

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF JOHN McCAULEY
UPON BEING AWARDED THE 2020
REALTOR CUP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate John McCauley for receiving the prestigious 2020 Realtor Cup award from the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Fayetteville, John founded Highland Paving Co. in 2002 and has since transformed it into a regional firm with over 200 employees. He is also the Founding Director of what is now Select Bank and Trust, which serves twelve cities and holds assets of over \$1 billion.

John is known throughout our community for his natural talent and innovation. An efficacious leader, he has stimulated unprecedented civic growth for both Fayetteville and surrounding communities. John served four years on the Southeastern Economic Development Commission, is a member of the North Carolina State Bar Ethics Committee, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

A former Assistant District Attorney, John founded and serves as President of Vision 2026 to promote economic development throughout our community. Dedicated not only to professional excellence, he twice served as Deacon at First Presbyterian Church and raised over \$2 million through stewardship campaigns.

Fayetteville is a better place today because of John and today I join our community in offering my most heartfelt appreciation. He is deserving of this honor and I wish him continued success as he continues to serve Cumberland County and beyond.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating John McCauley for being awarded the 2020 Realtor Cup.

THANKING KRISTEN AND TRAVIS
COWAN FOR RAISING ORGAN DO-
NATION AWARENESS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kristen and Travis Cowan of Katy, TX for their work turning a family tragedy into life-giving acts: promoting organ donation.

Two years ago, the Cowans lived every parent's nightmare when their 13-month-old son Rylen passed away from bacterial meningitis. Kristen and Travis lost a son and their six-year-old son Corbyn lost his brother. In the face of this devastating loss, the Cowans chose to save lives by donating Rylen's organs.

This decision could not have been an easy one but doing so saved the lives of five others. The Cowans then began the Smilin' Rylen Foundation in honor of their son, a charity that helps raise funds for organ donation-centered charities and increases awareness of lives that are saved through organ donation.

Recently, the Cowans were flown out to California for the Rose Bowl Parade by the nonprofit LifeGift, one of their charity's beneficiaries and the organization that procured Rylen's life-saving organs. Travis and Kristen walked with LifeGift's float in the parade, which was themed "A Light in the Dark" and bore Rylen's picture.

Organ donation is a selfless act that, in death, gives others the gift of a longer life. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I thank Kristen and Travis for their work to raise awareness of the selfless act of organ donation. My deepest appreciation to Rylen for his inspiration and the gift of life he gave others that ensures his memory lives on.

HONORING TERRY DeCARLO FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE CENTRAL
FLORIDA LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Terry DeCarlo. Born on March 19, 1962 in Bethpage, N.Y. to Mario and Anne (Puglisi) Nunziato, Mr. DeCarlo served in the Air Force from 1980 to 1983. Even before moving to Florida in 1996, Mr. DeCarlo was an early advocate for persons with H.I.V. From 2006 to 2014, he was the development director for the Broward House, a nonprofit social services organization for people living with HIV and other chronic health issues.

In 2014, Mr. DeCarlo joined the staff as executive director of the Center, a non-profit community service organization empowering the LGBTQ+ community in Central Florida. As executive director on June 12, 2016, he became a constant source of comfort and strength for the survivors, families of victims, and the entire Central Florida community following the Pulse Nightclub tragedy. The Center was open and prepared with grief counselors within hours of the attack. Even after his health began to deteriorate due to stress, Terry continued to serve as executive director of the Center until July 2017.

In addition to his husband, Bill Huelson, Terry is survived by his mother, Anne Fabrikant; his sisters, Mary Detto and Deborah Waters; and his brother, John Nunziato. His work in the aftermath of the Pulse Nightclub tragedy will never be forgotten. He was a pillar of the Central Florida community and dedicated champion of LGBTQ+ rights.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DERRICK LAMAR RICHARDSON

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Derrick Lamar Richardson, an intelligent, kind, hard-working man of faith and determination, who passed away on February 14, 2020. Derrick joined our staff as district press secretary for Alabama's 7th Congressional District in January of 2016 and served his home district with distinction until August of 2017.

Born on October 31, 1972 to Lovenia Richardson in Birmingham, Alabama, Derrick professed his love for Christ at an early age. For many years, Derrick attended Maple Grove Church of God with his grandmother, Ada Ford, and it was there that he was granted his deep and abiding faith. Throughout his life, Derrick's faith served as a foundational pillar of strength, guidance and wisdom, giving Derrick the courage to face whatever challenges crossed his path.

Derrick received his education in the Birmingham City School System, attending Hillman Elementary School and matriculating from Parker High School in 1991. As a high school student, Derrick was an active participant in the Marching Thundering Herd Band, where he played the tuba.

During his junior year at Parker High School, Derrick's devotion to his country compelled him to enlist in the Army National Guard and Reserves. Before his senior year of high school, Derrick attended boot camp at Fort McClellan in Anniston, Alabama, and upon graduation, went on to attend the Army Communications School at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. During his military service, Derrick served as a Legal Support Specialist in the 167th COSCOM (Headquarters Co.): JAG Corp. in Ft. Clayton, Panama, the 81st Regional Support Command: JAG Corp. in Homewood, Alabama and the 131st Signal Battalion (Headquarters Co.): Signal Corp. in Birmingham, Alabama. Derrick received two Meritorious Service Citations for Outstanding Performance and an honorable discharge.

After his military service in 1995, Derrick enrolled at Jacksonville State University, where he soon became involved in the Student Government Association and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. At Jacksonville State University, Derrick became a member of his beloved fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., a brotherhood and network that would serve him as an invaluable support system for many years to come. At Jacksonville State University, Derrick also had an opportunity to pursue his passion for politics. In 1999, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science; and after graduation went on to attend Long Island University, where he graduated Cum Laude with a master's degree in Urban Policy.

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