

While serving in the Navy she met her loving husband, Edward L. Clark. The couple was married for 65 wonderful years. Ms. Clark now resides in Candler, North Carolina.

It is my honor to recognize her today.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN L. SCOTT, JR.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated servant leader, good friend, and native son of South Carolina. South Carolina State Senator John L. Scott, Jr. transitioned from this life on August 13, 2023, in Charleston, South Carolina. His passionate work to improve access to education and health care will have profound implications for generations to come.

Senator John L. Scott, Jr. was born on October 21, 1953, in Richland County, South Carolina, to the late John L. Scott, Sr. and Gracie W. Scott. Senator Scott graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in Columbia, South Carolina, and attended my alma mater, South Carolina State University, where he graduated in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He would go on to found J.L. Scott Realty Company, Inc., in 1981 and serve as owner and President of C&S Consulting Group.

I knew Senator Scott well through his transformational work in the state. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Vice Chair for Richland County Council. He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1990, where he served until his election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2009. Throughout his nearly 33 years in elected office, Senator Scott sponsored legislation to promote access to education and affordable housing, improve career outcomes for HBCU students, and further rural equity. He was recognized with many awards and accolades throughout his service, from the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor; to receiving the South Carolina National Guard Association Senator of the Year award; to receiving honorary Doctorates from various universities.

His dedication to the betterment of the Palmetto State extended to our South Carolina Military Department, as Senator Scott commanded the Joint Services Detachment from February 18, 2017, to January 19, 2019. During that time, he actively recruited to increase enrollment, improved unit efficiency and readiness, and provided critical support for the Youth Challenge Academy Program.

Senator Scott was a man of faith and a longtime member of New Ebenezer Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He was an active participant in the church, serving as Church Clerk from 1980 to 1995, on the Trustee Board from 1980 to 2005, and as a Deacon from 2005 until his passing. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Joan Crouch, son, John L. Scott, III, extended family, political colleagues, and the members of our shared brotherhood, Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Senator John L. Scott, Jr. Senator Scott embodied the Biblical teaching to "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another

above yourselves," and as such devoted his life to improving the welfare of every South Carolinian. He will be sorely missed and well remembered.

HONORING AARON ANDERSON

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Anderson for his efforts to better his community.

In high school, Aaron was a dedicated member of the youth service club at Blaine High School. As a member of "Bengals in Action," he spent countless hours volunteering at the North Anoka County Emergency food shelf. While volunteering, he noticed a problem with the procedure for taking orders. Luckily for Aaron, the solution lay in another area of his interest, technology.

Aaron, with the help of his friend and fellow Eagle Scout, Andrew, created a software application to help track the food shelf's orders. The application immediately helped reduce confusion when taking orders and increased efficiency in sorting and packaging donations for distribution. Their application keeps records of past food shelf orders, family members, and dietary restrictions, which customers can reuse each time they come in.

In fact, their program has allowed food and necessities to be delivered to clients in half the time.

In recognition of their efforts, Aaron and Andrew were recently presented with the Congressional Award. The award represents the highest Congressional honor available for young Americans.

Aaron and Andrew are true inspirations and examples of what it means to be a community servant. They are bright young men committed to making a difference in the world and I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF THE ITALIAN CONSULATE IN SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a landmark moment for the people of Springfield and the broader western Massachusetts community: the reopening of the Italian Consulate in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The reestablishment of a consulate in our district is more than just a diplomatic gesture; it is a tangible commitment by the Italian government to enhance their services and accessibility throughout the U.S. For years, residents with ties to Italy—ties that span generations—have often had to embark on lengthy journeys to receive consular services. This investment ensures they no longer bear this burden, bringing critical services right to their doorstep.

This consulate is a living testament to the rich tapestry of cultural and historical ties that

bind the Greater Springfield Community with the Italian diaspora. The collaboration between the consulate and local schools to offer Italian-language programs exemplifies this deep connection, going back to the beginning of Springfield's relationship with its sister city, Bracigliano, Italy. Furthermore, this consulate reinforces the essence of our shared stories, and serves as a beacon for younger generations to explore, understand, and appreciate the contributions and shared legacies of Italian-Americans in our district.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation for the reopening of this consulate in Springfield. It stands as a testament to the shared heritage and enduring bonds forever connecting our two nations. The consulate is a welcome addition to the First District, and I anticipate many fruitful years of collaboration and growth ahead.

HONORING CORPORAL DONALD A. SHIELDS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of service and sacrifice of United States Marine Corps veteran Corporal Donald A. Shields.

Cpl. Shields was born in the town of Harpersfield, New York in 1932. After graduating high school, Cpl. Shields voluntarily enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on September 7, 1951 during the onset of the Korean Conflict. Cpl. Shields left his job as a dairy farmer to serve.

After completing basic training, Cpl. Shields was deployed to Korea where he served selflessly and honorably. Cpl. Shields earned two Purple Hearts for his valor and sacrifice, along with the Korean War Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and, most notably, the South Korean Presidential Unit Citation for his service with the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in Korea.

Following his 3 years of service in the Marines, Cpl. Shields was honorably discharged from active duty, although he continued to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1959. Upon his return stateside, he found employment as a truck driver for Mobil Oil Corporation. Cpl. Shields moved his family to Castleton, New York and drove for Mobil for 33 years before retiring.

Donald always remained involved in his local community. He worked for the Town of Schodack as a building inspector and member of the Zoning and Planning Board. Donald was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7337, a communicant of St Paul's Methodist Church, and a Boy Scouts Troop Leader. Donald was a proud family man, and enjoyed traveling with his wife, spending time with his grandchildren, and doing handyman work for his friends.

Corporal Donald A. Shields' record of service to his country and Rensselaer County is admirable, and it is my honor on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District to recognize the commendable life and inspiring legacy of Corporal Shields.