravery in combat alongside his fellow soldiers, accruing more than 900 hours of flying time, including 600 hours flying scouting missions, before returning home in fall 1971.

Not yet 21 years old and after more than two years in the Army, Mel had a difficult time transitioning home. As he put it, "I wanted to feel proud of serving our country," but, like many Vietnam veterans, he did not feel welcomed or acknowledged upon returning home from an unpopular war. To Mel and the many veterans who felt this way—including Tribal veterans, let me say how proud we are of their service and how grateful we are they returned home to serve their community for all these years.

After his Army service, Mel put his G.I. Bill benefits to use and furthered his education, attending Skagit College and then the University of Washington, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science. His military service and education prepared him for a career as a commercial fisherman and, later, as a member of the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors. Mel served for six years as Board Chairman, during which time he focused on protecting Tribal sovereignty and diversifying the Tribes' economy.

Today, the examples of Mel Sheldon, Jr. and proud Tribal veterans from my district and our country are an inspiration to current and future generations. Mr. Speaker, I raise my hands to Mel Sheldon, Jr., to the Tulalip veterans and to all Native women and men who served in the United States Armed Forces and who continue to serve their communities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORKS
OF SPENCER LANCASTER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a local civic champion and trailblazer, Spencer Lancaster, also known as "Uncle Buddy," of New London, Connecticut. Spencer was a true leader for the New London community. A role model and a mentor, Spencer always wanted to make a difference and he did, playing an active role in the civil rights movement throughout his life. Aged 95, Mr. Lancaster sadly but peacefully passed away on October 24th lovingly surrounded by his family.

Born in March 1928 to Richard and Dorothy Conover Lancaster in New London, Connecticut, Spencer purposed his life toward strengthening his community. While still in high school, Spencer was recruited to build submarines by Electric Boat during World War II. After graduation, Spencer heeded our nation's call to action and served in the United States Army 98th Battalion Field Artillery, 82nd Airborne in Fort Bragg, NC. Spencer's time in the army served as a catalyst for his advocacy

in civil rights as he found himself disconcerted when soldiers in identical uniform were separated into groups based on race.

Upon the conclusion of the War, Spencer went back to school and attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina where he met his wife and the love of his life, Pearlestine Williams. After marrying Pearlestine in September 1952, Spencer and his wife returned to his home in eastern Connecticut, starting a legacy which would mold generations to come.

Once returned to New London after the war, Spencer wasted no time in picking up where he left off pursuing his passion to make an impact in the city, successfully championing conversations for the integration of formerly all-white public housing in New London. Spencer became active in local politics and, in 1960, became the first Black elected official in the city of New London where he served on the Board of Selectmen. Here, Spencer's devotion to bringing about positive change flourished. He served as an example for others in his community and continued to combat housing discrimination and create an atmosphere where New Londoners could function as equal citizens regardless of their race, ethnicity, or economic standing.

In New London, a Black Heritage Trail plaque stands on Rodgers Street to mark where Spencer and Pearlestine bought their house in 1963, becoming the first Black homeowners on their street. Although a neighborhood petition was created to force them off the street, the Chief of Police, a neighbor to Spencer and Pearlestine, immediately rejected the petition. Spencer was rightfully recognized by the city of New London as a living legend on the city's Black Heritage Trail for his persistent advocacy on behalf of New London residents.

As if his impressive works in local government were not enough, Spencer also served as the first Black Deputy Sheriff of New London and devoted his time to helping secure appointments for other Black men and women. Spencer's impressive dedication to public service was further reflected in his organization of protests to combat racial discrimination throughout Eastern Connecticut as Vice President of the New London Chapter of the NAACP. Spencer's wisdom was not limited to his advocacy work. He also had legendary sales skills that he showcased in his 60 years of work for Linder Dodge and Jeep where he became the top-ranked Dodge seller in New England and the fifth nationwide.

