

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BEN YOUNG

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, last month, it was my privilege to attend Benjamin Young's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Ben began scouting at the age of eight years old and has since earned thirty merit badges. Throughout his time with the Scouts, he has held several leadership positions such as patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader. For his Eagle Scout project, Benjamin constructed and installed purple martin houses, a type of birdhouse that purple martin birds prefer, at Kennedy Park in South Jersey for the Somers Point Green Team. These birdhouses will help control the bug population allowing South Jersey residents to enjoy the park without worrying about biting insects. This fall, Benjamin will be a senior at Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, South Jersey. He is an involved member of the school, holding membership in both the National Honor Society and the National French Honor Society. He will be taking everything he has learned in the scouts and in high school and apply this knowledge to his future studies of political science and urban planning. I am extremely proud of Benjamin, and I know he will do big things. God Bless Ben Young and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: TIFFANEE DANIELLE JONES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Tiffanee Danielle Jones as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Tiffanee is the District Director for California State Assemblymember Lori Wilson of the 11th assembly district. She is also the owner and operator of Forward Education LLC., an educational consulting and management business. Tiffanee began her career with the State of Georgia Department of Corrections where she was instrumental in developing a cross agency Juvenile Diversion Program with the County Probation, high schools, and the District Attorney's Office in Gainesville. Upon returning home to Solano County in 2009, Tiffanee worked as an outreach consultant for Oakland Unified School District where she assisted multiple school sites in the development and implementation of programs for identified low performing students. She was the founding member of the West Oakland Health and Safety Collaborative, a cross agency collabo-

ration focused on educating the community in the areas of violence prevention, health awareness, and social justice. Tiffanee continues her work serving students and families in the City of Vallejo as the Co-Director for the Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program, a college preparation program focused on increasing African American enrollment in and completion of college. Through her compassionate and generous public service, Tiffanee has touched the lives of thousands of people within our district and beyond.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Tiffanee Jones for her positive contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING RAYMOND F. BRUNELLE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in recognition of the life and legacy of Raymond F. Brunelle, a cherished member of the New Hampshire community and a valiant veteran of the Korean War. A New Hampshire native, Raymond lived a life of service from his time in uniform through his years in civilian life, championing the causes of his fellow veterans and prisoners of war (POWs). Although he was too young to enlist on his own, with his mother's blessing Raymond joined the U.S. Army in 1952. Alongside the 40th Infantry Division, Raymond served in Japan and Korea, earning the rank of Private First Class. After the Chinese Army ambushed his unit in North Korea, Raymond was taken captive until he devised a plan to escape. Two months after his escape, Raymond and members of his unit suffered casualties following the explosion of a ground mine. After sustaining debilitating injuries, Raymond was honorably discharged and ordered home. Upon returning to New Hampshire, Raymond continued a life of service to his country. Raymond's strong sense of duty speaks to his patriotism, bravery, and camaraderie, and we thank him for defending our freedoms and supporting others that share in his mission.

After returning to the Granite State, Raymond served as an active member of the local community. Although he began at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Raymond would continue to work into his retirement, eventually becoming an electrician in his own business. As a lifelong member of the American Legion and the VFW, Raymond committed himself to supporting his fellow veterans. As a Pease Greeter, Raymond welcomed troops to the Pease Air National Guard Base before they were deployed on combat missions around the world. In his later years, Raymond continued to advocate for the military as he led support groups for former POWs and joined in Memorial Day and Veterans' Day tributes. Ray-

mond's commitment to supporting the men and women of our armed forces exemplifies his loyalty and respect to the defense of our Nation.

Nearly 60 years passed by before Raymond's time as a POW was formally recognized. Today, as we remember Raymond's life, we recognize his history of service and sacrifice. I commend Raymond for his lifelong dedication to our state and Nation, and I want to extend my sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. Raymond's legacy will continue to live on in the lives of those he influenced. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Raymond for his unwavering sense of service.

