

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. OS GUINNESS

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Os Guinness for his distinguished career and his service to the American people and to Christians around the globe.

Dr. Guinness has dedicated his life to thinking, writing, and speaking about the turbulent times in which we live. In the context of a Judeo-Christian worldview, he has provided thoughtful insights and wise counsel within the U.S. Capitol and to leaders and laypersons worldwide.

I have been personally impacted by Os, which he prefers to be called, through his challenge to live for our "Audience of One," a term he used in his book *The Call* to refer to our Heavenly Father. He has reminded me, and so many others, that we ought to dedicate our lives to that cause, to love our enemies, to promote justice, and to seek the good of the city in which we live.

Os is beloved by so many on Capitol Hill. For more than 30 years, he has been involved with Faith and Law, an organization that helps hundreds of Christian staff members on the Hill think about their vocations in government through a biblical worldview. He draws the largest audiences of any speaker at their gatherings and has been meeting for breakfast with Members of Congress for several years. His listeners always leave with a better understanding of the times in which we live, and our calling to live out our national motto: In God We Trust.

In recent days, Os has been challenging us to consider the 250th anniversary of the birth of our great Nation, which we will celebrate in 2026. He's referring to the anniversary as a "civilizational moment," and is asking if 2026 will be America's expiration date or a challenge to renew the great experiment in freedom.

I'm optimistic that we are up for the task.

Os was born in China, during World War II, to medical missionaries, and witnessed the climax of the Chinese revolution in 1949.

He was educated in England, where he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of London and his Doctor of Philosophy in the social sciences from Oxford University. Os has written or edited more than 30 books, including *The Call*, *Unspeakable*, *A Free People's Suicide*, *The Global Public Square*, and *The Magna Carta of Humanity*.

Os has also been a Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies, a Guest Scholar and Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and Senior Fellow at the Trinity Forum.

More importantly, he is the proud husband of Jenny and father of C.J. I have had the honor of meeting with both Os and Jenny on many occasions and have greatly appreciated

their commitment to fasting and praying weekly for America's leaders.

The impact of the life and work of Dr. Os Guinness will be felt in the Halls of Congress and around the globe long past the time that we are here. I know that I, and many more around the world, are trying to live by the words he wrote in his book, *The Call*: "We are not primarily called to do something or go somewhere; we are called to Someone. We are not called first to the special work but to God. The key to answering the call is to be devoted to no one and to nothing above God himself."

On behalf of the United States Congress—and countless colleagues who have been impacted by this great man—it is my honor to recognize Dr. Os Guinness for his distinguished career and impact on our Nation.

RECOGNIZING ISABEL OROZCO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Isabel has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Isabel, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Isabel's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING HANNA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hanna, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1945, Hanna has helped over 4,000 young people in need. Initially created to address the troubling rise in juvenile delinquency in boys after the end of World War II, Hanna has gone to great lengths to transform the lives of young people in Sonoma County.

The two main parts of Hanna consist of the Hanna Academy and the Hanna Center, which each do important work to benefit the lives of the young people they serve. Hanna Academy, for example, is dedicated to working with students that require trauma-informed em-

powerment, education, and training, and ensuring that they will meaningfully benefit from the organization's educational expertise. The Hanna Center, which is separate from Hanna Academy, works to provide mental health treatment and support for low-income children and teenagers, who are otherwise underserved in our community. The work that Hanna is doing to benefit the most vulnerable in our community is commendable.

And they are endeavoring to expand their services. The Hanna Center recently opened a Community Mental Health Hub, which offers mental health services to all people, regardless of age. They also started their Transitional Housing Program, which works with young adults to work towards independent living, while living in a safe, supportive environment. These two programs, along with the advent of their new Vocational Training Program, will ensure that the most vulnerable members of our community are being adequately served and given the resources they need to thrive. Hanna's dedication to uplifting and empowering our Sonoma County children is admirable, which is why they are deserving of this recognition.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, mental health support and trauma counseling for children is more desperately needed than ever. Hanna has committed to filling this need and ensuring that every child and young adult who leaves their programs is equipped with the tools they need to succeed and live happy lives.

I am excited to honor all of Hanna's work at their 75th anniversary gala and fundraiser. This event is crucial to ensuring that all their important programs can continue with full funding. Hanna's critical role in our community is why I am thrilled to honor them here today.

Mr. Speaker, Hanna is deeply appreciated for their tireless work on behalf of our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Hanna on its 75th anniversary.

HONORING THE EXCEPTIONAL
LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOSHUA
E. GUSHLAW

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and service of Joshua Edward Gushlaw.

Joshua was born and raised in Plattsburgh, New York, in 1990. After graduating from Plattsburgh High in 2008, he bravely decided to serve his nation by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Joshua served with the utmost distinction throughout his four years of service, earning two campaign medals, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Ribbon, and the Combat Action Ribbon, Josh was also recognized for his dedication and received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

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Following his Honorable Discharge in 2012, Joshua returned to his hometown where he attended and graduated from Plattsburgh State University. Later, after graduating from the New York State Police Academy, Joshua joined the ranks of New York's finest with the New York State Police. He was posted in Plattsburgh, the community he loved so dearly and served dutifully every day of his life.

While he kept the North Country safe, Joshua was also building a family at home. In 2018, he married his wife Katie and soon after they were blessed with two boys: Maverick and Jaxx. Joshua was a caring husband and a wonderful father to his sons, spending time with whom he treasured most. Perhaps most impressive of all is that Joshua, despite the demanding nature of each of his roles, still found time to give back to his community through his involvement in the American Legion. His commitment to his community was truly boundless.

The North Country lost one of its best when Joshua passed on February 20th, 2022. I continue to pray for his family and share in their grief from this terrible loss; we all stand to learn plenty from the selfless example Joshua set.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, we thank Joshua, for his lifetime of service and the legacy that he left us.