Spencer was also a devout member of the Walls Clarke AME Zion Church in New London, the second oldest historically Black church in the city. Here, he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board and enjoyed singing in the Senior Choir.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of Spencer leaves a deep void in Connecticut. Spencer was simply awe inspiring and will be an inspiring addition to eastern Connecticut's pantheon of revolutionally change-makers. An advocate for making a difference where you can, Spencer's work has positively impacted and will continue to benefit members of our community and their families. Though we mourn this incredible loss, we can appreciate that Spencer's legacy and memory will live on through his family and the countless individuals who were influenced by him. Spencer is survived by his brother, Albert Lancaster, his sons Spencer Lancaster, Jr. and Robert Lancaster, his daughters Gilda

Butler, Margaret Lancaster, and Tricia Lee, nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and a large extended family. As we memorialize his service to our region, I ask my colleagues and this Chamber to join me in expressing our deepest respect for Spencer Lancaster's work and life.

HONORING FORMER ARMY RANGER
AND KOREAN WAR VETERAN
JAMES ARTHUR PARKHURST

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Arthur Parkhurst, a former U.S. Army Ranger and proud veteran of the Korean War.

Since before 1968, Jim has been a committed and selfless member of the Oxford American Legion. In 1990, he began its Veterans' Museum. In its early beginnings, older veterans donated their uniforms for display—but as time passed, its collection was built into a full-blown museum with a plethora of military memorabilia.

For many years, Jim has helped his community with parades, always making sure to include his fellow veterans. Year after year, Jim ensures that families are aware of both Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. From placing flags to cleaning headstones, Jim is well known throughout eastern Michigan for his support and commitment to veterans' causes.

Jim also helps many families throughout the community throw birthday parties for children, delivering toys, food, and other gifts. Even through the personal tragedies in his life, Jim is always there to serve others.

Jim gave his youth in service to our country: he has served with honor, distinction, and pride. To many, Jim is a profound inspiration.

Above all else, Jim has selflessly donated his time to make sure others are safe, our veterans are taken care of, and everyone can get the help they need. In the words of the Legion's Auxiliary Department Americanism Chairman Darlene Jones, "Jim just keeps going—he has no quit."

On November 11th, as part of their Veteran's Day observation, the American Legion will dedicate the Veterans' Museum in his honor. On behalf of Michigan's 9th Congressional District, I am proud to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to recognize James Arthur Parkhurst for his lifetime of service, both in and out of uniform. It is my sincere hope that the James Arthur Parkhurst Veterans' Museum of Oxford, Michigan, will prosper for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2023 ARTSFAIRFAX ARTS
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize ArtsFairfax and the recipients of the

2023 Arts Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, individuals, and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the formally named Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. Today, ArtsFairfax operates programs and Initiatives that include grant opportunities, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for more than 23 arts and culture organizations.

ArtsFairfax envisions a thriving arts and culture community accessible to all of Fairfax County. To support this vision, ArtsFairfax awards over \$795,000 in County, public, and private funds through competitive grants and awards to more than 60 organizations annually.

The Arts Awards honors supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Impact Award, the Education Award, and the Arts Philanthropy Award.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2023 Arts Awards Recipients:

The 2023 Jinx Hazel Arts Award, ArtsFairfax's premier award recognizing an individual or organization whose vision and commitment has helped shape the cultural life of Fairfax County, will be presented to the Workhouse Arts Center.

The 2023 Impact Award will be presented to Inova Schar Cancer Institute in partnership with Smith Center for Healing and the Arts.

The 2023 Education Award will be presented to The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University.

The 2023 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to Lola Reinsch.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2023 Arts Awards and recognizing the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

RECOGNIZING THE LIVONIA SYMPHONY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, the premier professional orchestra serving the people of Livonia, Wayne County, and Oakland County, as they celebrate 50 years of musical programming.

