

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AOWYN SIELER

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Aowyn has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Aowyn, 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 Aowyn's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
REBECCA "BECKY" BOYD

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Rebecca "Becky" Boyd. Becky has dedicated her life to the citizens of Rankin County through her 32 years of service. Having served three consecutive terms as Rankin County's Circuit Clerk, she will officially retire on December 29, 2023.

Born in Louisiana, Becky learned the value of hard work at an early age as sales representative at Morgan & Lindsey. She graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University with a degree in Business Education. While in college she met Bill Boyd, and they married in 1973.

Together Bill and Becky had three sons: BJ, Randy, and Buddy. Raising her family was important to Becky, and she spent many years navigating motherhood and her career. Becky spent her early motherhood years teaching GED classes to adults who desired to continue their education after dropping out of high school. Her passion was to see students pursue their dreams, regardless of their backgrounds.

In 1987, Becky and Bill moved to Rankin County, Mississippi. There, Becky was introduced to the Circuit Clerk, Phillip Warren, who was looking for an assistant to help with the Census. Becky started her job "literally on the ground floor" by reading Census maps with a magnifying glass.

Due to her dedication and hard work, Becky was hired full-time after the Census to work in the Circuit Clerk's office. She assisted in all aspects of the office and learned the ins-and-outs of how the office operated. She said the

best part about her job assisting the Circuit Clerk was knowing she helped people each day.

Becky was elected to the position herself and made her mark on the County by working to modernize the office's technology and equipment. Her commitment to the people of Rankin County has been shown throughout her years of dedicated service. I am proud to honor her faithful work today and remind Rankin County of Becky's famous advice to find someone to help every day.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. STEPANOS ARMENIAN CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of the consecration of St. Stepanos Armenian Church in Long Branch, New Jersey and the 65th anniversary of the formation of the Armenian parish in the Elberon section of Long Branch. I would also like to join with the church community in welcoming His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, to New Jersey for this auspicious occasion.

The Armenian parish began in Elberon in 1956, with 25 members worshipping during summer services as St. Mary Armenian Church. Seeing the growing Armenian population in the area and their aging worship building, Mr. and Mrs. Kevork and Sirvart Hovnanian proposed construction of a new church. The new sanctuary, parish hall, and school was constructed on the site of the former St. Mary Church and consecrated in 1987. Its architecture mirrors that of ancient Armenian churches, paying homage to its history. The 12-sided pyramid-shaped dome represents the twelve apostles and its patron saint is depicted in a stained-glass mural at the entrance of the nave.

Today, the church is led by Rev. Fr. Daniel Karadjian, who has served as Pastor at St. Stepanos since 2013. Rev. Fr. Karadjian is supported by the Parish Council who together oversee a community of approximately 500 members. The clergy, staff, and members of St. Stepanos Armenian Church endeavor to carry on its mission and ensure a viable future.

St. Stepanos provides a welcoming place for the Armenian community to learn, pray, and connect with others. Committed to supporting and enriching the lives of its members St. Stepanos offers several organizations, as well as social and cultural activities, including the Women's Guild, Sunday School, holiday celebrations, and bake sales.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my privilege to pay tribute to St. Stepanos Armenian Church. St. Stepanos continues to serve as a

place of worship and inspiration and its commitment to faith and service to the Armenian community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 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. 673.

BRANDYN POTTER

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Brandyn has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Brandyn, 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 Brandyn's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LT.
COL. CRAIG HAYES MANDEVILLE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of a true American hero, Lieutenant Colonel Craig H. Mandeville, U.S. Army (Retired), who passed away at the age of 83. Lt. Col. Mandeville was not only a decorated Vietnam War veteran, but also a dedicated advocate for the valor and sacrifice of those who served alongside him.

Lt. Col. Mandeville distinguished himself as a two-tour Vietnam veteran, earning two Silver Stars and four Purple Hearts for his extraordinary courage and commitment to duty. His service during the An Loc battle, where he

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served as an advisor alongside Colonel Ho Ngoc Can and Brigadier General Tran Van Nhut, played a pivotal role in securing victory. Even in the face of adversity, Lt. Col. Mandeville exemplified resilience and unwavering dedication.

During the An Loc battle, when American forces attempted to extract Lt. Col. Mandeville, he refused evacuation and chose to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with his Vietnamese comrades, continuing to fight with the people he had proudly served alongside. His selflessness and determination in the midst of danger embodies the highest ideals of military service and camaraderie.

Lt. Col. Mandeville's contributions extended beyond the battlefield. In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, he played a crucial role in the creation of the Vietnam War Memorial in Freedom Park, located in the City of Westminster. His commitment to preserving the memory of those who served and sacrificed, both American and Vietnamese, reflects his deep sense of duty and compassion.

As we mourn the passing of Lt. Col. Craig H. Mandeville, we also celebrate his life and the enduring impact he has had on our nation. A great man has left us, but his legacy will live on forever within the hearts and minds of those who knew him and in the collective memory of a grateful nation.

May Lt. Col. Mandeville rest in peace, and may his family find solace in the knowledge that his contributions to our country will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING PHIL FARCO'S 45
YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phil Farco for his 45 years of leadership in the construction industry. Mr. Farco's company, Mason-Dallas, provides a variety of services by selling market-leading brands of acoustic and vibration isolation components and through custom fabricating solutions for unique installations.