HONORING COMMISSIONER
ANICETO ORTIZ UPON HIS RE-
TIREMENT FROM THE CALI-
FORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Assistant Commissioner Field Aniceto Ortiz upon his retirement from the Ceres Police Department.

On December 16, 2023, Assistant Commissioner Field Aniceto Ortiz retired from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), after serving for 30 years. Aniceto was responsible for CHP field operations in the State of California and was responsible for nearly nine thousand employees.

Aniceto served in various assignments across the state, such as Chief of Central Division in Fresno, a Special Response Team Commander, and was an inaugural member of the Department's Office of Inspector General.

Aniceto engaged with the communities he served to provide the highest level of Safety, Service and Security to the people of the state of California. Throughout his career, Aniceto held firm to the CHP's organizational values to serve and safeguard communities with compassion and understanding.

Aniceto is a first generation American and was the first in his family to serve in law enforcement. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, FBI California Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and the Naval Postgraduate School Executive Leaders Program.

Aniceto continues to serve his community by volunteering for several community organizations, including the Visually Impaired Persons Support group, Children's Crisis Center, Rotary Club, and as an honorary board mem-

ber for Without Permission, Inc. And upon his retirement, I want to extend my best wishes to Assistant Commissioner Ortiz on his new journey.

RECOGNIZING SUMMER LUSTIG

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Summer has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Summer, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Summer'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 Summer Lustig on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE HOUSE, INC.'S
EMPOWERMENT LEADERSHIP IN-
STITUTE 2024 GRADUATES

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the EmpowerMENT Leadership Institute of The House, Inc. and their work to improve the lives of pre-teens and teens in the Greater Washington, D.C. area.

The House, Inc. hosts out-of-school time programs for pre-teens and teens in the Washington, D.C. Capital Region focusing on youth leadership development and social justice. Its EmpowerMENT Leadership Institute, in partnership with the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, is a resource to develop the newest generation of youth activists, creators, and innovators and connect young people with more tools, more resources, more attention, and more inspiration.

It is my privilege to join The House, Inc. in recognizing the achievement of its Class of 2024 as they prepare to engage with issues of our time. Each of the following changemakers have demonstrated tenacity and a joy for learning and commitment to growth: Johanna Jarrett, Sophia Kona, Andrew Curry, Kayla Warren, Kesten Watson, Miles Woodard, Naiya Alexander, Nathan Warner, Jr., Garrett Mixon, Larry Copeland, Lauren Fain, Mia Patton, Treyvon Smith, and Jaelyn Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the hard work and achievements of The House, Inc.'s 2024 EmpowerMENT Leadership Institute graduates. I wish each of these students the best as they take their next step in becoming a leader and a champion for change.

HONORING ARTHUR BOURGEOIS'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Arthur Bourgeois of Exeter, New Hampshire on his 100th birthday. A World War II Navy Veteran, active community member, and loving family man, Arthur has shown what it means to devote his life to his loved ones, community, and country.

On this special day, I commend Arthur on his distinguished lifetime that exemplifies service and dedication. During World War II, individuals like Arthur sacrificed their lives to defend our freedom and democracy. His contributions have left a mark on our nation's history and the world. His bravery and selflessness during one of the most tiresome times in American history has not gone unnoticed. The sacrifices made and the challenges overcome speak volumes about Arthur's character and will serve as an inspiration for generations to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Arthur Bourgeois for his service and wish him a happy 100th birthday. While we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude, we recognize and applaud his decades of service. I look forward to seeing what his next chapter holds, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF WINTERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Historical Society of Winters, who are doing crucial work to preserve and commemorate the history of Winters' Japanese community.

The Historical Society of Winters began in 2004 as the Winters History Committee, initially created by the Winters City Council. In 2018, it became a nonprofit, and opened the Winters Museum that same Year. Their express intention was to be a 'museum without walls,' and to commemorate all the history of Winters, especially the history that had been forgotten.

One of the most important forgotten histories that the Historical Society has unearthed and commemorated is that of the pre-World War II Japanese community in Winters. In 1888, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in Winters, looking to create better lives for themselves and their families. Over the years, as more immigrants arrived, they created a thriving Japantown on the edge of the city. At its peak, the Japanese population of Winters numbered approximately 300 people.

Sadly, as World War II began, and President Roosevelt ordered the internment of all Japanese Americans on the West Coast, the community was torn apart. The thriving Japantown was abandoned, and all the families were sent to internment camps either in

Arizona or Colorado. But that was not the end of the story of this community. When the war finally ended on V-J Day in 1945, Japantown burned down in a suspicious fire. Due to this hostility, less than 15 percent of the pre-war Japanese residents returned to Winters.

This legacy of hostility and distrust of these people led to the stories of this integral Winters community being largely lost to history. But the Historical Society of Winters, along with the work of Japanese community members, has worked tirelessly to restore these memories and commemorate this essential part of our community's history.

To do this, the Historical Society took their advocacy to the local level. In the summer of 2023, they urged the Winters City Council to approve a monument which would commemorate the existence and history of the pre-war Japanese community and Japantown. In a unanimous vote, the city council approved the placement of the monument in Rotary Park, where the community once existed.

Without the dedicated and tireless advocacy by the Historical Society, as well as members of Winters' Japanese community, our community would likely have never learned about the existence and history of the pre-war community that shaped so much of this town.

Mr. Speaker, the Historical Society of Winters is deeply appreciated for their work to preserve and commemorate the pre-war Japanese community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY MUÑOS-HINTON

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Muños-Hinton for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Anthony has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Anthony, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Anthony'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 Anthony Muños-Hinton on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING AGEWAYS

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize AgeWays, a human services agency, as they celebrate fifty years of service to our seasoned residents of Southeast Michigan.

