

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DANNIE NEEDHAM

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Dannie Needham, Staff Sergeant, United States Air Force, of North Richland Hills, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Needham enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1966, serving as a fuel specialist, with service in Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam, the airbase where he was stationed was attacked by North Vietnamese forces as a part of the Tet Offensive. While he was refueling a C-130 aircraft, an enemy mortar round hit the aircraft destroying it and causing secondary explosions across the airfield. With the fuel truck still near the aircraft, he raced to move the truck and then administered aid to another soldier who had been engulfed in fire retardant. His actions during the Tet Offensive earned him the Airman of the Year Award for the U.S. Pacific Air Forces. His decorations include the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Needham demonstrated in the U.S. Air Force continues with his service to his community. He actively volunteers with the North Richland Hills Police Department and the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Men's Club of the Good Shepard Catholic Church as well as a volunteer of the church. Mr. Needham's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Air Force and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

ABIGAIL DAUS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

Abigail is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and has achieved great things there and throughout her life, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Abigail—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 Abigail's hard work, determination, and perse-

verance and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Abigail Daus on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HIGHLIGHTING WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND'S ACHIEVEMENT

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the West Ranch Marching Band for their outstanding achievement in winning first place in Division 4A at the SoCal Marching Band Championship. Led by first-year band director Rod Schueller, the West Ranch Marching Band won every category leading up to their gold medal.

This significant accomplishment reflects the talent, hard work, and dedication of the students, staff, and parents involved in the West Ranch High School music program. Their performance was a true display of artistry, skill, and precision.

Four other high schools from the Santa Clarita Valley competed in the championships. Valencia and Canyon High Schools took second and eighth place respectively in Division 2A, while Saugus High School and Golden Valley took fifth and eighth place respectively in Division 3A. Each marching band has made their school and community proud.

I encourage all members of Congress to join me in congratulating the West Ranch High School Marching Band on their impressive achievement. Their commitment to excellence in their craft should serve as an inspiration to all of us. I wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

Once again, I extend a warm congratulations to the West Ranch High School Marching Band on this well-deserved honor.

RECOGNIZING DARWIN BYBEE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Darwin Bybee, Master Sergeant, United States Air Force, of Coppell, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Bybee enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1958, serving as an intelligence specialist with

service at the National Security Agency, an assignment as a consultant to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's Strategic Evaluation Task Force, and in West Berlin during the height of the Cold War. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Longevity Service Award with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, and Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Bybee demonstrated in the U.S. Air Force continues with his service to his community. Over the past 15 years, he has served as a State Veterans Advocate at the VA Waco Regional Office and the American Legion Department of Texas. With the American Legion, he served in numerous positions of leadership including mentorship to the youth as Chairman of the Boys State Program. He also served as a precinct chair, a poll watcher, and in multiple leadership positions with the Heart of Texas Stamp Club. He was a volunteer of the AARP Tax-Aide Program where he assisted senior citizens with their taxes across the DFW Metroplex. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Coppell Senior Center Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bybee's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Air Force and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF COACH BILL HILL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Coach Bill Hill on the celebration of his 80th birthday and recognize him for his decades of dedication to the many students of Gwinn.

Bill has served as a coach, instructor, and mentor for generations of students and athletes. Before settling in Gwinn, Michigan, Coach Hill spent 24 years in selfless service to the United States Air Force, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. Coach Hill served at many duty stations, including the Vietnam Campaign, where he earned a Bronze Star Medal; Tripoli; Libya; Japan; and KI Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan. When KI Sawyer AFB was decommissioned in 1995, Coach Hill decided to stay in the area and continue giving back to the Gwinn community in new ways.

Mr. Hill soon began coaching for the Gwinn Middle/High School girls basketball program. The program was utilized by Bill to impart wisdom and character-building principles to his students beyond the basketball court. Upon

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his retirement in 2020, due to the countless lives he positively changed, a Facebook group with over 200 members and hundreds of messages was made as a dedication to this exemplary coach. Bill has been dubbed a coach, role model, mentor, teacher, inspiration, and friend to many.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to celebrate the 80th birthday of Coach Bill Hill. An inspiration to the community. I wish Coach Hill all the best in his future endeavors.

EMILLEO BALDIZAN-MORALEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emilleo Baldizan-Moralez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Emilleo has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Emilleo, 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 Emilleo'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 Emilleo Baldizan-Moralez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK RYAN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Patrick Ryan, Major, United States Army, of Southlake, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Ryan was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1972, serving as a Military Police officer. His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korea Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Ryan demonstrated in the U.S. Army continues with his service to his community. He currently serves as the Fundraising Chair for the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Roanoke.

Mr. Ryan's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
FOX MILLER

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I recognize the remarkable life of James Fox Miller.

James (or Jim/Jimmy to his friends and family) was born on June 13, 1939, in East Orange, New Jersey. He met the love of his life, his wife of 63 years, Barbara, at the University of Michigan in 1958, and he earned his J.D. from Northwestern University in 1965.

He was a man who embodied character and integrity. As a young lawyer freshly arrived in Florida, James quit his job in the first week rather than sign an affidavit he did not know to be true. He knew no one in his new home state, had no meaningful experience, and no clients, so he took whatever work he could get to support his young and growing family. From these spare beginnings, Jim eventually came to be recognized by his peers and the general public as one of the nation's top family law attorneys.

Amongst his many accomplishments, James served on the Board of Governors and then as President of the Florida Bar from 1990 to 1991.

In addition to being an exceptional trial lawyer, Jim was a prolific teacher and lecturer at seminars and law schools across the United States. He was passionate about mentorship and was instrumental in guiding and educating scores of young lawyers, helping to shape the next generation of legal practice.

James Fox Miller loved the law, his legal colleagues, and achieving justice for his clients. His practice was not solely about family law, but also about strengthening families, which was something he focused on with his own beloved wife, children, and grandchildren. The only thing stronger than his mind was his heart and his code of ethics.