ATLANTICARE CANCER CARE INSTITUTE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is my honor to mark the special occasion of the 10-year celebration of the AtlantiCare Cancer Care Institute in the AtlantiCare Health Park in Cape May Court House, South Jersey. AtlantiCare has cared for patients with cancer since they opened as Atlantic City Hospital, now AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, nearly 125 years ago. They opened their regional cancer center in 1989, their Egg Harbor Township location in 2009, and the Cancer Care Institute in Cape May Court House in 2013. Through this journey, AtlantiCare has evolved how it approaches cancer and invested in the most advanced technology to predict, detect and treat the disease. By offering a full spectrum of care that includes CyberKnife, Varian TrueBeam linear accelerators and advances in immunotherapy treatments, genetics and oral chemotherapy, AtlantiCare is able to target specific cancers efficiently and with maximum comfort. Paired with a comprehensive suite of support services—including in-house pharmacy and lab, social services, genetics counseling, and lung nodule, surgical oncology, cardio oncology and palliative care clinics—AtlantiCare has spent the last decade ensuring that patients in Cape May County are able to obtain the treatment they need right in their own community. The cancer care team at AtlantiCare is led by some of the most experienced medical and radiation oncologists in the region, known as much for their compassionate care as their skill in taking on even the most complex cancers. The residents of Cape May County deserve cancer care that is as exceptional as the county itself. The comprehensive and state-of-the-art oncological services provided by the Cancer Care Institute in Cape May Court House are commendable and deserve to be recognized. Thank you to all the staff at AtlantiCare Cancer Care Institute for the crucial work they do for our community, and it is

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my honor to celebrate the institute's 10th anniversary. God Bless AtlantiCare Cancer Care Institute, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: VIRGIE ROY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Virgie Roy as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Virgie is a dedicated and caring nurse at the David Grant Medical Center on Travis Air Force Base. Her patients and colleagues describe her as a talented nurse who is dedicated to patient care and staff development. Her colleagues describe her as the backbone of her hospital unit and a talented nurse dedicated to patient care and staff development as well as a mentor to others. Virgie has also used her firsthand experience to advocate for solutions to the United States' nurse shortage. When not tending to her patients or advocating for reform, Virgie volunteers with the Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region and Service to Armed Forces. Virgie is a beloved part of her community and has been nominated for numerous local and state awards celebrating her positive impact on the lives of her colleagues, patients, and the community.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Virgie Roy for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING TRANSFIGURATION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, St. Louis and I rise to commemorate Transfiguration Lutheran Church on 120 years of faith, community, and service.

Transfiguration Lutheran Church was organized on November 8, 1903, and became the first African American Lutheran Congregation west of the Mississippi River. They have committed themselves to improving the lives and wellbeing of their community by providing meals, athletics, dance, music, art classes, and field trips at their TLC Summer Day Camp, established in 2016. Their women's ministry emphasizes the strength and contributions of biblical women, women in history, and the women who currently make up their congregation.

Many lives have been forever changed due to the efforts of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, and a thank you will never feel quite adequate to reflect our immense gratitude as a region for their work. St. Louis honors their dedication and may we all commit to paying their efforts forward.

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, as the Congressman from South Jersey, I am proud to celebrate Italian Heritage Month. This month is a time to honor the rich contributions of Italian Americans to our nation's culture, history, and progress. Italian Americans have left an indelible mark on our Nation, from the arts and sciences to public service and community building. Their dedication and resilience have strengthened the fabric of America. In New Jersey, we are fortunate to have a vibrant Italian American community that has enhanced our state's identity and unity. Italian Heritage Month serves as a reminder of the enduring spirit of the Italian American community and of the many heritages that make up our great country. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Italian American community in South Jersey and across the United States. Their enduring legacy of hard work, creativity, and resilience serves as a testament to the limitless opportunities that America offers to those who seek a better life. May Italian Heritage Month inspire us to appreciate the diverse tapestry of our Nation and remind us that, together, we can continue to make America a beacon of hope and opportunity for all. God bless America.