Mason-Dallas was founded on October 23, 1978, initially a small family business that was founded as a single-source manufacturer's representative dedicated exclusively to providing sound and vibration isolation that prevented large HVAC units and related equipment from disrupting the offices and tenants on the floors below. Phil Farco took his business beyond just a manufacturer's representative, entering the custom manufacturing sector by fabricating unique solutions for specific acoustic and vibration projects. Mr. Farco's vision and hard work led Mason-Dallas to grow beyond its original scope, earning the company a reputation as an industry leader for innovative manufactured solutions.

Thanks to Mr. Farco's leadership, Mason-Dallas is a trailblazer in the industry, providing state-of-the-art solutions for a wide variety of venues. Among its portfolio of premier facilities are iconic landmarks such as the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, renowned as the home of the Dallas Cowboys, and the corporate offices of American Airlines. The Charles Schwab

DFW Corporate Campus in Westlake, DFW International Airport Terminals D and E, and the distinguished George H.W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University also bear the imprint of Mason-Dallas's cutting-edge expertise. Furthermore, the Texas Rangers' Globe Life Field, the Toyota North American Headquarters in Plano, the TCU School of Music, the Texas A&M College of Dentistry, and the Winspear Opera House in Dallas all stand as a testament to the company's commitment to facilitating optimal functionality across diverse and prestigious venues.

It is an honor to join the many congratulating Phil Farco on his 45 years of leadership and innovation at the helm of Mason-Dallas.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF SALADO, TX CITY MANAGER
DON FERGUSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate Salado, TX City Manager Don Ferguson as he embarks on his richly deserved retirement after decades of devoted public service. He leaves behind a noble legacy of accomplishment and will remain an example of excellence for all who follow.

City Managers are the unsung heroes of local government. Responsible for planning, directing, managing, and reviewing all activities and operations of towns large and small, they are committed to ensuring financial integrity as well as providing policy advice and administrative support to the Mayor and City Council. With his "can do" spirit, Don embraced these challenges and served Salado with integrity, honesty, and transparency.

During his tenure as the Salado Village Administrator, Don oversaw the creation of a centralized wastewater system, the Main Street beautification project that included sidewalks, decorative streetlights, landscape and drainage, and additional street and drainage improvements across the Village. He worked tirelessly to guide the village through rapid growth and other challenges such as COVID, wildfires, tornadoes, ice storms, hailstorms, and drought. Under his leadership, Salado saw steadily increasing sales tax revenues and property values, low crime rates, and managed growth. His work has been essential to making Salado a great place to work and call home.

While Don isn't tired of the privilege of public service, he knows that everything has its season. But stepping away from work won't give him much idle time as looks forward to watching Salado's growth and spending time with his beloved wife Stephanie and their family.

Retirement marks not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. As Don Ferguson embarks on this new chapter in life, I thank him for his exceptional work, remain grateful for our friendship, and wish him the very best.

ISABEL RICE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Isabel has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Isabel, 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 Isabel's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING HOWARD W. SMITH III

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I seek to recognize Mr. Howard W. Smith III, who is retiring after a remarkable 43 years of dedicated service at Walker & Dunlop Inc.

Howard's journey began in Alexandria, Virginia, where he graduated as a proud alumnus of Episcopal High School in '76 and later from Washington and Lee University in '80.

Howard started his career at Walker & Dunlop in 1980 and now serves as the company's President. Over his 43 years, Howard has been a successful loan originator and rose through the leadership ranks at W&D as COO and a member of the Board of Directors. As President, Howard oversees the company's entire nationwide loan origination and investment sales operations. Howard has mentored dozens of colleagues at W&D and has been integral to the growth and success of the company throughout his distinguished career. I know his colleagues and fellow board members will deeply miss his sage advice, his humor and his vast knowledge of the industry.

In addition to his accomplished W&D career, Howard is deeply engaged with his community and alma maters. He actively contributes to the academic landscape as a member of the advisory board to the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics at Washington and Lee University. He also served as a Former Trustee and Finance Committee Chair of Episcopal High School and as the Former Senior Warden of Christ Church Georgetown.

Howard is the proud husband of Page Lane Smith; together they have built a family in the heart of Washington D.C. with their five children Martha Macon Ashburner Smith, Marion Hungerford Smith, Howard "Worth" Smith IV, Anne de Graffenried Smith, and Elizabeth "Syndey" Smith.

I am honored to congratulate Howard as he retires from an extensive and accomplished career, and I wish him the best of luck in this new chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTUGUESE SPORTING CLUB OF PERTH AMBOY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Portuguese Sporting Club of Perth Amboy on its centennial anniversary and join its leadership, members, and the community in celebrating the inauguration of a plaque designating Pulaski Street in Perth Amboy, New Jersey as "PSC Place."

The Portuguese Sporting Club is a mainstay of the Perth Amboy community. For 100 years, its members have upheld the organization's mission to support the physical and character development of its members. Through cultural, educational, and recreational programs and events, the Portuguese Sporting Club encourages civic involvement and good citizenship, fosters relationships, and honors and celebrates the Portuguese heritage.