My heart is with his wife Barbara, three children, and seven grandchildren, but his loss will be felt by our entire community. His life burned brightly, and it is reflected by all those he touched during it.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER FOUR WILLIAMS (WILL)
ANAAB

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Chief Warrant Officer Four, Williams "Will" Anaab who served as a Department of Defense Fellow in my office throughout 2023. Last month, he concluded his work with my office, and I would like to thank him for his dedication and service to the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District. In fact, the impact of his work extended far beyond the geographical confines of my district and Georgia.

He was my lead staffer in organizing the Congressional Military Family Caucus 2023 Summit. This annual, bipartisan event, which I

co-host with my caucus co-chair, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington and which alternates between Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington State and Fort Moore in Georgia. Will led the charge to organize last year's event which took place in March at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center. Bringing together federal department and agency service providers as well as stakeholder groups like Blue Star Families, he created a forum through which we could learn from the insight and experiences of our servicemembers and their families as well as discuss ways in which Congress and the Federal Government may improve their quality of life.

He also became intimately familiar with the nuances and needs of Georgia's military family and veteran communities. Working with my constituent services staff in district, he diligently and compassionately strove to ensure that our federal departments and agencies were doing their utmost to provide the services and benefits servicemembers have earned in defense of our country.

Georgia is home to more than a dozen military bases and installations. They are a vibrant part of our great state's fabric and crucial to our national security. My district, alone, is home to three of these installations—Fort Moore outside of Columbus, Robins Air Force Base outside of Warner Robins, and Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany. Will was a stalwart advocate for them and was true to the spirit of my office, working in a bicameral, bipartisan fashion to ensure Congress supported these military installations, the programs they house, and the troops as well as civilians who keep them operational and at the ready.

Will also helped facilitate a community forum that I hosted for municipal leaders and airport administrators in Thomas County and the surrounding areas to discuss with the Department of Defense concerns about the effects of operations at Moody Air Force Base on local air travel. His work helped bring people to the table, ensure greater understanding and appreciation for the challenges each side faces, and created better lines of communication that I will continue to foster in the years ahead.

The Army Corps of Engineers plays a vital role in Middle and Southwest Georgia and the waterways under its care play a huge role in the well-being of the counties and communities—from Bainbridge to Albany and all of the communities along the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers. Will quickly immersed himself into the issues of local concern that involved the Army Corps of Engineers, and his work was instrumental in helping me bridge the divide between residents, local community leaders, and the Army Corps of Engineers to find solutions to the challenges they face.

While my office has hosted many Department of Defense Fellows over the years, this is the first time that the program has included Warrant Officer participants, and I can say with absolute certainty that the program is better for this. My colleagues and I can only benefit from adding the unique perspective that our Warrant Officers have and bringing their experience to the work we do in Congress.

Will demonstrated an extraordinary ability to grasp complex issues quickly. His calm and poised demeanor allowed him to thrive in the fast-paced political environment of our nation's

capital. He became known for his charm and he cultivated a beloved reputation as a smooth operator.

His contributions to our national security are immeasurable, and I am immensely proud to have had him on my team. Undoubtedly, his future endeavors will continue to serve our great Nation with distinction.

It is with great pride that, today, I was able to join Will for his promotion ceremony to Chief Warrant Officer Four. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to him as he ascends to this new rank and thank him for his continued service to our country.

I, and my whole staff, appreciate the positive and uplifting spirit Will Anaab brought to the office. I wish him all the best in his next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JASON RANKIN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Jason Rankin, Sergeant First Class, United States Army, of Dallas, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Rankin enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1993, serving as a medical specialist, with service in Iraq and Bosnia. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal (9th Award), the Iraq Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, the Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award), the NATO Medal, as well as the Combat Action Badge and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

The selflessness Mr. Rankin demonstrated in the U.S. Army continues with his service to his community. He spends time as a vocational rehabilitation counselor helping those in the community with disabilities get school, training, prosthetics, hearing aids, vehicle modifications, and job placement to get them back to work.

Mr. Rankin's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

EMILY CLARK

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

Emily has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along

the way. Students like Emily, 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 Emily'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 Emily Clark on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING LINA DAKHEEL

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my fellow U.K. Caucus Co-Chairs, Mr. DEREK KILMER of Washington, Mr. JOE WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. DAVID ROUZER of North Carolina, to recognize the invaluable service of Lina Dakheel, who has served as the Senior Congressional Advisor at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. for the past five years. Throughout her tenure, Lina has personified the Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom with her tireless work, diligent commitment, and dedication to public service.

As one of our key liaisons with the United Kingdom, Lina has facilitated bipartisan engagement with Congressional members and all levels of the British Government, from Prime Ministers to Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, and members of the Royal Family. Through two Presidential Administrations and three Prime Ministers, Lina has led the British Embassy's Congressional operations, ensuring we in the United States remain well connected with our allies across the Atlantic. Lina has been steadfast in ensuring the highest diplomatic channels between our two countries remain open and well-used for the range of issues covered by the U.S.-UK relationship.

The Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom remains special thanks to the work of public servants like Lina Dakheel. We in Congress will miss her work at the Embassy and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP DOLL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Phillip Doll, Petty Officer First Class, United States Navy, of Euless, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Doll enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1983, serving aboard the USS *Mississippi*, a nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser as well as a Navy recruiter. His decorations include

the Good Conduct Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Gold Wreath Award with 4 Silver Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Navy Battle "E" Award, the Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Doll demonstrated in the U.S. Navy continues with his service to his community. He currently serves as a member of the Park Hollow Homeowner's Association Board (HOA), where he has spent countless hours maintaining the common areas of the Homeowner's Association. He has fixed motorcycles, generators, and lawnmowers for friends and neighbors. He is an advocate for legal gun ownership and has helped neighbors learn firearms safety. Mr. Doll is always ready to lend a hand to the neighbors in his HOA.