HONORING KIWANIS NEW YORK
DISTRICT GOVERNOR LUCIEN
GIANCURSIO

HON. BRANDON WILLIAMS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor Kiwanis New York District Governor Lucien Giancursio.

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members, and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children, one child and one community at a time. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children through local service projects and fundraising. The organization includes more than 600,000 members from Aktion Clubs, K-Kid Clubs, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs in over 80 countries. Kiwanis members have staged more than 150,000 service projects and have historically devoted more than 6 million hours of service. They have also raised over \$250 million for communities, families, and projects via the Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) program and the Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) project.

The New York District of Kiwanis International, comprised of Kiwanis Clubs throughout New York State, this year marks the 108th anniversary, and the Ontario Division is hosting the 2023–24 District Governor's Official Visit in Syracuse, New York.

New York District Governor Lucien Giancursio joined the Kiwanis Club of Rochester West Central on September 1, 2004, and is a Life Member. Serving people and his

community has been a life-long tradition for Governor Lucien. His Governor's Project this year is sending 1000 Kampers to Kamp Kiwanis in Taberg, NY, and his theme for 2023–24 is "Excelsior, a Future of Hope".

On behalf of New York's 22nd Congressional District, I would like to thank Governor Lucien Giancursio for his leadership of the New York District of Kiwanis and recognize the impact and commitment of the New York District's service.

JOHN RUGA

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I highlight the exceptional achievements of John Ruga, the CEO of Northeast Precast, one of the leading precast fabricators in the United States. Mr. Ruga's journey in construction began in 1998 when he founded J. Ruga Contractors in Vineland. He later expanded into precast manufacturing in 2003, leading to the renaming of the company as Northeast Precast in 2008, marking a pivotal moment in its diversification and growth. Headquartered in Cumberland County, NEP is a leader in precast manufacturing with over two decades of experience. They handle a range of construction projects, from residential to public infrastructure, and have received accolades such as the PCI Design Award in 2010 and 2013. Furthermore, NEP contributes significantly to our local economy, providing over 400 jobs in Cumberland County and contributing to South Jersey's prosperity. Mr. Ruga is also recognized for his partnership with sports figures Mike Trout and Tiger Woods to develop Trout National—The Reserve, a significant golf course project in Vineland set to be completed by 2025. Mr. John Ruga's leadership and Northeast Precast's contributions to the construction industry are commendable and I thank him for this dedication to our South Jersey community. God Bless John Ruga and Northeast Precast and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: VELMA WILSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Velma Wilson as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Velma is a dedicated parent and passionate community member who finds every opportunity to help others. Velma currently serves as Executive Vice President of the District Parent Teacher Association for Contra Costa, engaging with parents, teachers, and community members to promote the wellbeing of schoolchildren. For her efforts, Velma was awarded the prestigious National President Award. Velma also serves as Parent Liaison for Antioch Unified School District, ensuring

parents are informed and involved in their children's education. In addition, Velma is Director of the Delta Veterans Group and holds executive positions at the Celebrate Antioch Foundation and Antioch School Education Foundation. Her variety of volunteer pursuits demonstrates her dedication to providing resources to all parts of our community. Velma gives generously of her knowledge, expertise, and time to help others.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Velma Wilson for her positive contributions to our community.

THOMAS TRAN

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this August, I had the pleasure of attending Thomas Tran's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Thomas has been actively involved in the Scouts since the third grade when he joined as a cub scout. He quickly climbed the ranks and became an active member of Troop 94, leading the group as their Patrol Leader. Since then, he has earned an impressive 28 merit badges for his hard work and dedication. The proudest moment of Thomas's Scouting journey was his Eagle Scout project where Thomas organized the removal and replacement of an old billboard welcome sign at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8098 in Egg Harbor Township. This massive undertaking demanded 130 hours of his time and the South Jersey community is thankful for his efforts. God Bless Thomas Tran and God Bless the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO FENCING AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL COMPLEX ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I introduce the No Fencing at the United States Capitol Complex Act, which would prohibit the installation of new permanent fencing on the grounds of the United States Capitol complex. I am pleased that Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN is introducing this bill in the Senate.

