

the family he took great pride in raising, and the enduring legacy of his service. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Captain Thomas Kenney. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his many years of dedication to his community and his country.

IN MEMORY OF MR. JAMES A.
"BUD" CODY, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated leader and true champion for the law enforcement community, Mr. James A. "Bud" Cody, Sr. Sadly, Bud passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019. A public memorial celebrating his life and legacy will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia.

James A. "Bud" Cody, Sr. was born on November 27, 1938, in Willacoochee, Georgia to the union of the late Homer and Mellie Cody. At a young age, he was destined to be a part of something greater than himself. While attending Valdosta High School, he was a member of the school's famed football program and state winning 4x4 track relay team. At the age of 18, he began working full-time at the Boys Club in Valdosta, and it was then that Bud realized his passion for helping underprivileged youth reach their full potential. As a full-time father and husband, Bud attended night classes at Valdosta State College and in 1961, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Social Work. Upon his graduation, the Boys Club relocated him to Texas where he was instrumental in the establishment of several Boys Club facilities across Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico.

Bud discovered his second passion for serving the Office of Sheriff through improving law enforcement and training in 1966 when the Georgia Sheriffs' Association (GSA) hired him to serve as their first Executive Director. That same year, he began his tenure as the Director of the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes' Boys Ranch in Hahira, Georgia and as the Treasurer for the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia (SRFG). He actively served in all three roles until his retirement in September of 2012. During his 46-year tenure as the Executive Director of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, he was sought after by several Georgia governors (ranging from Governor Sanders to Governor Perdue) for his advice and counsel on matters relating to improving law enforcement throughout the state.

Bud's impact on the law enforcement community expanded in 1978, when he joined his friend and business partner, Claude Grizzard, to form the company, Computer Fund Raising (CFR), which provided financial assistance to millions of officers and youth in over 30 states. In 1980, in an effort to nationally protect and preserve the Office of Sheriff, Bud worked with Bobby Timmons of the Alabama Sheriffs' Association to form the National Sheriff's Association Committee of Presidents and Executive Directors. In 1982, Bud used his position as Treasurer of the SRFG to assume control of

the Fund's \$9 million in assets and helped increase it to its current total of \$97 million, to ensure that those who gave their lives to protect and serve receive retirement funds. Bud took his passion one step further in 1990 when he worked with state leaders, criminal justice practitioners, and Sheriffs to establish the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia, a world-class public safety training facility that trains more than 2,000 students daily. He also helped create safe havens and educational opportunities for thousands of Georgia's youth by overseeing the development of youth homes in Cherokee Estate, Pineland, Herrington, Homestead, and Mountain View, Georgia. Additionally, in 1995, he and the GSA created the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes Foundation, which currently holds \$15 million in assets for their on-going youth homes.

Bud accomplished much in his life; but, none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his family—including his children, James, Jr., Derek, Camille, Amy, and Celena (deceased); his twelve grandchildren; and his four great-grandchildren. Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Bud is undoubtedly great because of his selfless service, devotion to his work, and the compassion he showed for his friends and loved ones. Bud's impression on this earth extends beyond himself to the very well-being of the communities in which he lived and served.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian, and I, along with the almost 730,000 people in Georgia's Second Congressional District, salute Mr. James A. "Bud" Cody, Sr. for an outstanding career within law enforcement and his lifelong dedication to serving his community. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Bud's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SULLIVAN-WALLEN POST 11'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor American Legion Sullivan-Wallen Post 11 as its members celebrate the 100th Anniversary of their charter in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Post 11 was founded in July of 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization dedicated to supporting America's service members and veterans. The Post was named after veterans Francis Sullivan and Earl Wallen. Francis Sullivan, who grew up in Green Bay, died serving in France during WWI. Earl Wallen of Pensaukee, Wisconsin served in WWII on the USS *California*, during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Wallen, a Marine private first class, was killed after he volunteered to climb up to the battleship's crow's nest to fire a machine gun at attacking Japanese planes. The legacies of Sullivan and Wallen continue to be taught and honored by Post 11.

Post 11 also has close ties to the Green Bay Packers. In the 1920s, Post 11 became a beneficiary of the Packers in the event the team was relocated or sold. Post 11 is also the only permanent color guard in the NFL. The Post presents the colors before every home Packer game, a tradition dating back to the 1940s.

Post 11 is one of the largest American Legion posts in the area with over 600 members. The Post organizes fundraising events to support veteran programs, such as their annual Booyah Bash, a community favorite. The Post hosts youth programs including a marksmanship program to learn rifle safety, a Christmas party, and an Easter egg hunt. The Post also sponsors high school students to attend Badger Boys State.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking Post 11 for its 100 years of support of service members, veterans, and the Green Bay community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Speaker, I rise today to include in RECORD how I would have voted on H.R. 2515, H.R. 3050, and H.R. 2409. I was unable to vote yesterday because my scheduled flight was cancelled. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for each bill.

HONORING ASSISTANT CHIEF LUIZ CASANOVA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding member of our community and a dear friend as he retires after years of dedicated service to the New Haven Police Department—Assistant Chief Luiz Casanova. Assistant Chief Casanova has dedicated a lifetime to public service and his presence at the Department will most certainly be missed.

In a career that has spanned decades, Assistant Chief Casanova has demonstrated a unique commitment to public service and law enforcement. He began his career at the State of Connecticut Department of Corrections and it was there where he says he first learned that the prison system was broken. It was also from his experience with the Department of Corrections that he found his true calling. He wanted to make a difference about the way people in his neighborhood were being treated by law enforcement, so he chose to try to make the change from inside the organization. Upon joining the New Haven Police Department, he rose through the ranks, dedicating himself to the community policing concept and finishing his career as Assistant Chief.

Too often we take for granted the incredible work of our law enforcement officials. I have always held a deep admiration for our community's police officers—each day facing new