Mr. Doll's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Navy and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING COLONEL CHRISTOPHER DRUM

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank and congratulate Colonel Christopher Drum for thirty years of dedicated, exceptional service to our country.

Throughout the last thirty years, Colonel Drum has distinguished himself as a leader. His career with the U.S. Army began in June 1994, and he has proven to be an asset throughout that time. Since June 2014, Colonel Drum has held various positions within the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) and Military Health System (MHS). He has led many teams and provided direct support to senior Army and Department of Defense (DoD) medical leaders to advance Army Medicine and Military Health System (MHS) goals. Most recently, he has served as MEDCOM's Medical Command Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Facilities in Falls Church, Virginia.

In 2013, then-Lieutenant Colonel Drum was competitively selected to the Army Surgeon General (TSG)/MEDCOM Commanding General's Commander's Initiative Group (CIG) as a Special Assistant to the Army Surgeon General. While in this role, he helped plan and execute TSG's international trip to the Pacific Command area of responsibility. This trip was key to strengthening MEDCOM's partnerships; ensuring the visit to Hawaii, Japan, and Thailand aligned with the Army's "Pivot to the Pacific;" and extending Army Medicine's influence with key international partners.

Soon after, Lieutenant Colonel Drum was asked to become the U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency's Deputy Commander. While in this role, he led a multi-disciplinary team in the execution of the largest DoD healthcare capital investment program since World War II. Throughout the capital investment process, he provided support by preparing and briefing senior Army Medicine leaders for key Congressional, DoD, and Army-level engagements supporting Army's \$6.3 billion capital investment program.

In 2016, he was promoted to Colonel and assigned as the DHA Facilities Division Chief

of Capital Strategy Management Branch. There, he assumed the lead for the development and execution of multiple MHS capital investment planning processes supporting a \$33 billion global facility portfolio of 49 hospitals and 560 medical and dental clinics. He successfully steered his team and updated several key processes to aid in the planning and execution of capital investments.

Colonel Drum's leadership skills proved essential once more in April 2018, when he was selected to lead the DHA FY17 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) transition. He was then picked to simultaneously serve as the Chief of the DHA Director's Action Group (DAG). As DAG Chief, Colonel Drum and his multi-disciplinary team oversaw, developed, and managed the DHA Director's executive communications, strategic engagements, and special initiatives, as well as maintained archival and analytics capabilities for the DHA Front Office in support of DHA's strategy goals. During this period, the DHA Director's number of strategic engagements increased by nearly 200 percent. A lifelong learner, he was concurrently enrolled in the U.S. Army War College while in this role. There, he expanded his professional military and executive leadership skills and earned a master's in strategic studies.

In his latest role as Medical Command Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Facilities, Colonel Drum's leadership has been essential. In this role, he focused on positive organizational change and facilitated the transformation of MEDCOM through the reevaluation of roles, responsibilities, and essential services focused on Army Readiness.

Colonel Drum's service on behalf of our nation, his camaraderie, and his leadership have proven to be assets across the span of his career. His expertise and experience have been invaluable to the many who benefit from the services rendered through Army Medicine and the Military Health System, and his dedication to service has served as a guide for the various teams he has led throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and thanking Colonel Christopher Drum for his service on behalf of our country, his leadership, and his dedication to excellence as part of the U.S. Army. I wish him the best as he retires to spend time with friends and loved ones.

GABRIEL BASTIDAS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

ECHOING CONCERN OF MASS RESETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIANS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge the Biden administration to seek an unequivocal statement of commitment by the Israeli government against mass resettlement of civilians from Gaza.

I echo the concerns of JStreet: any form of mass permanent transfer of families in Gaza from their homeland constitutes an undeniable violation of international human rights law. For too long, Palestinian families have been forced from their homes and endured violence perpetrated by many settlers and the Israeli military. To date, Israeli military operations have displaced more than 85 percent of Gaza residents from their homes, and the United Nations estimates that more than a quarter of Gaza residents will have no home to return to.

The United States has a duty to insist on a public, unequivocal commitment by Prime Minister Netanyahu to stop the displacement of Palestinians living in Gaza and to accept the right of millions of Palestinians to live in peace and safety within Palestinian territory.

As a major military assistance ally, the United States must hold the Israeli government accountable to this and increase pressure to facilitate humanitarian aid to the region. An immediate, comprehensive commitment to ensuring there is no mass displacement of civilians from Gaza—half of whom are children—is required for there to be any hope for peace today or for future generations of Palestinians and Israelis.

RECOGNIZING FREDERICK TIEDE

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the Citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Frederick Tiede, Sergeant, United States Army, of Fort Worth, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Tiede enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1986, serving as both an infantryman as well as a small arms repairer, with deployments to both Korea and Afghanistan. His decorations include the Army Achievement Medal (7th Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, and NATO Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Tiede demonstrated in the U.S. Army continues with his service to his community. He currently serves in the Texas State Guard supporting the state's efforts in responding to crises and diligently works to serve as a counselor and mentor to his troops, especially being available any hour of the day or night to them.

Mr. Tiede's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING INDIANAPOLIS RADIO LEGEND JERRY WADE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Indianapolis radio legend Jerry Wade. Known by many loyal radio listeners as the "Loverman," he was one of the most recognizable voices in Indianapolis media. Jerry served as host of "The Quiet Storm with The Loverman Jerry Wade" for more than 30 years on Indianapolis local radio station 106.7 WTLC. Wade passed away at 61 in Indianapolis on Monday, January 8, 2023.

