

hope that it will continue to inspire future businesses to conduct work with the highest quality and care attended to safety and health.

OSHA has informed me that the entire workforce at Derstine's Foodservice Distributor made a considerable effort to be considered eligible for this achievement. We commend Brendan Triplett, the Vice President, and his team's hard work in ensuring that Derstine's Foodservice has not only met but exceeded OSHA standards.

We are all incredibly proud of the positive impact Derstine's Foodservice Distributor has had on our community, and we wish the company's hardworking team all the best for the future of their business.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
WILLIAM STEPHENS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Judge William Stephens, who passed away at the age of 88 on May 17, 2023. Judge Stephens was a beloved member of the community and dedicated public servant.

Born in New Orleans in 1935, Judge Stephens moved to Sacramento during World War II. After graduating high school at age 16, he attended San Jose State University, becoming the first in his family to attend college. He worked for the California Water Board for eight years before enrolling in Hastings Law School. After graduating in 1967, Judge Stephens joined the National Labor Relations Board and later became a public defender for Contra Costa County.

In 1969, Judge Stephens moved to Mill Valley and joined Bagley & Bianchi law firm. After three years, he established his own private practice in Sausalito. As an attorney, he served numerous organizations, including as Director of the Marin County Bar Association, President of the Marin County Legal Aid Society, and Chairman of the Marin County Human Rights Commission. Dedicated to supporting disadvantaged groups, Judge Stephens lent his legal counsel to low-income Spanish-speakers, small business owners and entrepreneurs, and the Marin City Community Services District.

For more than 30 years, Judge Stephens also mentored youth enrolled in Marin City's Performing Stars' enrichment program. Beyond Marin County, he volunteered with Village Baptist Church's Better Africa Foundation, supporting educational, medical, and cultural initiatives in Nigeria and the Republic of Benin.

Judge Stephens developed a reputation for his commitment to fairness and restoring public trust in the legal system. Judge Stephens's journey to public office began with his campaign for the Marin County Municipal Court, narrowly losing the election in 1976. He was then appointed to the Court by Governor Jerry Brown in 1979, becoming the Court's first Black judge. After nine years on the Marin Municipal Court, he was easily elected to Marin County Superior Court where he served another eleven years until his retirement.

Judge Stephens leaves behind his sons Stuart, Patrick, and Haynes Stephens, and his

granddaughters Sabrina, Britany, and Madison Stephens.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Judge Stephens's family and friends, and in expressing deep appreciation for his decades of public service in his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFGHAN
ADJUSTMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Afghan Adjustment Act. This legislation would establish a pathway to permanent legal status for newly arrived Afghans displaced at the end of the 20-year U.S. mission in Afghanistan.

Without this legislation, the tens of thousands of Afghans who were admitted to the United States under temporary humanitarian parole, including those who supported the U.S. mission in Afghanistan during the past 20 years, face tremendous legal uncertainty. These Afghans can only pursue permanent legal status in the United States through the asylum system or, for those who are eligible, the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program. Both paths have substantial backlogs, long processing times, and logistical obstacles for these individuals.

I became involved in the cause of Afghan allies nearly 15 years ago after being contacted by a social studies class from Portland's Lincoln High School working with the American Legion to help bring an Afghan interpreter to safety in the United States. Those discussions prompted me to work with former Senators John McCain and Ted Kennedy to create the Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) programs. Ever since, I have continued to work to strengthen these critical programs and provide a permanent, safe outcome for the brave men and women who risked their lives to help the United States. The personal connections to our Afghan allies have created a powerful coalition working to keep our Nation's promises.

Congress must fulfill our commitment to provide safe, legal refuge to the those who willingly put their lives on the line to support U.S. mission in Afghanistan. Following previous wartime evacuations and humanitarian crises, including the Vietnam War and the rise of Castro in Cuba, Congress provided a legal adjustment process for those evacuated to the United States and should do so once again, without delay.

I look forward to working with Representative MILLER-MEEKS in the House and Senators AMY KLOBUCHAR, LINDSEY GRAHAM, CHRIS COONS, ROGER WICKER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, JERRY MORAN, JEANNE SHAHEEN, and LISA MURKOWSKI in the Senate to enact this legislation and finally establish a path forward for Afghans admitted to the United States on humanitarian status.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CALEB CONLEY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Caleb Conley. Mr. Conley served as a Sheriff's Deputy in Scott County, Kentucky. On Monday, May 22, 2023, Conley was shot and killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop. He was 35 years of age.

Deputy Conley served our nation in the United States Army for 8 years. He served in the 478th Engineer Battalion. He served in Iraq and was among a group that executed more than 1,600 combat missions and was credited with locating 164 improvised explosive devices. Following his time in the military, Conley began a career in law enforcement. He won multiple awards for his law enforcement service and was especially known for his enforcement of impaired driving. In 2022, Conley was named Scott County Deputy of the Year. The award has since been renamed in his honor.

Deputy Conley loved serving others and he loved being a law enforcement officer. He was a dedicated family man and a true friend to many. Conley was a dedicated volunteer in many community activities. He is survived by his wife Rachel, their 2 children Riley and Olivia, and his parents William and Jolene Conley.

Caleb Conley was a man of strong character and a true patriot who loved his country. He was a dedicated law enforcement officer who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep his community safe. He deserves our unending respect and gratitude. May we always remember the life of Caleb Conley. I am humbled to honor him before the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BECCA BALINT

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on July 12, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 292, NAY on Roll Call No. 293, and NAY on Roll Call No. 294.

HONORING MR. FRANCIS ALBERT
SMITH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. WALTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of Mr. Francis Albert Smith of Palm Coast, Florida, who, on July 18, 2023, will celebrate his 100th birthday.

Throughout his life, Mr. Smith has been unwavering and relentless in his service to the United States. Serving in the Pacific during WWII, taking part in the Invasion of Ie Shima during the Okinawa Campaign, and in his role