Since its establishment, the organization has provided an outlet for socialization and fellowship, and opportunities for its neighbors to share in the rich traditions of Portugal. Its work to preserve and promote the Portuguese culture, and its support of the community are commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Portuguese Sporting Club of Perth Amboy on its 100th anniversary and recognizing its efforts to enrich the Perth Amboy community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
E. JABALEY, M.D.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Michael Ellis Jabaley, M.D., beloved husband of Mary Galbreath Jabaley, who died on his 88th birthday, July 12, 2022. He was born in Copperhill, Tennessee, on July 12, 1934, the son of John and Elizabeth (Solomon) Jabaley. He graduated from The Baylor School in Chattanooga in 1953 and from Vanderbilt University in 1957. Mike was the first person in his family to go to college, and only the second person from Copperhill to attend Vanderbilt. At Vanderbilt he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the leadership fraternity ODK, and Phi Beta Kappa. He played halfback on the football team and was a member of the 1955 Gator Bowl championship squad. It was at Vanderbilt that he met Mary Abbey Galbreath, whom he married in 1959. It was also at Vanderbilt that a faculty member suggested he might want to apply to Johns Hopkins Medical School. His acceptance started him on a trajectory that influenced the rest of his life.

At Johns Hopkins, the highlights were meeting (and competing with) bright students from all over the country, making lasting friendships in the Pithotomy Club, and developing his sur-

gical skills with Vivien Thomas, legendary assistant to Dr. Alfred Blalock. A surgical internship at Hopkins, a four-year surgical residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and a two year stint as a plastic surgery resident back at Hopkins gave him an opportunity to be with "the best of the best" surgeons and clinicians and to hone his surgical skills. Throughout this training, the U.S. Army had been patiently waiting to draft him. Now Major Jabaley, he was sent to William Beaumont hospital in El Paso and then to Vietnam. There he worked at the Vietnamese hospital Cong Hoa and also at the Third Field Hospital—both in Saigon. As a fully-trained plastic surgeon, he was able to concentrate on head, neck, and hand injuries among the soldiers—but also operated on many Vietnamese children with cleft lips and palates and other birth deformities.

After his military service and a stint back at Hopkins as assistant professor of plastic surgery, he was recruited by Dr. James Hardy of the University of Mississippi Medical Center to be the chief of the Plastic Surgery program at UMMC. He and Mary made the big move with their five children, never expecting they would stay in Jackson. But gradually the "temporary" move became permanent, as they raised their children here, found a church home at St. Richard's, and made good friends.

In 1979, Dr. Jabaley left UMMC and went into private practice, at first solo and later as a founding member of Plastic and Hand Surgery Associates. He operated at St. Dominic's and other area hospitals for over thirty years, always accompanied by his invaluable surgical assistant—and friend—Frankie Charleston. Over the years, his practice more and more emphasized hand surgery. He founded the Hand Clinic at St. Dominic Hospital. He became known as an international expert in Dupuytren's contracture and in carpal tunnel surgery.

He was always active as a writer and teacher. He produced almost 100 scientific papers, one of the earliest to receive the Robert Ivy award for the "best scientific paper" at the American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting in 1976, and selected as the "best paper of the year" by the Journal of Hand Surgery in 2001. He edited several medical journals, and co-wrote the book "Stable Fixation of the Hand and Wrist" with his good friends Alan Freeland and Jim Iughes. He was chosen Clinician and Teacher of the Year by the American Association of Hand Surgeons in 2002 and received the Kenneth Pickrell Award for teaching excellence from the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons in 2006. In 2009 Mike was honored by The Baylor School as Distinguished Alumnus.

In addition to his tenure as president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Jabaley was on the boards of many national organizations. He was most proud of his service as an examiner for and vice-president of the American Board of Plastic Surgery; as president of the American Society of Surgery of the Hand; as president of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons; and as president of the Sunderland Society, a peripheral nerve study group.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Dr. Fred Jabaley of Cumming, GA, and Chuck Jabaley of Cleveland, TN; and

his brothers-in-law, Dr. Joseph Fisher and Percy Galbreath of Memphis. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 63 years; his sister, Theresa Jabaley of Chicago; his sisters-in-law, Patsy Jabaley of Cumming, GA, Becky Jabaley of Cleveland, TN, and Anne Fisher and Loraine Galbreath of Memphis, and many beloved nieces and nephews. His children and their spouses are: Mary-Powel and Randall Thomas of Brooklyn, NY; Rear Adm (ret) Michael and Nicole Jabaley of Annandale, VA; Dr. Liza Jabaley Johnson and the Rt. Rev. Alston Johnson of Shreveport, LA; John Jabaley and Erika Zucker of New Orleans; and Kate and Tom Neylon of Dallas.

KYLA COOPER

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Kyla has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Kyla, 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 Kyla'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 Kyla Cooper on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTER
FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) on its 40th anniversary.

I am pleased to serve as an Honorary Trustee for this fine organization. Since its founding in 1983, CEE has done tremendous work in preparing students to meet the growing needs of a STEM-ready workforce. The talented alumni of CEE's programs have made outstanding contributions to help ensure that the United States remains a leader in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

I am pleased to recognize CEE's many accomplishments over the past four decades. Joann DiGennaro has done excellent work stewarding this organization since she co-founded it with the late Admiral H.G. Rickover.

Congratulations to the Center for Excellence in Education on its 40th anniversary and I extend my best wishes for much success in coming years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
LYNNE WASSERMAN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Ms. Lynne Wasserman, a generous philanthropist in California's 36th Congressional District, who passed away on October 25, 2023.

