

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Amy Shimberg for her formidable efforts and selfless devotion to the people in our community. The time and energy she put into making Tampa Bay a better place to live are unmatched. Volunteering thousands of hours to those in need must be celebrated. Amy Shimberg taught us the true meaning of the word *mitzvah* and her legacy as a tireless advocate will live on and inspire others in the community.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF RUSS BURNS TO THE OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 3

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 16, 2019*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Russ Burns upon his retirement as the Business Manager for the Operating Engineers, Local 3. As a third-generation operator and Local 3 member, Russ Burns grew up living and breathing Local 3. He began his career with Local 3 in 1979 as a crane operator for various construction projects such as high rises, bridges, refineries, and large treatment plants throughout Northern California. In 1994, Russ joined the staff of the union as a business representative in the Fairfield District. Russ was unanimously appointed treasurer, serving until 2005 when he was sworn in as financial secretary. In 2006, he was elected Business Manager. Russ Burns has influenced and inspired countless Operating Engineer members beginning with their apprenticeship training to being fully qualified journeyman level professionals. Russ Burns has been an integral part of the Operating Engineers Local 3, and he will be greatly missed as he moves on to the next chapter of his life. Please join me, and the men and women of California's 3rd Congressional District, in thanking Russ Burns for his outstanding service. We wish him all the best in his retirement and his future endeavors.

COMMENDING MR. RICHARD D. MILTON ON HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE HELLFIRE MISSILE

**HON. MO BROOKS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 16, 2019*

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Richard D. Milton, a key contributor to the development of the Hellfire missile.

In the 1960s, Mr. Milton worked with a team at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) on Redstone Arsenal to find practical uses for lasers in the medical and military fields. By 1965, Mr. Milton found a unique role for lasers on the battlefield, and that by illuminating a target with a laser, a missile could be guided to that target.

In March of 1979, Richard Milton's invention, the Missile System Using Laser Illu-

minator, became U.S. Patent 4,143,835. U.S. Patents 6,166,803, 6,296,803, and U.S. Patent 6,305,797 can also be attributed to Mr. Milton. The invention of laser guided missiles contributed to the creation of the Hellfire missile, and this revolutionized America's defense. The ability to be launched from various platforms, the use of missiles by military personnel under the protection of cover, the ability for long range and multiple launches, and accuracy of hit are all battlefield advantages of the Hellfire missile.

Mr. Milton's coworkers often refer to him as "Dick" and speak highly of his brilliance and everyday problem-solving skills. Mrs. Debbie Jordan, a coworker, says, "Working with Dick and watching how he thought and attacked each problem was a great gift for a just out of college engineer."

Madam Speaker, the new-age ideas Richard Milton offered in the 1960s revolutionized many U.S. ally's missile systems and the U.S. precision in missile defense we have today.

I commend Mr. Richard D. Milton for his innovation and passion for public service to the American people.

IN HONOR OF RUTH LINDSAY BURGESS

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 16, 2019*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special woman, Ruth Lindsay Burgess, of Lexington, Kentucky. Born in 1923 in Connersville, Pennsylvania as the only daughter in her family, she grew up hunting with her father and brothers. She was known as quite a sharp shooter.

Ruth Lindsay enlisted in the Army on May 15, 1945. She bravely served in the South Pacific as a nurse, caring for injured American soldiers during heavy fighting. She earned the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and earned a Victory Medal.

Ms. Lindsay was discharged on March 11, 1946. She returned home where she met and married her husband Frank Burgess, who also served in World War II. They had three daughters. Mrs. Burgess worked as a hospital nurse and then did private care nursing until she retired. She was an avid volunteer for American Legion Post 24. Ruth Lindsay Burgess passed away on July 27, 2019 at the age of 95.

Mrs. Burgess and her fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mrs. Ruth Burgess before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARTIN M. MEDELLIN

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 16, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Martin Morin Medellin. Martin passed away on July 24,

2019 at the age of 93. Martin was a distinguished WWII veteran and beloved member of the Madera, California community.

Martin was born on January 30, 1926 in Texas. During his grade school years, his parents and their eight children moved to Madera, where they set deep roots in the community. Martin attended Howard Elementary School and left Madera High School before he could graduate to join the United States Army. Martin and his four brothers honorably served our country during World War II. During his service in the Army, Martin was deployed to France.

Martin was awarded multiple medals for his honored military service, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. Additionally, in 2014 Martin received an honorary high school diploma from Madera High School. Several of these medals were in recognition of his act of bravery on a French battle field that saved the lives of 283 U.S. soldiers. Martin and his commander rescued soldiers who were pinned down by a German machine gun nest. Despite being shot through his shoulder and neck by a German sniper, Martin pushed on and was only treated later despite his injuries. After the conflict, Martin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Upon his return from military service, Martin settled in Madera and married the love of his life Madeline. Together they were the proud parents of two daughters and a son. Martin was very involved in local organizations and forged many lifelong friendships. Martin was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1981 of Madera and was a member of the distinguished Honor Guard for the post.

Martin was preceded in death by his wife Madeline, his daughter Judie, and Grandson Kevin. He is survived by daughter Toni, son Reg, grandchildren Rob, Nina and Jamie, and great grandchildren Maddie, Tommy, Cheyanne, and Alyssa.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to honored veteran Martin Morin Medellin. His service to our country and community will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. KIMBERLYDAWN WISDOM

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 16, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom for her appointment to the Advisory Committee on Minority Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health. This achievement is worthy of commendation.

Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, M.D., M.S., is the Senior Vice President of Community Health & Equity and the Chief Wellness & Diversity Officer at Henry Ford Health System. Formerly, Dr. Wisdom served as Michigan's and the nation's first state-level Surgeon General from 2003 to 2010 and was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion and Integrative and Public Health in 2012. In