After the insurrectionist attack on the Capitol on January 6, 2021, the Capitol complex became an untraversable fortress surrounded by frightening fences capped with barbed wire—typical of authoritarian regimes. Although more needs to be done to protect the Capitol complex, the failure of Capitol security leaders to plan for the predictable and openly announced attack on the Capitol on January 6th does not justify closing the complex to the public, to whom it belongs. We can and must maintain our commitment to security without sacrificing public access by using the least restrictive means necessary to address security.

The January 6th attack on the Capitol, which had little to do with the lack of perma-

nent fencing, was the greatest intelligence and security failure in the history of our nation's capital. There were countless security failures on January 6th that we can and must address, including: taking threats of extremist violence seriously at an earlier stage; closing the Capitol building grounds during high-profile and high-threat events, as is typically done, but was not done on January 6th; manpower; building security; and training. Permanent fencing, which is incredibly imprecise, would not address those security lapses. It is more likely to keep out children, joggers and tourists than a coordinated attack on the Capitol. In fact, it is a form of security theater—it would make the Capitol "look" safer but mask the lack of state-of-the-art security measures that could prevent attacks in the future. Every threat to the Capitol since January 6th has been stopped by longstanding and new security measures and the excellent work of the Capitol Police. Permanent fencing would not aid the Capitol Police in stopping threats but it would create an image of authoritarianism, secrecy and inaccessibility. The Capitol complex is for all the American people, and, with proper security, must remain open to them.

Permanent fencing would send an un-American message to the nation and the world, by transforming our democracy from one that is accessible, transparent and of the people to one that is closed off, secretive and fearful of its own citizens. It would tell the world that the most powerful nation must rely on crude barriers for safety instead of state-of-the-art intelligence and security protocols. The Capitol has welcomed First Amendment protests and demonstrations for centuries without becoming a fortress. The openness of the Capitol and our democracy is our strength, not a security weakness that needs to be rooted out. Any further consideration of permanent fencing is desperate, distasteful and disrespectful of our history and institutions.

Furthermore, the Capitol complex does not exist in a vacuum. It is immediately surrounded by residential neighborhoods and local businesses, which form the heart of the District of Columbia. Permanent fencing would cause serious damage to the fabric of these communities. After January 6th, these residents and businesses were more than understanding as their neighborhoods turned into militarized zones. They waited patiently as officers checked their identification on their walks home or took alternative routes when they found blocked streets. Permanent fencing would infringe on their ability, as well as the general public's ability, to enjoy the public spaces that define our nation's capital.

The distance between government and the people has grown, with trust in government at historic lows. Installing permanent fencing at the Capitol complex would only increase that distance.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING KOUNTRY KITCHEN SOUL FOOD PLACE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I rise in celebration of the grand reopen-

ing of Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place, a beloved Indianapolis establishment specializing in southern-style soul food.

Located in Indiana's 7th Congressional District, Kountry Kitchen was established in 1988 by Ms. Jessie White to bring her southern-style home cooking to the neighborhood, under the name Jessie's Place. Ms. Jessie's daughter, Nell Wilson, later joined to grow the family business and introduce her own recipes. Nell and her husband, Isaac, renamed the diner to Country Kitchen. After Nell's passing, Isaac remarried, and with his wife Cynthia, they renamed the business Kountry Kitchen. Isaac and Cynthia continue to honor this legacy by serving the recipes passed down to them by Ms. Jessie and Nell.

A nationally recognized restaurant, Kountry Kitchen has caught the attention of many notable figures, including Jimmy Fallon, former President Barack Obama, and Indianapolis native Mike Epps.

In early 2020, Kountry Kitchen suffered a devastating fire. Thankfully, there was no loss of life, but the establishment suffered extensive damage. With the help of a \$400,000 grant, assistance from local organizations, and the entire Indianapolis community coming together, Kountry Kitchen broke ground on its new location in the summer of 2022. One year later, we are proudly celebrating their grand reopening.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations and thanks to a beloved community staple and recognizing the enduring legacy of this iconic Indianapolis destination.

