

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AARON CADAYONG

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Cadayong of Littleton, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Aaron traveled to the Philippines to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Aaron for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Aaron's many accomplishments.

HONORING DONNIE DILL FOR HIS SERVICE TO TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career and faithful service of Patrol Captain Donnie Dill, and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Born and raised in Stewart County, Tennessee, Donnie dedicated his career to serving his fellow Tennesseans and the public good. He started this mission in October 1990, when he joined the Clarksville Police Department (CPD). Over the course of four years, he faithfully enforced the law and stood on the frontlines, protecting citizens and the community at-large. After his tenure with CPD, he used the following year to serve Montgomery and Stewart Counties as a law enforcement officer and public servant.

Because of his outstanding service in law enforcement, Donnie was hired to serve on the 23rd Judicial District Drug Task Force. With jurisdiction over Stewart, Houston, Humphries, Cheatham, and Dickson Counties, including portions of Interstate-40—a known drug pipeline—Donnie worked to disrupt, intercept, and remove dangerous substances.

Donnie also served as a law enforcement officer for the City of Dover and Stewart County, his home.

In 2002, Donnie joined the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Police, a federal law enforcement agency responsible for protecting critical infrastructure, employees, and assets within the TVA system. TVA facilities provide power and critical services for millions of people across seven states, making them a prime target for criminal activity. While serving as a federal law enforcement officer, Donnie protected and preserved these assets and employees, helping the Tennessee Valley flourish.

From 2003 to 2007, Donnie also served in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service through the Department of the Interior. Tennessee is blessed with abundant natural resources, including bountiful lakes and rivers and beautiful landmarks, all needing careful maintenance and protection. Following his work for the Fish and Wildlife Service, Donnie joined the United States Forest Service, where he has served faithfully ever since. For his excellent service, he was promoted to Patrol Captain in 2021 for the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

Beyond his vast experience in law enforcement, Donnie excelled as a leader and mediator, winning over people from diverse backgrounds and opinions on forest management and enforcement. He frequently served as the go-between for various contentious issues and ensured that all sides were heard. Because of his deep roots in the community and his dedication to the public good, Donnie is a uniquely gifted public servant who used his gifts to serve others.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I thank Patrol Captain Donnie Dill for his exceptional public service, and I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement. I wish Donnie and his family the best in his future endeavors, and I hope he knows that his legacy will outlive his outstanding career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 670.

RECOGNIZING DR. BRIAN E. KENNEDY AND MRS. HILDA KENNEDY FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP WITH MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO, CA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Brian E. Kennedy and Mrs. Hilda Kennedy for their 25 years of service and leadership with Mt. Zion Church of Ontario, California. Dr. Kennedy serves as the Senior Pastor, and Mrs. Kennedy serves as the First Lady of Mt. Zion Church. Founded in 1922, Mt. Zion is a historic anchor in Ontario, known as the first African American-led church in the city.

The Kennedys joined the church in 1988 and have faithfully served their community, church, and family for the last 25 years. Under their leadership, Mt. Zion has significantly grown in membership and service to the community. Today, the church is a diverse, multi-generational congregation and serves more than 1,700 members across several counties. The Kennedys lead Mt. Zion in various community outreach efforts including the annual Harvest Festival (a free, safe family-friendly event connecting with more than 1,000 residents). Go Sunday (an in-person program that evangelizes and provides food to unhoused individuals). Helping Hands (a ministry providing food and clothing each week to neighbors in need), and Resurrection Sunday in the Park (a public celebration held at Ontario City Town Square focusing on Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection).

For their outstanding accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Brian E. Kennedy and Mrs. Hilda Kennedy. Their years of service and commitment to the city and the people of Ontario are worthy of the highest commendation.

AISHA OZASLAN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aisha Ozaslan of Golden, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Aisha traveled to South Korea to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies,

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study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Aisha for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Aisha's many accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 669.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 676, and YEA on rollcall No. 677.

ALEXIA CANDELARIA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexia Candelaria for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Alexia has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Alexia, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Alexia's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Alexia Candelaria on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 662.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a transportation delay, I was unable to attend session on November 28th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677.

