

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF RITA SEMEL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a visionary and inspiring leader, my longtime friend Rita Semel, as she recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Beloved in the Bay Area and beyond, Rita has torn down barriers to peace and brought communities together—here at home and around the world.

Personally, it has been a great privilege to have had a front row seat to Rita's greatness for many decades. Deeply committed to her faith and driven by her values, every day she lives out the spirit of tikkun olam, 'to heal the world'—which she teaches us is not just a gentle phrase, but a clarion call to action.

Born a New Yorker, but forged into a true San Franciscan by more than eight decades in the Bay Area, Rita has long seen the world not as it is but as it could be—and has labored tirelessly to make real her inspiring vision. At a time when few women could be found in the workplace, she helped break barriers by serving as a reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle during World War II and freelancing for nonprofits as a working mother.

San Franciscans are especially grateful for her decades of leadership of the San Francisco Interfaith Council, which she helped establish in the wake of the devastating Loma Prieta earthquake to bring our community together. Under her leadership, the Council has been a force for justice and opportunity and has improved countless lives: from offering emergency shelter in the winter for people experiencing homelessness to fostering interreligious understanding to creating a chaplaincy program at the Youth Guidance Center, and so much more.

That this revered Bay Area institution, three decades later, continues to unite San Franciscans across races, religions and economic backgrounds is a testament to her unyielding belief that we are always more powerful together than we could ever be alone.

As she advanced justice at home, Rita has also brought boundless energy and a fierce spirit to her work building a world without poverty, violence or discrimination. All Americans can be proud of her service representing our nation to the world as a delegate to two United Nations World Conferences on Women. And as a longtime Jewish activist, she was an early and vocal supporter of the state in Israel—and has been an essential force in advancing a safer, fairer future for Jewish people around the world.

All who have had the high honor of working alongside Rita know that she never takes no for an answer—and it is best to save time and just agree with her right from the start. For her relentless work, she has been recognized with many accolades, including Woman of the Year by the California State Assembly, the San

Francisco Foundation's Community Leadership Award and the Rosa Parks Award from Women in Community Service. Most importantly, however, her impact is measured by the indelible mark she leaves on the lives of her loved ones, her many friends and all fortunate enough to know her.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend the warm greetings of the Congress to the extraordinary Rita Semel as she and her loved ones celebrate her century on this earth—and offer best wishes for happy and healthy years to come.

IN HONOR OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and admiration for the healthcare workers in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, Northern Alabama, and our entire state. We have all heard stories about individuals in the healthcare field who have gone beyond the call of duty during the Coronavirus pandemic. From all across my district, and throughout our state, constituents have nominated some amazing medical workers, and it is my privilege to honor three of these individuals today.

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Over the past two years I have visited hospitals, talked with those on the front lines of the fight, and visited vaccine clinics. I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding work being done each and every day. It has been a constant battle for these healthcare heroes, but they have risen to the task every step of the way. I have no doubt in my mind that these amazing men and women have made a big difference in Alabama's bout with COVID-19.

It is for those reasons, and so many more, that I want to honor the healthcare heroes. They deserve nothing less. Thanks to the submissions from my constituents in my district, I include in the RECORD the names of three healthcare heroes. When history looks upon this trying time in our country, they will find the names of these Alabamians who courageously took on the fight to keep the rest of us safe.

With my utmost gratitude, may the legacy of these three healthcare heroes live on well into the future.

Dr. Heather L. Haley, who for more than seventeen years has served the Huntsville community by providing a personal touch to her patients and never stopped caring for

them despite the personal risk caused by COVID-19.

Dr. Joe T. Sharp, who for over forty-three years has selflessly cared for others and excelled at communicating medical matters to each of his patients.

Dr. Michael Cantrell, an orthopedic surgeon in Huntsville who serves both his community and his country at the highest levels of medical excellence.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LE MOYNE COLLEGE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York as the college celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Since its founding, Le Moyne College has provided students with a renowned Jesuit education, preparing thousands of young men and women to reach great successes and live generously.

True to the intellectual and religious tradition it was founded on, for over seven decades Le Moyne has provided its undergraduate students and graduate students with a well-rounded, liberal arts education. Equipped with a Le Moyne education, alumni from the college have become leaders across a wide range of sectors including business, medicine, government, and the arts and sciences. Today, Le Moyne has grown dramatically. It greatly expanded its academic programs and has a sprawling campus that boasts five academic buildings and 15 residential buildings, as well as a chapel, library, performing arts center, Jesuit residence, plaza and athletic facilities.

While the school has remained committed to its core values, Le Moyne has always prided itself on being a trailblazer for progress. At the time of its founding in 1946, Le Moyne was the first Jesuit college in the United States to open as a coeducational institutional. And in 2014, Linda LeMura was named the college's 14th president, making her the first female layperson to lead a Jesuit institution in the United States. Under her leadership, President LeMura has raised the college's profile, prioritized inclusivity, and worked to foster an environment where Le Moyne students and faculty can learn and grow. Notably, during the pandemic, President LeMura took an unusual step to limit the spread of COVID-19 amongst the school's population and highlight the importance of being a thoughtful steward of the community by moving into a neighborhood popular with students living off-campus. For several months, LeMura became a friendly face in the neighborhood. She greeted students living nearby on her daily walks, helped them keep their lawns free of trash and debris, and reprimanded those holding gatherings that could spread the virus.

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In 2016, the college adopted the slogan 'Greatness Meets Goodness' to highlight the college's lasting commitment to helping students reach heights in their career, while emphasizing the importance of integrity and compassion for all people. Le Moyne consistently encourages students to put Jesuit values in action by providing volunteer opportunities within Central New York and around the world, and harboring extensive networks at local nonprofits, shelters, kitchens, and schools. In 2020, Le Moyne launched its Erie 21 program, which helps veterans, immigrants, refugees, the underemployed and unemployed obtain internships and software development jobs with local employers by providing students with technical and computer coding skills. The impact Le Moyne students have had in our Central New York community and around the world is both far-reaching and impactful. It is exemplified by alumni like Jeanette Epps, the first Black female astronaut to serve as a crewmember on the International Space Station, who is conducting research that will benefit all of mankind. And Andrew Lunetta, who found his passion helping homeless individuals and families in Central New York while at Le Moyne, and has since founded Tiny Home For Good, a nonprofit that builds safe and affordable housing for those less fortunate.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 75th Anniversary of Le Moyne College. Over the past 75 years, the College has prepared thousands of students to become successful leaders in their careers and carry themselves with integrity. Le Moyne has been a cherished part of our community and I'm excited to see what the future holds for the college.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNCLE MIKE'S BAKE SHOPPE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Grand Opening of Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe. For over 20 years, Mike and Mary Vande Walle and the Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe team have provided exceptional service and award-winning baked goods for people throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Starting from humble beginnings, Uncle Mike's opened their first store location in the City of De Pere on October 5 of 2001 and after three years of operation they quickly ran out of space. This gave the Vande Walle's the opportunity to open their second location in the Village of Suamico in 2004. As business continued to boom, Uncle Mike's opened a third location in the City of Green Bay in 2018 and purchased a production facility in Northeast Wisconsin that produces baked goods for each of their locations. Given the Uncle Mike's team's commitment to providing exceptional customer service and the high demand for their products, pop-up shops in Appleton and Milwaukee were constructed for customers to purchase some of the most popular items on the menu. I commend the dedication and hard work that has resulted in Uncle Mike's continued growth and success for over 20 years.

Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe has been the recipient of over 100 awards in the baking in-

dustry for its excellence in baking and cake decorating. Most notably in 2014, Uncle Mike's won Best Kringle in North America for their world-famous sea salt caramel pecan kringle. Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe has grown to be one of the most popular and recognizable bakeries in Wisconsin due to its exceptional customer service, friendly staff, and high-quality products. Uncle Mike's is also known for their unwavering support of the surrounding communities through offering fundraisers to local school districts and supplying fresh-baked cream puffs for the Denmark FFA booth at the Brown County Fair. Since the loss of Uncle Mike in 2020, his spirit has continued to live on through his family where they have carried on his love for baking. As third-generation bakers, Mike and Mary Vande Walle made it their mission to provide quality products through old-fashioned baking methods with high-quality ingredients. Throughout the years, Mike and Mary passed down their expertise in old-fashioned baking to their children, Brittni and Nathan, so that they could continue the exceptional baking traditions that began in 1974 with Don and Norma Vande Walle at Mehlberg's Bakery in Shawano.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Uncle Mike's team on this remarkable milestone and wish them success for many more years to follow. Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe is a wonderful business in Northeast Wisconsin and is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

CONGRATULATING MIKE HOFFMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 27 YEARS AT WNDU

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Hoffman and congratulate him on a remarkable 27-year career at WNDU and 40 years in the meteorology field. As he prepares to retire, it is my privilege to honor Mike's steadfast dedication to his work and thank him for his decades of service to Michiana communities.

