

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO CAPTAIN TAYLOR BAZE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Taylor Baze, who is retiring from the Coppell Fire Department.

Over the last 30 years, Captain Baze has demonstrated excellent fire service to the residents of Coppell, Texas. Captain Baze's influence over the City of Coppell Fire Department will still be felt in his absence. He was an excellent leader and considered a brother by many. His legacy will not be forgotten as he leaves the fire department better off for having him as a captain.

I thank Captain Baze for his leadership and service to our community and wish him a happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE CLOSSER
FOR HIS TREK BETWEEN THE
ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Bruce Closser for his impressive bicycle trek between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. After months of training, Bruce became the oldest individual to complete this 3-month journey at the age of 78. As a resident of Marquette and the great state of Michigan, Bruce shines as both a pillar of health and an example of ongoing resilience.

After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in the spring of 2019, Bruce has worked to maintain his active lifestyle. Despite his illness, he has defied all expectations in conquering the 4,200-mile trek between the United States' major coasts. His achievement is officially recognized by Guinness World Records and will be remembered by individuals throughout the world. As lifelong Yooper, Bruce has always valued the outdoors and its numerous activities. In addition to cycling, he is an avid skier, spending many winters at Marquette Mountain. Beyond enjoying nature, Bruce is deeply involved with the Parkinson's Foundation. His efforts have included raising awareness, educational advocacy, and fundraising. To the local communities of the Upper Peninsula and our Congressional District, Bruce is truly an inspiration.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Bruce Closser for this impressive accomplishment. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Bruce and wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ELTON MAC HUDDLESTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston, 79, who passed away on August 27, 2023, in Tupelo, Mississippi, after a life marked by service to his fellow man. He was born September 16, 1943, and was raised in Holmes County, Mississippi, by his beloved grandparents. He graduated from Durant High School.

He studied accounting and was a member of the ROTC at Mississippi State University. After graduating from MSU, he served in the United States Army, flying helicopters in Vietnam and, later, serving as a flight instructor. He held the rank of Captain and was a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross, among other honors and awards. After his military service, he obtained his degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University and worked as a veterinarian in north Mississippi, including Pontotoc. He worked for several years for his alma mater, Mississippi State, in both the College of Veterinary Medicine, where he was among the first faculty, and the Division of Development before eventually settling back in Pontotoc, where he was known by his friends as "Dr. Mac" and worked many years as a large animal veterinarian. He was also the executive secretary of the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association and Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Later in his career, he served the citizens of Pontotoc County as sheriff's deputy and criminal investigator for the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Department before being elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives, where he served the people of District 15 from 2008 until his death. In the legislature, he served as chairman of the University and Colleges and Ethics committees and was previously vice-chairman of the Appropriations committee. He was a longtime member of West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc and led the Praise Sunday school class for many years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elton Mac Huddleston, Sr., and Matilda Claudell Ellington Houston, and his grandparents, Luther Pearson McLellan, Amber Ellington McLellan, John Oliver Huddleston, and Fannie McDonough Huddleston.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Dr. Flavia Ruth Hutchinson Huddleston, of Pontotoc; 4 children, Robert McLellan Huddleston and his wife, Kimberly, of Wren, Mississippi; Meghan West Foley and her husband, William, of New Albany, Mississippi; Dr. Edward Mac Huddleston of Birmingham, Alabama; and Amber Claire Brown and her husband, Griffin, of Southaven, Mississippi; 4 grandchildren, Aubrey Kay Huddleston of Wren, Mississippi, and Stella Ruth Foley, Wil-

liam Deacon Foley, and Charlotte James Foley, of New Albany, Mississippi.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO MARTHA DAY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martha Day, co-founder and president of The Vitamin Bridge in Coppell.

The Vitamin Bridge is a nonprofit organization that provides expecting mothers of low socioeconomic status with prenatal vitamins and nutritional information. Martha started the Vitamin Bridge following her experiences volunteering at a pregnancy crisis center. She realized there was a need for someone to give access to prenatal vitamins for moms-to-be that could not afford them or were unaware of their importance. If women were given the resources that The Vitamin Bridge offers, then they would be more likely to have a successful pregnancy.

To date, The Vitamin Bridge has helped nearly 50,000 women receive prenatal vitamins and nutrition education at no cost. I thank Martha for providing expecting mothers in our community with an equal opportunity to have a healthy pregnancy. Her selflessness and dedication do not go unnoticed.

RECOGNIZING THE 2023 GRADUATES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT HIGH SCHOOL FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2023 graduating class of Fairfax County High School Firefighter program. In 2016, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools created its High School Firefighter Program to provide training to students who are considering a career as a firefighter.

