

States Navy during World War II, and return after the end of the war. After graduating, John would go on to our nation's capital and complete his graduate studies from Georgetown; he would major in International Law while there. Later on, he would attend the Army War College and complete his studies in International Relations.

In 1948, John married his beloved wife, Janet (Carpenter) Elliker of Detroit, Michigan who also attended Miami University and preceded John in death in 2014 and was known in Washington, D.C. and in Ohio as a dedicated Bible Study leader and as a sports-woman. They were married 66 years.

John subsequently served with the National Security Agency (NSA). During his years with NSA, he undertook assignments across the world, with specific ties to Asia and Europe, and at the National Headquarters and Processing Center in the Washington, D.C. area. His journey would take him to the highest executive levels of the agency. His senior positions included Director of Foreign Relations, Director of Field Activity, and Assistant NSA Deputy Director for Policy. Following retirement, John and Jan moved to New Philadelphia in 1988.

John was active in community affairs in various capacities. He served with the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce, the Tuscarawas Philharmonic, and the local Kiwanis Club. He was active as a member of the Dover Alliance Church serving over the years in several positions such as elder, church governing board and board secretary as well as musical activities. John frequently lectured on foreign affairs for local organizations. He was a member of the Union Country Club where both he and Jan were ardent golfers.

John is survived by four children, John Jr. (Susan) of Virginia Beach, VA, James (Roula) of Fleetwood, PA, Jody (Bill) Weisgarber of New Philadelphia, OH, and Jeffrey (Marcia) of Durham, NC, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, John is preceded in death by two brothers, Richard of Cable, WI, and Bernard of Ellicott City, MD.

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HONORING DON LEMON

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Lemon on his accomplishments and to congratulate him on receiving the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom and Justice Award.

Don Lemon is a multiple Emmy and Edward R. Murrow award-winning CNN Anchor. He has worked for news stations across the country and has reported for NBC News' New York Operations as a correspondent for Today, Weekend Today, NBC Nightly News, and MSNBC.

Born on March 1, 1966, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Don Lemon graduated from Baton Rouge public schools and attended Louisiana State University, later graduating from Brooklyn College. The best-selling author moderates CNN political town halls and co-hosted the

Color of Covid special that addressed the pandemic's impact on communities of color.

During the 116th Congress, I worked to pass historic, bipartisan legislation creating the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys. Mr. Lemon will always be remembered as a leading network voice following the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests and riots.

Mr. Lemon was honored for being a champion for males of color at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast, and it is an honor to call him a friend.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. CHEN CHING YING

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Dr. Chen Ching Ying, who passed away on October 2, 2022. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and an outstanding leader for the professional world of medicine.

Chen Ching was born on May 6, 1930, in Qingdao, China, to Mr. Gua Ying and Mrs. De Zhen Li. After graduating from the National Defense Medical Center in Taipei, he served for 10 years in the Taiwanese military. After two years of service as a general medical officer, Chen Ching completed his residency training in Pediatrics for three years at Taichung Hospital.

Following the completion of his residency in 1966, Chen Ching became a staff physician at the Taipei Veterans General Hospital. On May 6, 1967, Chen Ching married his wife, Lily Fan. In 1968, their first son, Steve, was born. Chen Ching soon began studying for the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and passed the infamously difficult exam. In 1972 their second son, Alan, was born. In 1973, Chen Ching began his internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida. After various residency programs, Chen Ching obtained his license to practice medicine and was able to settle down with his family in Ohio. His life is an excellent example of achieving the American dream.

Chen Ching dedicated his life to the medical profession and his family. His upbringing and life in Taiwan brought forth an ethic of perseverance and service. With 63 years of experience under his belt, Chen Ching proved to be an essential asset to the medical world. While his passion for treating and healing patients drove him, Chen Ching was known for his love of family and a passion for table tennis, history and music. He was loved by so many people and touched so many lives with his giving spirit and caring heart. The loss of Chen Ching will be felt by his friends, family, and the many communities he has treated and served.

Chen Ching is survived by his sisters, Lai-Ching and Ching-Ehr; brother, Chen-Zhe; and sons, Steve and Alan; and his grandchildren. May Chen Ching's memory live on in his many contributions to his community and family.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE  
ALBIO SIRES

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of our colleague and dear friend, ALBIO SIRES. Chairman SIRES is retiring after ten years of admirable service in the U.S. Congress. In that time, he has been a steadfast advocate for human rights, democracy, and for those struggling for freedom in the most repressed places in the world.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman SIRES worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people to manifest our American values and interests abroad.

If you were to compare our voting records, you might conclude that we have little in common. That would be wrong. Like my family, Chairman SIRES' family was forced into exile to escape the tyranny of the Castro dictatorship. We share the gratitude of being warmly welcomed into freedom, while also feeling compelled to help those still languishing in their island prison. So when it came to pressing for freedom for the people of Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Communist China, Iran, and elsewhere, Chairman SIRES was a fierce and adept advocate.

Chairman SIRES and I also co-chaired the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, a bipartisan congressional organization that focuses on preserving freedom and self-government for the people of Taiwan, providing Taiwan with the tools it needs to defend itself, and strengthening the U.S.-Taiwan relationship. We also co-chaired the Colombia Caucus, which built on the success since Plan Colombia to ensure that the country did not backslide into the violence and narcoterrorism of the 1990s. No one could be a better ally in the struggle for democracy and human rights than my friend, Chairman SIRES.

I thank him for his service, and will always be proud of the accomplishments we achieved together to advance freedom in the Pacific and our hemisphere. He has left a lasting legacy befitting the foundational values of freedom, self-rule, and fundamental rights.

Chairman SIRES is a friend, patriot, and a beloved brother in the cause for freedom. I am grateful that our country has been blessed by his leadership. Indeed, his example represents the best of America, and the best of this body.

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RECOGNIZING KEVIN COUNTIE

**HON. TROY E. NEHLS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I am honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of my Deputy Chief of Staff and National Security Advisor, Kevin Countie. Kevin has proven to be a true American patriot and devoted public servant through his 32-plus years of active reserve, and national guard service, 20 years of service with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and having