

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JENNY SNELL

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jenny Snell of the Wheelie Bean for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award is given to a member of the Wheat Ridge business community who has shown growing leadership through the year. Ms. Snell is a thriving small business owner who also gives back to her community through numerous boards, committees, and associations. She has shown incredible dedication to Wheat Ridge and continues to find ways to make Wheat Ridge a great place to live and work.

Congratulations to Ms. Snell on her many accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for her continued contributions to the Wheat Ridge community.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY S. RAMER

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jeffrey S. Ramer for his contributions to the Town of Greenwich and service on the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET).

Jeff has been a trusted member of the Greenwich community for over 50 years. As a Board Member, Jeff spent countless volunteer hours on behalf of the Town of Greenwich. He served for 16 years on the BET, including 10 years on the Budget Committee as well as time on the Audit Committee, Law Committee and Policies & Procedures Committee.

Jeff's work on behalf of Greenwich included bringing the original federal court action to shut down the Cos Cob Power Plant. These efforts ultimately led to the Town's purchase of the property and the creation of Cos Cob Park that provides access to recreation and entertainment for all in the community.

Jeff has served as a distinguished public servant and member of the community. Outside of Town government, Jeff served on the Board of Directors of the Greenwich United Way twice over the course of 30 years and was a trustee of Greenwich Library, president of the Riverside Association, a PTA president twice and served on committees at First Congregational Church.

As Congressman for Connecticut's Fourth District, I have had the pleasure of working with Jeff and have seen firsthand how he has served as a leader and advocate for the people of Greenwich. As Jeff moves on from the BET, I thank him for all that he has done to improve our community for generations to come.

HONORING TEMPLE ISRAEL OF PALM BEACH

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Temple Israel of Palm Beach County on its 100th anniversary. The Temple is the oldest Jewish organization in Palm Beach County and the only Reform synagogue in West Palm Beach. Formerly known as Temple Beth Israel, six Jewish families came together to create the synagogue in 1923 with a commitment to the ideals of Progressive Judaism.

In 2012, Temple Israel made history by hiring the first female congregational Rabbi in Palm Beach County. Her successors, Rabbi Carlie Daniels, Rabbi Ryan Daniels and Rabbi Howard Shapiro, continue to shine a bright light on Temple Israel's legacy; by encouraging social activism, being actively involved in events that concern social justice, while continuing to embrace and empower those of interfaith and LGBTQIA families and individuals.

Temple Israel's commitment to providing our community with a House of prayer, study, and gathering and their service to our community is remarkable. I congratulate them on 100 years of service and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING PAUL SULLIVAN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Sullivan, owner of Esters Pub for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Paul Sullivan for his contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

CONGRATULATING THE COCOA TIGERS ON THEIR 6TH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Cocoa High School football team on their sixth state championship win. On December 8th, the

Cocoa Tigers clinched the victory and ended the game with a score of 20–6 against Bradford High School.

This win was the second state championship win in a row for the Tigers, having defeated Florida High last year with a score of 38–31. The Cocoa Tigers also won state championships in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2016.

Bradford High had come into the game having been undefeated in their season with a 14–0 record. Cocoa High finished its season with a 14–1 record. However, The Cocoa Tigers outscored their opponents in the playoffs by a 184–30 margin.

Bradford High scored the first touchdown of the game against Cocoa, taking a 6–0 lead with only just over six minutes left in the opening quarter.

However, the Cocoa Tigers didn't let an early lead startle them, returning with a 36-yard touchdown two minutes later, gaining a 7–6 lead.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Cocoa High School Tigers football team on their remarkable season. We continue to wish them luck in keeping up this momentum for next year while they aim to clench the title for the third year in a row. Let's go Tigers.

COMMENDING RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN FOR MEMPHIS PIPELINE PROJECT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey, and Rutgers-Camden Chancellor Antinio B. Tillis, for their commitment to creating opportunities for Memphis students in my district, which is Mr. Tillis' former hometown. Tillis, a 1983 graduate of Central High School, Vanderbilt University and later a Fulbright Scholar, has dedicated Rutgers-Camden to what he calls the Memphis Pipeline Project. The original Rutgers was founded in 1766 at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and is routinely considered one of the nation's premiere national universities. The "pipeline" has brought 13 Memphis high school students to Rutgers-Camden in the past year and Tillis is focused on bringing more from the city's Hamilton and Westwood High Schools. Just the existence of the pipeline opportunity has inspired students who might not have considered going to college at all, a side benefit of the project, I want to thank Chancellor Tillis, his dedicated staff, and the counselors at Memphis high schools inspired to realize the ambitions of their students, and wish them all every success.

