

been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 233; YEA on Roll Call No. 234; YEA on Roll Call No. 235; and YEA on Roll Call No. 236.

HONORING ARIAN TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Arian La'Pearl Alexandria Taylor, the first athletic swimmer within Jackson Public Schools to receive a swimming scholarship.

Arian signed to Meridian Community College (MCC) for swimming. She is the first Jackson Public Schools student athlete to earn a scholarship for swimming. She is also the first black female swimmer to sign to the MCC Eagles, where she plans to major in Nursing.

The 50- and 100-meter freestyle swimmer hopes to inspire others as she blazes a trail for JPS.

Currently, an International Baccalaureate (IB) scholar at Jim Hill High School, Arian has been an athlete of the JPS Swim Team since 7th grade.

While at Jim Hill High School, her achievements and extracurricular activities include choir, basketball, cheer, and the National High School Honor Society.

Despite her youth, the standout is the first to represent the sport of swimming at Jim Hill High School, the first to receive a swimming scholarship for the District, and the first African American athlete to receive this type of scholarship from MCC.

She learned the lifesaving skill at age 11 thanks to a free summer camp hosted by the 100 Black Men of Jackson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing, Arian Taylor for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

WISHING BRUCE SOWATSKY A
HAPPY RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on this occasion of Bruce Sowatsky's retirement, I recognize his outstanding contributions to the community of St. Charles, Missouri, with great honor and appreciation. Bruce's dedication to improving the lives of children and families has left an enduring mark on our community, and his efforts have touched the hearts of countless individuals.

As Executive Director of the Community & Children's Resource Board, Bruce's leadership has been instrumental in expanding vital services for children and youth, ensuring they can access the support and resources they need to thrive. His commitment to advocating for children's mental health and well-being has greatly impacted many lives. His legacy will continue to inspire us for years to come.

On behalf of the constituents of Missouri's 3rd Congressional District, I extend my sin-

cerest gratitude to Bruce Sowatsky for his commendable service and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 HONOREES
FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR
HALL OF FAME

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to underscore the significance of the 2024 Honorees of the Broward House Senior Hall of Fame, an esteemed recognition administered by the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County.

The Area Agency on Aging Broward County, a pivotal organization in our community, provides essential services to the county's senior residents. It is part of a state network of 11 different Area Agencies of Aging in Florida, each with unique service and planning areas.

The Broward Senior Hall of Fame comprises seniors 60 and older who have performed outstanding volunteer work in Broward County for five or more years. This year's honorees include Odessa Striggles Bennett, Elizabeth Robinson Massey, Lori Green, Betty Miller, Carolyn Hardy, John Raite, Dr. Jorge Lopez, Joy Rodenberg, Rosena Lott, and Paul Sallarulo.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's 23rd Congressional District, please join me in celebrating these individuals on this momentous occasion.

HONORING DR. FRED EARL KENCY,
JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Dr. Fred Earl Kency, Jr. He has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a strong desire for change.

Dr. Kency is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He attended Jackson Public Schools and graduated from Provine High School in 2003. He furthered his education at Alcorn State University, receiving a Bachelors of Science degree in biology. He then earned his Doctorate of Medicine at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in 2011. Dr. Kency used the Health Professions Scholarship to pay for medical school and was selected to complete an Internship in Transitional Medicine at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. After 4 years of honorable Navy service with deployments to Africa and Europe, he returned home to Jackson, MS, to complete his Emergency Medicine Residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

He currently serves as a Community Emergency Room physician at Baptist Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at UMMC in Jackson, MS. He is also a credentialed staff member at multiple other hospitals in Mississippi.

Dr. Kency is active in the metro Jackson community through his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and other organizations such as the 100 Black Men of Jackson. He currently serves as a board member for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine and a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Dr. Kency owns Kency Medical Services PLLC, which provides medical consultations, medical-legal work, and community medical health advocacy. Recently, The Best of Mississippi Awards recognized and honored Dr. Kency as one of the Top 50 Men in Business in the State of Mississippi. Dr. Kency has fought tirelessly to make Mississippi a healthier and safer place for all its citizens, and his work has not gone unnoticed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Fred Earl Kency, Jr. for his dedication and service in the field of Medicine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 3rd as I had an immovable commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 233, H. Res. 1215, and YEA on Roll Call No. 234, H.R. 6983.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN
WILLIAMS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of Mr. John Joseph Williams, a brave and dedicated soldier who served our Nation with distinction during World War II as a member of the Ghost Army special unit.

John was assigned to the Signal Company Special of the Ghost Army, a top-secret unit tasked with deceiving the enemy through elaborate tactical deceptions. He was among the select few who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, playing a crucial role in the Allied invasion of Normandy. The contributions of John Williams and his fellow Ghost Army soldiers were kept classified until 1996. Historians credit their unit of 1,100 men with saving an estimated 30,000 U.S. troops, and their work had a significant impact on the outcome of the war.

After the war, John returned to Missouri, where he and his wife, Barbara, raised a family and started a successful career at the University of Missouri. He remained dedicated to his community and country until his passing on January 19, 2010, leaving a legacy of courage, sacrifice, and service.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to commemorate the life and service of John Joseph Williams.