DOROTHY DOUGHERTY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I honor the 100th birthday of Dorothy Helen Dougherty, a woman of great character and dedication. Dorothy was born on October 7, 1923, and grew up in a loving, multi-generational household in Pennsylvania. After attending secretarial school in Philadelphia and working as a secretary for several years, she married her husband in January 1948. Together, they settled in Ocean City, South Jersey and built a successful residential construction and real estate business while raising three sons. Dorothy remained active in her church and community, and she volunteered in various charitable efforts, including helping the less fortunate through food and clothing donations. Tragically, she lost her husband at 58 but found solace in Lake Worth, Florida, where she became an active member of her church and excelled as a shuffleboard champion. Most importantly, Dorothy's legacy continues through her loving family, including three sons, eight grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren who affectionately know her as "GiGi." So, on Dorothy's 100th birthday, we honor her remarkable life and her enduring impact on her family and community. God Bless Dorothy Dougherty and God Bless the United States of America.

REMEMBERING RICHARD E.
SANTSAPREE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor and remember the life of United States Army veteran Richard Edward Santsapree.

Richard was born in Troy, New York on July 28, 1950. After graduating from Cohoes High School, Richard enlisted with the United States Army in October 1967. He served in the Army for three years, rising to the rank of Specialist Fourth Class, before he was honorably discharged in October 1970. For his service, Richard was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and M16 Expert and M14 Sharpshooter badges. Richard remained with the Army Reserves until 1973.

Returning to civilian life, Richard married the love of his life Christine Hogan Santsapree in April 1971. They moved to Cohoes and started their family together, raising three children; Kimberly, Richard Jr., and Thomas. Richard spent his professional career with General Electric in Schenectady, working as a machinist for four decades before retiring in August 2010.

Richard was a well-rounded member of the Cohoes and Troy communities, participating in his local church, veterans' organizations, and recreational activities. He was a member of the Cohoes Moose Club, the Cohoes-Waterford Elk's Lodge 1317, and the American Legion Ruane Post 476. Richard competed in a league at the Cohoes Bowling Arena, along with the Cohoes Rod and Gun Club's Dart and Horseshoe League. Richard assisted with St. Rita's Church's annual bazaar, as well as the Rod and Gun Club's kids' fishing contest at the Van Schaick Island pond. More than anything, he was a proud family man who enjoyed travelling and spending time with his wife, children, and three grandchildren.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the life of Mr. Richard E. Santsapree, defined by exemplary service to his community and his country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF UKRAINIAN AIR FORCE MAJOR ANDRII PILSHCHYKOV

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize the life and service of Ukrainian Air Force Major Andrii Pilshchikov, a fighter pilot who tragically lost his life in the fight to defend his country from the Russian invasion. Mr. Pilshchikov reached the rank of Captain in the 40th Tactical Aviation Brigade of the Ukrainian Air Force, before being posthumously promoted to Major.

Born in Kharkiv only 30 years ago, Andrii fulfilled his life-long dream to fly some of the fastest and toughest airplanes in the world. From a young age, Andrii was fascinated with

airplanes and jets and eagerly took on the little-known hobby of "Planespotting," in which participants track the movement and record photos of desired aircraft all around the globe. As soon as he could, Andrii enrolled in Ukraine's Ivan Kozhedub National Air Force University. It was in this academy that Andrii learned to fly MiG-29 fighter jets, which he would go on to fly during the current war to save his country. Andrii's peers and instructors were so impressed with his abilities that he was assigned to be an instructor for certain classes even though he was still a cadet.