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RECOGNIZING MESTIZO BREW
CANTINA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mestizo Brew Cantina for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Mestizo Brew Cantina for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
MONTANA STATE TROOPER
LEWIS JOHNSON

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Montana Highway Patrol Trooper, Mr. Lewis Johnson. Through his time serving the Treasure State, Trooper Johnson has demonstrated extraordinary courage and resilience despite enduring life-threatening challenges.

Born in 1987, Trooper Johnson grew up in Chester, Montana. After graduating from the Montana Law Enforcement Academy in 2014, Trooper Johnson and his wife Kate chose to dedicate their lives to protecting and serving the people of Montana as State Troopers. Both stationed in Eureka, Montana, Trooper Johnson is known by his community as a devoted husband, a loving father, and a friend to many.

Unfortunately, on February 16, 2023, Trooper Johnson was severely injured in a tragic accident involving a fleeing suspect. Trooper Johnson experienced numerous injuries, including a punctured lung, damaged liver, head injury, broken ribs, broken arm, broken leg, and severe spinal trauma. Despite sustaining severe life-threatening injuries, Trooper Johnson's remarkable endurance and unwavering support from his family and loved ones has led him down the path to recovery. After many months in the hospital, countless hours of rehabilitation, and medical treatments, Montana celebrates his successful recovery and his reunification with his wife, children, and community.

Trooper Johnson has demonstrated unwavering courage and continues to embody Montana values as he encourages and inspires Montanans and Americans across the country through his story. It is a privilege to recognize and honor Trooper Johnson's selfless commitment to protecting the people of Montana and his remarkable journey toward recovery today.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
MRS. DELMARIE MORRIS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mrs. Delmarie Morris.

Mrs. Delmarie Morris was born to Leola Jefferson on April 15, 1939, in Waldo, Arkansas. She attended and graduated from Westside School in Waldo, Arkansas. Mrs. Morris accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was truly a woman who served God. After moving to Dallas in 1957, she joined Marsalis Church of Christ and served as a dedicated choir member and loved singing. Years later she joined the True Light Church, Dallas, Texas. At the True Light Church, she was a dedicated and faithful Sunday School Teacher. Mrs. Morris maintained a firm faith in God and was often seen studying her bible.

Mrs. Morris continued her passion of serving others through her work as a Nursing Assistant at Parkland Hospital and then a Physical Therapist Assistant at Launey Medical Clinic.

As the matriarch of the family, Mrs. Morris was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She served her family with honor, devotion and steadfast values that will endure the family for generations.

Mrs. Morris was an avid cook and shared her skills with family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with all those who knew and loved Mrs. Delmarie Morris.

RECOGNIZING LINDSAY REINHART

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lindsay Reinhart of Intermountain Healthcare for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Member of the Year Award.

The Member of the Year Award is given to an individual who exemplifies exceptional leadership and commitment to the community. Ms. Reinhart embodies the meaning of selfless service and is always inclusive and welcoming. She is known by everyone who meets her to be helpful, well-organized, and willing to collaborate. She attends nearly every Wheat Ridge Business Association event and supports the community wholeheartedly.

Congratulations to Ms. Reinhart on the accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for her continued contribution to the Wheat Ridge community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on January 12, 2024, due

to both a family matter and the need to attend a memorial service for a member of my staff who recently died.

Had I been present for Roll Call votes, I would have voted Aye on:

Roll Call No. 9, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 839—China Exchange Rate Transparency Act of 2023, as amended.

Had I been present for Roll Call votes, I would have voted No on:

Roll Call No. 10, On Passage of H.J. Res. 98—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status."

I strongly oppose the Republican effort to repeal the National Labor Relations Board Joint Employer standard. This rule protects millions of workers in subcontracted work, helping them bargain for higher wages, better benefits, and safer conditions. The joint-employer doctrine ensures that companies cannot evade their responsibilities to negotiate with workers. Workers are the backbone of American success, and these workers deserve fair opportunities to collectively-bargain for good wages and safe working conditions. The final rule applies joint employer's bargaining obligations only to terms and conditions under a business's control. I oppose this Republican effort to nullify or weaken the final rule that protects workers.