Formerly known as Area Agency on Aging 1-B, AgeWays has been a resource for sen-

iors and their caregivers since 1974. They take an active role in helping older adults access services and assistance they need to live independently. They serve over 700,000 people in their six-county service areas, providing comprehensive services such as direct care, meals on wheels, transportation, and health and wellness programs. They have been a steadfast partner for the communities of the 12th Congressional District who rely on their work.

The 12th District is proud to recognize their incredible and dedicated leadership to serving our seasoned residents and we offer our congratulations as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Please join me in recognizing AgeWays in celebration of fifty years of commitment to our community.

HONORING PFC JOSEPH F. MOORE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States World War II Army veteran Joseph F. Moore.

Joseph Moore was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan on March 4, 1910. He was raised in Benton Harbor until 1922 when his family moved to Prospect Heights in North Greenbush, New York. Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 7, 1944, where he served as a Rifleman in the 71st Infantry Regiment. He spent 11 months overseas in Northern France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe, participating in three major European campaigns.

Moore remained in the Army until his honorable discharge on October 26, 1945, at the rank of Private First Class. For his brave service, he was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Medal with three bronze service stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Good Conduct Medal. The 71st Infantry Regiment's Second Battalion is cited for its outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in Eastern France in December 1944 and January 1945.

After his honorable discharge, Joseph returned to New York to pursue a career and start a family. He obtained a job as manager at B.F. Goodrich Store in Albany, New York. Joseph married his beloved wife, Ethel McGeough-Moore and together they had four children, Elizabeth, Lela, Francis, and Ethel. He retired from B.F. Goodrich Store in 1972 after 42 years of employment.

When he was not working, Joseph maintained a fulfilling personal life and enjoyed hobbies such as traveling and smoking cigars. He was an active communicant of St. Mary's Church in Clinton Heights, New York, and a dedicated member of the Melvin Roads American Legion Post 1231, a veteran organization devoted to their community.

Joseph's dedication and service to the United States is truly remarkable. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize his extraordinary life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote during the week of April 29th through May 1st, as I was in the district recovering from a medical procedure.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on H.R. 4866, Roll Call No. 153;

YEA on H.R. 4755, Roll Call No. 154;

YEA on H. Res. Roll Call No. 1173, Roll Call No. 163;

YEA on H.R. 529, Roll Call No. 155;

YEA on H.R. 4824, Roll Call No. 156;

YEA on H.R. 4877, Roll Call No. 157;

YEA on H.R. 6093, Roll Call No. 158;

YEA ON H.R. 3738, Roll Call No. 159,

YEA on H.R. 4016, Roll Call No. 160;

YEA on H.R. 1767, Roll Call 161;

YEA on H.R. 3195, Roll Call No. 171;

YEA on H.R. 764, Roll Call No. 169;

YEA on H.R. 615, Roll Call No. 167;

YEA on H.R. 3397, Roll Call No. 165;

YEA on H. Res. 1112, Roll Call No. 176;

YEA on H.R. 6090, Roll Call No. 172; and

YEA on H.R. 6285, Roll Call No. 174.

RECOGNIZING AARON DONTEZ YATES, TECH N9NE, FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary actions and success of an accomplished individual in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Aaron DonteZ Yates, better known as his stage name Tech N9ne. Today, we join in recognition of the milestones he has achieved throughout his career in the music industry.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Tech N9ne embarked on a journey looking for ways in which he could express himself. From an early age, he began to rap, first using it as a method to learn and remember how to spell his name and later to release his inner thoughts and emotions. Before taking a leap of faith in seeking success on his own, he was part of the groups Black Mafia, 57th Street Rogue Dog Villains, and the Regime, where he began to get acquainted with the industry and would lead him to move forward in opening his own record label. Strange Music, with his business partner Travis O-Guin.

With releases such as "Anghellic" and "Everready (The Religion)," his discography stands as a testament to his unparalleled talent and unwavering dedication to his craft. His talent and ability to create new rhythms and rhymes have not been overlooked and have instead garnered the attention of other acclaimed artists as well as solidified his status as a true pioneer in the world of hip-hop and rap. His success and unique approach have led to collaborations with artists Machine Gun Kelly, Lil Wayne, and Eminem among others. His love for his hometown is apparent through a now football season classic. "Red Kingdom", a love song to the Kansas City Chiefs

as he remains an avid supporter of his local sports teams.

Moreover, Tech N9ne's endeavors go beyond the music industry as he uses his platform to give back and better the lives of those who surround him. Through his work in philanthropy, Tech N9ne has provided support to organizations Habitat for Humanity, Harvesters Community Food Network as well as other organizations focusing on mental health awareness. His desire to improve and further help build his community in Kansas City, Missouri, is truly admirable and selfless.

As we come together to celebrate the legacy that Tech N9ne has built and continues to build upon, it is important to emphasize that his influence is clearly visible among our community as he holds a compassion and commitment to address issues outside the music arena. He is not only leaving his mark in the music industry but also providing others, especially those in the Fifth District, with the inspiration, motivation, and model to pursue their passions while remaining engaged in helping improve the quality of life of others. Furthermore, Tech N9ne has become a symbol of our city and an example of the many talented and bright individuals that make our city our home.

Mr. Speaker. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Tech N9ne for his tremendous accomplishments, contributions, and inspiration to others. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, I wish Tech N9ne congratulations on his well-deserved success and a continued journey filled with continued accomplishments, and fulfillment.

RECOGNIZING TIERRA MARQUEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tierra Marquez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Tierra has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Tierra, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Tierra'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 Tierra Marquez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COCOA BEACH "FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND" KIDNEY WALK AND THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 11, 2024, thousands of residents from across

Central Florida will gather at the Cocoa Beach Pier in Cocoa Beach, Florida, to take part in the Thirteenth Annual "Footprints in the Sand" Cocoa Beach Kidney Walk. Katie and I have joined others in our community in participating since the first walk was organized in 2012 by Rich Salick, Bill Hahn and volunteers with the Florida Affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation.