Students who participate in this program attend courses taught by qualified instructors at the Fairfax County Fire Academy. In fact, they receive the same training as new professional and volunteer firefighters. The course is grueling but upon successful completion, the students will earn a Virginia Certification as Firefighter I & II and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations. Should these students decide to apply to the Fairfax County Fire Academy, this program will make them competitive candidates and will have prepared them for recruit school.

Fourteen seniors and one junior are graduating as the Class of 2023 of the High

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School Firefighter Program. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following graduates:

Sydney G. Bates; Braden A. Dasher; Callie J. Desrosier; Alec T. DiLeonardo; Ian S. Dingman; Regan N. Kelley; Peter D. Mangone; Connor J. Marshall; Casey W. Martin; Hunter J. Piotrowski; Eric S. Verrier.

Mr. Speaker, the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department is 1 of the best fire departments in the country and in the world. I commend the department as well as the public school system for partnering in the creation of this program. I also applaud these young people for their desire to learn more about the department and for their interest in protecting our community. Northern Virginia is fortunate to have such dedicated young citizens. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these students on their successful completion of their program and in wishing them great success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD SEID FOR HIS EFFORTS TO BETTER THE LIVES OF VETERANS ACROSS THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Howard Seid for his numerous efforts to better the lives of veterans across Ontonagon County and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Through his bountiful service, charitable nature, and continued leadership, Howard has become irreplaceable to the people of the great State of Michigan.

None are more deserving of recognition, as Howard has gone above and beyond in his commitment to the local communities of Northern Michigan. Prior to his work with veterans, Howard served in the United States Air Force, where he held the roles of Trainer Pilot, Airlift Pilot, and Wing Commander. After 27 years, he retired at the rank of Colonel. His devotion to the people of his country and fellow servicemen remains steadfast.

It is difficult to fully encapsulate all the ways in which Howard works to better the lives of veterans. Since 1992, he has been an active member of The American Legion Post 92. In 2017, he became the chapter's Commander and continues to hold that position today. Under his leadership, the post has become a profitable and active community center with many veterans attending weekly events. Similarly, he has served both as the Western U.P. representative on the U.P. Veterans Community Action Team and as Vice-Chairman of their Steering Committee for the past 6 years. Furthermore, Howard has been instrumental in ensuring that veterans in the U.P. have access to sufficient medical facilities and treatments. As a volunteer for Disabled American Veterans, he has logged over 10,000 hours transporting individuals to doctor appointments and hospital visits. Additionally, he works to honor veterans across the Upper Peninsula, organizing events like an annual veteran fishing day on a private and handicap-accessible pond. Since retiring from the Air Force, Howard has spent years serving veterans, and his efforts have provided a much-needed support for our military heroes.

Outside of his work for veterans, Howard is an active and charitable community member. He has been responsible for planning and executing Rockland community's annual Christmas gathering for the last 7 years. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, he ensured that every child received a hand-delivered gift from Santa traveling atop a firetruck. In addition, he serves as a member of the Ottawa Lions Club, St. Paul Methodist Church, U.P. Sport Fishing Association, and Rockland Volunteer Fire Department. As a Colonel, a veteran, a volunteer, and a Yooper, Howard has consistently put the needs of others before his own.

Mr. Speaker, It is my honor to congratulate Howard Seid for his decades of service to fellow Michigan veterans. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Howard all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO
MADDY SEXTON

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Maddy Sexton of Southlake Carroll. Earlier this year, Maddy was in a car heading to school with a friend when her friend began to experience a medical emergency. Maddy demonstrated maturity beyond her years and handled the situation perfectly—she immediately pulled over, called Southlake Fire, and helped take care of her friend before Southlake Fire quickly arrived.

I thank Maddy for going above and beyond to look out for her friend through her vigilance, quick thinking, and maturity. It is an honor to join Southlake DPS in recognizing Maddy for her contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Adam Holliday Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and thank them for their work to preserve our Nations heritage, while educating our next generation on the importance of upholding our constitutional values.

As Constitution Day approaches, we remember the words of Benjamin Franklin who was asked by a group of citizens as he exited the Constitutional Convention what type of government had been created.

He replied: "A republic, if you can keep it." Each day we strive to uphold the Republic that was created that day in Philadelphia.

Both in the halls of Congress, and across the country we must remain committed to protecting our constitutional rights that have helped us to become the most prosperous Nation the world has ever known.