Founded in 1973 (originally as the Oakway Symphony), the Livonia Symphony Orchestra has been a musical force that brings a wide array of music, from Broadway to the classics, as well as world-renowned performers to the community. The Livonia Symphony has only had two musical directors in its entire history, founder Francisco Di Blasi and currentj Maestro Volodymyr Shesiuk who also serves as the orchestra's conductor. Under their leadership, the orchestra has thrived.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra is also a champion for music education. The group encourages all young people to engage in music

education. Their Musical Outreach Program helps provide musical instruments to students across the Livonia and Clarenceville upper elementary and middle schools. In keeping with the Symphony's belief that accessibility inspires interest and engagement, the organization encourages young people to explore music by providing these instruments free of charge to those in need.

Please join me in recognizing the Livonia Symphony Orchestra as they celebrate 50 years of music and community engagement in Michigan's 12th District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NEAL BROOKS BIGGERS, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Honorable Neal Brooks Biggers, Jr., who died at his home in Oxford, Mississippi, on October 15, 2023, at the age of 88. Judge Biggers was born in Corinth, Mississippi, to Neal B. Biggers, Sr., and Sara Cunningham Biggers. He was a graduate of Corinth High School and Millsaps College where he received his bachelor's degree in 1956.

After graduation, Judge Biggers enlisted in the United States Navy, subsequently graduating from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Newport, Rhode Island. He served four years on active duty during the Cold War, attaining the rank of Navy lieutenant. For a young man, he later recalled, it was the experience of a lifetime. When his active duty ended, this grandson of a Methodist preacher attended the Union Presbyterian Seminary before deciding the church was not his calling. It was at the University of Mississippi School of Law, however, that he found the work that would intrigue and challenge him for the next 60 years.

In law school, Judge Biggers was associate editor of the Mississippi Law Journal and president of the judicial committee. After graduating cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree, he went back home to Corinth, Mississippi, to set up a solo law practice. After five years of private practice, Judge Biggers ran for public office, winning elections as Alcorn County's prosecuting attorney and district attorney for the First Judicial District. Later, he was elected as circuit court judge for that district. In these positions, he served his county and state for a combination of 20 years. President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Biggers for the federal bench in 1984. After Senate confirmation, he began his almost 40-year career as a federal district judge in Mississippi's Northern District.

Judge Biggers served as chief judge of the court from 1998 to 2000. He was a member of various councils and committees of the Fifth Circuit, including the Judicial Council, the administrative arm governing federal courts in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. He also was a member of the American Judicature Society and The American Inns of Court. In 2010, the Alumni Association of Corinth High School honored Judge Biggers as its distinguished alumnus of the year. Millsaps College presented him with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 2012.

One of his great pleasures as a district judge involved the selection and mentoring of interns and law clerks over the years. Many were from the University of Mississippi School of Law and Mississippi College School of Law; some were from other states. All, he hoped, would become better lawyers because of their experiences in his chambers and courtroom. Each year, the University of Mississippi School of Law presents the Judge Neal B. Biggers, Jr., Constitutional Law Award to the top first-year students showing excellence in the school's constitutional law classes. In 2000, Judge Biggers took senior status, serving as a senior district judge until his death.

Other than the law, Judge Biggers' great passion was the game of golf. As a boy in Corinth, he caddied for his father and played the game through his time in high school, college, and military service. Throughout his life, he regularly took trips with golfing friends, playing notable courses across the country from Florida's Sawgrass to Torrey Pines in California. He traveled to Scotland several times to watch the Open at St. Andrews, sometimes playing golf himself at the Old Course and other renowned Scottish courses like Carnoustie. Judge Biggers was a Presbyterian, brought up in Corinth's First Presbyterian Church; a long-time member of Sigma Chi; and a man who cared deeply about his country and the rule of law.