A lifelong Hoosier, Mike has been a constant and trusted presence as the WNDU meteorologist. Every day, Indiana families tune in for Mike's thoughtful analysis and reporting on our region's constantly evolving weather. For more than 20 years in our truly four-season climate, our community has trusted Mike to shoot straight and let us know what to expect from snow to rain to ice and extreme temperatures.

Generations of WNDU viewers have gotten to know Mike as he delivers the local weather report each night, as well as the AgDay and US Farm Report weather segments that are crucial for our hardworking Hoosier farmers. Local families count on Mike to keep them updated on dangerous storms, and Hoosier kids always tune into Mike's reports as they eagerly anticipate snow days.

For those who know Mike, it is obvious that both his Indiana roots and his commitment to our community run deep. Mike's journalism career commenced in his hometown of Delphi,

and although he will soon give his final WNDU weather report, his retirement is far from the end of this story.

On and off the air, Mike has made northern Indiana safer, better informed, and more resilient. As an active community member, he always finds ways to serve his neighbors and give back to the region he proudly calls home.

As Mike prepares to sign off and begin a new chapter, I am grateful to this outstanding Hoosier for his work as a meteorologist, as well as for the example he has modeled for aspiring journalists and every young Hoosier learning to give back and build a brighter future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring WNDU's Mike Hoffman for his exceptional character, guidance, and kindness that has made an indelible legacy in our community and beyond.

CONGRATULATING THE ZUNI CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS TEAM

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Zuni Cross-Country Girls Team for winning the District Championships in 2021. Looking through all of the school's running records, it's clearly an amazing community. These runners continue to be a shining example of what we women are capable of.

It is even more remarkable that their success happened during a pandemic that has devastated our indigenous communities. They still delivered and lived up to expectations making their village proud. The team is a gift to the community.

I extend my warmest wishes for the future of the village. If it's in this team's hands, I'm sure Zuni will continue to thrive.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MS. BETH SHERMAN

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Beth Sherman for her dedicated service to LaGrange County, Indiana. Residents of LaGrange County owe a debt of gratitude to Beth for her leadership at the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce.

Beth joined the chamber in 2006, and soon after became its executive director, a position in which she served for 12 years. Under her leadership, the chamber's membership doubled, and business in the county blossomed. The chamber's membership stands at more than 400 businesses today, up from the 146 members in 2006 when Beth started. The county's unemployment rate is roughly half that of the national average, and future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 47.4 percent, considerably higher than the US average of 33.5 percent. These benchmarks, and others, can be attributed in large measure to Beth.

Her commitment to helping local businesses grow was palpable, as she advocated tirelessly for its members, brought members of the Chamber together through events, helped to transform the Chamber's marketing and outreach efforts, and more. Aside from her work in the chamber, Beth is a beloved member of the LaGrange County community and intends to remain active in retirement.

I am proud to include in the RECORD this document as a testament to Beth's work and legacy. Because of her, more Hoosiers in LaGrange County have good jobs, can support their families, and enjoy a higher quality of life. Although she will no longer lead Chamber, her legacy will endure, and her commitment to the community and state will serve as a proud example for others in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD WILSON'S SERVICE AS A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Richard Wilson on his many years of service in the Federal Government and then as a board member for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE).

Richard was an experienced and accomplished public servant. With 38 years at the U.S. Postal Service and 26 years of service with the Naval Reserve, he exemplified his dedication to serving his community and his country.

Richard Wilson was dedicated to his work with NARFE. After spending time representing his State as president of the Washington Federation, he became a member of the association's National Executive Board.

My office and I were pleased to have worked with Richard in his capacity at NARFE and are saddened to hear of his passing. He and his contributions to our community will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to remember Richard Wilson for the achievements he made during his lifetime.

RECOGNIZING MR. KEVIN BELL ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Lincoln Park Zoo colleagues in honoring Mr. Kevin J. Bell. Kevin recently retired as the zoo's President and CEO after 26 years of dedicated service. Kevin's retirement marks the end of a long career as a leader in the wildlife Conservation and Zoo world. Since he was a young boy, Kevin growing up on the grounds of the Bronx Zoo, where his father worked, had a passion for animals.

Kevin has been with Lincoln Park Zoo for 45 years, starting as a volunteer at the age of 10, he became a part-time animal caretaker at 17,

and a keeper at 20. After earning his degrees, he was hired in 1976 as the curator of birds at Lincoln Park Zoo, promoted in 1992 to assistant director, and appointed in 1993 to director. After the zoo privatized in 1995, Kevin was named president and CEO of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society, which manages and operates Lincoln Park Zoo.

Kevin joined the American Zoo and Aquarium Association in 1976, and 20 years later would become the chair of the Privatization Task Force. A well-respected expert, he has published numerous articles in zoo-related publications. In 2011, he was selected as one of the three U.S. delegates to serve on the board of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA). Madam Speaker, please join me and all our colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing Mr. Bell's years of service and congratulating him on his retirement.

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Over the past 15 months I have visited hospitals, talked with those on the front lines of the fight, and visited vaccine clinics throughout my district. I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding work being done each and every day. It has been a constant battle for these healthcare heroes, but they have risen to the task every step of the way. I have no doubt in my mind that these amazing men and women have made a big difference in Alabama's bout with COVID-19.

It is for those reasons, and so many more, that I want to honor the healthcare heroes of Northern Alabama. They deserve nothing less. Thanks to the submissions from my constituents in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD 519 healthcare heroes from Dekalb Regional Medical Center. When history looks upon this trying time in our country, they will find the names of the men and women of Alabama who courageously took on the fight to keep the rest of us safe.

With my utmost gratitude, may the legacy of these 519 healthcare heroes live on well into the future.

From Dekalb Regional Medical: Keri Abernathy, Cathey Adams, Suzanne Adams, Angela Akins, Sara Alexander, Wael Al-Halaseh, Stephanie Allsup, Shirley Allsup, Heather Andrews, Scott Argo, Amanda Arnold, Jennifer Arriaga Camarillo, Justin Arther, Amy Bagwell, Kerry Bailey, Amanda Bailey, Melissa Bailey, Zena Bailey, Melonie Bailey, William Bailey, Jeannie Bain, Whitney Baker, Amy Banks, Donald Barber, Donna Barkley, Teresa Barksdale, Karen Barnett, Belinda Barrentine, Elizabeth Barrentine, Kevin Bass, Latrice Battise, Jammie Baugh, Melissa Baugh, Beatriz Bautista, Mariana Bautista, Walter Beard, Melissa Bearden, Tanyeka Bell, Jennifer Bell.

Meghan Benefield, Ashley Benge, Angela Bennett, Jessica Bennett, Brenda Berghammer, Laurel Berry, Kathy Bethune, Tara Bethune, Danielle Bickerstaff, Kristi Birgans, Jordan Black, Tracy Blackwell, Doyle Blackwell, Tait Blankenship, Ellee Blevins, Karen Blizzard, Abby Boggs, Taylor Bowen, Tiffany Bowen, Misti Bowen, Nakeshia Bowman, Jessica Bradford, Montana Bray, Gayle Brewer, Tammy Brewster, Magan Brown, Courtney Brown, Ben Brown, Miranda Brown, Lyza Brown, Hanna Brown, Ashley Brown Mathews, Willa Browning, Melanie Bruce, Alicia Brumbeloe, Taylor Bryant, Kayla Burbol, Jason Burgess, Shirley Burgess, Lauren Burt, Valerie Burt, Carolyn Burt, Wanda Burt, Chandelyn Butler, Joyce Butler, Bailie Butts, Jason Cagle.

Shannon Cain, Joshua Camp, Gracie Caneer, Kayla Carroll, Sharon Carter, Candace Cartwright, Deborah Chaclan, Angela Chambers, Teresa Chandler, Sarah Chandler, Tonikee Chandler, Linda Chappell, Matt Chisenhall, Brittany Clements, Mary Clemons, Courtney Cleveland, Joshua Clifton, Linda Cole, Madison Coley, Wanzetta Combs, Dana Cook, Maxine Cook, Kaitlin Cooper, Krimson Coots, Terra Copeland, Taylor Cornelison Wynn, Destry Cornelius, Libby Cowart, Amanda Cowart, William Craft, Patsy Craig, Kimberly Crow, Matthew Crowe, Kimberly Crye, Taylor Culpepper, Robin Culver, Haley Dalton, Cindy Dalton, Sheri Dauria, Emily Davenport, Jessica Davis, Tamala Dean, Jenny Deerman, Ricky Deerman, Jennifer Devaney, Lori Dickerson, Mary Dillon.