As we celebrate Constitution Day, we remember our founding fathers and strive to uphold their legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET
AMEND CARVER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of my dear friend Janet Amend Carver, a dedicated public servant who passed away on July 23, 2023, at the age of 90.

Born January 7, 1933 near San Jose, California, Janet graduated from high school in 1949 from Immaculate Heart High School in Hollywood. In 1954, she graduated from the University of Redlands with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Far East history. While at Redlands, she was the editor of the college newspaper and a stringer for the Los Angeles Times. Janet then pursued graduate studies at the University of Oslo on a scholarship from the Storting (Norwegian Parliament).

Janet moved to Washington, D.C., where she joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1955 and in 1957 joined the staff of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (CA). Later, she served as the district manager for most of Northern Virginia for the 1980 Census and ended her working career as a staff member for Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

In 1963, Janet embarked on an admirable career as a volunteer with many different Virginia Democratic Party organizations. Her tireless efforts earned her widespread recognition. Janet joined the Fairfax County Democratic Committee in 1965, campaigning for progressive candidates in opposition to the then ruling Byrd Machine. She held numerous positions over the years, including member of the Virginia Democratic State Central Committee; First Vice Chair of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee (CDDC); First Vice Chair of the 11th CDDC; and 3-time chair of the Springfield Democratic Committee. In 2002, she received the 8th CDDC's Eagle Award for outstanding lifetime achievements in civil rights and public service. In 2008, she was elected to represent Virginia's 11th Congressional District in the Electoral College where she cast her vote for then-candidate for President Barack Obama.

Beyond her professional achievements, Janet was an avid traveler, camper, and bird watcher. She visited all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, and many countries in Europe, Africa, and South America.

Janet instilled in her children their civic duty and sacred right to vote in every election. Her kindness and lively spirit touched the lives of many, leaving a mark on those who knew her.

Janet leaves behind her beloved husband of 65 years, John; her cherished children and their spouses, Wendy, Ted (Mary), and Andy (Terri); her treasured grandchildren, Elisabeth, Derek, and Annemarie; her dear sister and brother-in-law, Carole and Ernie Labastida; nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Janet Amend Carver. Her leadership and commitment to public service was inspirational, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO ANNE POTTINGER

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Anne Pottinger, who is highly involved in our North Texas community and always finds a way to help others. She is a leader in numerous non-profit organizations, including the Freedom Mobility Foundation in Southlake and Holidays & Heroes in Fort Worth. Through her work with the Freedom Mobility Foundation, Anne helps to provide mobility equipment like track chairs to those in need.

I want to thank Anne for going above and beyond for our North Texas veterans and military families.

RECOGNIZING JAMES A. PROVOST
AS THE 2023 UPPER PENINSULA
VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize James Provost for being named the 2023 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Through his continued service, charitable nature, and strong leadership, James has become an essential part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The U.P. Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of past commanders of various service organizations throughout the peninsula. It is given to recognize Yooper veterans who go above and beyond in their service to their local communities and fellow veterans. None are more deserving of this honor than James. Prior to his work with veterans, James served in the United States Marine Corps, where he was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and two Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citations. His devotion to the people of his country and community has not wavered since returning from military service.

It is impossible to fully list all the ways in which James works to better the lives of U.P. veterans. Since the organization's founding in 2014, he has been the Chairman of the Marquette County Veterans Alliance. Similarly, he has served on the Marquette County's Veterans Affairs Committee for the past 9 years. As a member of the committee, he works on the veterans crisis team, finding resources and housing for individuals in need. Furthermore, James has played a pivotal role in ensuring that veterans in the U.P. have consistent access to medical services. Through his fund-raising efforts, he has helped the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 22 Veteran Transportation Program to purchase new vehicles and has personally logged thousands of hours transporting veterans to doctor appointments and hospital visits. Notably, in 2016 James was responsible for the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall's arrival in Marquette. He organized

many commemorative veterans events to coincide with the tribute. Since returning from the Vietnam War, James has spent years as an advocate for veterans, and the initiatives that he has begun have created the infrastructure of support that our military heroes need and deserve.

Outside of his work for veterans, James is an active community member. After providing the loan to start the Marquette County Youth Football League in 1990, he became the league commissioner for the following 20 years. In addition, he coached Marquette Junior Hockey for 12 years, serving twice as Vice President. Later, he founded the Central Upper Peninsula Hockey League and served as both Marquette Senior High School and Northern Michigan University's Goal Judge for over two decades. His contributions to his community have been previously recognized by Senator PETERS, Senator STABENOW, Governor Whitmer, and myself. Just last year, he was also honored as the 2022 Marquette County Veteran of the Year. As a service-member, a veteran, a volunteer, and a Yooper, James has consistently put the needs of others before his own.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate James A. Provost for his decades of service to fellow Michigan veterans and for being named the 2023 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish James all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SETH SCOTT

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my departing Chief of Staff, Seth Scott, for his years of service to the people of Arizona's Fourth Congressional District. It's a bitter-sweet day. Seth has worked with me for more than a decade—half of that here in the House. I often say hiring him was the best career decision I've ever made.