He is survived by his beloved life partner, Robin Hendrickson of Oxford, Mississippi; his daughter, Sherron Biggers of Collierville, Tennessee; his brother, the Ret. Rev. Jack Cunningham Biggers, Bishop Emeritus of Northern Malawi, Africa; and numerous cousins.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes on November 2, 2023, due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: NAY on Roll Call No. 592; NAY on Roll Call No. 591; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 585; NAY on Roll Call No. 584; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; NAY on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 581; NAY on Roll Call No. 580; and NAY on Roll Call No. 579.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, I was unable to physically attend proceedings in the House Chamber due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

YEA on Roll Call No. 559 (Motion to Table H. Res. 807—Censuring Representative Rashida Tlaib);

YEA on Roll Call No. 560 (H. Res. 559—Declaring it is the policy of the United States that a nuclear Iran is unacceptable);

YEА on Roll Call No. 561 (H.R. 340— Hamas International Financing Prevent Action, as amended);

YEА on Roll Call No. 562 (Motion to Re-commit H.R. 4364—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024);

NAY on Roll Call No. 563 (Passage of H.R. 4364—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024); and

PRES on Roll Call No. 564 (Adoption of H. Res. 773—Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the House of Representatives).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on November 3, 2023. However, had I been present, I would have voted “NO” on Roll Call No. 597, H.R. 4821, Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024. This bill makes significant cuts that hinder the U.S. response to climate change. It exacerbates environmental discrimination and prohibits funding for necessary DEI programs. I do not support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING PENELOPE GROSS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Penelope “Penny” Gross on her retirement after 27 years of serving as the Fairfax County Mason District Supervisor and 21 years of chairing the Potomac Watershed Roundtable.

Elected in 1995 to represent the Mason District, Penny has been an advocate for affordable housing, expanded public transportation, and violence prevention. Penny represents Fairfax County on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the INOVA Health System Board of Trustees, and the Potomac Watershed Roundtable (PWR).

Shortly after becoming the chair of PWR, she encouraged the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to help in developing strategies that will bring the state of Virginia up to the standard that Maryland had already set, regarding efforts that support the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Program. With that, in July 2003, the Potomac River Tributary Strategy was developed by DCR.

In January 2004, Penny led the PWR in discussions for a 2004 vision, whose focal points influenced many water-related issues, such as Stormwater Management, Wastewater Treatment Plants, and Total Maximum Daily Load. In April later that year, Penny was appointed by then Governor Mark Warner to the Chesapeake Bay Blue Ribbon Funding Panel. A panel tasked with finding alternative sources

for funding the Chesapeake Bay Cleanup. By October 2004, Chairman Gross announced some recommendations on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Blue Bay Ribbon Finance Panel.

On the state and national level, Penny is a past president of the Virginia Association of Counties, vice-chair of the National Association of Counties’ Energy, Environment, and Land Use Committee, and past president of the National Association of Regional Councils. She was first appointed by Governor Mark Warner to the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) to the Chesapeake Executive Council, which she chaired from March 2006 until August 2008, and continues to serve.

I had the great pleasure of serving with Penny during my 14 years on the Board, first representing the Providence District and then as Chairman. The work that she has done for Fairfax County is outstanding, and we will continue to honor her legacy as a public servant. Penny Gross’s commitment to our community and the mission of local government is unparalleled. She leaves behind a legacy that will enrich our community for generations to come. Her career in public service is truly commendable and deserving of our heartfelt gratitude. All through her tenure as Chair of the PWR, she proved to be an exemplary leader, and continues to attract very influential and dedicated environmentally minded individuals to the roundtable.

Mr. Speaker, Penny Gross’s commitment to public service is seen through her tireless work on behalf of the people of Fairfax County. Though she may be retiring, I suspect that she will continue to remain active in the causes that are important to her. I commend her for her service and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her retirement.

HONORING MARY ANN RILEY OF INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ann Riley of Inman, South Carolina for her decades of service to our community and dedication to the South Carolina Republican Party.

Mrs. Riley moved to South Carolina in 1982. That same year, Mrs. Riley began attending community meetings, getting involved in local campaigns, and was appointed President of the Spartanburg County Republican Women, where she has served ever since.