Jerry Wade lifted spirits on the airwaves and in the community. He was an Indianapolis resident through and through and was active in the community appearing in parades, radio station events, and DJ for many events across the city. Jerry was also the Executive Director of "Quality of Life," an Adult Day Center on the east side of Indianapolis, and the owner of several salons known as "Hot Cuts" and "Jerry Wade Live" his mobile DJ service. He lived up to the title of Loverman as he offered date coach services and was able to connect and reconnect countless relationships.

Wade was honored by several local organizations for his work over the years. These accolades included recognition from The Mozell Sanders, We Feed the Hungry program Radio Awards, and the Indiana Black Expo Radio Broadcast Media Awards.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Indianapolis radio legend Jerry Wade.

JAHN ARIAS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE
OF SERGEANT MARK WILBUR

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the distinguished career of Sergeant Mark Wilbur, Serial No. 30646, who is retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department after 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Los Angeles. Sergeant Wilbur has made significant contributions to the safety and well-being of our community, and his exemplary service is deserving of our highest recognition and gratitude.

Sergeant Wilbur was appointed to the Department on November 29, 1993. He has served in various capacities, including West Valley Patrol, Van Nuys Patrol, Rampart Patrol, Foothill Patrol, and Mission Gang Unit, among others. His leadership and expertise have been essential in maintaining law and order. He has received significant promotions throughout his career, as well as 342 minor commendations from the citizens and Department for his exemplary service. Sergeant Wilbur has also received three major commendations, including the Purple Heart, which he was awarded after being shot by a criminal gang member in 2006. His dedication, courage, and professionalism have set a high standard for all law enforcement offices, and his retirement marks the end of an illustrious career.

I ask that all members of Congress join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Sergeant Mark Wilbur for his three decades of service to the Los Angeles Police Department and the people of Los Angeles.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH CAMPBELL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Joseph Campbell, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, of Colleyville, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Campbell was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1986, serving as an officer with both cavalry and infantry units with deployments to Bosnia, Albania, and Iraq. He is a graduate of U.S. Army Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger, Pathfinder, and Northern Warfare schools. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Achievement Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster, and the NATO Medal. Additionally, he is a five-time recipient of the Gold German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency.

After his service in the U.S. Army, Mr. Campbell continues to devote himself to bettering our community. He currently serves as Vice-Commander of the Department of Texas for the American Legion. He also served as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10454 and is a member of the International Growth Committee. He was a recipient of the President's Lifetime Achievement Award and was selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2023 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade.

Mr. Campbell's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSE
LUIS LOPEZ

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of José Luis López.

José was born on August 25, 1940, in Michoacan, Mexico, and moved to Houston in 1965. After working as a butcher in some of the finest hotels, he went into business for himself on Patton Street in 1977, opening the institution that would define the next 46 years of his life. He called it Gerardo's Drive-In—named after his newborn son.

José was an award-winning cook, whose tacos de barbacoa were celebrated as the "best barbacoa in Houston," according to the Houston Chronicle. Eater said it was one of the "20 Most Iconic Dishes in Houston" and Texas Monthly put it in the "top ten tacos" in the whole state, awarding a perfect score in their quest to find the "120 Tacos to Eat Before You Die." When Speaker PELOSI visited our district in 2018, there was no question on where to eat.

José's journey began with a simple dream of opening a taqueria, yet he built a place for family, a space of community, and a taste of home.

In a way, it is poetic that José will be laid to rest on a Wednesday. You see, even in his golden years, Thursday was always a working day, preparing the cabezas for the weekend tradition that brought the Northside so much joy. The sign out front said the rest:

"Gerardo's, Barbacoa, Vie-Sáb-Dom." (Gerardo's, Barbacoa, Fri-Sat-Sun.)

José lived the American dream, and he lived it to the fullest. He joins his late wife, María de Jesús López, as they look down at all they built. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of José Luis López.

JOSEPH MARTINEZ

HON. BRITANNY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present to vote on January 10, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 2, and NAY on Roll Call No. 3.

RECOGNIZING JASON STEINBECK

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Jason Steinbeck, Major, United States Army, of Euless, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Steinbeck was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1992, serving as both a cavalry officer and a tactical intelligence officer, deploying as part of U.S. peacekeeping efforts in support of the United Nations Mission in Haiti in 1995. His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the United Nations Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Steinbeck demonstrated in the U.S. Army continues with his service to his community. He currently serves as a member of the Park Hollow Homeowner's Association Board (HOA), volunteering countless hours to maintain the financial viability of the Homeowner's Association and ensure a safe neighborhood. Jason helps many neighbors with lawn maintenance and home maintenance. He works with the local governments including the City of Euless and Tarrant County to maintain the integrity of the HOA's common areas. He is also a contributor to North Texas Basset Hound Rescue and the Tunnel to Towers organization.

Mr. Steinbeck's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAVERSE CITY LIBRARY WOODMERE BRANCH

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Traverse City Library for 25 years of service to the Traverse City community.

Since 1999, the Main Library on Woodmere has hosted hundreds of positive initiatives, charity events, and educational opportunities for the community. Originally founded by the Ladies Library Association in 1869, the Main Library was housed in numerous locations before finding its current home. Along with the Main Library on Woodmere, the library system has grown to include the East Bay Branch Library, Kingsley Branch Library, and three member libraries: Fife Lake Public Library, Interlochen Public Library, and Peninsula Community Library. For 155 years, the city library has served as an integral space in the Traverse City community.

The Traverse Area District Library (TADL) was established in 1983, when voters ratified its establishment and approved an operational millage. It's thanks to the people of Traverse City who voted to establish TADL in the 1980s that Traverse City has its current main branch library building on Woodmere Avenue.

The library has spaces for all occasions—from reading on the spacious front porch or curling up with a novel by the cozy stone fireplace. Visitors can also utilize the vast multimedia space and learn from the library's local history collection. For the younger audiences, the library has a dedicated children's section and many educational events.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Woodmere Branch of TADL for an immensely successful 25 years of service. I wish the library and its staff all the best in their future endeavors.