Ms. Wasserman was born on October 18, 1940, to Lew and Edith "Edie" Wasserman and was raised in Beverly Hills, California. After graduating from Beverly Hills High School, Ms. Wasserman pursued a degree in law. During her career, Ms. Wasserman worked at Salomon Brothers Investment Bank in New York and later became General Counsel to Jerry Weintraub's production company.

Ms. Wasserman spent her retirement years as a philanthropist. Through her family's foundation, Ms. Wasserman proudly supported LA's Best, an after-school program that benefited children's social, emotional, and academic needs in the Los Angeles public school system. Ms. Wasserman was committed to electing more women to office and believed participating in the political process was an obligation to fulfill one's citizenship. While our country experienced political divisions, Ms. Wasserman always believed there was a candidate on the horizon somewhere who could bring unity and normalcy back to our country.

Ms. Wasserman was a sports enthusiast and was not shy about expressing her allegiance to the Los Angeles Dodgers, Lakers, and UCLA basketball and football. Ms. Wasserman is survived by her husband, Michael Powell, son, Casey Wasserman, daughter, Carol Leif, and three grandchildren. May her memory be a blessing to all who know her.

CONGRATULATING AGOSTINA
"STINA" D'UVA FOR 22 YEARS
OF SERVICE AS PRESIDENT &
CEO OF THE WEST ORANGE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize Agostina "Stina" D'Uva for her leadership and service to the West Orange Chamber of Commerce. After more than 22 years of service, Stina will retire at the end of this year in December 2023.

In December 2001, Stina became the President and CEO of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce. For the past 22 years she has led the West Orange Chamber of Commerce to support the business community through advocacy, networking opportunities, educational programs, and economic development which have impacted our community for the better. Her endeavors have enabled the West Orange Chamber of Commerce to grow into one of the strongest, most respected Chambers in the state of Florida.

Under Stina's direction, the West Orange Chamber of Commerce has created and orga-

nized many events for members and the community including Best Fest—The Taste of West Orange, Celebrating Extraordinary Women, the Tour de Chamber bicycle event, and Brewing Up Business. She has also been a catalyst with the Chamber in supporting children and their education for many years. The Chamber has been recognized by Orange County Public Schools for its commitment with several awards including Student of Achievement and Renown (SOAR) and the West Orange Program for Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs (WOPE).

Throughout her leadership, the West Orange Chamber of Commerce has garnered many local and statewide certifications and honors, including Florida Association of Chamber Professionals Chamber of the Year in 2009, 2012 and 2015. Individually, she received recognition in September 2023 as the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals Executive of the Year.

Stina has been an integral leader throughout the Central Florida community for decades. She has served her community in many capacities including as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner for Orange County, on the Orange County Charter Review Commission, and as Chairwoman of the Health Central Foundation Board. Additionally, in 2007, she was recognized as Orange County District 1 Citizen of the Year and was awarded the 2013 Central Florida Women's League Heart of Florida Woman Award. In 2014, she was elected to and continues to serve on the MetroWest Master Association Board of Directors. As a parent, she was the President of both the MetroWest Elementary School PTA and the Gotha Middle School PTSA and was also a founding member and President of the Olympia High School PTSA.

It is a privilege to congratulate and applaud my friend Stina on her hard work and many contributions to the Central Florida community and wish her a well-deserved retirement. May her commitment to excellence, leadership and service inspire others to follow in her footsteps.

MAIVE MCCORMICK

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Maive has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Maive, 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 Maive'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 Maive McCormick on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

RECOGNIZING NEIL THOMAS
PROTO ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA V. STUDENTS CHALLENGING
REGULATORY AGENCY
PROCEDURES

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, fifty years ago, the Supreme Court of the United States decided *United States of America v. Students Challenging Regulatory Agency Procedures (SCRAP)*. Issuing a groundbreaking decision granting standing to five law students from George Washington Law School to sue the United States Government under Article III of the Constitution to challenge a nationwide railroad freight rate increase approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). With a nearly unanimous decision written by the oft described strict constitutionalist, Justice Potter Stewart, SCRAP was the first full-court consideration of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

What is perhaps most interesting about SCRAP is that it was wholly taken on by law students. Professor John F. Banzhaf, to the consternation of traditionalists in legal education, encouraged students to identify problematic corporate and regulatory agency relationships and to engage and challenge them in practical, real terms on their own turf. Led by then 3rd-year law student and New Haven native, Neil Thomas Proto, the five law students began their journey in December 1971 with the filing of a petition in the ICC that sought a one billion dollar refund for the failure of the commission to comply with NEPA in approving a twenty percent rate increase that SCRAP claimed discriminated against the movement of recyclable materials by favoring the movement of raw materials.

I have had the good fortune to know Neil Proto for many years. Following the successful litigation of SCRAP, Neil went on to a distinguished career in law. In his later years he has also taught, lectured and written about his experiences. In 2006, he authored *To A High Court, Five Bold Law Students Challenge Corporate Greed and Change the Law* in which he provides a first-person account of what he and his classmates dared to take on. It should come as no surprise that some on the Court have sought to water down and at time outright overturn this precedent setting decision. Just this year, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of this landmark decision, Neil has published a revised and updated anniversary edition. This new edition has been recently recognized as a "Gold Winner" by the Nonfiction Author's Association.