TRIBUTE TO LUISA BUADA, R.N.,
B.S.N, M.P.H. ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, Luisa Buada, who brought culturally sensitive, integrated primary and preventive health care to thousands in a highly underserved community. She brought this care regardless of ability to pay or immigration status and collaborated with community partners to address the social determinants of health.

Luisa Buada was the founding Executive Director of Clinicas de Salud in the Salinas Valley and the Berkeley Primary Care Access Clinic, and cofounded LifeLong Medical Care in Berkeley as part of a merger with Over 60 Health Center in 1996.

In the early 2000's in the wake of the closure of the Charles Drew Health Center by the federal government, a group of community leaders and I came together to explore creating a new, vital health care system to support the low-income communities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Residents and representatives of Stanford Health Care and San Mateo County met regularly for months to form what is now the Ravenswood Family Health Network, a Federally Qualified Health Center that now cares for approximately 21,000 patients. Of these, 7,576 are children and adolescents, 90 percent are low-income, and 88 percent identify as an ethnic minority. About 63 percent are enrolled in public health coverage, and 27 percent are uninsured.

Luisa Buada was the consultant in the development of Ravenswood, and despite her insistence that she was only temporary, after serving 12 months as Interim Chief Executive Officer she became Ravenswood's Permanent CEO in November 2003. Luisa received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing in 1977 and her Master's degree in Public Health Policy and Administration from the University of California, Berkeley in 1990. In March of 2010, Buada was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. In 2013 she received the California Senate Woman of the Year Award for the 13th District and was a 2016 San Francisco Chronicle and St. Mary's College Vision-

ary of the Year Award Honoree. She received the 2016 John W. Gardner Exemplary Leadership Award from the American Leadership Forum of Silicon Valley and in 2018 she received the California State Assembly Woman of the Year award for the 24th District. She has earned and deserves all these honors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Luisa Buada as she begins her retirement. She has been an extraordinary leader who brought health services to many thousands who otherwise would not have been cared for. She is a national treasure that I shall treasure all the days of my life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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COLONEL CURTIS HAYES

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Curtis Hayes for his service in the U.S. Air Force. Colonel Hayes served as a dentist and maxillofacial surgeon in the Air Force for over 20 years. Among his many accomplishments, Colonel Hayes led a four-member dental team to provide care for underprivileged children in Africa. Colonel Hayes earned numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air and Space Achievement Medal, and the 2013 USAF Dentist of the Year award.

Colonel Hayes has also extended his impact to academia and literature. He has shared his expertise by contributing to peer-reviewed journals and recently wrote a section on digital dentistry in the best-selling book "Million Dollar Smile."

It is my honor to congratulate Colonel Hayes on his military retirement and to thank him for his service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 2023 MICHIGAN
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DIVISION
6 STATE CHAMPIONS
KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Kingsley High School Varsity Football team for their recent victory in the Division 6 State Championship. With a 38-24 victory over Almont High School, the Kingsley

Stags charged on to the school's first ever State Championship.

Head Coach Time Wooser's unique approach led them to a dominant 12–2 season and an ultimate State Championship victory. In the team's exemplary win, the Stags were led by elusive running back Eli Graves. Finishing the game with 210 rushing yards, 4 touchdowns, and 3 two-point conversions, Graves is the first running back in Michigan Football State Championship history to account for 30 points in a championship game.

Coach Wooser aptly summed up the spirit and composition of his team to the Detroit Free Press after the game, stating, "the one characteristic when you get a team of this caliber is the character, and the morals and the ethics and just the leadership." The Kingsley High School Varsity Football team did indeed exude immense talent, teamwork, and dedication which secured them the State Championship.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Kingsley High School Varsity Football team for their well-deserved State Championship. I wish the team, families, and staff all the best in their future endeavors. Go Stags.

RECOGNIZING MS. MARIA ROSALES, OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBER IN THE 52ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Maria Rosales, an outstanding community member and small business owner. Her journey to the United States was challenging, as she faced a treacherous route while sustaining her basic needs and facing the fear of the unknown.