HONORING SHARP'S CANDIES

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a unique business, Sharp's Candies, which is located in Lexington, Kentucky. The business celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2023.

Bob and Becky Sharp opened Sharp's Candies on Harrodsburg Road in 1973. The business grew, and in 1991 they moved to their present location on Regency Road. Their son Rob and his wife Lisa took over the business in 1991. A uniquely decorated gingerbread house, featuring brown stucco, painted lollipops, and a giant candy cane, is home to Sharp's Candies. The kitchen, where all their candy is freshly made, is found right behind the showroom. All their candy is made by hand, using family recipes and methods learned from their parents. Rob and Lisa take great pride in producing high quality homemade candy and in providing personal service to their loyal customers.

Running a successful small business is increasingly challenging. Rob and Lisa Sharp are to be commended for the success of their business over 50 years. As Sharp's Candies celebrates its 50th anniversary, I congratulate them and wish them a bright future. I am honored to recognize this company before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING KING OF WINGS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize King of Wings for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to King of Wings for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

CONGRATULATING CHAD KNAUS ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NASCAR HALL OF FAME

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate Mr. Chad Knaus who will be formally inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on January 20, 2024. For twenty years. Mr. Knaus was one of the greatest crew chiefs in NASCAR history, winning seven championships in his tenure.

Having been a racer, owned a racetrack, and as a Chairman of the Congressional Motorsports Caucus. I've enjoyed racing from almost every perspective. I know NASCAR Championships require nothing short of perfection, hard work, and relentless attention to detail.

Chad Knaus began his career as a teenager, leading his father to multiple championships. Eventually, he got his start with NASCAR, working as an assistant in the Hendrick Motorsports body shop where he learned under Ray Evernham—a fellow Hall of Famer.

In 2002, Knaus was paired with Jimmie Johnson, a rookie driver, on a fourth Hendrick team. With Johnson, Knaus won a record-setting five championships in a row, bringing his total to seven won championships.

As crew chief for Johnson, Knaus won 81 races over 19 seasons, including the Daytona 500 in 2013, two Southern 500s, four Coca-Cola 600s, and four Brickyard 400s. Knaus won his 82nd and final race as crew chief for William Byron in 2020, placing him in 3rd place for all-time wins by a crew chief. Currently, Chad Knaus serves as the Vice President of Competition for Hendrick Motorsports.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join with me in congratulating Chad Knaus on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. This honor is well deserved for such a distinguished career and winning record.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SERVICE OF REAR ADMIRAL BRIAN DAVIES

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a dear friend, a former colleague, a devoted public servant, and a true American hero. Rear Admiral Brian Davies was not only one of the kindest people I have ever known, he was the epitome of valor, honor, and dedication. He bravely navigated the challenges of both a distinguished career in the United States Navy and a battle with cancer, and in doing so left a lasting legacy.

When a young Brian Davies enrolled at the United States Naval Academy, he didn't do so with the goal of earning accolades or climbing the ranks; he simply wanted to use his talents in the service of his nation. And that service was extraordinary, proof that there is no limit to what a person can accomplish in the rare instance when a brilliant mind, a humble spirit, and a leader's heart come together.

Much can be said about Rear Admiral Davies' remarkable career: his service on both fast attack and ballistic missile submarines, his six strategic deterrent patrols, his deployments to the Arctic, Western Pacific, North Atlantic and Indian Ocean. Much can also be said about his long list of awards and decorations, including a Distinguished Service medal, the Defense Superior Service medal, five Legion of Merit awards, three Meritorious Service medals, four Navy Commendation medals, three Navy Achievement medals, and various campaign, unit, and service awards. There are even awards and circumstances we can't discuss in detail, like those surrounding the prestigious Presidential Unit Citation he and his entire team received for their top secret work when he commanded the USS *Jimmy Carter*.