After graduating from the academy in 2018, Andrii joined the 40th Tactical Aviation Brigade at Yasylykiv Air Base, where he would become an Air Force Captain. During his first year, Andrii traveled to my home state of California, where he completed an internship with the 144th Fighter Wing of California's Air National Guard in the City of Fresno. As he learned how to fly F-15 fighter jets, Andrii took his learning experience in California very seriously, earning the nickname "Juice" because he would only order juice as he refrained from alcohol. He took this nickname back home with him, and for a time he was the only pilot in the Ukrainian Armed Forces with an official call sign: "Juice."

After leaving the Air Force for only a brief period, Andrii did not hesitate to sign up again for service in February 2022 as the Russian invasion threatened the people and very sovereignty of Ukraine. It was not long before he resumed flights, fighting to keep Ukrainian skies safe over Kyiv and other major battle areas. During Andrii's service, he flew over 100 combat missions and destroyed dozens of the enemy's command posts. In May 2022, Andrii was awarded the Order for Courage (3rd Class) for his valiant service.

Because of his keen interest in promoting the modernization of Ukraine's Air Force, and his proficiency in English, Andrii and a small contingent of his colleagues were sent to Washington, D.C., to illustrate and emphasize the urgent need to supply Ukraine with F-16 fighter jets. I had the honor of meeting Andrii. After his visit to Capitol Hill, the Ukraine Fighter Pilots Act was introduced, which I was proud to cosponsor.

I want to express my deepest appreciation for the invaluable service rendered not only to the nation of Ukraine, but in the fight for democracy itself, by Major Andrii Pilshchikov. My deepest condolences go out to his family, the people of Ukraine and all those impacted by his loss.

SIFMA

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I want to honor the accomplishments of Aiden Inman, Ethan Scatone, and William Will, students at Oakcrest High School who competed in the SIFMA Foundation Capitol Hill Challenge and placed tenth in the Nation. They participated as a part of their Stock Market and Investments class under the guidance of their teacher, Joe Cirigliano and their supervisor Nicole Gazia. This exemplary group of students participated in a 14-week competition

where they managed a hypothetical \$100,000 online portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ESG investments, and cash. Out of a student participation of over 6,500 students, Oakcrest placed in the top ten performing teams in the nation. I am incredibly proud of these students and all of their accomplishments, and I can't wait to see the big things they do in the future. God Bless these students and God Bless the United States of America.

CELEBRATING BCI SOLUTIONS, INC. INDUCTION INTO THE INDIANA MANUFACTURERS HALL OF FAME

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I am proud to recognize and congratulate BCI Solutions, Inc. in Bremen, Indiana on being inducted into the Indiana Manufacturers Hall of Fame this month.

I often say that Hoosier manufacturing is second to none, and I am proud to represent the Manufacturing Capital of the World here in Indiana's Second District. The professional, high-quality work that BCI has done for more than 80 years has played a meaningful role in allowing our District to have and maintain that distinction.

Founded in 1939 as Bremen Gray Iron Foundry, BCI has grown into a renowned name and a leading provider of castings, machining, and complex assemblies. Because of their continuous commitment to improving and investing in advancing technologies, BCI is on the forefront of providing products to the defense, agricultural, healthcare, lawn and garden and automotive industries, among others.

Additionally, BCI's example as a successful family-owned business now operating in their fifth generation is an inspiration to those looking to start their own companies, as well as a source of pride for many Hoosiers.

Congratulations again to BCI Solutions, Inc. on being recognized for this impressive distinction. I join Hoosiers in thanking them for their many contributions to Marshall County and communities throughout the Second District. I wish them continued success and many more years in business and accolades to celebrate going forward.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF CAPE COD

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in honor of Community Health Center of Cape Cod's 25th anniversary.

Community Health Center (CHC) of Cape Cod was first established in 1998 by a group of volunteer doctors and nurses committed to providing free healthcare services to uninsured residents of the Cape and Islands. CHC originally started as the Falmouth Free Clinic in the basement of Falmouth Hospital and

served 600 patients in its first year. Today, CHC serves over 25,000 patients and has locations in five towns across the Upper Cape. It was also recently announced that CHC received a five-million-dollar grant through the American Rescue Plan to open a new location to serve more patients on Cape Cod. The new facility will be LEED silver certified and include affordable housing to support the community and workforce.