Ms. Rosales came to the United States on this journey from Mexico when she was only 16 years old, alongside her sister and her sister's husband. Maria met her husband here in the United States in 1987, and in 2011 they were both granted citizenship. This allowed them to get one step closer toward achieving their American Dream.

Ms. Rosales' first job as a nanny paved the way to her newfound passion for taking care of children—and she grew this passion enough to also help others. In 2019, while many parents within her community were having a tough time finding the proper care and attention that their children needed, Maria stepped up to provide a safe and loving place to leave their children while they work. Her commitment led her to an opportunity to complete a childcare class with the San Diego & Imperial Women's Business Center, which is an 8-week accelerator program to become an in-home family childcare facility. She was determined to be the best at what she does, and she took classes in marketing, finance, and other courses to start her own business. This training provided her with the tools to develop a safe space for children where they can develop their academic and socio-emotional abilities.

Ms. Rosales opened Vienna's Daycare, a home daycare, where children are encouraged to reach their developmental milestones that

help them succeed in the future. Ms. Rosales continues to be a beacon of light for those who aspire to take their passion and apply it toward valuable community service.

Ms. Rosales was honored as the 52nd District Constituent of the Month, during National Women's Small Business Month in October, for her admirable commitment to supporting families and parents, and for her unwavering strength, which will inspire others for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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HAYDEN STONE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hayden Stone of Woodland Park, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Hayden traveled to Greece, Italy, Austria, and Germany to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Hayden for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Hayden's many accomplishments.

HONORING THELDA WILLIAMS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of my deeply respected former colleague, Thelda Williams. A long-time Phoenix city councilwoman and three-time in-

terim mayor, Thelda's service to her northwest community spanned more than thirty years. At the City, Thelda was a stalwart champion of neighborhoods, police and firefighters, and public transit. And she never failed to make time to offer guidance and support to her colleagues, myself included.

As Councilwoman, she chaired the City Council's Transportation Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee and was the chair of the Valley Metro Rail board. Under Thelda's guidance, the City invested in Sky Harbor International Airport and water infrastructure, and she played a crucial role in strengthening and expanding the City's transit system. Her vision for the City's infrastructure and planning was truly ahead of its time, and the newly-dedicated "Thelda Williams Transit Center" in North Phoenix is a testament to her advocacy.

Thelda was also deeply committed to improving the lives of incarcerated people by helping them see a positive future for themselves. During her tenure at the Maricopa County Sheriff's office, Thelda took charge of developing a drug rehabilitation program for inmates, establishing a juvenile high school, as well as initiating several other adult programs.

Thelda was also a passionate voice for animal welfare, leading several city policy changes to protect pets. At MCSO, she spearheaded a program to allow inmates to care for and rehabilitate abused animals and get them ready for adoption. Phoenixians and their four-legged friends still enjoy the "Thelda Williams Paw-Pup Park," the first dog park in downtown Phoenix.

We lost Thelda at the age of 82 on November 14, 2023, but her legacy is reflected in the countless lives she touched with her compassionate leadership. Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on November 28, 2023, I attended a memorial service in honor of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, so I was unable to vote on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, H. Res. 793—Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during the October 2023 attack on Israel, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677, H. Res. 793—Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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IRIS BARKETT

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iris Barkett of Cañon City, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Iris traveled to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Iris for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Iris' many accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of America's fifth President, James Monroe, and to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Monroe Doctrine.

President James Monroe was born on April 28, 1758, to a middle-class family in what would eventually become Virginia's First District. Monroe was a fierce advocate for American independence from the very beginning. At only 18 years old, he enlisted in the Continental Army, where he fought and was wounded while serving under General George Washington.

In the earliest years of our fledgling nation, Monroe would distinguish himself as master diplomat and lay the foundations of United States foreign policy. As Minister to France, he helped negotiate the Louisiana Purchase, doubling American sovereign territory. After being appointed Secretary of War, he masterfully defended the country during the War of 1812, and managed the acquisition of Florida, all while forging alliances and boosting the United States' standing on the world stage. His skill at statecraft was recognized by the public and he was elected President in 1816.