More than politics, Mrs. Riley is a major contributor to her local pregnancy center, she has volunteered her time with the mental health divisions, the foster care community, and supports Upstate veterans undergoing hospice care. She is also active in her church and other organizations that work to assist our fellow South Carolinians every single day.

She has served the South Carolina GOP in many roles and has attended local, state, and national meetings and conventions. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the “Woman of Achievement Award” from the South Carolina Legislative Republican Women

Caucus, “Woman of the Year” from Spartanburg County Republican Women and has received the honor of “Catholic Woman of the Year” twice.

A former teacher, her life’s work has been to make the world a better place for her students, her neighbors, and future generations.

Mrs. Riley is a true public servant who has made a significant and lasting impact on Spartanburg County, the South Carolina GOP, and the lives of countless South Carolinians. We will never be able to fully thank her for over 30 years of service to the people of Spartanburg County and the Upstate as a whole. She has left an indelible mark on the Palmetto State.

I thank Mary Ann Riley for her years of service and friendship. May God continue to bless her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on November 3, 2023, I was unavoidably detained attending to matters in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted No on Roll Call vote 593, No on Roll Call vote 594, No on Roll Call vote 595, Yes on Roll Call vote 596, No on Roll Call vote 597, and Yes on Roll Call vote 598.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX TREE COMMISSION’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Fairfax County, Virginia Tree Commission.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chartered the Tree Commission as a board of public members in August 1973, and in 1976 it was expanded and incorporated into the county code to advise the Board on implementing the newly enacted Tree Planting and Preservation Ordinance. The Tree Commission’s has operated for 50 years in service to the health and well-being of the county’s urban forest, which in turn affects the health and well-being of all county residents.

In 2005, as then Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I recognized that the county’s population had grown exponentially and so had the stressors on our tree canopy. I appeared before the Tree Commission and asked it to develop a Tree Action Plan the county could use to manage and enhance the county’s forests and trees. That Plan was adopted by the Board in 2006.

In 2008 the county successfully sought new Virginia state legislation to better protect trees, which led to the county enacting the Tree Conservation Ordinance (Chapter 122). It requires a minimum percentage of tree canopy to be preserved or replanted during the development process and established within 10 years.

The Tree Commission worked to update the Tree Action Plan, which the Board adopted in

2020. It includes a detailed description of the health and environmental benefits of trees, as well as a strategic management plan to protect, preserve and expand the county's urban forest. That plan continues to guide the Tree Commission's advice to the Board on policies and procedures affecting trees.

The Tree Commission has long sponsored the Fairfax County Friends of Tree Awards, which are designed to inspire individuals, agencies, organizations, and developers to protect, maintain and expand the county's tree canopy with exceptional and innovative tree actions and tree education programs. The Tree Commission created and continues to update and distribute a public education pamphlet, *Tree Basics*, explaining how to select the right tree, for the right location, at the right time, and how to plant and care for trees so they will survive. It is one of the county's most widely distributed and popular information brochures. Members of the Tree Commission participate in county outreach events, in the Tree Community of Practice as authorized by the Tree Action Plan, in the Tree Preservation and Planting Fund, and in other tree-related activities as needed.

The Tree Commission promotes the equity goals of the county's One Fairfax policy by supporting tree preservation and planning projects that will benefit historically underserved neighborhoods in Fairfax County. And the Tree Commission has supported programs such as the Communitywide Energy and Climate Action Plan, which seeks to expand the overall county tree canopy to 60 percent, with a minimum of 40 percent canopy coverage in every census block by 2030. Everyone deserves to benefit from living near trees.

I am pleased to join the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which has recognized 2023 as the Tree Commission's 50th Anniversary year, a time to honor and celebrate all its members over the years who faithfully served to preserve, protect, and expand our urban forest for the benefit all county residents, both now and in the future. To honor the Tree Commission's stellar service, the Board has planted 50 trees next to the Fairfax County Government Center, where they will grow and flourish for the next 50 years and beyond.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAM SLOM, FORMER HAWAII STATE SENATOR

HON. JILL N. TOKUDA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of my favorite Republicans, my former colleague, my friend, the late Hawaii State Senator, Sam Slom.