Since 2003, CHC has been led by CEO, Karen Gardner. Under Ms. Gardner's leadership, CHC continues to grow and evolve to better serve its patients. Over the last two decades, CHC has built a 33,000 square foot facility in Mashpee; added oral health, women's health, 340B pharmacy, and vision services; implemented an electronic medical record system; and was designated a federally qualified health center in 2006.

Whether it be transportation or insurance costs, Community Health Center of Cape Cod continuously works to break down barriers to accessing quality healthcare. By combining the different skills and backgrounds of its board members and staff, CHC always strives to provide the best healthcare to the community that it serves, especially those from vulnerable populations. Over the last 25 years, CHC has operated with the goal of providing high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable care regardless of a person's ability to pay and has established itself as a pillar of the Cape Cod community.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I am proud to honor Community Health Center of Cape Cod, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating its 25th anniversary and wishing CHC continued success in the years to come.

BRIAN AND KEVIN MURPHY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I would like to honor Brian and Kevin Murphy for graduating high school and 8th grade. Brian has graduated from Rustin High School with honors and headed to Penn State University in the fall where he will study Business. Kevin has graduated 8th grade with honors from St. Simon and Jude School. Kevin will continue his journey at Rustin High School next year. Both Brian and Kevin have recently assisted their baseball teams in winning their Championship games. Two amazing young men with incredible futures ahead of them. I know their family is very proud of them, especially their Aunt Allie. God Bless Brian and Kevin and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE FUTCH FAMILY

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I would like to recognize Dawn Futch, her husband Mike Futch, and their daughter Steph-

anie Futch for their charitable service towards the people of Brevard County. After the sudden and tragic passing of Dawn and Mike's son Michael-Gene, the Futch family created the Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation.

When Michael-Gene Futch passed away in November of 2010, his family requested basketballs instead of flowers due to Michael-Gene's love of the sport. When over 1,500 basketballs came, the Futch family decided to donate those basketballs to underprivileged children in Brevard County.

This charitable donation led to the creation of the Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation, which aims to help underprivileged families. Since the Foundation was formed, it has grown far past donations of basketballs. While continuing basketball donations year-round, the Futch Foundation also hosts a back-to-school drive, sponsor-a-family thanksgiving, and a gift drive for the holiday season.

The Futch Family also holds an annual black-tie affair to raise money for charity. The Futch family plans to continue their many years of charity work for the children of Brevard County.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Futch family and saluting their selfless service. The Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation is an inspiration and blessing to underprivileged children, and families in our community.

BIG SKY AVIATION

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, in April, I had the pleasure of attending the 25th anniversary celebration of Big Sky Aviation in Millville, South Jersey. As a full-service, fixed-base operator, this aviation center provides a valuable and enriching experience to our South Jersey residents through its many services. These services include hangar leasing, aircraft cleaning, jet fueling, pre-purchased inspections, airframe repairs, tie downs, car services, catering, and much more. They also offer personalized flight school programs working directly with students to create a strategy that aligns with their individual needs and objectives. The experienced team of aviation professionals at Big Sky Aviation ensure that your visit to South Jersey is as convenient and enjoyable as possible. I thank all the staff at Big Sky Aviation for sharing their passion for aviation with our South Jersey community for the past 25 years. God Bless Big Sky Aviation, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 349TH AIR MOBILITY WING (RESERVE)

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize the 349th Air Mobility

Wing (Reserve), assigned to the Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL. The 349th, celebrated its 80th anniversary on October 14, 2023.

The 349th AMW (Reserve), located at Travis Air Force Base, California, is the largest associate wing in the United States Air Force Reserve. 349th AMW personnel fly the C-5 Galaxy, the C-17 Globemaster III, and the KC-10 Extender, and are now transitioning to the KC-46 Pegasus. The missions of the wing's aircrews include airlifting personnel and material worldwide as well as aerial refueling a wide variety of aircraft.