President Monroe's crowning achievement as a leader was the creation of his namesake Monroe Doctrine. On December 2, 1823, the United States took the important step of recognizing and establishing trade and defense treaties with the newly independent republics

of Latin America. By vowing to aid these countries against invasions by European colonial powers, Monroe began a proud American tradition of a bold foreign policy that promotes freedom and democratic values abroad.

I am honored to represent Virginia's First District, the place Monroe once called home. I am inspired by Monroe's devotion to fundamental American values, and his committed belief that our rights and the freedoms we derive from them deserve to be shared not just by our countrymen, but by all people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing President James Monroe and the Bicentennial of his most outstanding work of statesmanship, the Monroe Doctrine. His legacy is one of profound accomplishment and service to the American people, and I am deeply grateful to the example he sets to all who would follow in his footsteps.

CELEBRATING SGT. J.J. CORBETT'S 101ST BIRTHDAY AND SERVICE**HON. SCOTT FRANKLIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy birthday to Bartow resident, Sgt. Jordan Jerome "J.J." Corbett, who celebrated his 101st birthday on November 25th. Sgt. Corbett has earned many accolades throughout his storied life, including WWII hero, educator, championship coach and civil rights trailblazer.

Sgt. Corbett served during WWII as one of the U.S. Army's first black paratroopers. He first volunteered to train with the all-white 82nd Airborne Division and was part of the formation of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion. The 555th was nicknamed the "Triple Nickles"—one of the few all-black units with black officers. Today, Sgt. Corbett is the last surviving member of the "Triple Nickles," which was assigned to one of the most dangerous operations to save lives from the aftermath of a clandestine Japanese balloon attack in the Western United States.

Today, he is a retired schoolteacher, Bank Director for Citrus & Chemical Bank, two-time Florida Track Coach of the Year, member of the Florida High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and member of the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Sgt. Corbett a happy 101st birthday. On behalf of the 18th District of Florida, we thank him for his service and sacrifice for our nation and his steadfast dedication to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been

present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 665.

RILEY FLYNN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Riley Flynn for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Riley has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Riley, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Riley's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Riley Flynn on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ALASKA'S JUSTINE GUNDERSEN**HON. MARY SATTLER PELTOLA**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House to honor the career of a great Alaskan, Justine Gundersen, upon her retirement from the Board of Directors for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, known generally as "APICDA." APICDA is one of six Community Development Quota Groups formed pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Management and Conservation Act, as amended which created in statute the Community Development Quota Program. This revolutionary and game-changing program ensured that remote underserved Alaska Villages, would have a real and economically viable stake in the vast and valuable federal fisheries harvested in close proximity to their communities. Justine Gunderson played her own invaluable role in making it happen.

In 1976, Justine Gundersen made Nelson Lagoon her home with her late husband, Paul Gundersen. "The Lagoon," is nestled on the north side of the Alaska Peninsula, on a narrow sand spit, 580 miles southwest of Anchorage and 70 miles north of Cold Bay. Nelson Lagoon, which the Unangax people originally used as a seasonal fish camp, has developed into a close-knit, year-round community with commercial fishing as its economic backbone.

Since the inception of the CDQ program, Justine has been a cornerstone, holding a position on the APICDA board since its earliest days. Her guidance helped lay the foundation for the APICDA board and played a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of the entire program.

Justine's list of accomplishments is extensive, serving on influential bodies such as the Advisory Panel for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Alaska Seafood

Marketing Institute Board, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly, and the Nelson Lagoon Advisory Board.

What truly distinguishes Justine is not merely the duration of her service, but the unwavering commitment that propels it—a resolute determination to ensure that the state's villages, regardless of their size and remoteness, receive the attention they deserve. With the accumulating of nearly 50 years of service, Justine has become a beacon of knowledge, dedicating herself to educating others about village life.