Few have as broad experience in government, law, media and politics. He cut his teeth in the Arizona Governor's office, Congress, and local government and ran several important political campaigns before returning to Arizona State University for law school. At the City of Phoenix and here in Congress, Seth has led my office with a steady hand. His acumen while serving as my Chief of Staff was always in clear view, and all the accomplishments we achieved would not have been possible without him at the helm.

His fierce intellect, sharp political instincts and deep policy expertise have made him an invaluable and sought-after adviser.

But it's his loyalty, integrity and a work ethic second to none that have endeared Seth to all who have worked with and under him. As deftly as he's handled complex legislative matters, he has also cultivated and mentored a generation of young staffers.

Seth has the talent and determination to succeed anywhere he chooses—but the people of Arizona are fortunate that he has chosen to devote his career to serving his community.

He has been a great friend and trusted confidant of mine, and he will continue to be well after he departs—though perhaps with a few less late-night and early morning phone calls. I wish him all the best as he takes on this new challenge.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO CHIEF JIMMY PERDUE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our TX-24 Hometown Hero, retired police chief Jimmy Perdue. Chief Perdue spent over 40 years in public service, 18 of them serving as the North Richland Hills Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety. Under his leadership, the North Richland Hills Police Department earned "Recognized Status" from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Best Practices Recognition Program in 2011, a status which the department continues to maintain year after year. He also served as a past President of the North Texas Police Chiefs Association and as the President of the Texas Police Chiefs Association from 2022–2023.

Chief Perdue continually displayed his dedication to public service by developing the Women of Law Enforcement Conference, leading the city's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, overseeing the design and construction of the North Richland Hills Animal Adoption and Rescue Center, and bringing the SHIELD program to life, a 3-day training course for NRH police officers. I commend Chief Perdue for going above and beyond for our community and congratulate him on his retirement. He will be missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC
TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION
ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the District of Columbia Electronic Transmittal of Legislation Act, which would permit the Chair of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit legislation to Congress in the form of the Chair's choosing, including electronic form. This bill would bring the congressional review process for legislation enacted by D.C. into the electronic age. Last Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

While I do not believe there should be a congressional review process for D.C. legislation—and I have introduced a bill to eliminate the review process—this bill would not change the review process, except that it would give D.C. flexibility in the form it transmits legislation to Congress. This bill's only purpose is to reduce administrative burdens on D.C. and Congress.

The D.C. Home Rule Act requires the Chair of the D.C. Council to transmit legislation to

Congress for a review period. The legislation takes effect upon the expiration of the review period, unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during the review period. The Home Rule Act is silent on the form of transmittal, but Congress has always required the legislation to be physically transmitted.

Electronic records are recognized as valid under Federal and State law, and Federal, State and local governments conduct official business electronically. For example, under the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, which was enacted into law more than 20 years ago, with respect to any interstate transaction in which the parties consent, "a signature, contract, or other record relating to such transaction may not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form." In 2002, the E-Government Act, which facilitated the Federal Government providing information and services to the public electronically, was enacted into law.

Federal agencies transmit regulations and other documents to the Federal Register electronically. Congress is also capable of conducting official business electronically. For example, the House permits Members, including acting through their staff, to introduce legislation and submit statements into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD electronically.

The requirement that D.C. physically transmit legislation imposes costs on the Council. The Council engages in a 12-step process to physically transmit legislation, including printing two copies of each bill and committee report, arranging a time for delivery of these documents to the offices of the Speaker and President of the Senate and having two staffers drive to the Capitol to deliver the documents—two are necessary because of parking restrictions.

The physical transmittal process also imposes costs on Congress. The following congressional offices and committees are involved in the physical transmittal process: the offices of the Speaker and President of the Senate, the House and Senate parliamentarians, the House Clerk, the Senate Secretary, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The aftermath of the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol highlighted the burdens of physical transmittal. After temporary fencing was installed around the Capitol, D.C. employees could not enter the Capitol. This delayed transmittal of D.C. legislation until Council and congressional staff developed a workaround, which consisted of staff meeting outside the fencing to transmit legislation.