Virginia Dobson, Barbara Dollar, Loretta Dombourian, Tammy Doran, Briana Dudley, Ronald Duncan, Mary Dunne, Misty Dupree, Barbara Dupree, Pamela Eckles, Magan Edwards, Cindy Elliott, Destiny Ellison, Jacob Everett, Kylie Everett, Mary Farmer, Laura Flynn-Hale, Herb Ford, Janet Formby, Briana Fortenberry, John Fowler, Adrienne Fox, Macie Frasier, Ashley Frazier, Jennifer Freeman, Anna Freeman, Penny Fuller, Angela Fuller, Kea Gaddis, Josie Gagnon, Kim Gallo-way, Gentry Gann, James Gann, Darren Gannuch, Kerry Gant, Miranda Gant, Phyllis Gant, Judy Gass, Makenna Gayski, Katherine Gibson, Rita Gilbert, Allison Gilbert, Micah Gilbert, Miranda Gilbert, Rickey Gilbreath, Trina Giles, Crystal Gilmore, Paul Gilreath, Bonita Gipson, Christy Glass.

Rodney Glassco, Dallas Glassco, Jeremy Glassco, April Glenn, Cody Godwin, Adrienne Godwin, Paula Goza, Ray Greathouse, Jessica Green, Erika Green, Gloria Gayal Haag, Rylee Hadley, Angela Hadley, Katelin Hairel, Meagan Hale, Kathy Hall, Ashley Hall, Jason Ham, Felix Hamilton, Dacia Hancock, Cathy Handy, Summer Haney, Mackenzi Haney,

Jennifer Hanner, Doys Harcrow, Amanda Harris, Kristel Harris, Brandon Hastings, Shainah Hawes, Ginger Hawkins, Amiee Haygood, Madison Haynes, Loree Haynes, Savannah Heard, Joseph Helms, Jeffery Hemphill, Kayla Henderson, Amber Henderson, Michelle Henderson, Courtney Hernandez, Kendra Hester, Andrew Hester, Meagan Higdon, Rebekah (Katie) Hill, Tracy Hilly, Shannon Hilly, Rodney Hitchcock.

Glenda Hogland, Ashley Holcomb, Kansas Holland, Stacey Holloway, Jessica Honea, Samantha Horton, Chris Hovanec, Donald Howell, Bailey Howell, April Hughes, Samantha Huizinga, Joshua Hulgan, Sharon Hulsey, Kathy Hunt, Regina Hunter, Jennifer Hurtt, Karen Huskey, Jannet Husser, James Hutcherson, Amanda Hutcheson, Hayley Igou, Alexis Ivey, Rachel Jenrette, Yasmina Jimenez, Barbara Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Alicia Johnson, Judith Jones, Holli Jones, Ashley Jones, Jesse Jones, Troy Jones, Erica Jones, Brooke Jones-McKee, Robin Jordan, Effie Justus, Vicki Kay, Loren Kean, Hannah Keef, Tina Keith, Tammy Keith, Krista Kelley, Luke Kennamer, Alexis Kilgore, Brittany Kilian, Brina Killian, John Killian, Sheena King, Mikayla King, Emily King, Joseph King, Sharon Kisor, April Klein, Heather Knight, Kayla Knowles, Malorie Lacy, Danielle Ladwig, Erin Landstreet, Katrina Laney, Kelly Laney, Shelly Laney.

Casey Langley, Autumn LaRue, Kathy Leath, Carrie Ledbetter, Katie LeRoy, Heath Lingerfelt, Verna Locey, Shannon Lugo, Tammy Lusk, Regina Lyles-Webb, Teresa Maddox, Jennifer Maddox, Alejandra Magana, Jaida Majors, Robert Mann, Pamela Manning, Susan Manning, Kayla Martin, Leslie Martin, Robin Martin, Yaritzia Martinez, Terry Matheny, Jessica Matthews, Anthony Matthews, Kinsley Maynor, Michell Mays, Chelsey Mcabee, Kathleen McBride, Shane McCord, Crystal McCullough, Sharron McCutchen, Karen McDonald, Taylor McFarland, Jessica McKenzie, April McMichen, Alice McMichen, Rebecca Meadows, Karen Meadows, Ginger Medders, Anna Medley, Betty Miller, Lisa Miller, Heather Miller, Cari Miller, Judy Mills, Daniel Mince, Allison Mitchell, Alexis Mitchell, Riley Mize, Lisa Moreland, Shelia Myrick, Breyana Neal.

Sherry Noles, Christy Noojin, Phyllis Norton, Robert Norwood, Marilyn Nunley, Ashley Odell, Stephanie Ogle, Savannah Oliver, Stacey Orr, John Orr, Martha Ortega, Norma O'Shields, Rhonda Overdear, Paula Owen, Amber Owen, Patty Owens, Janice Owens, Brianna Owens, Alice Parker, Lori Parker, Anita Parmer, Maleah Parmer, Orvetta Patterson, Madison Patterson, Jessica Pendergrass, Samantha Perrydore, Glenda Peters, Susan Pettis, Cassie Phelps, Patty Phillips, Tammy Pike, Matthew Poe, Carrye Pope, Tyler Porter, Morgan Portwood, Brianna Powell, Cynthia Proietti, Amanda Putnam, Yenifer Quevedo, Jesar Quizon, Summer Rainer, April Rainey, Jessica Rains, Cherie Ramage, Gunner Randolph, Martie Raymond, Tim Reel, Sandy Reese, Alida Rester Youngblood, Aimee Reynolds, Jason Rice, Staci Rich, Tara Rich, Sky Richardson.

Jennifer Richey, Tomeica Richmond, Kurt Richter, Lauren Rivas, Joan Roberts, Gaye Roberts, Tina Robinson, Jana Rowell, Danielle Rucks, Ashley Runions, Cynthia Russell, Frederick Sandmeier, Jenia Santanelli, Samantha Sargent, Phyllis Sargent, Alisa Schrader, San-

dra Scott, Brooke Sentell, Katie Sharpe, Stephanie Shaw, Sheila Sheffield, Natalie Shoemaker, Terri Shrader, Natasha Shrader, Savannah Sibert, Stephanie Simmons, Hayden Simmons, Jacob Simoneaux, Jason Skipper, Lindsay Slater, Chad Slaton, Shontia Smith, Emerald Smith, Brenda Smith, Victoria Smith, Jennifer Smith, Cheri Smith, Jason Smith, Lisa Smith, Jessica Smith, Chanda Smith, Tara Sparkman.

Donna Spears, Amy St Clair, Skyla Stafford, Betty Stebbins, Beth Stephens, Kellyamber Stewart, Margie Strother, Haiyden Stubblefield, Patrick Stubbs, Kevin Stubbs, Lynette Swain, Jana Tatum, Kristen Taylor, Annie Taylor, Rachel Taylor, Tina Terrell, Marilyn Thomas, Marshena Thomas, Kaley Thornberry, Jami Thornberry, William Thrasher, Ashley Thurman, Emma Tidmore, Angela Townsel, Michael Tramel, Michael Trammell, Logan Traylor, Betty Tuberville, Curtis Tucker, Dora Tucker, Sandra Tully, Charlotte Turner, Laura Twilley, Cynthia Twilley, Katherine Umphrey, Linda Underwood, Rebecca Varner, Leslie Vaughn, Heather Vaughn, Sergio Vazquez Cruz, Charity Verhine, Doris Wallace, Kimberly Wallen, Jackie Ward, Reagan Weaver, Brandy Weldon, Mallory Wells, Lori Wells, Karla Wells, Lauren West, Katherine West.

Payton Westmoreland, Christopher White, Britteny White, Sophia White, Shalanne Whited, Amanda Whitfield, Hollye Whitley, Thomas Whitten, Thomas Wiggon, Jelane Wigley, Lillie Wilbanks, Wendell Wilkes, Pamela Williams, Mary Williams, Olivia Williamson, Madison Willoughby, Rachel Womack, Denita Wood, Bryana Woodfin, Andrea Woods, Whitney Wooten, Cody Wooten, Traci Wooten, Chelsea Wooten, Melinda Work, Allison Wright, Tracy Wright, Khara Wynn, and Kenneth York.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF ORCHARD PARK, NEW YORK

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Village of Orchard Park, New York, on its centennial anniversary.

The Village of Orchard Park is a beautiful, tranquil village that lies in western New York, and I am honored to call it my home. The Village of Orchard Park was founded in 1921.

The area of present-day Orchard Park was historically referred to as an “uncultivated part of nature’s garden” and was said to resemble a “park of orchards.” The early pioneers of Orchard Park worked to transform a forest into the beautiful community it is today. They built residences, churches, and public places which remain important parts of the culture and values of today’s Orchard Park.