LESLIE GUTIERREZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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

HIGHLIGHTING CHARLES HULL'S NATIONAL MEDAL OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Hull, a constituent who truly embodies the American ideals of innovation and exploration. As an inventor and scientist, Mr. Hull has dedicated his life to the creation of technology that would be useful to his fellow creators.

Mr. Hull is no stranger to trailblazing. His greatest invention, the 3-D printer, came in 1983 and he co-founded the world's first 3-D printing company, 3-D Systems, just three years later. In 1987, 3-D Systems introduced the world to the stereolithographic apparatus machine, which produced more detailed products faster than ever before. The innovation didn't stop there, though, as Mr. Hull is also known as the godfather of the rapid prototyping movement. This movement focuses on utilizing technology, such as 3-D printers, to deliver one-of-a-kind pieces quickly so that inventors and scientists can focus their time on discovery. For these reasons, Charles Hull was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2014 and more recently recognized by President Biden with the National Medal of Technology and Innovation. This recognition is extraordinary and couldn't be more well-deserved.

I want to thank Mr. Hull for his persistence and dedication to his trade. Our community is better because of him, and I look forward to hearing of his next innovation.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN SELLERS

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Kevin Sellers, Colonel, United States Air Force, of Grapevine, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Sellers was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force in 1995, serving as an acquisitions and material officer, with deployments to both Afghanistan and Iraq as part of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, respectively. His decorations include the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Award, the AF Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with one Service Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal with one Service Star, the Global War

On Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, the Overseas Ribbon, the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Longevity Service with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol), and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

The selflessness Mr. Sellers demonstrated in the U.S. Air Force continues with his service to his community. He currently serves as a Tarrant County Precinct Chair, the Service Officer for the Grapevine Rotary Club as well as a member of its Foundation Board, and the Commander of the Airport Cities Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10454 in Grapevine.

Mr. Sellers' service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Air Force and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE BETHANY REPUBLICAN-CLIPPER ON 150 YEARS OF PUBLICATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Bethany Republican-Clipper of Bethany, Missouri, on celebrating its 150th anniversary. The Republican-Clipper has carried on the tradition of delivering local and national news to the residents of Northwest Missouri for over a century.

The Republican-Clipper was born out of the consolidation of two local newspapers in Harrison County; the Bethany Republican, founded in 1873, and the Bethany Clipper, founded in 1905. The papers were purchased and merged by Erwin C. Conger in 1929. The Republican-Clipper is the legacy of a strong journalism history in Harrison County, which at one time had at least 10 news publications, and is considered the longest running business in Harrison County.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating the Bethany Republican-Clipper on 150 years of publication. This newspaper has been keeping the people of Harrison County, Northwest Missouri, and well beyond informed for over a century. I am proud to have such a dedicated publication in the Sixth Congressional District.

MARIANA MICHELLE DAVILA
ROJAS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mariana Michelle Davila Rojas for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Mariana Michelle has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Mariana Michelle, 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 Mariana Michelle'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 Mariana Michelle Davila Rojas on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

OUTSTANDING TEXAS DISTRICT 8
NATIVE, MICHAEL BISHOP

HON. MORGAN LUTTRELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding District 8 citizen, native of Willis, Texas, and star for the Kansas State Wildcats, Mr. Michael Bishop. It is my privilege to stand before you and pay tribute to Mr. Bishop, as he has now become the fourth Kansas State player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

Mr. Bishop attended Willis High School, my alma mater, and shined on their football team. He then went to Blinn Junior College where his team won two NJCAA championships. After that, he continued his collegiate football career in the Big 12 as a Kansas State University Wildcat. Michael then went on to have a career in the NFL, the CFL, and the Arena Football League.

On December 5, 2023, Mr. Bishop was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame for his many accomplishments. He was widely regarded as the best all-around quarterback in Kansas State history, with an overall 22-3 record and a total of 34 school records, and fourteen Big 12 records. He threw for over 4,400 yards, ran for over 1,300 yards, and totaled 59 touchdowns (39 passing) during his two-year tenure in Manhattan, Kansas. He currently holds eight K-State records and was inducted into the Kansas State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mr. Bishop is now the head football coach at Legacy School of Sport Sciences in the Houston area, as well as the CEO of 4th Quarter Fitness. He continues to be a regular volunteer for youth football, and basketball teams. He also participates in Toys for Tots, Habitat for Humanity, and numerous activities with the Boys and Girls Club. As a fellow Willis High School graduate, I am proud of Mr. Bishop in all that he has accomplished, and the wonderful citizen that he continues to be in his community.

CONGRATULATING THE ORDER OF
THE POLKA DOTS

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Order of the Polka Dots, the first ladies' organization to parade in Mobile, Alabama. Despite others' claims, the very first Mardi Gras was held in Mobile in 1703.

Since then, the city has been the center of celebration with parades and parties, drawing

approximately one million people each year. The Order of the Polka Dots was started by a group of 20 women in 1949 and has now grown to include 480 members. This year, Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson is naming February 1st, "Polka Dot Day," in their honor. Mardi Gras in Mobile is one of my favorite traditions. It is a time where families and friends gather for parades, colorful floats, and flying Moon Pies. Congratulations to the Order of the Polka Dots on their 75th year anniversary. I am proud to commemorate this special day in the history of their organization.

MAXIE ALEXANDER

HON. BRITANNY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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

RECOGNIZING KENNETH HARDING
WALLS III LIFE AND SERVICE TO
HIS COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Superintendent Kenneth H. Walls III and to grieve his passing. A dedicated public servant, his devotion to his community, state, and Nation is worthy of remembrance and commendation.