There are some stories that are worth repeating—and repeating often. The story of SCRAP is one of them as it provides important lessons, not only for students of law but for policymakers and advocates alike. I am honored to have this opportunity to congratulate Neil Thomas Proto on this triumph and extend my very best wishes for continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
W. DALY

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas: On November 25, 2023, hero firefighter Michael W. Daly of Staten Island succumbed to 9/11 related cancer.

Whereas: Michael W. Daly, who was born on May 21, 1967, in Brooklyn, New York is the proud father to Mason, Madison, and Logan and loving husband to his wife Jessica.

Whereas: Michael W. Daly courageously served as a firefighter with the New York Fire Department's Ladder 87 in Annadale, Staten Island, from 1999 to 2008.

Whereas: Michael W. Daly bravely served the City of New York in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks at Ground Zero.

Whereas: Due to his work at Ground Zero following the September 11th Attacks, sadly contracted two types of 9/11 related cancers.

Whereas: After retiring from the FDNY, Michael W. Daly graciously continued to give back to his community by supporting various charitable causes. These include the March of Dimes, dedicated to saving premature babies, and the American Cancer Society, where he raised awareness of 9/11-related illnesses by serving as the keynote speaker at the 2015 Celebration of Hope Gala.

Whereas: The people of the City of New York and Staten Island are thankful for his years of service to the community in the face of the worst attack on our nation.

It is my sincere pleasure to honor the life and legacy of Michael W. Daly in recognition and grateful appreciation of his invaluable service to our community and country.

Our Nation is forever indebted to him and offers its sincerest gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 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. 675.

MARIELLE LINK

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Marielle has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Marielle, 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 Marielle's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING KEVIN FUHR

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the commitment of a devoted Central Washington public servant, Kevin Fuhr. Formerly the Chief of Police for Moses Lake, Chief Fuhr has concluded an illustrious 32-year career in law enforcement and is now ready to move on to the next chapter of his life.

While other regions of Washington State had trouble hiring new police officers, Chief Fuhr's leadership drew people to Moses Lake Police Department in the pursuit of working underneath him. Chief Fuhr's force also spearheaded an exceptional outreach program, and his leadership on my Central Washington Fentanyl Taskforce has fostered a remarkable level of trust within our communities.

When most folks retire, they look forward to all the spare time they will have. However, the call to public service continues to ring for Chief Fuhr, as he has recently been hired as the city manager of Moses Lake, underscoring his unwavering dedication to Central Washington.

I have known Kevin for a long time, and I am proud to call him a dear friend. His leadership, integrity, and commitment to the prosperity of our region has resulted in a wonderful career with more than enough to show for it. It has been a pleasure working with him, and I am looking forward to continuing our collaboration in his new role.

CELEBRATING THE AZTECA
WEDDING PLAZA

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate over 70 years of the Azteca Wedding Plaza as the Torrez family heads into retirement. Founded in 1950 by Adolfo and Kay Torrez, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have kept the family business thriving over the decades.

Family has been at the center of everything at Azteca. For generations, the Torrezes have proudly served Phoenix families through quinceañeras, weddings, and many other special moments. To be part of memorable occasions and serve their community has been their motivation and constant goal throughout the years.

Prolific entrepreneurs, Adolfo and Kay's first business was Mexican restaurant in downtown

Phoenix. From there, they opened a bar, flower shop, furniture store, and eventually grew into Azteca Wedding Plaza—an entire city block dedicated to the bridal industry. Azteca has been a mainstay in Phoenix's Latino community, providing a welcoming environment for generations of brides and grooms.

Now, as a family, they have determined it is time to retire Azteca. Reaching this conclusion has not been easy, but their decision was fueled by one factor—family. Now, their plan is to spend more time with friends and family and to watch their community grow and prosper.

I would like to congratulate the Torrez family on over 70 years of business and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING RON MANESS FOR HIS
MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
MOORE COUNTY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Maness on his retirement as Moore County Airport Director.

A native of Moore County, Maness displayed a deep passion for the skies throughout his entire career. After graduating from UNC Chapel Hill as a member of the Air Force ROTC, Maness joined the United States Air Force and flew the premier interceptor jet of his time, the supersonic F-106. As his Air Force career progressed, he was promoted to the Air Force precision flight squadron, the Thunderbirds, one of the highest honors an Air Force Pilot can receive.

After his time in the military ended, Maness served as a pilot to U.S. Airways (now American Airlines) for 22 years. Much like his time in the Air Force, Maness' commitment to service and skilled leadership continued during his civilian career. Maness first became Moore County Airport Director in 2004 and would go on to serve in this role on four separate occasions. Each time, Maness set aside everything to answer the call to serve his community. Maness' dedication to service and constant willingness to step up when needed is commendable and inspiring. It has been an honor serving the people of Moore County alongside him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ron Maness on his retirement and thanking him for his decades of dedicated service to Moore County and our entire Nation.

HONORING COTATI POLICE CHIEF
MICHAEL PARISH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Police Chief Michael Parish and his 37 years of service with local law enforcement throughout the state of California, including nearly 13 years as police chief for the city of Cotati.

Chief Parish graduated from California State University Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and then attended graduate school at California State University, Long Beach, earning a Master of Science Degree in Emergency Services Administration. From there, he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy and went on to serve in the California Army National Guard 1st 184th Infantry (Air Assault) Division.