The "Footprints in the Sand" Kidney Walk brings our community together to show our love and concern. So many of us have family, friends and loved ones that are afflicted by kidney disease, and they need our strength and support. The road ahead is not easy for them, but as the kidney walk demonstrates, they do not have to travel that path alone.

The National Kidney Foundation of Florida, its supporters and activists have made a significant difference in people's lives. They not only raise awareness about this disease, but they have helped push for much needed changes in our laws and new innovations to give patients more treatment options and a better quality of life. This year organizers of the kidney walk will recognize organ donors and their families for giving the precious gift of life so that others could receive a second chance and continue with their lives.

Those recognized include:

Dawn Futch honoring Michael-Gene Futch, Paola Solis honoring Amishadai Solis, Nancy Velazquez honoring Pedro Batista, Monica Beyrooti honoring Seth Anthony Beyrooti, Giselle Rivera honoring Sean Bridges Rivera, Pat Brown honoring Michael Brown, Mary Carpenter honoring Shawn Carpenter, Kayla Carroll Lopez honoring Keegin Carroll, Leslie Collins honoring Jose Collins, Diana Couch honoring Linda Couch, Laura Dawkins honoring Brooke Dawkins, Shebna Dorsey honoring Andrew Dorsey, Jen Eden honoring Blake Eden, Annmarie Wong-Allen honoring Chadale "CJ" Grey, Cheryl Harrington honoring Brenton Lee Harrington, Siena Monroe honoring Jacob Emery Monroe, Jasmin Persaud honoring Anand Persaud, Donna Ramirez honoring Corey Ramirez, Tammy Lee honoring Dylan Rowe, Amber Shillingford honoring Brad Shillingford, Lucille Timms honoring Crystal Simmons, Tonnia Bennett honoring Tekeya Smith, Shereese Thompson honoring Deja Thompson, Traci Tracy honoring Zoe Tracy, Ellen Tuech honoring Geoffrey "Geoff" Wasden, Sheryl Walker honoring Donald Walker, Jr., Carol LoBianco honoring Stacie Ann Wheeler and Cathy Woodall honoring Shawn Woodall.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the strong will of these caring families, their loved ones and all those who have joined the effort and worked tirelessly to raise awareness about kidney disease.

CELEBRATING J.W. ARNOLD, THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FLEET WEEK MIAMI AND BROWARD NAVY DAY

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. J.W. Arnold, the President

and Executive Director of Fleet Week Miami and Broward Navy Day for his endless work in Broward County, Florida.

In 2020, Mr. Arnold assumed the role of Executive Director of Broward Navy Days Inc., a position from which he orchestrated the support of local community organizations, businesses, and government agencies. His efforts were instrumental in bringing to life the remarkable events of Fleet Week, which served as a platform for South Florida to express its gratitude and support for our Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Reservists, Sailors, and veterans. Mr. Arnold's involvement with Broward Navy Days spans over a decade, during which he spearheaded public relations and marketing, public ship tour ticketing, and major public events such as the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service and the Air and Sea Show.

Furthermore, Mr. Arnold is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was the public affairs specialist for "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, coordinating two national tours, including performances at the White House and the Kennedy Center. J.W. Arnold also receives the 2024 "Patriot of the Year" Award.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. J.W. Arnold, the President and Executive Director of Fleet Week Miami and Broward Navy Day, for his outstanding work in Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSWOMAN ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON INTRODUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON CHANNEL PUBLIC ACCESS ACT MAY 6, 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Washington Channel Public Access Act. This bill would prohibit the Secretary of the Army from finalizing, implementing or enforcing any rule that would restrict access to the Washington Channel (Channel) in the District of Columbia.

In 2019, the Secretary of the Army proposed a rule to establish a permanent restricted area in the Channel adjacent to Fort McNair, which would have restricted access to the navigable portion of the Channel by narrowing the waterway where recreational and commercial vessels could traverse and prohibited anchoring and mooring altogether. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington cited security needs at Fort McNair to justify the rule.

The proposed rule was arbitrary and capricious and would have unnecessarily restricted recreational and commercial access to the Channel without providing any security benefits.

Neighborhoods like The Yards and The Wharf have reinvigorated community engagement on the waterfront, and the Channel is increasingly used for regional transportation and recreation. The stretch of the Channel past Fort McNair is the only connection to the Potomac River. The rule would have likely forced kayaks, paddleboards and recreational boats into the same space as water taxis and river cruise ships, creating a potentially dangerous situation.

I hosted a public meeting in which community members expressed overwhelming opposition to the proposed rule, but military officials did not address the question of whether less restrictive measures could provide the same security. I then wrote asking Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to direct the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the proposed rule and to prohibit these agencies from proposing a similar rule. In 2021, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed a version of this bill. In 2022, the U.S. Army withdrew the proposed rule. Nevertheless, this bill is necessary to ensure that the Secretary of the Army does not finalize, implement or enforce a rule that would restrict public access to the Channel.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING DR. TIM RYAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tim Ryan's exemplary career. Dr. Ryan is currently serving as President of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and will now become the Chancellor. As Dr. Tim Ryan begins his retirement, he will be an advisor to the College.

Dr. Ryan grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the East Liberty area pre and post Urban Development. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration from the University of New Haven in 1993, a master's in business administration from the University of New Haven in 1996, and a Doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania in 2003.

He started his culinary career as a dishwasher at 13, working for Chef Nino Sorci or Nino's Restaurant in East Liberty. After graduating with an associate degree in occupational studies from the Culinary Institute of America in 1977, at 21, he became an executive chef of La Normande in Shadyside. In July of 1980, Dr. Ryan was featured on the cover of Pittsburgh Magazine's "Pittsburgh's Culinary Revolution." Dr. Ryan returned to the CIA in 1982 to join the faculty.