But what should never be lost in the litany of awards, honors, and accolades he so rightly earned was his profound humanity. I came to know him as Captain Davies when we served together at the Pentagon; he was the Special Military Assistant when I was Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. Despite his rank and resume, he was approachable and humble in ways that belied his many accomplishments, and someone who went out of his way to uplift and encourage all those around him. Never the loudest voice in the room, and despite his challenging responsibilities, Rear Admiral exemplified kindness in every interaction.

His profound impact extended far beyond the military or the office, as he was a devoted family man whose love for and pride in his daughter radiated through all he did. I will always remember how he went out of his way to support another colleague through the challenges of her husband's deployment, and the way he treated every person he encountered with dignity and respect. His commitment to the principles of "not self, but county," will forever stand as a beacon for all who worked and served with him and those who had the privilege of learning from him. May his memory be a blessing and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Fair winds and following seas to Rear Admiral Brian Davies. His legacy lives on in the

hearts of those who knew and loved him, and here, in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING HUNTER OWEN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hunter Owen for receiving the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a member of the Wheat Ridge community for their outstanding volunteer service and contribution to their local community. Mr. Owen is the recipient of this year's award due to his unmatched willingness and dedication to answer the call of his community. He is a proud member of Wheat Ridge Kiwanis, the Rotary Club, and serves on the Chamber of Commerce Board as Member Chair. His tireless work ethic and dedication to the Wheat Ridge Community is tremendous.

Congratulations to Mr. Owen on his many accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for his continued contribution to the Wheat Ridge community.

HONORING ELIZABETH M. GONZALEZ

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the exceptional career of Elizabeth M. Gonzalez, Chief of Congressional Affairs at U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), and a dear friend with whom I have had the privilege of working with for many years.

Elizabeth was born in Hialeah, Florida to her loving Cuban American parents, German and Celia Gonzalez. Having been forced out of Cuba by Fidel Castro's regime in 1960, her parents instilled in her from a young age a deep appreciation for the sacrifices they made, the value of freedom from communist oppression, and an unshakeable pride in her Cuban heritage.

Known for her drive and pursuit of academic excellence, Elizabeth graduated from Hialeah Senior High as the Valedictorian of her class, later graduating with honors from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and a Master of Education in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy. Propelled then by her tenacity and heart for service, Elizabeth stepped into what would be a remarkable career in service to our great Nation.

Elizabeth began working in 2002 at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters as a Presidential Management Intern (PMI), where she developed and managed a distance learning science program for bilingual children that aired internationally on over 30 television stations. She quickly rose in the ranks at NASA, working as a Legislative Specialist and finishing her tenure in the Office of the NASA Administrator as

a Policy Analyst focused on NASA's space exploration mission.

Upon returning to South Florida in 2005, Elizabeth served as the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs at SOUTHCOM, directly advising the Commander on legislative matters. While in this position, she would hone her policy-making skills that she would later demonstrate throughout the rest of her career. In 2009, Elizabeth then pursued an opportunity to serve as Advisor to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Director of Congressional Affairs for U.S. European Commander at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Headquarters in Belgium. After serving two years in this role, Elizabeth returned to Miami to serve as the Chief of Congressional Affairs at SOUTHCOM, a role she has since executed with such excellence as to merit two awards. Elizabeth was hailed by her own colleagues as the "driving force behind Southern Command's outsized success and stellar reputation on our Nation's Capitol Hill," and has been venerated for her "visionary leadership, [and] exceptional strategic guidance".

Among her many hard-earned achievements, accolades, and awards, Elizabeth remains especially proud of her role as a loving mother to her son, Jake. She looks forward now to spending more time with her son and family enjoying white corn dinners after her many years of dedicated public service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend Elizabeth Gonzalez for her tremendous service to our Nation and our shared enthusiasm. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING MIKE MADDUX FROM
THE TEXAS RANGERS

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of former University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) baseball player, Mike Maddux, for his success and contribution as the professional pitching coach of the 2023 World Series-winning Texas Rangers.

Coach Maddux, an Ohio native, was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 36th round of the 1979 Major League Baseball (MLB) draft. However, he chose to pursue his education at UTEP, where he excelled as the star pitcher for the 1985 UTEP National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) baseball team. Following his graduation, Coach Maddux enjoyed a 15-year career in the MLB, playing for nine teams and concluding his playing days with the Houston Astros in 2000. Subsequently, he transitioned to a coaching role in the MLB starting in 2003. Over the years, Coach Maddux contributed his coaching expertise to four MLB teams: the Milwaukee Brewers (2003 through 2008), Texas Rangers (2009 through 2015), Washington Nationals (2016 through 2017), and St. Louis Cardinals (2018 through 2022). Notably, he returned to the Texas Rangers as their pitching coach in 2022.