Chief Parish began his career in law enforcement at the Merced County Sheriffs Department, serving as a deputy sheriff for 19 years, before leaving as a sergeant. While at the Merced County Sheriff's Department, Chief Parish was the tactical commander of the Regional S.W.A.T. and the coordinator of the Sheriffs Department Citizen Search and Rescue Team. Chief Parish then moved to the University of California (UC), Merced, where he was second in command as a lieutenant with the UC Merced Police Department. Over the course of five years, Chief Parish was instrumental in building up the new police department with an emphasis on creating connections with his community.

Chief Parish had an illustrious career in Sonoma County, becoming one of the longest serving police chiefs in the state of California. In 2010, he began to serve as the police chief for the city of Cotati. As Chief, he paved the way in California with innovations in modern policing. Chief Parish led the first department in Sonoma County to fully deploy body worn cameras on all officers, worked to support regional response to wildfires in Sonoma County, and served on the Sonoma County Public Safety Consortium to promote unified police and fire dispatch. In addition, Chief Parish helped the Cotati Police Department in the transition to become one of the first police departments in California to deploy fully outfitted electric patrol cars.

When he was not busy on the job, Chief Parish developed a passion for collecting antique road signs and is a loyal Raider football fan. The Chief can now finish fixing up his 1953 Studebaker truck and spend more time with his beloved wife Laura, and his two daughters, Chloe and Kennedy.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Chief Michael Parish for his selfless service and commitment to the people of Cotati and Sonoma County. His efforts have made Cotati a more dynamic, safe, and prosperous city. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LILLY
LOISE CULP HOGAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lilly Loise Culp Hogan, age 103 who died on November 19, 2023.

Lilly Loise Culp Hogan was born February 5, 1920, to Lilly Maude and James Monroe Culp in Obion County, TN, and was the tenth of eleven children. She grew up in the community, excelling in her studies and living through the Great Depression on the family farm.

After high school, Loise worked in Union City, TN, where she met her husband, Reed

Blanchard Hogan. Both enlisted in the Navy during World War II. Reed served in the South Pacific as a Marine Raider. Loise became a Wave and was assigned to Naval Intelligence as a Cryptologist, where she helped break Japanese codes. When the war ended, they both attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Loise went on to graduate with a degree in Business Education.

After marrying the love of her life in 1944, the couple lived in Union City, TN, and then in Clarksdale, MS, where they had four children. After Reed's sudden death in 1964, Loise raised her children as a single mom. She instilled in her children the importance of faith and education. Today, two are medical doctors, one has a Ph.D., and one is a lawyer.

Loise later lived in Jackson, MS, to be near her children and grandchildren before entering the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport in 1993. She genuinely enjoyed the AFRH, finding a wonderful community of veterans, dedicated staff, and many friends. Loise entertained AFRH residents and staff by saying the alphabet backwards and often sang, painted, and dominated bingo and shuffleboard. She enjoyed her longtime friend and companion Andy Pelkofer, who was also her dance partner.

Loise was predeceased by her parents, all siblings, and her beloved husband Reed. She is survived by her children, Mary Beth Hogan of Fayetteville, NC; Reed Blanchard Hogan II of Jackson, MS; Jeannie Hogan Sansing of Oxford, MS; and Kimberly Hogan Pesaniello of Snow Hill, MD. She also adored her seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

CONGRATULATING DR. BART
SCHMITT

HON. YADIRA CARAVEO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. CARAVEO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Bart Schmitt on his well-deserved retirement from Children's Hospital Colorado.

During his more than 50-year long career, he provided a significant contribution to our state and to our pediatrics community, and I am deeply thankful for all that he has achieved.

His accomplishments, dedication, and tireless labors in pursuit of child health care, will be remembered fondly for years to come. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Schmitt has committed himself to healing and nurturing the children of our community and for that he has my eternal gratitude. From his programming on ambulatory pediatrics to his authorship of telephone triage guidelines, he has made monumental contributions to the field of pediatric medicine and I'm forever grateful for his efforts. Dr. Schmitt's achievements are numerous, and he is an inspiration to those who wish to follow in his footsteps.

As he enters a new phase of his life, I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

ANGELINA CHERNENKO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Angelina has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Angelina, 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 Angelina'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 Angelina Chernenko on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

RECOGNIZING SASHA
"TAQ^wŠ^oBLU" LaPOINTE

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sasha "taq^wŠ^oblu" LaPointe, a Coast Salish poet, essayist, and educator whose work illuminates Native identities, historical memories, and heritages found throughout the United States.

Centered on themes of trauma and resilience, Sasha's poetry and memoirs touch on topics such as PTSD and sexual violence, her great grandmother's efforts to revitalize the Lushootseed language, and personal reflections on her own mixed heritage.

A graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts with a Master of Fine Arts, Sasha now teaches creative writing as part of the Native Pathways Program at Evergreen State College and is a mentor for Seattle's Youth Poet Laureate program.

I'm proud to shine a spotlight on Sasha, who enriches our South Sound community through her exemplary craft, as our Constituent of the Month.

RECOGNIZING CREDIT UNIONS FOR
WORKING TO MAKE ADOPTION
AFFORDABLE

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, this month is National Adoption Month—a source of joy to so many families. This year, my wife Kelly and I have been blessed to welcome two adorable sisters into our family through adoption.

In Congress, I'm determined to make that same joy Kelly and I have experienced a reality for other families in Iowa and across the country. Unfortunately, the financial cost can be a significant barrier to adoption. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the cost of adoption ranges between \$20,000 to \$50,000.