Over the next 42 years, Dr. Ryan drove extraordinary growth and global impact at the CIA. He served as a director, vice president, and executive vice president before ultimately being named president in 2001, making him the College's first alum to hold the position. As CIA President, he acquired and added branch campuses such as CIA at Copia, in Napa Valley, CIA San Antonio, Texas, Singapore, and the growth of the Hyde Park, New York campus. These locations have become centers of food, wine, spirits, beverage, and culinary education, where the next generation of chefs, sommeliers, and food and hospitality leaders are developed.

Throughout Dr. Ryan's career, he has positively impacted the food and beverage industry through his platform as CIA president and numerous other leadership positions. He was elected President of the American Culinary Federation, the Nation's largest organization of chefs, and was elected to the Board of Direc-

tors of the National Restaurant Association. In 2023, Dr. Ryan was appointed to the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Culinary Partnership. The "Kitchen Cabinet" was charged to find innovative ways of embracing food, hospitality, and community as diplomatic tools to engage world leaders, further crosscultural dialogue, and strengthen our bilateral relationships.

Dr. Ryan was named "One of the 50 Most Powerful People in Food" by Nation's Restaurant News and has received awards from countless food industry organizations. Dr. Ryan is one of five Americans to ever receive the Presidential Medal from the World Association of Chefs Societies, and he was inducted into the James Beard Foundation's who's who of Food and Beverage in America.

Mr. Speaker, no modern culinary educator or culinarian has had as much influence on American Food dining or the culinary profession as Dr. Tim Ryan. His efforts have not only cultivated and shaped the next generation of culinarians, but also has left a legacy of what it means to be an exquisite person. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON MUNOZ-ORTEGA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brandon Munoz-Ortega for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Brandon has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Brandon, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Brandon'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 Brandon Munoz-Ortega on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNUAL BRONX BANKERS BREAKFAST

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the celebration of the 25th annual Bronx Bankers Breakfast. The Breakfast is an opportunity for members of the Bronx finance community to come together to speak on the state of our community's economy, to honor members for their monumental work in the Bronx, and to share ideas on how we can continue improving the Bronx. A special thanks to the hosts of the event for all their hard work setting up this event. The Business Initiative Corporation of New York (BICNY). The Bronx Economic Development

Corporation (BXEDC), and our esteemed Borough President Vanessa Gibson all play integral roles in our community and this event.

BICNY is a community-based lending institution that helps Businesses in the Bronx access the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 loans. BICNY provides lower interest rate loans and long-term capital for a business community that has historically been ignored by investors. As of April of this year BICNY has facilitated over \$365,000 in loans to small businesses in the Bronx community, with \$330,000 in loans already closed. BICNY's work has also been impactful for small business workers. BICNY's assistance helped to retain 454 jobs and helped to create more than 1,600 jobs in Bronx small businesses as of April 1st.

Since 1981, The Bronx Economic Development Corporation (BXEDC) has been supporting economic prosperity in the Bronx by providing access to funds for Bronx small businesses that have historically had trouble acquiring capital. BXEDC has over 820 million specifically allocated for the South Bronx. BXEDC has transformed the outlook for small businesses in the Bronx through their programs like the Bronx Business Continuity Loan (BBCL) program, with the average loan licensed being \$72,000. BXEDC has also invested in creating a green future through working with local colleges and universities, awarding \$1 million to Bronx Community College to create greener technology on campus, along with reviving downtown by allotting \$1 million to the twelve Bronx Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

I am truly grateful to the members of these organizations that help the Bronx flourish economically. I look forward to seeing the growth and success of small businesses in the Bronx.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF RYAN PROPIS

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ryan J. Propis for his distinguished service to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the United States Congress.

Ryan is a proud alumnus of the University of Florida and the University of Miami School of Law. Armed with a profound commitment to public service, Ryan embarked on his professional career as a legal fellow with the House Foreign Affairs Committee in 2013 before working as a legislative staffer to then-Congressman Ted Yoho. Subsequently, in 2015, he joined the House Committee on Homeland Security for his first tour, where he served as Counsel and Senior Counsel under the leadership of then-Chairman MICHAEL MCCAUL. In a testament to his hard work and leadership, he was asked to join the Executive Branch, where he became an invaluable aide to the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in 2018. Again, Ryan's dedication to our Nation's security earned him a promotion to become TSA's Chief of Staff in 2019. There, he capably led a workforce dedicated to protecting the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce.

At the end of the Trump Administration, Ryan returned to the Homeland Security Committee as General Counsel under the leadership of then-Ranking Member John Katko. Later in 2021, Ryan took on an additional role as Deputy Staff Director. He has served with distinction in both roles since. Having worked with Ryan since the beginning of the 118th Congress, I have seen firsthand how Ryan exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. He possesses a wealth of knowledge in homeland security policy and the challenges facing our Nation every day. He has served the Homeland Security Committee faithfully under the leadership of three different chairmen or ranking member. Ryan's invaluable contributions have significantly benefitted the Committee's approach to our nation's greatest challenges, from the crisis at our Southwest border to the increasing threat of cyberattacks.

Ryan's steady leadership and wise counsel have helped ensure a seamless transition during a period of significant change, as Republicans took the House Majority in 2023 and the Committee on Homeland Security gained a new Chairman. He has been a key part of our historic successes this Congress—from the passage of H.R. 2 to the accountability of the Department of Homeland Security we have delivered for the American people.