Beyond her board service, Justine assumed the role of Administrator for the Tribe and Corporation in Nelson Lagoon. In these capacities she worked tirelessly to shepherd projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life for the village residents. These projects include a community dock, erosion mitigation initiatives, a boatyard and storage facility, a community greenhouse, and two seasonal tourism adventure sport fishing camps that provide employment opportunities for Nelson Lagoon residents.

Justine's wealth of knowledge in the region and the fishing industry, coupled with her extensive experience and unyielding passion, positioned her as a formidable advocate. Her dedicated service to APICDA leaves an indelible and positive mark upon its history and its future, and upon the CDQ Program generally and continued economic opportunity that it provides to Villages throughout areas of Western Alaska. I thank Justine for her service to Alaska.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF IDRA

HON. GREG CASAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. CASAR. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to call the attention of the House in recognition of the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. For over 50 years, IDRA has been steadfast in its commitment to equitable access to high-quality public education for every child and family that needs it. Both their research and advocacy focus on ensuring public schools have the tools necessary to succeed.

Originally founded in 1973 by Dr. José A. Cárdenas, IDRA quickly established itself as a singular voice for Texas students and parents in the field of education. In the early 1980s, Dr. Cárdenas was an expert witness and, alongside IDRA staff, played a pivotal role in the Supreme Court's decision on Plyler v. Doe, guaranteeing equal protection for immigrant children across the country to access education in our nation's public schools.

Since then, IDRA has continued working with lawmakers and policy advocates to help secure critical laws supporting bilingual education, equity in school funding, and the rights of immigrant students. Every year, IDRA supports the training of thousands of teachers and administrators on creating the best environment for our children to succeed, while connecting parents and schools so they have a seat at the table in shaping and supporting their child's education.

IDRA has spent decades working to create a more equitable system for millions of students across the country, including those in my district. As the Congressman for the 35th District of Texas, I am proud to congratulate them on their 50 years of transforming public education and empowering our communities.

JOSHUA BANALES

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joshua Banales for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Joshua has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Joshua, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Joshua's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Joshua Banales on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR
GENERAL JAMES "BEN" BENTON
GASTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of James "Ben" Benton Gaston, 74, who passed away on November 22, 2023, in Indianola, MS.

Ben was born in Greenville, MS, on December 4, 1948, where he also grew up. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1966 and attended Mississippi State University and Mississippi Delta Community College. He ultimately graduated from Delta State University following his discharge from active duty military service. He joined the U.S. Army in July 1969 and served as an Infantryman in the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Upon his discharge from active duty, Ben joined the Mississippi National Guard as a Non-Commissioned Officer in 1971 and later took a direct commission to 1st Lt. in 1981. Ben also served as the Company Commander for B Company 2/198th Armor—Indianola, MS, Battalion Commander 1/198th Armor—Amory, MS, 155 Armored Brigade—Tupelo, MS, 66th Troop Command—Jackson, MS and Assistant Adjutant General—Mississippi Joint Force Headquarters—Jackson, MS.

Brigadier General Gaston retired in January 2008. He was recalled one month later to function as the Assistant Adjutant General as a Major General, which ultimately culminated his 42-year military career. MG Gaston received numerous awards and decorations, including the Soldier's Medal, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Legion of Merit. Following his discharge from active

duty, he continued his civilian education at Delta State University, obtaining a Bachelors and Master's in Chemistry and an MBA in Business. He also received a Master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He began his civilian career with the USDA in Stoneville, MS, and was eventually elected as the District 3 Supervisor for Sunflower County.

Ben is survived by his wife, Sherry Ikerd Gaston, his high school sweetheart, his sister, Ann Bradshaw (Jimmy) of Pearl, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Bobbie Ruth Gaston of Greenville, MS.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 664.

HONORING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY
PASSING OF FORMER
MAYOR COLEMAN YOUNG

HON. SHRI THANEDAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the longest serving mayor of the city I so proudly represent, Mayor Coleman A. Young, on the 26th anniversary of his passing.

Born in the throes of segregation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Mayor Young rose from the humble beginnings of the Great Migration to become a beacon of hope and a pillar of strength for the city of Detroit. His journey was marked not just by the offices he held, but by the indomitable spirit he embodied—a spirit that challenged inequality, fought for justice, and tirelessly sought to uplift every resident of Detroit.