That's why, I've introduced the Fight For Families Act to help low- and middle-income families afford adoption. Every child deserves a loving home, and I'm determined to ensure that the federal government does not stand in the way of that mission.

To that same end, I also want to thank the credit unions in my home state of Iowa and around the country who are offering affordable loans specifically designed for adoption costs—such as a home study or legal fees—and are built around supporting families through the multi-year adoption process. With credit union adoption loans, families are not burdened by excessive interest rates when pursuing an adoption.

The bottom line is that Congress must do more to lower the cost of adoption because we have too many children without forever homes. But until then, I'm heartened to see credit unions stand up and serve our communities in this important way.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH DUCLOS, THE 2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elizabeth Duclos on being named New Hampshire's 2024 Teacher of the Year. Elizabeth was chosen among a talented group of educators from across the Granite State because of her leadership, dedication, and proven ability to make students feel valued.

Elizabeth arrived at Pembroke School District in 2010 and is currently a third-grade teacher at Pembroke Hill School. Her strong work ethic and insightful thinking have given her students the tools needed to succeed and receive a well-rounded education. Elizabeth's compassion and ability to foster an effective learning environment are just part of what makes her an exemplary educator.

Noted for her ability to connect with students and make them feel valued, Elizabeth has enriched the lives of all those around her. It is clear that Elizabeth has been an asset to her students and community both in and out of the classroom. As Teacher of the Year, Elizabeth will serve as an ambassador for teachers throughout the state, exemplifying empathetic and impactful learning.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Elizabeth for her achievement and thank her for her service to our community. Elizabeth embodies our state's sense of service and gives us hope for the future of American education. This is a well-deserved honor and I know Elizabeth will continue to inspire Granite State students for years to come.

MARLON PINEDA PIEDRAHITA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marlon Pineda Piedrahita for

earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Marlon has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Marlon, 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 Marlon'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 Marlon Pineda Piedrahita on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, I was unable to participate in the consideration of H. Res. 888 and H. Res. 793. Had I been present, I would have voted, YEA on Roll Call No. 677, and YEA on Roll Call No. 676.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF 103-YEAR-OLD LILLY LOISE CULP HOGAN

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lilly Louise Culp Hogan. Lilly lived a life of adventure and at age 103 was the oldest veteran at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi. She was born on February 5, 1920, in Obion County, Tennessee, Lilly was the second youngest child of eleven children.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Lilly learned the value of hard work by making clothes for all the children at home. She made her own patterns and designed her own clothing. Lilly had many siblings to look up to and who were a part of her life. Attending the local one-room schoolhouse, Lilly was taught by her older sister Zora. Lilly loved math and was always competing with her classmates for the best grades. When she finished the eighth grade, Lilly attended high school at the local Dixie School. Having no car, Lilly and her brother Fred would walk to school every day, except on the rare day when her father would allow them to ride the horse. Fred and Lilly would stable the horse in the barn attached to the school while they did their studies. In 1938 Lilly graduated as valedictorian and Fred graduated with her the same year as salutatorian.

After high school, Lilly wanted to attend college, but her family did not have the resources, so she started working. Lilly and her sister Kitty rented an apartment close to Union City, Tennessee, and together they worked at a nearby shirt factory. While working at the shirt factory, her landlord introduced Lilly to her cousin, Reed Hogan. Reed was on leave from the U.S. Navy.

After Reed was sent back overseas on duty, Lilly was bored of the shirt factory and her life

in Tennessee. On the lookout for more adventure, she moved to Wisconsin to join her brother Calvin learning the trade of photography. Lilly learned how to take photos, print them, and colorize the photos. With a new job and a new life, Lilly began to find her place in the world. While in Wisconsin, Lilly and Reed were constantly exchanging letters.

As Lilly worked in the photography shop, many men and women would come in to take pictures for their Navy identification cards. Lilly saw them coming in with their nice Navy uniforms day-in and day-out. Feeling adventurous, Lilly decided to join the Navy, too. With her photography skills, she enlisted with the goal of becoming a war photographer. Encouraged by her brother to join, Lilly went off on a new adventure in Washington, D.C.

During the process of joining the Navy, it became clear that Lilly excelled at math and was pulled from the photography route and placed in a decoding role. Lilly had no idea what the future held, but she underwent investigation for a top security clearance.

In Washington, D.C., the Pentagon had not been completed, and Lilly worked in an underground facility nearby. Lilly decoded enemy messages in Naval Intelligence. Her work was important to the war, and she knew it. She worked around the clock taking messages and typing them on a card to be slid into what was a very primitive and early version of the modern computer.

In 1944, Reed came home wounded and made his way to Washington, D.C., to find Lilly. They were married on March 16, 1944, not many days after Reed returned.

When the war ended, Lilly and Reed used the G.I. Bill to go to college. They attended the University of Tennessee together and both majored in business—Lilly in business education and Reed in business administration. Lilly and Reed were in some of the same classes and would compete against each other for the best grades. Lilly and Reed had four children—Mary Beth, Reed Jr., Jeannie, and Kim—and made their home in Mississippi.

Later in life, Lilly moved into the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi. Keeping with her adventurous spirit, Lilly stayed at the facility while residents cleared out during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 stating she had never seen a hurricane. The water rose to the third story, and Lilly and several of the other residents had to be rescued.