Many great businesses and businesspeople have hailed from the Village of Orchard Park, including Harry Yates. Mr. Yates moved from Buffalo to Orchard Park and purchased multiple farms, including roughly 3,500 acres of land. Mr. Yates created and donated Green Lake to the Orchard Park community, which is still enjoyed today by residents and visitors. Mr. Yates also donated the land for the construction of two churches, Nativity of Our Lord Roman Catholic and St. John’s Lutheran.

The Village of Orchard Park centennial celebrates the best of America. These communities are the incubators of local politics, commerce, education, recreation, entertainment, and faith for our village neighborhoods.

I am proud to congratulate the citizens of the Village of Orchard Park on their 100th anniversary. I believe that it is important to recognize their unique contribution to the development of western New York and wish them happiness and prosperity during the next 100 years.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FRIENDLY HOUSE AND 85 YEARS OF TAMALE DINNERS

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. GALLEG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Friendly House, which turned 100 years old in 2020.

Friendly House first started in 1920 as part of a local initiative to help immigrants in Arizona obtain citizenship and adjust to the United States. Today, Friendly House’s services have expanded to include youth and adult education, family and emergency services, and workforce development, while still maintaining their original commitment to providing immigration and citizenship services. For the past 100 years, Friendly House has advanced America’s identity as a nation of opportunity by helping individuals and families fully participate in American life.

After being delayed by a year due to COVID-19, Friendly House will celebrate its 100th anniversary at its 85th signature Tamale Dinner on December 3. For many, tamales represent coming together with loved ones, especially around the holidays. Friendly House’s annual Tamale Dinner has been bringing together the Phoenix community for over eight decades, making it the longest standing fundraiser in the State.

I would like to thank Friendly House for 100 years of service to the Phoenix community and wish them the best as they continue to grow their impact over the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING CAROLYN RIEMER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Ms. Carolyn Riemer. Ms. Riemer obtained her bachelor’s degree in journalism from Temple University in 1983, and her law degree from the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law in 1986. Shortly after graduating law school, Ms. Riemer entered government service with the Department of the Navy. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to support our nation’s warfighters through her work as an attorney for the Department of the Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency. After more than 35 years of dedicated public service and professional leadership in the Department of Defense, Ms.

Riemer is entering retirement. I am proud to recognize and celebrate Ms. Riemer as an exceptional attorney who has provided outstanding legal support to the benefit of our nation's armed forces. Ms. Riemer retires as the Counsel for NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, where she is widely respected for her accurate, strategic, and creative legal advice. She is recognized and respected as an expert in all areas of federal acquisition, whether it be competitive contracting or performance based logistics contracting. She has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to overcome complex challenges, including those innumerable legal challenges that have arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Riemer's expert guidance and creative leadership have helped her clients face challenges and overcome adversity. Her dedicated and diligent work has contributed to keeping our fleet mission-ready.

We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact Ms. Riemer has had through her long career of public service, and we wish Ms. Riemer countless blessings during her retirement.

HONORING THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA FOR NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Seminoles have called Florida home for thousands of years. Their ancestors met the Spanish when they touched down on Florida's shores in 1510 and created a refuge for those who sought to escape slavery and oppression. In 1830, when President Andrew Jackson broke the treaties he signed with native peoples and ordered those east of the Mississippi River be "removed" west, the Seminoles resisted and fought for their freedom alongside their neighbors. They kept their ways and traditions alive in the Everglades of Florida, where they remain free and unconquered to this day.

Facing the threat of the termination of services and Federal assistance in the 1950's the Seminole Tribe of Florida organized to develop a constitution, advanced through meetings under the old Council Oak Tree on the Hollywood Reservation. Federal recognition in 1957 reinforced the inherent sovereignty and necessitated a new form of self-governance for the newly organized Tribe. As more outsiders came to Florida, the Tribe adapted and developed new economic opportunities, including tourism enterprises and cattle operations.

Today, the Tribe counts over 4,000 members. They are a sovereign government, with their own schools, police, and courts. Members continue their traditions of sewing, patchwork, chickee building, and alligator wrestling but the Seminole Tribe also adapted to a changing world. Today, they run one of the largest cattle operations in the United States and own the Hard Rock Hotel & Casinos, an international business with locations in 74 countries.

The Seminole Tribe also gives back to its community and is actively helping to protect the Everglades they call home. The Seminole Tribe has been actively involved in the Ever-

glades restoration effort since its inception and has contributed significant resources to ensure that the overall restoration effort is successful, while protecting its sovereignty and unique way of life. For all this and more, we honor The Seminole Tribe of Florida for National Native American Heritage Month.

RECOGNIZING DU QUOIN HIGH SCHOOL'S FAMILY CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA) CLUB

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Du Quoin High School's Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club for their generosity on World Kindness Day. After a good fundraising year, the students used their leftover club funds to purchase gift cards to distribute to community members outside their local grocery store. This act of kindness helped ensure that several local families were able to put food on the dinner table that evening. World Kindness Day is a wonderful opportunity to take a moment to give back to our communities. It serves as a reminder that even a gesture as simple as a smile or a helping hand can make someone's day. I am proud of each member and leader of Du Quoin High School's Family Career and Community Leaders of America club for their hard work and generosity during a time when many are struggling to make ends meet. On behalf of southern Illinois, thank you for giving back to our Du Quoin community.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE LARRY HOPKINS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a true American patriot, former Congressman Larry Hopkins, who served in this body from 1979–1993 and passed away on November 15. Throughout his extraordinary career in public service, Larry served in the Kentucky State legislature and for over a decade in Congress in the seat I now hold. Larry's career in public service began as a U.S. Marine in 1954. It was that love for the military that Larry would bring with him to Congress, where he rose to become the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee.

Larry's humor was famous with both his constituents and his colleagues—always offering a disarming joke to lighten the mood or evoking a good laugh. Above all, madam Speaker, Congressman Hopkins was proud of his work across the aisle and the relationships he had with all of his colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike.

In these divided times, let us be inspired by the legacy of Congressman Hopkins to come together and solve the problems of our day, not as Republicans and Democrats, but as Americans who all love our country. On behalf

of a grateful nation, God bless Congressman Larry Hopkins. To my colleagues in the House, join me in praying for his wife, Carolyn, and three children, Shae, Tara, and Josh.

IN MEMORY OF LEO A. HUPPE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leo A. Huppe, a World War II hero and active member of the seacoast community who passed away in late October at the age of 96. Born on February 25, 1925, in Laconia and residing in Rochester for more than 75 years, Leo was a long-time New Hampshire resident and an honorable member of our community. At the time of his passing, Leo was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather.

As a young patriot, Leo went above and beyond the call of duty in his service to his country. Among the many medals, ribbons, and badges he received for his heroic actions throughout World War II in the Asiatic Pacific, Leo was awarded the Silver Star and the World War II Victory Medal, as well as the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

After his service, Leo worked diligently as a self-employed carpenter before entering a well-deserved retirement in 1987 with his wife, Evelyn, with whom he shared over 75 anniversaries before passing.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences to Leo's daughter, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchild, and great-great grandson. As we recognize Mr. Huppe, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring his rich life and legacy.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF FIRE ENGINEER RADOSLAV MARINKOVICH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Engineer Radoslav Marinkovich of the Dearborn Fire Department. His honorable years of service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Fire Engineer Marinkovich retired on November 23, 2021, after serving over two decades with the Dearborn Fire Department. He has been a trusted member of the department since July 1998, when he began his career as a Firefighter I. He rose to level of Firefighter II in March 2005. Assigned to Fire Station 3 on Wyoming Avenue, he was promoted to position of Fire Engineer in December 2007.

The recipient of numerous awards, Fire Engineer Marinkovich is an example to his peers. He is a three-time recipient of the Meritorious Company Commendation and a nine-time winner of the Safe Driving Award. He earned the Unit Commendation Award For June 25, 2021, Catastrophic Flooding, and was a part of the

invaluable team that assisted the citizens of Dearborn in a time of crisis and need. To top off an award-winning career, he was given the 2021 Meritorious Service Award For Over 20 Years of Exceptional Service. When faced with a challenge, he does not falter. Fire Engineer Marinkovich has been a stellar member of the department for the past twenty-three years and his lasting commitment to serving others has made him stand out among his fellow firefighters.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fire Engineer Radoslav Marinkovich for a career of exemplary service to the Dearborn Fire Department. I join with Fire Engineer Marinkovich's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his honorable service in protecting our community and thank him for his role in serving the people of the City of Dearborn for the past two decades.

IN HONOR OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and admiration for the healthcare workers in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, Northern Alabama, and our entire state. We have all heard stories about individuals in the healthcare field who have gone beyond the call of duty during the Coronavirus pandemic. From all across my district, and throughout our state, constituents have nominated some amazing medical workers, and it is my privilege to honor 307 of these individuals today.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen heroic work done to fight the virus on the front lines. Doctors, nurses, first responders, and everyone who has worked tirelessly in the medical field during this past year deserve all the thanks we can give them. They have kept us safe and healthy in a time when we needed it most.