Superintendent Walls was born in 1977 in Ypsilanti and graduated from Ypsilanti High School. He showed his spirit at an early age, delivering his first service at the age of three at the former Wells Temple Church of God in Ann Arbor, where his grandfather, Esque Wells, Sr., served as Pastor. He was licensed as a Minister at the age of seven, making history in Michigan as the youngest licensed Minister in the Prelate of Michigan Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

At the age of 21, Superintendent Walls was ordained as an Elder in the Church of God in Christ, later becoming an Assistant Pastor at the Greater Shiloh Church of God in Christ. While there, Superintendent Walls filled many roles for the church, including District Youth President, National Adjutant in the Church of God in Christ, and Chief Adjutant for the Great Lakes Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. He was finally blessed with a Pastorship in 2019 when he founded Dunamis Institutional Church of God in Christ in Ypsilanti.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating and honoring the life and service of Kenneth H. Walls III. A leader in his community and a friend to many, his presence will be greatly missed but not forgotten. His memory lives on in his mother, Shirley, and his family. We offer them prayers of solace in this difficult time, and thank them for sharing their son, brother, and uncle with us. He made our corner of Michigan a better and more welcoming place for all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. JOE SOBOTA

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Joe Sobota. Over the course of his career, Joe spent over 40 years in public service primarily advocating for the best interests of American small businesses. Joe worked under four different chairs of the House Small Business Committee from 1978 to 1998. While working on the committee, he gained a reputation for his consummate professionalism and exhaustive knowledge of Small Business Administration programs. Joe had a wide range of responsibilities, including SBA oversight and budget activities, acting as liaison between the agency's authorizing and appropriations chairs, and serving as the committee's expert on disaster assistance issues. As the top Democrat on the committee for over two decades, I know just how vital the work of staffers like Joe is and recognize his positive impact on American entrepreneurs during his time in the House.

After leaving Congress, Joe joined the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy in March 1998. At Advocacy, his primary responsibility was addressing the issues facing millions of veteran entrepreneurs nationwide. He has a great deal of reverence for veterans who continued to serve their communities by starting a small business, and it showed in his work. Much of Joe's tenure at Advocacy was dedicated to overseeing the implementation of the landmark Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999. His work to help achieve the goals of this vital legislation helped provide much needed counseling and training to millions of veteran small business owners across the country.

Colleagues in government will remember Joe as a dedicated public servant whose work on behalf of small businesses helped support the dreams of countless American entrepreneurs. His impact and commitment to small businesses will not be soon forgotten. My thoughts are with his family and all who were fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING KOREAN AMERICAN
DAY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Korean American Day, celebrated

annually on January 13th in recognition of the first group of Korean immigrants who arrived in the United States on that date in 1903.

In 2003, President George W. Bush became the first to proclaim January 13th as Korean American Day, which went on to be officially recognized by the United States Congress in 2005. North Texas is blessed to be home to a large and vibrant Korean American population. On this day, we also celebrate the history, achievements, and contributions of our Korean American community.

HONORING MAYOR REVEREND
TASSIE D. YORK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Tassie York as she was sworn in on January 1, 2024 as the first African-American female mayor of Neptune Township, New Jersey.

A lifelong resident of Neptune, Mayor York has served on the township committee since 2020, most recently as Deputy Mayor. She has dedicated herself to the residents of Neptune, focusing on health care, housing, women's rights, employment, and equality; issues she intends to make a priority under her administration.

Throughout her life, Mayor York has exemplified a commitment to serving the community. She began her career at Head Start, and currently works as a Family Service Specialist for the State of New Jersey. In addition, she established and co-owns a local estate sale business, volunteers at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in neighboring Asbury Park, and tutors young students. Having received her Theology and Divinity degree, Mayor York also serves as an Associate Minister of United Fellowship Baptist Church. Her broad background and personal experiences bring a unique perspective to her leadership and support her efforts to bridge and advance the diverse population of Neptune.

Mayor York has distinguished herself as an exemplary public servant, and I am confident she will lead the Neptune Township committee effectively. She has established herself as an advocate for the community of Neptune and beyond, and her service is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF
LUKE PAUN

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of Luke Paun, an exemplary young man from Boy Scout Troop 747 who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is no small feat; it requires undergoing a rigorous and comprehensive process that often takes up to a year. Luke's journey towards this rank has not only demonstrated his personal growth but

also showcased strong characteristics of resilience, perseverance, and determination.

Luke's Eagle Scout project was aimed at further recognizing the sacrifices made by recipients of the Purple Heart. Luke did so by making improvements and additions to Tucson's Purple Heart Park. He installed 11 trail marker signs along the path, each containing a quote or information relating to the Armed Forces. The signs also serve as a visible marker for distance traveled throughout the park. In addition to placing the trail markers, Luke added in many plants and helped landscape the yard. He then went on to add new gravel to the entrance of the park.

Luke's dedication and hard work are commendable, and his commitment to Troop 747 and the community does not go unnoticed. We take pride in having this outstanding young individual in our district and encourage him to continue their exceptional work.

STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL PROGRAM

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to recognize the Steelton-Highspire High School Varsity Football Program on their 2023 State Championship. The Single A title win is Steel High's second consecutive state title, and their third in just four years.

The game took place at Cumberland Valley High School, where the Rollers faced off against Fort Cherry. Both teams were undefeated coming in, but Steel-High triumphed with a decisive 42-8 victory. Steel-High came out hot in the first half, racking up a 34-point lead and played vigorously throughout the entire game.

This truly special Steel-High 2023 team broke their single season scoring record with an impressive 722 points in just 16 games. They lived up to their name—the "Steamrollers" (or "Rollers")—as their closest game of the season was early with a 29-22 win; a testament to years of hard work and dedication. The State title win established the Rollers as the No. 17 winningest high school football program in the Country—and further solidifies them in Pennsylvania sports history as one of only two teams since 2016 to win consecutive state titles.