Lilly's life legacy of adventure, courage, and bravery lives on in her four children, seven grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren. I am proud to honor the life of a woman who made an impact not just during World War II but throughout her entire life.

ANGELO FIELD

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Angelo has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Angelo, 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 Angelo'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 Angelo Field on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING DAVID WHISENANT'S
RETIREMENT FROM WBTB
AFTER 32 YEARS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my friend David Whisenant on his retirement from WBTB after 32 years of service.

David Whisenant started his news career at Salisbury-based radio station WSTP while in high school in 1976. He went on to attend Appalachian State University, earning degrees in both Political Science and English. Throughout his four years, he worked at a radio station in Boone, North Carolina. After graduation, David returned to Salisbury and started a full-time job at WSTP.

When WBTB first created their bureau in Salisbury, David sent a handwritten letter to the news director expressing his interest in working for the station. David started at WBTB as a stringer and within a year was promoted to General Assignment Reporter.

David would go on to provide coverage for Charlotte as well as Salisbury, Concord, and Kannapolis. In his words, he would go "wherever they send me." Some of David's biggest stories include the Pillowtex/NC Research Campus developments, the tragic fire at Salisbury Millworks, the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, NASCAR-related stories, and coverage and updates of Hurricane Katrina. I think I speak for the whole of our community here in North Carolina in wishing David all the best as he begins this next chapter of life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing David Whisenant's retirement from WBTB and his 32 years of service to the people of North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 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. 674.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELBERON FIRST AID & EMERGENCY SQUAD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad on its 75th anniversary. The all-volunteer agency continues to provide exemplary service to residents and its work is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Incorporated in 1948, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad is a 501c4 that does not bill for its services. Though the squad is responsible for financing most of its operations, including its medical supplies, equipment, and vehicles, it receives a small stipend through the city and is also supported by the community through donations and fundraisers.

Responding to over 600 calls a year, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad serves the residents of the Elberon section of Long Branch, but also provides backup for the entire city of Long Branch, West Long Branch, Deal, Allenhurst, Eatontown, Oceanport, Monmouth Beach, and Sea Bright. In addition to providing on-site support for local community events, including the large-scale NJ Marathon, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad is on a Monmouth County EMS Strike Team and stands ready to assist in mass casualty incidents.

First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians play a vital role in our communities, providing quality care in a timely manner. The members of Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad volunteer their time and undergo rigorous training to support its neighbors. They are well-trained, efficient, and compassionate, and they demonstrate true community service.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking this milestone. For 75 years, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad has upheld its duty to serve the community and its dedication is to be celebrated.

MICKEY WILSON

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mickey Wilson of Golden, Colorado, for receiving a Carnegie Medal after saving his friend's life in a daring act of heroism.

In January 2017, Mr. Wilson, a professional slackliner, was skiing in Dillon, Colorado, when a friend and fellow skier got caught leaving a ski lift. The skier was left dangling unconscious from the lift, out of reach from help. Mr. Wilson realized the gravity of the situation and selflessly sprung into action. Despite danger warnings, he climbed the chairlift pole and traversed 30 feet along the lift's two-inch cable to reach the chair. He then swung down onto the chair and, after catching a knife thrown by a rescue crew member, cut his friend free. The skier fully recovered with only a broken rib, while Mr. Wilson was uninjured. Mr. Wilson's slacklining experience proved life-saving that day.

The Carnegie Medal is given to people who risk their own safety in an attempt to save the lives of others. There is no doubt that Mr. Wilson is incredibly deserving of this award and it is an honor to congratulate him on this life-saving act of bravery.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JORDAN MORRIS BRANDMAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable individual, Jordan Morris Brandman. Jordan leaves behind a legacy defined by his unparalleled commitment to the community he lived in for his entire life.

Born in 1980 to Michael and Mara Brandman, Jordan was the youngest of five children and was raised in the City of Orange. After graduating from El Modena High School, he attended University of California, Irvine, where he majored in Political Science and was an early leader in the Orange County Young Democrats. Jordan interned and later worked in the California State Department of Education under both Governors Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger after his studies. It was during these years that he developed a passion for education issues.

Jordan took his inspiring passion for education and public service and ran for the Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees, winning a seat on the board in 2008. As a Trustee, he led the effort to create a culturally competent curriculum that catered to the needs of the growing Latino working class community. He brought the seal of bi-literacy to the school district and helped make resources accessible to students who were Dreamers.

In 2012, Jordan won a seat on the Anaheim City Council during a turbulent period of change. Jordan also broke barriers when he came out as an LGBTQ councilman—the first openly gay Councilmember in Anaheim history—giving a voice to his community. He worked relentlessly to foster a feeling of community and provide opportunities for everybody by ensuring that the bridges he built reached the very core of our local communities.

Jordan, in his professional life, showed a dedication to making connections between labor and business as the Vice President of Labor Relations at BIASC and the leader in workforce development for the Orange County Business Council. His sincere kindness and generosity extended beyond the public sphere, having a positive impact on those closest to him.

Jordan is survived by his father Michael and stepmother Pam, as well as his four brothers, Jason, Joshua, Jake, and Jedidiah. He is now reunited in eternal rest with his mother, Mara Brandman, who he always held a special place in his heart for.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and commemorating Jordan Morris Brandman's great career and contributions to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 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. 672.