HONORING PASTOR CARL JOHNSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Carl Johnson for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said, ''it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.'' I thank Pastor Johnson so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all the he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Pastor Carl Johnson, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a, generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 15th, I was unable to vote on H.R. 1948, the VA Employee Fairness Act (Roll Call No. 530). I had to attend the investiture ceremony of the United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Court of Appeals, a Memphian I recommended. I am a cosponsor of this bill and would have voted yes had I been present.

RECOGNIZING BRITT VAN'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

HON. SUZAN K. DelBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Britt Van and thank her for her contributions to the New Democrat Coalition. Britt, a dedicated and passionate staffer who served as the Coalition's Policy Director, departs New Dems this month after more than five and a half years with the Coalition.

Though she is leaving the New Dem team now, her impact on our Coalition will not soon be forgotten. Britt helped oversee the growth of the New Dem Coalition to its strong position now—a coalition of 98 Members who are focused on breaking through the gridlock in Washington to find innovative and small policies that help set Americans up for long-term success. I've had the privilege of chairing the Coalition during the 117th Congress and the great privilege of working with Britt for nearly six years.

Britt joined the New Dem staff in 2017, and over her career with the New Democrat Coalition, she has served under three chairs—Rep. JIM HIMES, DEREK KILMER, and myself. During her time with New Dems, she has helped shape the Coalition's policy work and deliver strong legislative accomplishments.

When the COVID–19 public health and economic twin crises hit, Britt got to work immediately on policies that would help the American people, and thanks to her tenacity and ingenuity, she helped secure critical New Dem priorities in the American Rescue Plan. She also ensured that New Dem priorities were reflected in the historic legislative packages that have passed in the 117th Congress, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the CHIPS and Science Act to the Inflation Reduction Act.

As Policy Director, she helped strengthen the Coalition's relationships across the board; from Members to their staff, Britt is a trusted policy resource. This year, Britt worked to create the Inflation Working Group and then develop the Action Plan to Fight Inflation, which many Members used extensively. Britt has made invaluable contributions to our Members and the Coalition as a whole. Her policy insights, wisdom, and general love for everything New Dem cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the New Democrat Coalition, I thank Britt and wish her the best of luck in the future.

HONORING DR. RICK HOLTON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Rick Holton for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said ''it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.'' I thank Dr. Holton so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Rick Holton, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

RECOGNIZING NANCY SHOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nancy Shor in recognition of her receipt of the Silver Shingle Award from her alma mater, Boston University School of Law.

Ms. Shor graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1976 and was presented this award by the Dean on December 7, 2022, in honor of her 40 years of Public Service on behalf of dis.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Nancy Shor's dedicated years of service and in expressing my gratitude for her continued commitment to service.

HOMETOWN HERO—ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. John the Apostle Catholic School in North Richland Hills, Texas, for being just one of seven private schools in the state to receive the 2022 Blue Ribbon School Award from the Department of Education.

Last week, St. John Catholic held its award ceremony to celebrate this well-deserved accolade. Looking at their exemplary students, teachers, and curriculum, it is no surprise they won this award for a second time.

National Blue Ribbon Schools officially recognized St. John Catholic for its diverse student population, outstanding outdoor program, and exceptional Institute for Excellence in Writing.

On behalf of our entire community, I would like to thank St. John Catholic for equipping the next generation of North Texans with the tools necessary to create a better future for North Texas and the entire country. I am excited to see what the incredible students of St. John Catholic will accomplish in the near future.

HONORING LEVITICUS GILLARD

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leviticus Gillard for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said, ''it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.'' I thank Leviticus Gillard so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Leviticus Gilliard, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit, and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.