During his initial tenure with the Rangers from 2009 to 2015, Coach Maddux oversaw a remarkable period of organizational success.

The team achieved four consecutive seasons with a team Earned Run Average (ERA) below 4.00 from 2010 to 2013. Building on this legacy, Coach Maddux helped guide the Rangers to a resounding and overwhelming 4–1 series victory in the 2023 MLB World Series, securing their first championship in franchise history.

Today, it is my privilege to join the University of Texas at El Paso, and many others, in honoring Coach Mike Maddux for his work in helping the Texas Rangers win their first World Series and making El Paso Proud.

RECOGNIZING HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Habitat for Humanity for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Special Recognition Award.

The Special Recognition Award is given to a person or organization in Wheat Ridge who exemplifies outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community and aims to recognize them for their achievement. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Habitat works with low- and middle-income families to build affordable homes. This year, Habitat began construction on 8 units in the Fruitdale neighborhood, bringing in 8 new families to Wheat Ridge.

We are grateful to Habitat for Humanity for their continued contributions to the Wheat Ridge community.

HONORING DR. JOAQUÍN GARCÍA

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Dr. Joaquín García, an esteemed medical professional of Palm Beach County. January 12, 2024, has been officially declared as Dr. Joaquín García Day. Dr. García is the first notable Hispanic in Palm Beach County to have a High School named after him to honor his memory and community contributions.

As a Cuban native, Dr. García continuously strived towards progressing immigrant members of the community in collaboration with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and other various Hispanic-affiliated groups. As a founding member and chairman of the Hispanic Education Coalition of Palm Beach County (HEC), Dr. García avidly promoted the education of children through his support for dual-language programs in the community. Beyond his role at the HEC, Dr. García was deeply involved in an array of advocacy groups including the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, Compass, International AIDS Education Foundation, Cycle for The Cause, and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Health Education Outreach.

Dr. García once stated, "I did not have any natural children, but I consider the tens of

thousands of students in the district to be my children and my responsibility."

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Joaquín García's dedication to advocacy on behalf of children and his service to the people of South Florida is truly admirable. May his legacy be honored by the success of the students of Dr. Joaquín García High School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 11, 2024 and January 12, 2024.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 4; "yea" on rollcall No. 5; "nay" on rollcall No. 6; "yea" on rollcall No. 7; "yea" on rollcall No. 8; "yea" on rollcall No. 9; and "yea" on rollcall No. 10.

RECOGNIZING STYLUS AND CRATE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stylus and Crate of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the City of Wheat Ridge's Business of the Year Award.

Stylus and Crate is an example of what makes Wheat Ridge such a wonderful community. They bring together coffee, art, and music enthusiasts alike, while also giving back to the community and doing their part to protect the environment. Stylus and Crate generously donates 3.33 percent of their revenue to charitable causes, often giving and beyond their set goal.

Congratulations to Stylus and Crate on the accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for their continued contribution to the Wheat Ridge community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
LYNNETTE R. BUFFINGTON

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lynnette R. Buffington for her years of public service to our community. As the CEO of Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. Ms. Buffington has demonstrated unparalleled leadership and advocacy for the Grays Harbor community.

Ms. Buffington started at Greater Grays Harbor, Inc., the regional economic development council and chamber of commerce, at a tumultuous time: the summer of 2020. Even amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Buffington rose to the occasion and led Grays Harbor County to greater economic prosperity.

Since taking the helm, Ms. Buffington and Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. have secured millions in grants and investments into rural communities and projects across Grays Harbor,

with nearly \$800,000 of that being directly allocated to support small businesses and business development programming.

Ms. Buffington has been a staunch advocate for public funding of major infrastructure projects, increased access to childcare facilities, and overall economic growth in a county that desperately needs it. And this advocacy has led to record levels of public investment, including over \$100 million in federal support for the Aberdeen–Hoquiam Flood Protection Project.