I recognize that Congress requires all so-called executive communications, including D.C. legislation, to be physically transmitted, but D.C. is the only entity required to transmit legislation to Congress for a review period.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 125 YEARS OF MONESSEN

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the city of Monessen, Pennsylvania, in celebration of its 125th anniversary.

Prior to its founding, the area consisted of 8 farms. However, Civil War veteran James M. Schoonmaker and other great Americans, saw the promise of an industrial city on the Monongahela River. Thus, Schoonmaker convinced famed industrialist William Donner to set up a tin plate mill within the new community. Thanks to the American Tin Plate Company's success, the community grew rapidly, and the borough of Monessen became incorporated on September 3, 1898.

Throughout the early 20th century, Monessen's community played active roles in the suffrage and labor movements, events surrounding Prohibition, and in the industrial efforts powering American operations in World War I and World War II. In 1921, the city also had a multitude of nationalities and mirrored the ethnicities of the Pittsburgh region, serving as a microcosm of America as a whole. At its peak, the city's population reached over 20,000 residents. Today, the town is still an important part of the southwestern Pennsylvania community. Its residents exemplify the values of hard work, dedication to one's community, and good citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate the City of Monessen on its 125th anniversary and applaud their determination to build a better community for themselves and their children. I am confident that Monessen's people will strive for and achieve an even more successful next 125 years.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF HARVEY DOLEMAN, SR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Harvey Doleman, Sr. Mr. Harvey Doleman, Sr. is a native of Anniston, AL. He received his grammar school education at Central Girard Elementary School, Phenix City, AL, and graduated from South Girard High School in 1953. He attended Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

Upon graduating from high school, Mr. Doleman joined the United States Army. Mr. Doleman was assigned to U.S. Army Chemical Corps, Senior Instructor Chemical School, at Ft. McClellan, AL, where he specialized in chemical warfare. He also had overseas assignments during his service including Korea 1956–1957, Germany 1963–1966, Korea 1967–1968 and Vietnam 1970–1971. His final duty assignment and major command was HHC, US Army School/Training Center, TRADOC.

He received recognition for his service including National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (Fourth Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, 2 Overseas Bars, Bronze Star Medal, 6 Service Awards, Stripes and Sharpshooter (Rifle M-14 & Rifle M-16).

After serving 20 years, 4 months, and 19 days in the Army, he retired from active duty with an honorable discharge as Sergeant First Class on February 28, 1974.

He worked a Civil Service job at the weapon pool at Ft. McClellan, AL after retiring from the Army. Later he fully retired to enjoy life, especially with his family.

His family is his pride and joy. He has 5 children—Gwendolyn Carter, Harvey Doleman, Jr., Phyllis Doleman Teague, Sharon Doleman and Frederick Doleman.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Doleman for his service to our country.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO OLIVER BURKE

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Oliver Burke. Oliver, a rising junior at Greenhill School, recently led his fellow Boy Scouts in a wildflower seed building service project to help preserve the endangered Backland Prairie. He brought together 50 of his fellow Scouts from rural and urban communities across North Texas—most of whom did not previously know each other—and they made more than 3,800 native wildflower seed balls.

In addition to his leadership in the Boy Scouts, Oliver spent the last year serving on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council and recently participated in our annual Congressional Art Competition. I thank Oliver for his dedication to service, bringing people together, and bettering our North Texas community for generations to come.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF TOM BENSLEY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Tom Bensley for his 14 years of service as Sheriff of Grand Traverse County. Throughout his time working for the people of Northern Michigan, including nearly five decades in law enforcement, Tom has shown considerable poise and professionalism while making his community a safer place.

Following 3 years of service in the United States Army, Sheriff Bensley attended Northwestern Michigan College. In 1971, he joined the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office as a seasonal marine officer. By 1974, Tom was promoted to a full-time road patrol officer. In the spring of 1983, he was named supervisor of the department's marine safety section. He received numerous awards for his service including the 1985 Employee of the Year and two Awards of Merit. Tom temporarily retired in 1999, before being elected as the 34th Sheriff of Grand Traverse County in 2008. He would go on to hold this position for 14 years, until announcing his upcoming retirement in September of 2023. Additionally, he was an active member of the Sheriff's Office dive team for 35 years.

Throughout his distinguished career, Sheriff Bensley prioritized his community's safety and well-being above all else. Tom's longtime devotion to our country is commendable, and the

impact of his work on his fellow officers and the people of the Grand Traverse County cannot be overstated. We owe Tom our utmost gratitude for his continued effort to better him-

self, his colleagues, and the community he has served for the past 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Tom Bensley for his decades of combined service to the United States Army and the

Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Tom and his family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.