For 20 years, Sam represented East Honolulu's 9th Senatorial District. and for almost half that time, he was the sole Republican member of the Hawaii Senate earning him the self-imposed nickname. "The Lone Ranger."

As one of a handful. or the only, member of the minority party, Sam read every bill, every resolution, and defied time and space to try and get to every committee and vote.

I had the honor and privilege of serving many years side by side Sam. Yes. we disagreed on many things, but more than not, we

saw eye to eye, especially on our commitment to lowering the cost of living for middle class working families and being good fiscal stewards with taxpayer dollars.

Prior to his service in the State Senate. Sam served as the chief economist for the Bank of Hawaii, and for over 30 years he was the President and Executive Director of Small Business Hawaii.

There is much that could be said about the boy from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who found his way to Hawaii in the sixties and made Hawaii his home.

What I can personally share is that he was often the member I could count on to be there. When I needed his vote, even if he disagreed, he'd help me get it to the floor and was open and honest with me on why he disagreed.

He was a statesman till the very end, and given the partisan times we find ourselves in, I truly miss my friend.

Mahalo to Sam for blessing us with his wisdom, his advocacy. and his friendship. There are more Hawaiian hoary bats in our islands because of him and we will forever remember him as the lone ranger who challenged our minds and won our hearts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG LANDSMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 592; NAY on Roll Call No. 591; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 585; NAY on Roll Call No. 584; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; NAY on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 581; NAY on Roll Call No. 580; and NAY on Roll Call No. 579.

RECOGNIZING THE 2023 FAIRFAX'S FINEST VALOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Gold Citizen Award, Meritorious Award, the Certificate of Valor, Unit Citation, and Unit Citation: Silver Award of Valor.

It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Silver Award of Valor: PFC Maurice Anderson, OFC Patrick Talbott, PFC Olivia Baratto, PFC Larry Luna.

Bronze Award of Valor: Lt. Ben Smith, MPO Joe Pittman, PFC Ryan Foster, PFC Sam Dee, PFC Marissa Fettig, PFC Noelle Becker, OFC Mathias MacFarlane, Dispatch Supervisor Cynthia Tetterton.

Certificate of Valor: Captain Steven Burmeister.

Gold Citizen Award: Mr. Ahmed Alsrail.

Meritorious Award: Sgt. James Lewis, MPO Charles Mills.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2023 Fairfax's Finest Valor Awards Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who keep our community safe. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

HONORING MS. EVELYN RICE-PEEBLES

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to celebrate and honor Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles for her career in public service to Missouri's First District over the last 30 years. Throughout her career, she has been an inspiration to many. Evelyn was the first Black woman appointed as a Commissioner in the City of St. Louis. She has served under several Mayors, most recently as the Commissioner of Recreation for the City of St. Louis, ensuring that all St. Louisans have an opportunity to enjoy recreational activities such as swimming, aerobics, basketball and more.

Her charitable contributions have ranged from providing science and conservation education at the Saint Louis Science Center and Missouri Department of Conservation, to promoting learning opportunities with the National Society of Black Engineers. She has further dedicated her time with BJC HealthCare's School Outreach and Youth Development, St. Louis Transitional Hope House, and the Women's Society of Washington University.

She is a proud mother who is passionate about her faith and is committed to making St. Louis a better place for all, especially our youth. Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles has received multiple awards including the Harambee Institute Youth Service Award, the Jodie Bailey and Friends Recreational and Sports Social Inc. Role Model Award, the Hope House Creative Support Award, and the Young Women Christian Association's 2016 Leader of Distinction Award. She is also an inductee of the St. Louis Boxing Hall of Fame and a recipient of a Resolution for Excellence in Office and Service by the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen.