Steel-High came home to a well-earned parade and cheering fans from a loyal and supportive community. The conclusion of the 2023 season marks the end of a special era for Roller football—with defensive leader Andrew Erby, Jr. headed to Ohio University, and record-setting quarterback Alex Erby committed to the United States Naval Academy. Coach Andrew Erby credits the team's drive, courage, focus, dedication, and ability to overcome adversity as the determining factors in their strong performance and season.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Steelton-Highspire High School Varsity Football Program on their 2023 State Championship win. I wish them Godspeed in both their individual and team adventures.

CELEBRATING DELRAY ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE'S ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Delray Orthodox Synagogue's 20th anniversary at their location in Delray Beach, Florida.

Delray Orthodox Synagogue is a small, vibrant Modern Orthodox Synagogue serving the spiritual and social needs of their members and guests. Currently led by Rabbi Zevi Saunders, the synagogue was created in 2003 and has grown the community over the past 20 years. In addition to services, the synagogue provides educational opportunities, sisterhood events, informational speakers, and more to give back to the community.

I congratulate the synagogue on their anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

Mazel tov.

ZACHARY PAVOL

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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

It is my honor to congratulate Zachary Pavol on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LIFE OF L.M.
"BUDDY" PREUSS III

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, On Friday, January 5, 2024, my district lost a pillar of our community. While we mourn the loss of L.M. "Buddy" Preuss III, we know his legacy will live on for years to come in Giddings, Texas, and beyond.

Born and raised in Giddings, Buddy was hired as the editor for the Giddings News at just 19 years old. He went on to own and operate the Giddings Times and News, providing a reliable news service to the citizens of his county for more than five decades.

Buddy's life is a true inspiration. A member of the Giddings chamber of commerce, he constantly sought ways to contribute to his community's welfare. Buddy was also a remarkable husband to the love of his life, Louis,

and father to his five children. And above all, Buddy was a man of sincere faith. He held on to hope and his love for the Lord, even during his battle with cancer. While he is missed, I find comfort in knowing he is rejoicing in the presence of God, finally pain free.

Buddy was so much more than a reporter, businessman, and community leader—he was a dear friend to many, including myself. My stops in Giddings certainly won't be the same without him. Rest in peace, Buddy.

HONORING THE LATE DR. JIMMY
BELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Dr. Jimmy Bell.

Dr. Jimmy Bell was born on January 4, 1944, in Indianola, MS, and graduated from Gentry High School in 1963. He later began his professional career at Mississippi Valley State University and later transitioned to Jackson State University.

He created the National Coalition of Community Researchers, Inc. at Jackson State University and started the Jackson State University Center for the Study of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Intervention (CSJDPI). In addition, he was a founding member of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ).

Dr. Bell was known as a professor, researcher, and music connoisseur. His love for music allowed him to educate and mentor many up-and-coming jazz and blues musicians and established his own local jazz venue, THE JAZZ GALLERY, which was housed in the basement of the now historic site of the Summers Hotel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Dr. Jimmy Bell for his dedication to education and love for music.

HONORING PFC JAMES FRANCIS
PLOG

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Marine Corps veteran James Francis Plog.

James Plog was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on October 10, 1926. He was raised in Schenectady where he attended school before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps on June 6, 1944. James served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the occupation of Japan from September 22, 1945 to June 15, 1946. He remained at Camp Lejeune until his honorable discharge on August 19, 1946, at the rank of Private First Class. For his service, PFC Plog was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Honorable Discharge Button, and achieved the Rifle Marksman qualification.

Returning to civilian life, James pursued an education, a career, and a family. He married his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Plog on October 25,

1947. Together, the couple had three children, James, Keith, and Paula. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, James began work as a herdsman and farm manager for the Vanderbilts' farm in Williamstown, Massachusetts, before returning to Cobleskill, New York to study agriculture for his own pursuits. He chartered two dairy farms of his own, a Jersey farm in East Greenwich and a Holstein farm in Easton. James eventually sold his herds and began working for General Electric Silicones in Waterford until his retirement in September 1990.

When he was not working, James remained an avid hobbyist and a dedicated member of the veteran community. He enjoyed golfing, metal detecting, fishing, and learning new skills such as playing the piano and using computers. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League Detachment in Troy. He participated in local events and parades, including the Uncle Sam's Flag Day Parade. He loved spending time with his children, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and his German Shepherd Helga.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize PFC James Plog.

HONORING THE AUTHORS OF
SOUTH VALLEY: THE POETRY
AND ART OF THE SOUTH VALLEY
ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO NEW MEXICO

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cheyenne Anderson, Isabel James, Pheladi MacDonald and their collaborators on the successful publication of their book, *South Valley: The Poetry and Art of the South Valley*. Their book is an inspirational reminder of young people's power to make positive change in their communities. I am grateful for the work they have done for the South Valley.

Cheyenne and Isabel are young activists with a history of contributions to the South Valley community. They have been involved with amazing local organizations such as La Plazita Institute and Crossroads for Women that work to break cycles of incarceration and celebrate indigenous culture in New Mexico. Their record of service at a young age is admirable.

Through their activism, Cheyenne and Isabel saw a need to change the unfortunate stereotypes about the South Valley and to create a positive depiction of their community for other young people. They collaborated with young poet Pheladi MacDonald, South Valley artist Bill Mohr, youth in the community, and poets Jimmy Santiago Baca, Luis Rodriguez and Mary Oliver to create a beautiful collection of art and poetry celebrating the South Valley. Their book depicts the unique heritage and thriving culture of the South Valley and will be an inspiration for future young community activists.

Since their book's publication, Cheyenne, Isabel and Pheladi have worked tirelessly to increase access to it throughout the state and their work has been featured on various news programs in New Mexico.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Cheyenne Anderson, Isabel James and Pheladi MacDonald on their commitment to serving their community and supporting their goal of increasing access to their book. Their work has improved the South Valley and inspired other youth to contribute positively to our region. I thank them for their service.