The impact of Ms. Buffington's work has been profound and will have lasting impacts. In fact, work is underway for Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. to join a larger, regional EDA-recognized Economic Development District, and her legislative organizing at both the state and federal level has better positioned Grays Harbor County communities to address their needs.

Ms. Buffington was also critical in securing \$500,000 in strategy development grant funds as part of the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program. These funds are designed to better position both Grays Harbor and Pacific counties to create and connect people to good jobs and renew economic opportunity in rural communities that have too long been forgotten. These funds will significantly increase local coordination and planning activities and serve as an investment in readiness and local capacity-building.

Mr. Speaker, I have been encouraged by Ms. Buffington's community leadership and I applaud her for her successes in our district. Ms. Buffington's leadership and passion for revitalizing rural Grays Harbor County has forever impacted the future of the communities she served. Her advocacy and energy will be sorely missed.

For these reasons, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Lynnette R. Buffington in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING LAURA ERICKSON

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Laura Erickson for her contributions to the Town of Greenwich and service on the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET).

Laura has been a trusted member of the Greenwich community for over 30 years. As a Board Member, she spent countless volunteer hours on behalf of the Town of Greenwich. Laura has served on the BET since 2019, where she was a member of the Budget and Audit Committees and served as the BET's liaison to the Department of Public Works, the Nathaniel Witherell skilled nursing facility, and information technology/cybersecurity.

Laura has long been a distinguished public servant committed to expanding educational opportunities for all. Prior to her time on the BET, she served on the Greenwich Board of Education for four years from November 2013 to November 2017, a tenure that included being Chair of the Board during two budget cycles. While on the Board of Education, Laura served on the New Lebanon School and MISA Building Committees and chaired both the Superintendent Search Committee and the

Budget Committee. Laura is currently a board member of the Norwalk Community College Foundation and has previously served as a board member of the Greenwich Alliance for Education and the Greenwich United Way.

As Congressman for Connecticut's Fourth District, I have had the pleasure of working with Laura and have seen firsthand her leadership and advocacy for our community. As Laura moves on from the BET, I thank her for her dedication and public service.

RECOGNIZING SUZANNE SMITH

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Suzanne Smith, owner of Food for Thought, for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Mayor's Partnership Award.

The Mayor's Partnership Award, selected by Mayor Bud Starker, recognizes an outstanding member of the community. Suzanne Smith is a life-long Wheat Ridge resident and has served the Denver metro area for over 30 years. What started as two parents providing hot lunches for school kids once a month for six years, has turned into Ms. Smith's full-service catering company that continues to serve the community to this day. She is committed to providing a wide-range of delicious dishes through her catering business Food for Thought, as well as to her neighbors and friends. Her hardwork and dedication to the Wheat Ridge Community is tremendous.

I thank Suzanne Smith for her outstanding leadership, going above and beyond to make a positive impact. She is an example of what makes Wheat Ridge such a wonderful place to live and work.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL BRANTLEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Dr. Michael Brantley. Dr. Brantley passed away on January 6, 2024 after a life filled with countless personal and professional achievements.

A U.S. Army veteran, Dr. Brantley honorably served our country, serving as a Captain and a Chief Laboratory Officer. In addition to answering the call to national service, Dr. Michael Brantley was a dedicated public servant and community leader of his hometown of Neptune and the surrounding area. As a member of the Neptune Township Committee (including terms as Mayor and Deputy Mayor), Chairman of the Neptune Township Police Oversight Committee, and a member of the Wesley Lake Commission, Dr. Brantley continually gave back to his community.

A graduate of Morgan State College and Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, Dr. Brantley was also a prominent dentist, operating his own dental practice in Asbury Park for more than 35 years, and shared his knowl-

edge and experience through leadership positions at various medical facilities. His passion for healthcare and his commitment to the community and public service have been widely recognized. Among many other honors, Dr. Brantley was inducted into the Neptune High School Hall of Fame and received the Health Care Service Award from Brookdale Community College.

Dr. Brantley leaves behind his loving family and friends, including his beloved wife of 37 years, Jacqueline. His generous spirit was a joy to everyone he met, and he will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives he impacted.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Dr. Michael Brantley for his leadership and dedication to his community and our nation.