Over the past two years I have visited hospitals, talked with those on the front lines of the fight, and visited vaccine clinics throughout my district. I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding work being done each and every day. It has been a constant battle for these healthcare heroes, but they have risen to the task every step of the way. I have no doubt in my mind that these amazing men and women have made a big difference in Alabama's bout with COVID-19.

It is for those reasons, and so many more, that I want to honor the healthcare heroes of Northern Alabama. They deserve nothing less. Thanks to the submissions from my constituents in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD the names of 307 healthcare heroes. When history looks upon this trying time in our country, they will find the names of the men and women of Alabama who courageously took on the fight to keep the rest of us safe.

With my utmost gratitude, may the legacy of these 307 healthcare heroes live on well into the future.

From Fayette Medical Center: Angela G. Burris, Katherine M. Tucker, Joann K. Nich-

olas, Kelli B. Bourland, Mitzi L. Rickman, Sherri D. Stovall, Bobbie Jo H. Carr, Dana S. Norris, Trena A. Potter, Jorett B. Redman, Jessica L. Taylor, Dana G. Carter, Hannah L. Livingston, Victoria L. Pugh, Danielle L. Weathers, Kimberly P. Dodson, Mary A. Hardin, Cherry D. Ashby, Amber L. Brasher, Amy O. Deloach, Kristine M. Dubielak, Cindy J. Duckworth, Iman D. Foster, Rita R. Guin, Ashley M. Horton, Angela L. Howard, Mackenzie R. Hubbert, Brittney M. Johnson, Deborah J. Lawrence, Linda S. Markham, Terry C. Nixon, Else Poole, Brittany A. Riley, Teresa L. Riley, Kathy A. Rogers, Diana L. Shirley, Stacy M. Skipworth, Ashley F. Sprinkle, Wendy C. Stacks, Katelyn V. Sullins, Allison S. Taylor, Janet J. Tidwell, Barbara M. Voegle, Sammie J. Walker, Teresa B. Weeks, Teresa N. West, Heather D. Williford, Lachandra R. Barnes, Barbara M. Jacks, Regina J. Tucker, Rebecca L. Webb, Stephanie B. Frost, Chasity J. Ham.

Leslie L. Hoobler, Kaitlyn C. Jones, Karen R. Kizzire, Andrea M. Knight, Patrick R. Phillips, Alyson L. Reid, Hannah M. Robinson, Kaitrin N. Sudduth, Ellen M. Truelove, Renee M. Varnadoe, Melanie L. Webster, Chastity L. Williams, Kathleen M. Adriano, Shelia L. Barnes, Amy L. Belk, Jessica B. Bennett, Judy A. Billups, Monica N. Blakeney, Wanda J. Brown, Jacqueline Caine, Pamela E. Cannon, Kyndee L. Cantrell, Rebecca S. Cahnell, Hazel M. Colvin, Na'Sheena F. Cunningham, Melanie B. Davis, Sydney T. Dillard, Kathy E. Duncan, Tierra L. Easterling, Stephanie K. Elliott, Sharetha D. Enis, Amanda P. Files, Taylor N. Finch, Andi N. Findley, Dannah H. Gilbert, Morgan N. Grantham, Ashlyn L. Griffith, Christie M. Guin, Macy G. Guin, Julie S. Halstead.

Amber M. Hammack, Terri A. Harris, Ashley G. Hayes, Christian N. Hill, Dana N. Hill, Andrea T. Johnson, Katelyne M. Jolley, Misty A. Jones, Willie N. Jones, Susan A. Key, Ashley M. Kilby, Sharon D. King, Allison B. Kizzire, Carolyn Koster, Amanda Little, Doris L. Locke, Kimberly S. Locke, Shirley K. Locke, Crystal R. Loveall, Sherry A. Maddo, Shelley P. Mallory, Breanna B. McGee, Vanessa G. McKee, Janette McLemore, Teresa D. Miller, Kimberly E. Monore, Taylor A. Nabors, Rejetta L. Nails, Sylvia D. Nelson, Brandy L. Newell, Jessica F. Nichols, Makenna B. Nickoles, Courtney M. O'Mary, Sandra M. Patterson, Kade L. Petty, Amanda L. Powell, Alicia R. Reece, Mary L. Reeves, Janet C. Ritter, Kasey D. Savage, Joanna E. Smith, Kayla Z. Smith, Kolby L. Smith, McKinna A. Smith, Savannah C. Spann, Angela J. Stimac

Lydia A. Stough, Sundra L. Stough, Jessica L. Stovall, Jessica M. Stovall, Lacey R. Stovall, April N. Stowe, Heather N. Swindle, Beverly A. Tackett, Sherry B. Trimm, Kathryn M. Tucker, Tena S. Tucker, Cynthia K. Tyler, Rovetta S. Walker, Taylor L. Walker, April M. Ward, Vickey J. Watkins, Tawana West, Mindy L. White, Latashia M. Williams, Mary C. Wilson, Kynidra C. Wright, Ashley D. Meeks, Valerie S. Cleveland, Sheryl L. Lynn, Terri M. Robertson, Jasmine R. Cole, Theresa A. Dumbson, Crystal R. Pendley, Kimberly D. Pendley, Bridgett S. Anderson, Kaylee B. Benton, JaTeka L. Cox, Jeffery D. Farley, Mollie D. Herron, Joseph C. Hubbard, Samuel D. Hubbert, Aubrey S. Hyatt, Hillary P. Lowery, Jacquelin D. Lucas, Elizabeth R. Oakes, Mary J. Robbins, Amy N. Spann, LaLona M. Tucker, Karla M. Unger, Johnnie D. Lawler.

Kristina Aycock-Ray, Raven S. Chisolm, Melissa L. Clark, Maisylvia K. Cobb, Michael

C. Colburn, Christa M. Collins, Lucretia D. Dawson, Sharon E. Durrett, Brandy Y. Gillott, Andrea F. Harbin, Rebecca A. Kimbrell, Hayden R. Linley, Judy P. Smith, Tanya B. Tidwell, Angela K. Veal, Karle P. Weems, Ramona L. Yartins, Karen R. Spiller, Wendy D. Tucker, Kathryn F. Anderson, Paige L. Ballard, Heather N. Bozeman, Michael C. Brewer Jr., Whitney F. Collins, Mary T. Damico, Tarra L. Davis, Cassidy M. Dias, Ashley B. Driver, Cheryl F. Farris, Cynthia M. Files, Jonathon T. Files, Shannon Jones, Lucretia L. Moore, Christi L. Nelson, Charity E. Odom, Daphne L. Pasley, Mandi L. Quinn, Karon B. Bobbitt, Michelle L. Bradford, Timothy D. Bradford, Tammy M. Cork, Teresa K. Hulsey, Tiffany L. Lollar, Teresa S. Mobley, Andrew C. Norton, Richard J. Rushing, Kelsi S. Stanford, Gina M. Walker, Jerry L. Adams, Alexis A. Donaldson, Patricia L. Jordan, Makenzey L. Lancaster, Patricia L. Lovins, Candice A. Reid.

Frances B. Swanger, Donna D. Wheat, Vincent M. Williams, Courtney D. Crowe, Beverly A. Galloway, Cynthia H. Green, Jennifer D. Hardin, Janet S. Moore, Marisa C. Posey, Rhonda S. McCollum, Susan H. Williams, James E. Burkhalter, Jonathan L. Burkhalter, Jimmy C. Dean, Allan L. Gilbert, Jason Mullenix, Tina M. Bushey, Dyla A. Hale, Jacob W. Hollingsworth, Nina B. Hollingsworth, Stephanie D. Hughes, Lora L. Huntley, Richard E. Lanxter, Brianna F. McCluskey, April L. McDaniel, Jerry W. Miller, Elisabeth D. Patrick, Haley B. Perry, Sandra D. Pinkerton, Kaitlyn M. Pouncey, Iterik N. Rodgers, Kristen D. Westbrook, Carolyn F. Youngblood, Jessica N. Griffin, Brendan S. Simshauser, Amanda D. Turner, Mary M. Brock.

Brittany J. Burris, Cindy N. Clark, Jennifer L. Day, KraDezsha K. Hale, Delana D. Hollis, Tiffani N. Johnson, Echo H. Kirchens, Marty A. Lowery, Jessica N. Miles, Crystal D. Mullinax, Tammie J. Owens, Audrey S. Pichon, Katie J. Snow, Cetara D. Trull, Susan D. Jones, Diana F. Reaves, Tammy L. Bailey, Karem Coker, Linda F. Adams, Jamie L. Baswell, Tawanna M. Camp, Amy J. Dozier, Tina Gilliam, Deborah J. Hocutt, Dorna L. Lanxter, Angela D. Locke, Ellis R. Wheat, Linda F. White, Timothy M. Howard, Sheila Lowery, Telisa S. Blanton, Jeffrey B. Huff, and Donald J. Jones.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. RAYMOND H. GONZALES

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman PERLMUTTER, to recognize the exceptional accomplishments of Mr. Raymond H. Gonzales and commend him for his outstanding work as County Manager of Adams County—the 5th largest county in the State of Colorado.