The 349th AMW is also home to the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, responsible for treating patients during medical airlift; the 349th Airlift Control Flight, tasked to enter austere locations and prepare for USAF aircraft arrival; and the 349th Medical Squadron, capable of providing hospital services worldwide, in a contingency environment.

The mission of the 349th AMW is to "generate and sustain combat-ready mobility Airmen." This makes the wing responsible for training almost 3,500 Reservists who, in turn, work side-by-side their active-duty counterparts in the 60th AMW, also stationed at Travis.

In November 1943, 349th Troop Carrier Group was activated at Sedalia Army Air Field, Missouri. The 349th TCG had five troop carrier squadrons assigned, including what is now the 312th Airlift Squadron, which is still assigned to the 349th.

The 349th, like the other reserve troop carrier wings, was completely equipped and ready to move with only a few hours' notice as was the case during the Cuban call-up. Only four hours after the first call to report for duty was made, 95 percent of the wing's flying personnel had checked in and were ready to move. This proved the value of the Air Force Reserve's "Ready Now" concept and the wing's motto "In Omnia Paratus." In all things prepared.

A recall to active duty was again initiated on January 26, 1968, for the Vietnam War, and many hundreds of tons of cargo were carried across the Pacific. Upon deactivation in 1969, the 349th moved to Travis AFB, CA.

In 1972, the 349th joined the active component in flying and maintaining the C-5 "Galaxy" making the 349th a two-weapon system reserve strategic airlift wing.

On February 1, 1992, the 349th was re-designated the 349th Airlift Wing, deleting the word "military" from its name to conform with the active-duty Air Force's reorganization and realignment policies.

In September 1994, the KC-10 "Extender" tanker mission was added to the Wing and became an "Air Mobility Wing," the only Air Force Reserve unit at the time to fly three types of aircraft: the C-141 "Starlifter," the C-5 "Galaxy," and the KC-10.

With the C-17 "Globemaster III" arrival at Travis in Summer 2006, the wing and its host became the only units in the country to fly three major weapons systems. On May 25, 2006, the 301st Airlift Squadron converted from the C-5 to the C-17 and on June 25, 2006, the 945th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was activated to support the Globemaster III.

Most recently the 349th Aeromedicine Squadron deployed reserve medical personnel in support of New York City's response to the

Covid-19 pandemic, and 61 Wing Airmen deployed in support of Operation Allies Refuge.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore and colleagues, please join me in praising the dedicated service of the Air Force reservist assigned to the 349th Air Mobility Wing (Reserve), Travis AFB, CA, who give and have given of their time and talents to serve our Nation and support our military readiness. I thank them for their commitment and sacrifice to help keep our U.S. Air Force strong and prepared for action when called upon.

EUSTACE MITA

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I want to commend the achievements of Eustace Mita, a prominent figure in South Jersey's luxury real estate industry. Mr. Mita serves as Chairman and CEO of Icona Resorts, Chairman of Mita Management, and CEO of Achristavest, all of which have left a significant mark on South Jersey's luxury real estate sector. He founded ICONA Resorts in 2013, quickly establishing a highly regarded brand of luxury hotels in South Jersey, including the top ranked Icona Diamond Beach resort. Currently, ICONA operates seven hotels along the South Jersey shore in Avalon, Cape May, Wildwood Crest, and Spring Lake. Mr.

Mita's business ventures extend to high-end luxury home development with Achristavest and strategic investments in local real estate and the automotive sectors through Mita Management. Outside of business, he is a devoted family man to his wife, Susie, and their five children and sixteen grandchildren. He is a respected leader in the Catholic Church's service initiatives and his contributions were recognized by Pope Francis during the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. He also serves as the first lay president of the Papal Foundation, a charity that funds Papal requests for charitable grants and scholarships. It is an honor to celebrate Eustace Mita's contributions to South Jersey's luxury real estate and commitment to community service. His entrepreneurial spirit and dedication have left a lasting impact on our South Jersey community. God Bless Eustice Mita and God Bless the United States of America.