As Detroit's first African-American mayor, he broke barriers and built bridges. He led our city through times of challenge and change, always with an unwavering vision for a more inclusive and prosperous Detroit. His efforts to integrate the Detroit Police Department and to fight excessive use of force were not just administrative actions, but bold steps towards healing and unity. His advocacy for affirmative action and his dedication to economic development were testament to his belief in a Detroit that offered opportunity for all. Under his leadership, Detroit saw the rise of vital infrastructure and community projects, laying the groundwork for the city's future.

As we reflect on Mayor Young's legacy, let us remember his courage, his unwavering commitment to civil rights, and his enduring love for Detroit. His life's work reminds us of the power of resilience, the importance of visionary leadership, and the unyielding pursuit of equality. Mayor Young's legacy is not confined to the past; it is a guiding light for our future, motivating us to continue building a city

that is as strong, as vibrant, and as inclusive as the remarkable leader we commemorate today. May his memory continue to inspire us all.

KARLIE CANDELARIA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karlie Candelaria for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Karlie has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Karlie, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Karlie's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Karlie Candelaria on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF DR. JAMES WEST

HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of a true champion of the people, Dr. James West, a revered Wake County Commissioner and a beacon of hope for many in our community. It's with deep sorrow that we mark his passing, but with immense gratitude that we celebrate his legacy.

Dr. James West dedicated his life to public service, always striving to uplift those in need. From his early days as a college student in the 1960s, peacefully protesting segregation in Greensboro alongside Jesse Jackson, to his extensive service as a Raleigh City Councilman and Wake County Commissioner, his journey was marked by a relentless commitment to justice and equality.

His academic achievements, including a doctorate in education, and a three-decade-long career at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at NC State University laid the foundation for his deep understanding of the issues facing our community. Dr. West was proud to be the first black person in the U.S. to become Director of County Operations for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, with the responsibility of supervising over 1,000 faculty and staff members.

Dr. West's tenure on the Raleigh City Council, including his time as Mayor Pro Tem, was characterized by his visionary leadership and his ability to forge meaningful partnerships. His work with the Southeast Raleigh Alliance, which he co-founded, exemplified his commitment to economic empowerment and community development.

In his role as a County Commissioner, Dr. West was instrumental in the creation of the

Live Well Wake initiative, aimed at enhancing the health and wellbeing of the community. His efforts to expand affordable housing and his leadership in the Health and Human Services Committee highlight his holistic approach to public service and his belief that every individual deserves dignity and stability.

Dr. West's legacy is not just in the programs he initiated or the policies he championed, but in the countless lives he touched, the community leaders he inspired, and the unquantifiable impact of his compassion and leadership.

We remember Dr. West for his "Dr. Westisms," his wisdom, and his unwavering faith in the power of community. He taught us the importance of strengthening our "spiritual infrastructure," and he believed deeply in the potential of every individual.

As we mourn Dr. James West's passing, we also celebrate his extraordinary life—a life dedicated to service, equality, and the betterment of Wake County and its people. My thoughts are with his family, friends, and all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 663.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677.

HONORING THE CAREER AND
SERVICE OF LAUREN NOYES

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lauren Noyes for her distinguished career and service in our Nation's Capital.

Lauren has dedicated her life to advancing good public policy and the betterment of those who serve on Capitol Hill.

A native of New Brunswick, New Jersey, Lauren grew up in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iowa, and Florida. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Wake Forest with a B.A. in English, Lauren moved to Washington, D.C. Like many congressional staffers, she

started as a Staff Assistant in the Office of Rep. John Shadegg (AZ-4), where she was quickly promoted to Legislative Assistant. Then, in 1997, she joined the Office of Rep. Joe Pitts (PA-16), becoming his Legislative Director in 1998. During her time with Rep. Pitts, Lauren helped establish the Values Action Team (VAT).

One of the most meaningful aspects of her time on Capitol Hill was participating in Faith and Law—an organization founded in 1983 that encourages and equips Christian policymakers to more fully understand the Biblical worldview and its implication for their calling to public service.