I am deeply grateful for Ryan's invaluable service to the Committee and our Nation. Ryan is a true patriot, and I am confident he will continue to distinguish himself as he decamps for the private sector. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the House Committee on Homeland Security, I commend Ryan for his diligent service and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MRS. CONNIE PLUM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Connie Plum who spent 41 years as a phenomenal educator for King William High School and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

As a teacher, Connie dedicated her career to ensuring her students were civically engaged by organizing field trips to Washington D.C. to tour the Capitol. It is clear from the many honors she received just how impactful and loved as a teacher she truly was. Connie was voted King William High School Teacher of the Year three times, honored for Hardy County (WV) Teacher of the Year, and semifinalist for WV Teacher of the Year. Despite all these awards, Connie will tell you that her single most important accomplishment was helping "her kids" become better citizens.

Connie has set the bar high for teachers everywhere and for that, I thank her. For the positive impact she had on her students, Connie will be dearly missed in the King William County Public School district.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the outstanding career of Connie Plum and congratulating her on retirement. May God bless her as she steps into this new chapter of her life.

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF TIMOTHY WALKER

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career and the dedicated service of Timothy Joseph Walker.

Timothy began his career in 1987, initially serving as a United States Air Force Explosives and Narcotics Detection K9 Officer with the Department of Defense. Transitioning to the United States Department of Agriculture in 1991, he continued his service as a K9 Officer at Newark International Airport and JFK International Airport. Following his tenure there until 1995, he spent the next year working with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as Correctional Officer and Special Response Team member in Ray Brook, New York.

In 1996, Timothy began his career with United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), starting as a U.S. Customs Officer with the Department of Treasury at the Port of Alexandria Bay, New York. In 2003, he began his time with the Department of Homeland Security as a CBP officer and remained in Alexandria Bay until being promoted to Supervisory Customs and Border Protection Officer and moved to Ogdensburg, New York. During this time, he was responsible for front line management of daily operations. Continuing to display his leadership acumen, Timothy was promoted to Assistant Area Port Director Trade stationed in Alexandria Bay. In 2010, Timothy assumed the pivotal role of Port Director in Ogdensburg, serving an admirable three years before returning to Alexandria Bay and becoming Area Port Director, a position he has held since 2013. Presently, Timothy oversees the management of 226 Customs Border Protection employees.

Timothy's 36 years of employment with the United States is a testament to his unwavering commitment to our Nation. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am deeply honored to acknowledge Timothy Walker's extraordinary career, tireless efforts, and steadfast devotion to the United States.

RECOGNIZING SHYANNA MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Shyanna has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Shyanna, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Shyanna'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 Shyanna Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING 2024 HMONG-AMERICAN DAY IN MERCED COUNTY

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May 14, 2024 as Hmong-American Day, honoring the legacy of the Hmong people who served, were wounded, or lost their lives in battle. Their sacrifice, to ensure America remains the land of the free, knowing we forever owe a debt of gratitude for their sacrifice. We recognize the important cultural, social, political, and economic contributions of Hmong Americans that provide generational enrichment and enhancement to this county across many sectors, including CBOs, business, healthcare, education, public safety, and government.

From 1961 to 1975, more than 40,000 Hmong individuals were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to fight alongside American soldiers in the Secret War, a vital part of the Vietnam War, in Laos. But in 1975, the Fall of Long Chen forced thousands of Hmong to flee Laos to seek refuge from persecution, where many refugees and their families immigrated to other countries, including the United States, and to California—where today Merced is home to more than 8,000 Hmong residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Hmong-American Day and formally recognizing and celebrating the rich history, culture, and contributions of Hmong Americans in Merced County and other communities throughout California.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROLAND J. DE GOLIA

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Ronald J. de Golia.

Ron was born in San Francisco, California on August 15, 1937 to parents John and Eva de Golia. He graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a BS in business administration in 1959. Ron also served thirty-seven years in the United States Air Force and Reserves, starting his military career during his senior year of high school and exiting in 1992 with the rank of Colonel.

Ron worked in information technology for thirty-eight years with Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical, Stauffer Chemical Company, and more. In retirement, Ron remained active in his community and enjoying his passions such as traveling, volunteering, bocce, pool, and exploring new foods and wines with his family and friends. Ron was an avid traveler, visiting over forty countries and every one of the states in the U.S.

Ron was deeply passionate about giving back to his community, volunteering with the Walnut Creek Police Department, Center for Human Development, Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury, Crisis Hotline, and the Kennedy-

King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, Ltd. Board. Additionally, Ron was a member of SIRS #146 and served as the club's treasurer.

Sadly, Ronald passed away on December 6, 2023 at the age of 86. He is survived by his children and step-daughter, Stephen (Wendy), Karen Meehan (Mark) Susan Hadfield, and Meredith Longshore (Gary Rowan), wife, Diane Longshore, his brother Jack de Golia (Brenda Buck), sisters-in-law, Lisa Nelson (Brad) and Erin Von Femppe (Gregg), brothers-in-law, Robert Tadlock (Kathy) and John Tadlock (Chantal), and his grandchildren, Kristen, Bryan, Katie, Kelly Anna, Roarke, Regan, and Riley.

He will be remembered for his devotion to his family, hardworking nature, and commitment to his community. Please join me in honoring Ronald Jose de Golia for his many contributions to the East Bay.

BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN
NATIONAL MONUMENT EXPANSION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to thank President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. for his proclamation pursuant to the Antiquities Act of 1906 expanding the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. I also thank Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, U.S. Senator ALEX PADILLA (D-CA), Congressman MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA04), and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for their support in conserving this special place forever.

President Biden's proclamation expands the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include approximately 13,696 additional acres of federally owned public land in Lake and Colusa Counties, California, encompassing the entirety of the Molok Luyuk region within the Monument. Second, it directs the federal Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service to improve tribal co-management of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Third, it renames the former Walker Ridge tract to "Molok Luyuk," meaning Condor Ridge in the Patwin language of the Yocha Dehe and other Native American tribes indigenous to the area.