RECOGNIZING CAROL ROBERTS ON HER 46-YEAR CAREER WITH THE BAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional leader in the Bay County, Florida community. Mrs. Carol Roberts is the President and CEO of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce. On January 31, 2024, Carol will retire from her 46-year career with the Bay County Chamber of Commerce.

In 1977, when she was just 20 years old, Carol began her career with the Chamber as a receptionist. Between 1977 and 2001, Carol held every job at the Chamber until the time she was ultimately named President and CEO. For the past 22 years, Carol has led the Chamber with grit, determination, and grace. Throughout her career, Carol has never shied away from being a guiding force for Bay County through difficulty and hardship, as well as through the wonderful days of exciting change and growth.

I congratulate Carol on an exceptional career. I thank her for serving with her whole heart and working each day to make Bay County a great place to live, work, and play. I wish her only the best in her retirement.

APPRECIATING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR DAVID MARK BARRERAS II

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the proud Co-Chair of the Army Caucus, I extend my deepest gratitude for the service of Major David Mark Barreras II to the United States Congress.

As both my Defense Fellow and an Army Legislative Liaison, Major Barreras made innumerable contributions to the citizens of Central Texas and the Nation.

I extend my best wishes as he transitions to a new assignment and express profound thankfulness to him and his family for their service to our great Nation.

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

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 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, Louise, 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.

RECOGNIZING MIRIAM KREUZER

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Miriam Kreuzer for her contributions to the Town of Greenwich and her service on the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET).

Miriam has been a trusted member of the Greenwich community for over 13 years. As a Board Member, Miriam spent countless volunteer hours on behalf of the Town of Greenwich. She served for four years on the BET, where she was a part of the Investment Advisory and Human Resources Committees and served on the First Selectman's Havemeyer Committee, the Hamill Rink RFP Committee and as a liaison to Parks and Recreation.

Throughout her time as a distinguished public servant, she applied her deep knowledge of the financial markets to various important roles in Town government, including six years as liaison to the Retirement Board and 18 months as a member of the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits Board, which oversees investments for the health care plan for municipal retirees.

As Congressman for Connecticut's Fourth District, I have had the pleasure of working with Miriam and I have seen firsthand how she has served as an advocate and leader for the people of Greenwich. As she moves on from the BET, I thank her for all that she has done to strengthen our community.

HONORING CATHY GERAGHTY, A
FORCE OF NATURE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Chicago Wilderness Alliance in honoring Ms. Cathy Geraghty, a 2023 recipient of the Dr. George B. Rabb Force of Nature Award. This award commends outstanding work in the field of conservation.

Cathy is a true champion of biodiversity. Through her work as the Director of External and Strategic Initiatives with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Cathy has worked tirelessly to protect the environment. When she isn't working, she spends her free time serving as a proud member of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance Steering Committee. During her two-decade long career with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Cathy has pushed the organization forward in tackling conservation issues, particularly with her drafting of the Next Century Conservation Plan. The Forest Preserves of Cook County is the first forest preserve district in the United States, and this ambitious plan continues our legacy as leader in the space of forest preservation and restoration. With an implementation strategy that includes volunteer outreach, tying the preserves to the economic future of Chicago, restoring 30,000 acres to full health, and leading with transparency, this plan will continue to improve our forest preserves and increase the community that supports them.

Cathy is truly a force of nature, and I could not be prouder of the work my friend has done to support our environment. Mr. Speaker, please join me and all our colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing Ms. Geraghty's service and congratulating her on receiving the Force of Nature Award.

RECOGNIZING QUEEN CITY
COLLECTIVE COFFEE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Queen City Collective Coffee for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Queen City Collective Coffee for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

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 18, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Douglas Craig Schmidt, of Tennessee, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and April Joy Ericsson, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the U.S. patent system.

SD-226

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight

To hold hearings to examine improving export controls enforcement.

SD-562

JANUARY 24

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine how the climate crisis threatens ocean industries.

SD-608

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Toxic Substances Control Act amendments implementation.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine AI in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine succession planning, focusing on opportunities to build wealth and keep jobs in local communities.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine the use of
Artificial Intelligence at the Library of

Congress, Government Publishing Of-
fice, and Smithsonian Institution.

SR-301 10 a.m.

JANUARY 25

Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine assisted liv-
ing facilities, focusing on under-
standing long-term care options for
older adults.

SD-106