On behalf of Missouri's First District and the St. Louis community, we thank Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles for everything she has done for our region. I personally wish her a joyous retirement filled with family, creative writing, spoken word, and the final publication of her collection of short stories.

HONORING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
SANTA ANA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 100th Anniversary Celebration of The Kiwanis Club in Santa Ana.

On October 20, 1920, a group of 77 leading citizens of Santa Ana organized the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana as the seventh Kiwanis Club in California. The Club Charter was issued on February 23, 1921.

In the 1920's and 1930's, the Club focused on supporting various youth and community organizations, including the YMCA and Boy Scouts of America. Members of the Club worked on the coordinating committees for the development of the current Santa Ana College Campus and the YMCA building on Sycamore Street, as well as helped to build the Masonic temple on that same road.

In 1954, a focus on scholarships led to the Club's first award to a Santa Ana High School student for \$500. Due to the generosity of members, friends, and bequests, the Foundation scholarship fund has grown to over \$1 million. Scholarships today are awarded to continuing and transferring Santa Ana College students. To date, the Club has awarded over \$3.6 million in scholarships.

Notably, Kiwanis International eliminated gender as a qualification of membership in 1987. The Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana welcomed its first female member shortly thereafter. Santa Ana Kiwanians Doy Henley and Cliff Benson took a stand and advocated for the inclusion of women at the International Convention in 1979.

Since 2000, the club has focused on education and support for low-income families and

those with special needs. The Club has evolved with the needs of the community and has developed into a group of concerned, motivated men and women from diverse ethnic and vocational backgrounds.

While many similar organizations within the Kiwanis Community and other similar organizations have disbanded, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana is still doing significant work in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this wonderful milestone of a century of community service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
THEODORE HERFURTH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of James "Jim" Theodore Herfurth, who passed away peacefully in his home on November 1, 2023, in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Jim was born on July 21, 1937, to parents Theodore and Mathilda Herfurth in Eldon, Missouri. He attended Eldon High School where he played forward for the Mustangs Basketball team. The team ultimately won the State Championship in 1954, and Jim graduated in 1955. He continued his education at the University of Missouri, graduating in 1959 with a BS degree in banking and finance, and commissioning as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Artillery. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served as a Finance Officer and as adjutant for the Target Artillery Department. His passion for his country led him to extend his original tour for an additional year due to the Berlin Crises.

After leaving active duty, Jim began his finance career with IBM in Kansas City, Mis-

souri. In 1964, he began his 35-year banking career with Central Trust Bank in Jefferson City, Missouri while simultaneously joining the 420th Civil Affairs National Guard Reserve Unit. During his career with the Central Bank organization, Jim rose through the operations and loans divisions, as well as the ranks of the Missouri National Guard, until Central Bancompany's acquisition of Bank of Lake of the Ozarks in 1987. Jim was then named President and CEO of the newly named Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks, and he earned his rank of Colonel in the Missouri National Guard.

Passionate about his community, Jim left a mark wherever he lived. His commitment to his community was evidenced through his involvement in the new construction of roads and bridges, economic development through Central Bank, public schools, YMCA, hospitals, and the Dogwood Animal Shelter. He had a strong sense of community and worked hard to make his home a better place for everyone.

Although a busy man, Jim still found time to enjoy his hobbies. He loved to play golf, spending an equal amount of time playing as he did trying to convince his grandchildren to play. When he wasn't golfing, Jim was snow skiing, visiting Palm Springs, or visiting he and his wife's friends in Tucson, Arizona.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Marjorie M. Herfurth; his two children from his marriage in 1961 to Barbara A. Silvers: daughter, Kimberly Herfurth Ayscue of Franklinton, North Carolina; son, J. Matthew Herfurth and his wife Jeane Herfurth of Madison, Mississippi; his four grandchildren: Michael and Andrew Boyleir; daughter, Grace, of Monet, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Herfurth Moffitt.

Jim's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be deeply missed by all whom he encountered.