I am thrilled that President Biden issued this presidential proclamation to preserve the tribal wisdom, heritage, and cultural traditions that Molok Luyuk has been home to for over 11,000 years. This expansion follows years of advocacy by me, Congressman THOMPSON, Senator PADILLA; federal, tribal, and local officials representing Northern California; and nongovernmental organizations, including environmental conservation, public access, outdoor recreation, and off-highway vehicle groups.

In July 2015, President Obama issued Presidential Proclamation 9298, establishing the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. This set the boundary as federal land surrounding the Lake Berryessa reservoir but omitted Molok Luyuk in Lake and Colusa Counties. My legislation (H.R.761/S.393) in the 114th Congress with then-U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Congressman THOMPSON to establish the National Monument would have included Molok Luyuk within the boundary.

In the 117th Congress, at the behest of Woodland, California-based Tuleyome, a non-profit conservation advocacy organization co-founded by my former constituent Bob Schneider in 2002, I introduced the "Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act" (H.R.6366/S.4080) with Senator PADILLA and Congressman THOMPSON. I and other members of California's Congressional delegation then called on President Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to expand the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument and provide opportunities for federally recognized tribes like the Yocha Dehe to engage in voluntary co-management with the relevant federal land management agencies. We also called on Secretary Deb Haaland to order the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to officially rename Walker Ridge to Molok Luyuk. On May 2, 2024, I joined the President in the Oval Office with Secretary Haaland for a signing ceremony granting our requests.

Conserving California's special places has been a lifelong passion throughout my tenure in the state legislature, as Deputy Secretary of the Interior during the Clinton Administration, and now as a Member of Congress. Molok Luyuk is one of those special places. It was a privilege to represent Lake and Colusa Counties as the U.S. Representative for California's Third Congressional District from 2013 to 2023, and I am honored to have played a leading role in expanding the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to preserve Molok Luyuk's ecological diversity and tribal heritage for future generations.

Lastly, I want to thank my former Legislative Assistant, Mr. Tigran Agdaian, and my former Knauss Fellows, Mr. Sean Mullin and Mr. Jeffrey Beauvais, for their important role in developing this legislation while on my staff.

President Biden's expansion of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument honors the Patwin Tribes who walked this land long before our country was founded. On behalf of California's Congressional delegation, I thank the President.

HONORING KAREN URBANO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor Karen Urbano, whom I have named the 2024 Woman of the Year for Yolo County because of her excellent work in our community. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Urbano was born in Oakland, California. She lives in Woodland, CA with her husband Ramon and their three sons. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Davis, and Certificate in Paralegal Studies from Montclair State College. She also received her certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of California, Irvine.

Ms. Urbano is a prominent leader in the voting rights community. She is an outstanding member of our community, having served

countless organizations throughout Yolo County. For example, she has served as both President and Vice President of the Woodland League of Women Voters. Some of her notable achievements as President and longtime member of the League of Women Voters of Woodland include working to register voters at local high schools, aiming to encourage the participation of citizens in their government, and observing various governmental meetings. She has also hosted forums for candidates running for local office and ballot issues, as well as informational forums on issues as varied as redistricting in California and climate change. Ms. Urbano has also partnered with local governments to inform and advocate for issues approved by the local League as well as the California and U.S. Leagues. Her dedication to these issues, and unwavering commitment to justice and equity for all, make her exceptionally deserving of this award.

Her impact is not solely limited to activism with the League of Women Voters. Ms. Urbano has generously donated to the Yolo County chapter of 100 Women Who Care, and to the UC Davis Chancellor's Club. She has served as a board member of the University Farm Circle in Davis. She has also served as a docent of the Woodland Stroll through History, and as a Paralegal at the Legal Services of Union and Middlesex counties in New Jersey. In addition, she has served as an instructor of ESL at Santa Ana College in Orange County. This dedication to worthy causes both inside and outside of Yolo County is awe-inspiring.

Ms. Urbano is also active in our community through religious organizations. She serves on the board of the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California and the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. She has also been a board member and chalice lighter coordinator for the Pacific Central District of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ms. Karen Urbano for her excellent service and passion for our community. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Yolo County's 2024 Woman of the Year.

RECOGNIZING EDEN RAYNE NEHLS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Eden has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Eden, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Eden'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 Eden Rayne Nehls on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

COMMEMORATING THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office for its recognition as an accredited agency by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. This achievement acknowledges the commitment to professionalism and excellence in law enforcement that has been demonstrated by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office.

The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1830 and provides services to over 250,000 residents in the area. Under the leadership of Sheriff Richard Fuller, who has been serving Kalamazoo County as sheriff for more than 15 years, the Sheriff's Office has been recognized as the "gold standard" for law enforcement agencies.

In February of 2024, the Sheriff's Office underwent a lengthy board review to approve their eligibility for formal accreditation following a process that took two years to complete. Through this process, the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission board confirmed that the Sheriff's Office met over 500 standards, covering an array of protocols from the hiring process to policing standards to the conduction of investigations.

I would like to thank the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office for their continued dedication to protecting and serving the residents of Kalamazoo County. As only the second Michigan's sheriff's office to achieve this accreditation, this accomplishment is commendable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office on their accreditation.

RECOGNIZING RABBI ZOBERMAN'S 50TH YEAR AS A RABBI

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, who was recently honored for his 50th year of service as a rabbi.

Rabbi Zoberman is the founder and spiritual leader of Temple LevTikvah in Virginia Beach. He was born on November 12, 1945, in Chu, Kazakhstan to Polish Holocaust survivors. He spent his early childhood in Displaced Persons Camps in Austria and Germany following an escape from Poland. Immigrating to Haifa, Israel in 1949 with his family, he served in the Israel Defense Forces in the 1960s. Following his military service, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Hebrew Literature from Chicago's College of Jewish Studies in 1969, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Chicago's Roosevelt University in 1970. He has a Master of Art in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1971. He was ordained as a Reform Rabbi at the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1974, along with a M.A. in

Hebrew Letters. His alma-mater granted him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1999. He is the only rabbi to earn a doctoral degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the McCormick Theological Seminary (affiliated with the Presbyterian Church USA) in Chicago, Illinois in 1980.