Mr. Gonzales is a third generation Coloradan, proud son of Brighton, Colorado, and a dedicated public servant with over 20 years of experience. As County Manager, he supported more than 2,500 personnel, and has always remained devoted to not only his staff, but to all county employees. Adams County has flourished under his nine years of leadership. In a recent survey, 94 percent of employees

named the County an “Employer of Choice.” In 2019, he was the first county manager to receive the “County Manager of the Year” award from the Colorado City and County Management Association.

Mr. Gonzales has dutifully implemented the policies and priorities of the Board of County Commissioners and expertly overseen the day-to-day operations of the county throughout his tenure. Mr. Gonzalez managed many initiatives that positively impacted the residents of Adams County. Initiatives such as the People and Culture Services Department, the establishment of a new animal shelter, the completion of the state-of-the-art human services building, and a new Veterans memorial dedicated to Adams County Veterans who served and sacrificed for their country.

We thank Mr. Gonzales for his years of service to Adams County, and we are pleased he will be taking the next step in his career as the President of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation (MDED) and Executive Vice President of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to the incredible things he will do for the State of Colorado.

IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD DAY
OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD
TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congressman STEVE COHEN, fellow co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, to mark the 26th World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (World Day) on Sunday, November 21, 2021.

On this solemn event, families, advocates, and leaders around the world gather to remember the tens of millions of lives impacted by road crashes and the bravery of the first responders and health care workers who work valiantly to save as many lives as possible.

World Day of Remembrance was initiated in 1995 as the European Day of Remembrance and quickly spread around the globe. In 2005 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 60/2, recognizing the third Sunday in November as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Every year, the goals of the World Day of Remembrance are to remember all people killed and seriously injured on the roads; acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services; advocate for better support to road traffic victims and their families; and promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries.

More than one million people die from road crashes every year, and tens of millions are seriously injured. Road traffic crashes are the number one killer of young people aged 15–29, the third leading killer of Americans abroad, and the eighth leading cause of death among all people worldwide. Despite these figures, our understanding of the full scope of the problem is still lacking, and additional data collection is imperative.

World Day of Remembrance 2021 also focuses on reduction of traffic speeds. Studies

have shown unequivocally that lowering speeds has the potential to prevent many deaths and serious injuries, in particular those of pedestrians and all other vulnerable road users like children, people with disabilities, and the elderly.

This year also marks the beginning of the second global Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, which has a primary goal of reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries caused by road traffic accidents by at least 50 percent by 2030. Additionally, in October 2021, Congressman COHEN and I officially relaunched the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, working closely with the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT), the leading U.S. nonprofit advocating for safe travel on the world’s roads.

Rochelle Sobel founded ASIRT in response to the death of her son Aron, a 22-year-old medical student who was killed in a bus crash in Turkey along with 23 other passengers. ASIRT works to improve the safety of travelers through education and advocacy and was instrumental in encouraging the establishment of the Caucus in 2004.

Looking ahead to what we must accomplish in this second Decade of Action, it is crucial that we collaborate to enact common sense solutions to meaningfully reduce the terrible toll of road crashes. We know how to save lives, now we must muster the will and courage to act with conviction.

As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, we implore our colleagues, partners, stakeholders, industry leaders and decision-makers worldwide to heed the message of World Day to “remember, support, and act” to improve road safety and prevent avoidable tragedies. We look forward to welcoming more of our colleagues to the Caucus and working in earnest to provide leadership and make tangible advances to reduce road deaths.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GORDON
“MACK” MCKINLEY, JR.

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BABBIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, Gordon “Mack” McKinley, Jr., who passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at the age of 72.

Mack and I grew up together in Beaumont, Texas, survived high school together and were roommates and fraternity brothers during college at the University of Texas.

Mack was a guy you could count on in good times and bad times to always have a positive outlook. He learned it through an adversity that terrified the mothers of our generation and left its mark on those who survived it. But Mack was strong and resilient, and he never let polio define him.

He was born on November 14, 1948, in Galveston, Texas, and named after his dad, Gordon McKinley, Sr. He was an only child, but a friend to many.

Like many students at the University of Texas in Austin, Mack fell in love with the city and stayed on after graduation. In 1974, he opened a club called The Common Interest which quickly became a popular hangout and

has been an Austin institution for the last 47 years. The Common Interest provided a great gathering place where sports games could be enjoyed with friends, songs could be sung and fun could be had by all, especially Mack, a huge fan of the University of Texas Longhorns.

Mack also fell in love with a girl he met in the Common Interest, named Shannon Wilson, with whom he shared a happy married life for 45 years. Mack and Shannon began their lives together in Austin, Texas in 1976 and were blessed with three sons Michael, Kevin and Brandon. Shannon was the love of his life. He considered her and their family his greatest blessing and his greatest accomplishment throughout his life being a father. He was an enthusiastic fan and supporter of his three boys in the various sports they played. To this day, his son’s jerseys still hang with pride on the walls of The Common Interest.

Mack was an avid golfer all his life. A special gift from his sons a few years ago was a trip to the Master’s Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

Mack never quit doing things on his own terms, overcoming physical limitations that may have caused others to give up. He accepted life’s challenges, he worked hard, he was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather or “Pops” as he was known, and he was my lifelong friend and inspiration.

I will miss him.

Mack is survived by his wife, Shannon McKinley, his son Michael McKinley, wife Brie, kids Bodie and Kai, his son Kevin McKinley, wife Candace, kids Kaylee, Kenna, Kensi and Kason, and son Brandon McKinley, wife Amber, kids Dakota and Merritt. Mack is also survived by numerous cousins close to Dallas, Chicago and Nashville.

Madam Speaker, today I honor my close friend and college roommate Mack McKinley. His example of fortitude and strength to overcome obstacles will not be forgotten, and my heartfelt prayers remain with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
REVEREND DR. DEFOREST B.
SOARIES

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries on his retirement as the spiritual leader and senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey. As a pioneer in the faith-based community, Dr. Soaries shared his teachings of spiritual growth, educational excellence, and economic development for the last three decades.

Reverend Soaries served not just his flock, but as the first African American man to hold the prestigious position of New Jersey’s Secretary of State, he led the entire great State of New Jersey. Dr. Soaries devoted his time to implementing grassroots initiatives to enhance the quality of life for thousands of New Jersey residents. Bridging the gap between underserved communities and voting accessibility as former chairman of the United States Election

Assistance Commission, he assisted Congress in establishing the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Dr. Soaries has worked tirelessly to pave the way for the next generation of civic leaders through his numerous community initiatives to free individuals from the burden of debt by launching the dfree Financial Freedom Movement and currently serves as an independent director at three companies: Independence Realty Trust, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, and Ocwen Financial Corporation.

I applaud Dr. Soaries for his outstanding accomplishments and commitment to creating opportunities for economic empowerment in our state. On behalf of the state of New Jersey, I would like to formally congratulate Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries on his retirement and wish him the very best as he embarks on his next chapter of life.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA LODGE NO. 77

HON. JENNIFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of the America Lodge No. 77 on its centennial celebration.

The America Lodge No. 77 was founded 100 years ago and continues to exercise its work ascribed to the Great Sovereign Lodge of Free and Accepted Freemasons of Puerto Rico. On June 19th of 1921, a group of eight distinguished masons celebrated a meeting presided over by the honorable Pedro Del Valle Atiles. In this meeting the new lodge was constituted with the name of Americas.

The Grand Master William E. Lippitt presided over the ceremony when the Great Lodge of Free and Accepted Freemason of Puerto Rico granted the Founding Charter to the America Lodge. With this the number 77 was assigned to the America Lodge and the new Officialdom was installed.

It is motive of pride for the America Lodge No. 77, the fact that their members are not limited to their masonic activities for the benefit of their lodge only. A great number of them have rendered valuable services to humanity like educational conferences about the Masonic history and providing resources to assist the victims of Hurricane Maria. Additionally, members of the Lodge have held positions of importance in different industries throughout the history of the Lodge having a great impact in their communities.

I'm honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the America Lodge No. 77, recognizing the uninterrupted work that their members continue to perform.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD ALBERT ST. JOHN

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent from

Pomona, the Honorable Richard Albert St. John. It is with more than a heavy heart that I share that Richard Albert St. John passed away on November 4, 2021.