HONORING MS. SHERRI SAGER ON
HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Sherri Sager for her critical accomplishments as Senior Vice President and Chief Government Relations Officer at Stanford Medicine Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Throughout Ms. Sager's 29 years of service, she demonstrated a sincere commitment to advocating for children and families and worked tirelessly to improve America's healthcare system for all.

Ms. Sager first joined Stanford Medicine Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in 1994, as the Director of Government Relations. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Sager's vast knowledge of public policy and her indispensable leadership made her a critical advocate for Stanford Medicine Children's Health patients. She was pivotal in facilitating community partnerships and was committed to monitoring the impact that proposed laws and public policies could have on American patients.

Ms. Sager exemplifies the spirit of leadership and altruism in all areas of her life. She has served on numerous nonprofit and regional business association boards, including as Board Chair of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association, board member of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Working Council.

Ms. Sager's advocacy for patients and their families and her commitment to community service clearly demonstrate that her work to improve the lives of others expands beyond her position with Stanford Medicine. Ms. Sager's devotion to service has undeniably improved the healthcare landscape in Northern California and beyond.

While her presence in the Stanford Medicine community will surely be missed, Ms. Sager's 29 years of service have left a lasting legacy and significantly enhanced the lives of countless patients, families, and healthcare professionals. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms. Sager for her service and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT
JAMES JOHNSON

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a resident of my

district—James Johnson of Gravity, Iowa—who was recently appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds to serve as the new Superintendent of Banking in the Iowa Department of Insurance and Financial Services.

Having spent his career in the banking industry, Superintendent Johnson brings a trove of experience to the role. Prior to becoming Superintendent, Johnson served as the President and CEO of PCSB Bank, a community bank in Clarinda, Iowa. He also served on the Board of the Iowa Bankers Association. As a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, I look forward to working with James on our shared mission to create new and prosperous opportunities for businesses across Iowa with the support of Iowa banks.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Superintendent Johnson for his appointment and his commitment to serving the people of Iowa. I wish him nothing but the best as he begins this new chapter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK ALFORD

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I missed yesterday's vote due to a snow storm in Kansas City, MO. Had I been present, I would have voted PRES on Roll Call No. 1.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARVID H. 'GUS' GUSTAVSON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Arvid H. 'Gus' Gustavson, an Army Veteran and resident of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, who passed away in December. Gus was a beloved husband, father, son, and brother, who proudly dedicated his life to public service both in the United States Army and at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Born in Somerville, MA, Gus married Shirley Ambrose and joined the United States Army. After two years of service, Gus and Shirley moved to New Hampshire and Gus began his decades long career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. During this time, Gus received many accolades, reflecting his hardworking nature and dedication to the community. His fellow coworkers have all been impacted by the legacy that he left behind after retiring in 1985.

Gus's family and friends also remember him for his giving nature and ever-present love and support. He has touched many lives through his unforgettable sense of humor and positive mindset, both of which his family carries on today.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences with the Gustavson family, including Gus's children, Stephen, Karen, and Paul, and his many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. I would once again like to extend my condolences to the Gustavson family and wish them all the very best in this time of grieving.

CONGRATULATING MR. BERNARD "TONY" THIEMAN ON THE WENTZVILLE, MO CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Tony Thieman on the Wentzville, MO Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Thieman has long been a staple of the Wentzville community. In addition to his involvement in multiple community organizations, Mr. Thieman has reinvested in downtown Wentzville by buying several old buildings, renovating them, and then leasing them out to local businesses. Tony also volunteers his time to neighbors by plowing their driveways and mowing their fields when in need.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Tony Thieman as the Wentzville, MO Citizen of the Year.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN T. REIM, JR. (USA) PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the promotion of Brigadier General John T. Reim to the rank of Major General. Major General Reim has served as the Joint Program Executive Officer Armaments & Ammunition and the Commanding General, Picatinny Arsenal since June 2022. It is my privilege to honor a New Jersey native that has served and supported New Jersey's 11th Congressional District, the State of New Jersey, and our country. I look forward to his continued success and contributions to our nation.

Throughout his time as the Joint Program Executive Officer Armaments & Ammunition, now-Major General Reim has been a fearless leader in the Army's innovation enterprise. The projects he has overseen have provided our warfighters with the systems, munitions, and capabilities necessary to defeat our enemies and maintain overmatch of our adversaries. General Reim's hard work has also revitalized our production of munitions, leading the charge to overhaul our outdated production systems and ensuring that our national stockpile is backfilled in the wake of conflict throughout the world. Major General Reim's support to the Department of Defense's munitions enterprise has been vital to our national defense priorities.

General Reim has led with tenacity as the Commanding General of Picatinny Arsenal. The installation employs more than 6,000 employees; all of whom he cares for as his own family. His leadership has prioritized the morale, health, and welfare of the Soldiers, Civilians, and Families of Picatinny Arsenal. Major General Reim has shaped Picatinny Arsenal into a pillar of national defense and a mainstay of the New Jersey Economy.

In this time at Picatinny, General Reim has also been a valued partner to me and to my

team. His expertise, openness, and willingness to think outside the box have strengthened my work in Congress and made me a better, more effective advocate for our military's future.

General Reim graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY and commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps in 1990. He held a variety of leadership and staff positions as a Logistics Officer prior to entering the Acquisition Corps in December of 1998. I extend my most heartfelt thanks to Major General Reim, his wife Patty, and four children for their 33 years of service and sacrifice. I congratulate Major General Reim on his well-earned promotion and look forward to his continued success.

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, January 11, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine closing corporate loopholes that reward offshoring jobs and profits.

SD-608

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Cyber Safety Review Board, focusing on expectations, outcomes, and enduring questions.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine policy approaches to increasing the supply of af-

fordable housing, focusing on rebuilding the American Dream.

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