In 2001, Lauren left Capitol Hill and continued her distinguished career at The Heritage Foundation, where she served in multiple roles until 2008. For the next nine years Lauren dedicated herself to raising her four children with her husband, Brad.

Lauren returned to Capitol Hill as Faith and Law's new Executive Director in 2017. Through her six years at its helm, Lauren has made an indelible mark on the organization and countless staffers in both the House and the Senate—and both Democrat and Republican. Lauren led Faith and Law into a new era, ushering the organization into a season of rapid growth. The programs she has built now inform and mentor those who work on Capitol Hill from interns to senior staff members.

From Friday Forums, regularly attended by nearly a hundred staffers, to reading groups and mentorship programs, Faith and Law's reputation as a source of guidance and community for Hill staffers continues to grow—and that is due in large part to Lauren's leadership. In 2021, Lauren launched the Capitol Hill Moms Group to encourage and equip working mothers.

Providing the opportunity for a community of congressional staffers and members from both sides of the aisle to meet regularly has been invaluable in these challenging times. Lauren's leadership has taken the 40-year organization to new heights—and her selfless devotion to building this community and mentoring staffers has shaped a generation of thoughtful staffers.

As Lauren leaves her role at Faith and Law to focus on her family—as mother to her children, Hudson, John, Sarah Grace, and Lucy, and wife to Brad—she leaves behind an incredible legacy that will continue to be felt in the Halls of Congress through the hundreds of lives she has impacted. On behalf of the United States Congress—and our many colleagues who can attest to Lauren's impact firsthand—it is my honor to recognize Lauren for her distinguished career on and around Capitol Hill.

NOAH TRASK

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Noah Trask for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Noah has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Noah, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them

for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Noah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Noah Trask on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
C. "BILL" WADE

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William C. "Bill" Wade. Bill Wade passed away on September 29, 2023, in Gulfport, Mississippi, at 74 years old. He was a dedicated family man and friend.

Bill was a committed member of Bear Creek Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years. His faith was important to him, and the members of Bear Creek were well served under his leadership.

Bill retired from education in 2013. He taught school at Louisville Municipal School District and made a difference in the lives of many students throughout his teaching career. Serving as a principal at the Kosciusko Public School, Bill led the school and eventually the school district as superintendent of education. He also worked in the Union Public School District and the Polk County School District in Tennessee as superintendent of education.

Bill's legacy in education continued after his retirement when he co-founded Performance Based Education Company, LLC, which helps students maintain achievement progress by adding capacity and working with school districts to improve their student achievement. Bill worked as the vice president, contract manager, marketing specialist, and program developer.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to memorialize the life and legacy of William Wade. Bill has made an impact on the lives of students throughout Mississippi and Tennessee. His impact will be felt for generations to come. His loss will be felt by all those who have been under his leadership.

RECOGNIZE ALEX RAMOS

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alex Ramos, an 8th grade student at Legacy School in Arizona's 6th District.

Each year on Veterans Day, Alex places flags on headstones at the Holy Hope Cemetery, a tradition his brother started 7 years ago.

That year, his brother started with just 25 flags. This year, Alex placed 600 flags at graves across the cemetery.

My team had the pleasure of joining him in November, helping to place the flags and honoring those who served.

During the rest of the year, Alex goes door-to-door to collect donations for flags.

At only 13 years old, he and his brother have started a rich tradition in our community.

Our district is home to over 70,000 veterans. I am incredibly proud to know that because of kids like Alex, the next generation will keep their legacies alive.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 671.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine drug shortages, focusing on supply challenges, impacts, and policy solutions from a Federal health program perspective.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Wall Street firms.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act investments in habitat and ecosystem restoration, pollinators, and wildlife crossings.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine transnational repression, focusing on authoritarians targeting dissenters abroad.

SD-419

11 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine fentanyl in Native communities, focusing on the Federal response to the growing crisis.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the status of Department of Defense recruiting efforts and plans for fiscal year 2024.

SR-222