From the young age of 16, Richard served his country first with the merchant marines on the Great Lakes steamers. One year later, Richard enlisted into the Army where he served as a marine engine mechanic. After leaving the Army and working in a car factory, Richard re-enlisted and served in the Korean War. He was seriously wounded during the war, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

After being discharged as a Sergeant First Class, Richard relocated to Los Angeles in 1953 and entered public service with the Sheriffs Department and then as an investigator with the District Attorney's office. He attended law school at night at Pacific Coast University while working in law enforcement during the day. Upon passing the bar, he worked as the Assistant County Counsel for Butte County. He later returned to Los Angeles where he met Judith Wallingford and married her in 1970.

Richard's experience and success as a trial lawyer led him to be recruited to the District Attorney's office. From 1975 to 1998, Richard served as a Juvenile Court Referee and then as a Superior Court Judge on the Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

In retirement, Richard dedicated his time to his art, family, and traveling with his beloved wife. Richard was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and selfless public servant. He will be fondly remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and community.

Today, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Honorable Richard Albert St. John on the House floor to the State of California. May he rest in peace.

158TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in recognition of the 158th anniversary of President Lincoln's famous Civil War speech in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I believe it is appropriate that we take the time to remember these meaningful words.

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN—NOVEMBER 19, 1863

“Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It

is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

IN HONOR OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and admiration for the healthcare workers in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, Northern Alabama, and our entire state: We have all heard stories about individuals in the healthcare field who have gone beyond the call of duty during the Coronavirus pandemic. From all across my district, and throughout our state, constituents have nominated some amazing medical workers, and it is my privilege to honor 63 of these individuals today.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen heroic work done to fight the virus on the front lines. Doctors, nurses, first responders, and everyone who has worked tirelessly in the medical field during this past year deserve all the thanks we can give them. They have kept us safe and healthy in a time when we needed it most.

Over the past two years I have visited hospitals, talked with those on the front lines of the fight, and visited vaccine clinics throughout my district. I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding work being done each and every day. It has been a constant battle for these healthcare heroes, but they have risen to the task every step of the way. I have no doubt in my mind that these amazing men and women have made a big difference in Alabama's bout with COVID-19.

It is for those reasons, and so many more, that I want to honor the healthcare heroes of Northern Alabama. They deserve nothing less. Thanks to the submissions from my constituents in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD the names of 63 healthcare heroes. When history looks upon this trying time in our country, they will find the names of the men and women of Alabama who courageously took on the fight to keep the rest of us safe.

With my utmost gratitude, may the legacy of these 63 healthcare heroes live on well into the future.

From Jasper, Alabama: April Burton Reed, Ty Blackwell, and Dr. Ike Baker.

From Athens, Alabama: Patrick Boyett.

From Hackleburg, Alabama: Nataline Pennington.

From Fairfield, Alabama: Josh Elliott.

From Vinemont, Alabama: Mary Katherine (Katie) Sutter.

From Brilliant, Alabama: Cynthia Burleson.

From Town Creek, Alabama: Destinee Jones.

From Moulton, Alabama: Morgan Potts.
 From Phil Campbell, Alabama: Jeremy Hall.
 From Fort Payne, Alabama: Jimmy Biddle.
 From Rainbow City, Alabama: Amy Chastain.
 From Tuscaloosa, Alabama: Deidra Long.
 From Valley Head, Alabama: Allie Elizabeth Rhodes.
 From Corner, Alabama: Felton Scott Perry, and Michelle Burgess Perry.
 From Grant, Alabama: Samantha G. Lemley.
 From Guntersville, Alabama: Emma Black, Dr. Mark Christensen.
 From Halyeville, Alabama: Cindy Butler Fretenborough, and Amanda Moore.
 From Albertville, Alabama: Patrick Roberts.
 From Cullman, Alabama: Erin Wilson, Charles Pennington, and Kelly Patton.
 From Huntsville, Alabama: Dr. Tighe.
 From Courtland, Alabama: Miranda Peebles Hutto.
 From Arab, Alabama: Dr. Megan Zeine and staff, and Katy Massey.

From Sheffield, Alabama: Michael McWaters, Sandra Hovater, Amy Patrick, Jennifer Plemons-Kastberg, and Amanda Gray.

From Winfield, Alabama: Dr. Martin Hajjar.
 From Walker Baptist Medical Center: John Jessup, Hannah Gilliland, Jeremy Hodges, Jennifer Burdette, Corey Lambert, Leigh Ann Min, Cindy Fine, Penny Hester, Ginger Seibering, Sharon Patton, Kelley Polly, Jerry Muncher, Gena Cooper, Greg Drummond, Ron Nelson, Wanda Phillips, Bobby Cook, Hyon Morrow, James Johnson, Courtney Works, Beth Stephenson, Michelle Lawson, Thea Higgins, and Marie Morgan.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
 MASTER SERGEANT HAROLD
 SHOEPFLIN

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the service of Master Sergeant Harold Shoepflin of South Carolina.

A true American hero, Harold bravely served our country throughout World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In 1943, he enlisted in the Navy and was sent to Camp Perry, Virginia where he was assigned to a newly commissioned 72nd Construction Battalion. The battalion soon boarded a ship in Norfolk before heading to Pearl Harbor. In Hawaii, the battalion constructed runways, Quonset Huts, and a fuel tank field for the Navy and Marine Corps. Harold lost several close friends during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He also lost his brother, Bob, who was killed in action in Guam.

Despite these losses, following World War II, Harold enlisted in the Marine Corps. From there, he went through Parris Island, Camp Lejeune, and Camp Pendleton. When the Korean War erupted, Harold endured Marine Corps Cold Weather Mountain training and then traveled to Japan with the 1st Armored Amphibious Battalion.

After serving in Inchon during the Korean War, Harold returned to California where he spent several years at Camp Pendleton with the 7th Marine Engineers, attending various Leadership Schools.

Following the outbreak of the Vietnam War, Harold's battalion shipped out on a landing ship tank heading for Da Nang. During his time in Vietnam, Harold was assigned to Iron Mountain, and was also in charge of Base Services Recovery in Chu Lai.

After these many dangerous tours, Harold retired as a Master Sergeant in 1971. As a testament to his exemplary military career, Harold amassed many notable honors and accolades, including the World War II Navy Occupation Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," the Presidential Unit Citation, the American Campaign Medal, and numerous others. Following his military service, Harold and his family retired to Charleston, South Carolina where he maintained a successful career in the insurance and real estate industry. He also owned and operated a shrimp boat. Harold enjoyed 49 years of blissful marriage to his beautiful wife Ruth until her passing in 1996. Together, the couple raised four wonderful children: Debra, Nancy, Joy, and Harold Jr. Their son Harold followed in his father's footsteps and went on to serve as a major in the Marine Corps.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Harold for his outstanding service. He has created a lasting legacy of duty, honor, and courage, and our nation is better for his sacrifice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH J.
 QUINN, JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn and observe the passing of a diligent public servant and a passionate community member, Joseph "Jack" Quinn, Jr. of Suffield, Connecticut. A dedicated member in local politics and a loving family man, Jack passed away on November 7, 2021, surrounded by his loved ones, after 85 years on this Earth.

Born to Joseph J. and Mary Mae Quinn in Hartford, Connecticut, Jack demonstrated fierce loyalty to our State from the get-go. Jack's life-long intention was to improve what our region had to offer his fellow neighbors by way of hard work and civic engagement. This intention extended through every aspect of his life—even for his professional career, Jack chose to serve an impressive 37-years with the Connecticut Department of Transportation before moving on to a rightfully deserved retirement.

Of course, Jack's personal commitment to improving his own community went far deeper than just an occupation with the State. His intrinsic community-oriented perspective encouraged his involvement within state and local politics throughout the entirety of his life. He was an ardent member of the local Democratic Town Committee, leading to various roles of service with the Town of Suffield, including a stint in leadership as a selectman. In his tenure with the municipal government, Joseph helped the town oversee several priorities from managing operations of the Suffield Police Department, to uplifting and preserving Suffield's 350 years of history, to improving

proper traffic safety and the town's infrastructure. Beyond his time as selectman, it is worth noting Jack maintained his ability to advocate for the interests of the Suffield community through an innumerable amount of settings—acting as a traditional participant in state conventions, serving as a commissioner for the Suffield Police Commission, a member for the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and Infrastructure Committee, serving on Suffield's Water Pollution Control Authority and additionally the Vice Chairman of the Heritage Committee.

Throughout his impassioned involvement with the town, Joseph unwaveringly prioritized Suffield's best interests and sought to leave the town and its government even better than when he began his work. Armed with the vitality brought by his own sense of dedication, Jack kept a busy, local presence even into his latest years, working at Vinnie's Little Acre in Windsor Locks over the holidays, utilizing his younger experience as a florist to produce arrangements for and share stories with fellow community members.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Quinn, Jr. was a diligent civil servant who deeply and consistently enriched the lives of those within the community. I have had the honor to represent the Town of Suffield for many years in Congress and have seen Jack's dedicated work firsthand. He epitomized what it meant to be a loyal public servant and a passionate community member. In his passing, Joseph leaves behind his loving wife, Corrine, three children: Katherine, Lisa, and Joseph Quinn III, as well as several grand and great-grandchildren. He loved spending time with them and will be remembered as a passionate family member. His memory will undoubtedly live on through his family as well as within the Suffield community which he served. To that end, I ask that my colleagues and this Chamber join me in remembering Joseph's legacy and expressing our deepest respect for Joseph's work and life.

HONORING THE 15TH
 ANNIVERSARY OF SRCTEC

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th Anniversary of SRCTec, a manufacturing and lifecycle management firm in Central New York that has developed and built some of the most groundbreaking technologies to solve defense, environmental, and intelligence problems.

In its 15 years of operation, SRCTec has developed and manufactured high-quality, award-winning electromechanical products that have strengthened our nation's defense. The company holds the prestigious title of Tier 1 supplier to the U.S. Army and has received the Army's Top Ten Inventions Award for its stellar work to develop the CREW Duke system, which prevents remote detonation of improvised explosive devices. SRCTec also received the Army's Top Ten Inventions Award for its Lightweight Counter-Mortar Radio, which provides continuous surveillance of rocket, artillery, and mortar threats to American troops.

Aside from SRCTec's commitment to quality manufacturing, the firm is also an active part

of the Central New York community and has received numerous awards for corporate citizenship. SRCTec received the Partners for Education & Business Special Recognition Award for its work to engage local students and encourage them to pursue STEM field studies. SRCTec has also received the United Way of Central New York's Spirit of Caring Awards several times for its charitable giving and leadership development programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the 15th Anniversary of SRCTec. Since its founding, the company has made tremendous contributions to Central New York and worked to improve our country's defenses through its visionary manufacturing products.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHEAST WISCONSIN'S 2021 VETERAN OF THE YEAR, RYAN LONERGAN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northeast Wisconsin's 2021 Veteran of the Year, Ryan Lonergan. His service on and off the battlefield, his dedication to fellow veterans, and his devotion to Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District makes him well-deserving of this recognition.

The Northeast Wisconsin Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of members from the veteran and civilian community. It recognizes veterans in Northeast Wisconsin who continue to demonstrate service, excellence, and dedication in all that they do.

A native of Southeastern Wisconsin, Ryan served 6 years in the Army National Guard including a 2009 deployment to Iraq. During Ryan's service he received numerous medals and achievements, including but not limited to, the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star.

Ryan's service to his fellow veterans and dedication to our country did not stop upon returning home. Ryan has been a tireless advocate and ally for veterans in the Fox Valley and Northeast Wisconsin. Every day he helps veterans transition to civilian life by providing crucial job and career preparation. Two incredible examples of Ryan's continued support of the veteran community include working with the Outagamie County Veteran Service Officer to find a home for a World War II veteran's Purple Heart and connecting the next of kin of a local Navy Seal with his ribbons and medals which included a Silver Star with Valor and Navy Seal Trident.

Ryan has remained dedicated to creating and cultivating a strong veteran community in the Fox Valley. He plays a key role in organizing an annual archery event and has partnered with numerous local businesses to coordinate extraordinary experiences for our veterans. From his help with Wheels for Warriors to his Fragout Podcast, Ryan continues to advocate for his fellow veterans.

Madam Speaker, I once again congratulate Ryan Lonergan for his service to Northeast

Wisconsin and the veteran community, and on being the 2021 Northeast Wisconsin Veteran of the Year. Northeast Wisconsin can be proud of the many great veterans who call the 8th Congressional District home, and I urge all colleagues to join me in recognizing these outstanding men and women.

HONORING JAN FAKER FOR HER SERVICE TO HOOSIERS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jan Faker for her service to Indiana's 2nd District as Constituent Liaison in my Rochester, Indiana, office and congratulate her on a remarkable 27-year career in service to Hoosiers. As Jan retires and begins the next chapter in her life, it is my great privilege to honor her many achievements and to express my sincerest appreciation for all she has done for our community, our State, and our country.

Jan specializes in senior issues and has helped more than 1,500 individual constituents throughout her time as a congressional staffer. Her career began in 1994 as Staff Assistant for Rep. Steve Buyer (IN-04), and she has proved to be an invaluable asset in every role since. When Rep. Buyer retired in 2011, she took her talents to the Senate where she served as Sen. Dan Coats' Director of Constituent Services for Indiana until becoming Constituent Liaison in my office in 2015.

I cannot thank Jan enough for going above and beyond for 2nd District Hoosiers. Her vast knowledge of bureaucracy and her ample network of contacts equipped her to answer almost any question, cut through miles of red tape, and provide solutions to individuals and families who felt boxed into a corner. For Members of Congress, our caseworkers are often considered our miracle workers. Jan's compassion, dedication, and tenacity make her one of the best, and I could always count on her to take on challenges and be pragmatic, effective, and supportive.

Jan's expertise and dedication will surely be missed. I'm certain Hoosiers across the State are grateful for her help in stewarding them through the complexities of Medicare enrollment during her 15 years of teaching "Medicare 101" in partnership with the Indiana State Health Insurance Assistance Program. From healthcare to Social Security and pensions, Jan has helped so many Indiana families navigate complex challenges with grace and poise.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jan Faker on her retirement and thanking her for her decades of service to the 2nd District and the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING THE ZUNI CROSS-COUNTRY BOYS TEAM

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to send my congratulations to

the Zuni Cross-Country Boys Team who won the New Mexico State Cross Country Championships for 2021. Their win is even more impressive during a pandemic that made it impossible to train last year. They make us all proud.

Zuni's cross-country program is in a class of its own. I am so impressed with its leadership in the running world especially in hosting one of the largest meets with more than 30 schools in attendance. It is an honor to represent a community where the running culture is so strong.

I extend my warmest wishes for the future. I have no doubt Zuni will continue to impress us all through the ages.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. BILL BRADLEY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bill Bradley for his service to LaGrange County, Indiana. Residents of LaGrange County owe Bill a debt of gratitude for his role in making the region a better place to live and do business.

The LaGrange County EDC works to attract new investment to, and strengthen local business in, the county. They do so quite successfully. LaGrange County's unemployment rate is roughly half that of the national average, and future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 47.4 percent, considerably higher than the U.S. average of 33.5 percent.

At the helm of the LaGrange County EDC for the last three years has been Bill, a stalwart champion of business in northern Indiana for nearly three decades. He also led the Jay County Development Corporation; helped in the creation of the New Allen Alliance, the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, and the Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County; and served the Logansport-Cass County Economic Development Foundation and the Wabash Economic Development Corporation. Additionally, he has served as a board member of the Indiana Economic Development Association, several workforce developments boards, and has been an active Rotarian most of his career. His career is remarkable, and our region is more prosperous because of him.

As Bill prepares to retire, let this document serve as a testament to Bill and his life's work, for which LaGrange County, and the whole of northeast Indiana, is grateful.

IN HONOR OF MR. EDDIE L. PEARCE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a lifetime of dedication and expertise by Mr. Eddie Pearce of Hamilton, Alabama for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award that recognizes 60 years of service as a National Weather Service Cooperative Observer.

Mr. Pearce was born in Pecos County, Texas and moved to Alabama when he was only 14 years old. From a very young age he had a strong interest in the weather and began taking and observing daily temperate readings in November of 1961.

Since then, his passion and dedication has led him to aiding the daily operations of meteorologists across the state. His expertise in topography has proven essential to understanding and communicating to the public the importance of elevation temperature changes on our climate in Alabama.

During his time observing the weather in Hamilton, he saw the many ways our weather

can reach the extremes. Back in January of 1966, he recorded his record low temperature of -19 degrees. This was the same day the state of Alabama set its record low temperature of -27 degrees recorded at New Market in Madison County. On the other end of the meteorological spectrum, Mr. Pearce recorded his record high temperature in August of 2007. His recording station hit 109 degrees during a record setting heat and drought that impacted all of Alabama.

The National Weather Service is honored to have an observer such as Mr. Pearce on their side and presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award on November 2, 2021.

Mr. Pearce was married to Rosemary Ritchie Pearce for more than six decades. She passed away in 2019.

They had two children, son Eddie Pearce III and daughter Shawn Armstrong.

I want to congratulate Mr. Pearce on this well-deserved achievement as he portrays a great example of the genuine, hard-working people who make up Alabama's 4th District. I want to wish him all the best and thank him for his service to his community, Marion County, and all of Alabama.