He led his former Congregation Beth Chaverim for over 30 years. Also, he spent 10 years at the Catholic Church of the Ascension in Virginia Beach. Rabbi Zoberman represents the Jewish community at civic events in Chesapeake, Virginia. He is the first rabbi to serve as chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and is a long-time member of the Federation Holocaust Commission. Since 1981, he has served on the spiritual panel of Lee's Friends, has been the past national interfaith chair of Jewish Counsel of Public Affairs and served as president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors, as well as president of the Virginia Beach Clergy Association. He is the only Hampton Roads rabbi to serve as a volunteer police chaplain with the Virginia Beach Police Department. He is a commissioner with the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission.

I congratulate Rabbi Zoberman on his 50 years of service as a rabbi and his dedication to our community.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR OSCAR TREVINO

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mayor Oscar Trevino's career of serving the city and the people of North Richland Hills. Mayor Trevino was elected in June 2002 and re-elected ten times, making him the longest-serving mayor in the city's history. Before being Mayor, he served as a council member for three years.

Mayor Trevino graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. His business and construction experience spans more than 40 years and he is currently CEO and owner of O. Trevino Construction. In addition to promoting a positive city image, sense of community, and financial stability, Mayor Trevino has prioritized safety, security, and economic development for North Richland Hills. Mayor Trevino believes it is important to collaborate and work with other communities to improve regional problems.

His leadership style is inclusive and consensus-based as shown by his service as President of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Chair of the Regional Transportation Council, and a member of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the Coalition for Better Transportation and the Texas Transportation Institute, as well as serving as the NLC's Hispanic Elected Local Officials' President. He holds numerous other volunteer positions in the community highlighting his comprehensive approach.

The Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded Mayor Trevino the John V. McMillan Hall of Fame award in 2022 and

honored him as Hispanic Businessman of the Year in 2015. The American Planning Association Midwest Texas Section presented him with the Planning Advocate Award in 2021 and the North Central Texas Council of Governments presented him with the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award in 2010.

Mayor Oscar Trevino's awards and memberships not only reflect his outstanding work ethic but also his dedication to our community. It is my pleasure to honor Mayor Oscar Trevino on his career with North Richland Hills and celebrate his commitment to our community. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE KOREAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE'S 2024 KOREAN WAR VETERANS EVENT

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we commend the Korean Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida for its 2024 Korean War Veterans Event on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Following the Korean War, the American people and Korean people have formed a strong, admirable friendship that has stood the test of time for decades. It is important to continue this relationship for years to come and I am grateful for the efforts of the Korean Baptist Church of Gainesville to foster these bonds.

I congratulate them on another great event. We look forward to seeing the fruits of this labor in our North Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING TEA MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Tea has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Tea, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Tea'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 Tea Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND CECIL WILLIAMS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life, leadership and service of

Reverend Cecil Williams: a spiritual giant who devoted his life to empowering those marginalized, forgotten and in need.

Reverend Williams embodied the Gospel of Matthew: ‘for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me.’ Through his many good works, he transformed countless lives—in the Bay Area and beyond.

Reverend Williams stood on the forefront of the American struggle for civil rights and social justice: whether fighting against racism, protesting the Vietnam War, confronting the crack cocaine epidemic or bringing compassion to those with HIV/AIDS, to name just a few of his many good works. In a moment when the LGBTQ+ community faced intense discrimination and stigma, Reverend Williams began presiding over the weddings of same-sex couples in San Francisco—nearly five decades before marriage equality became the law of the land.

Alongside his beloved wife Janice Mirikitani, who was his partner not only in marriage but in service, Reverend Cecil Williams helped launch and lead the GLIDE Memorial Church for six decades. Strengthened by their belief in unconditional love and the power of redemption, GLIDE has built a community of compassion and inclusion in the heart of one San Francisco’s toughest neighborhoods. Today, more than 11,000 San Franciscans of all races, ethnic backgrounds, cultures, social classes, ages, faiths and sexual orientations are a part of GLIDE’s vibrant, diverse congregation.

Living out Reverend Williams and Janice’s faith-based social justice mission, GLIDE is also one of the largest providers of social services in the city. GLIDE serves three nutritious meals a day, 365 days a year, to thousands of San Franciscans in need—while offering comprehensive support services, including affordable, accessible, quality health care, mental health services, and HIV/AIDS and substance abuse treatment. GLIDE also helps women overcome domestic violence and oppression by providing housing, child care and supportive services.

Reverend Williams was not only respected but revered in our City as a clarion voice for love, respect and justice. At the same time, he embodied the spirit of our City’s patron saint, Saint Francis of Assisi, who taught us to ‘Preach the gospel. Sometimes use words.’ Indeed, he preached the gospel with his inspiring deeds each and every day.

May it be a comfort to Reverend Williams’ children Kim and Albert, his stepdaughter Tianne, his grandchildren and all his loved ones that so many San Franciscans mourn their loss and pray for them during this sad time—and that his saintly teachings will live on in the hearts of all those who were blessed to know him.

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF GREGORY R. IANNELLO

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career and dedicated service of Mr. Gregory R. Iannello. In addition to being an honored veteran, Mr. Iannello’s tenure at Griffis Institute (GI) and his career with the Department of Defense stand as testaments to his unwavering commitment to safeguarding the United States.

Greg obtained the esteemed position of Senior T2 Agreements Subject Matter Expert at the GI, focusing on Technology Transfer agreements for a decade. His expertise encompassed Education Partnership Agreements, Commercial Test Agreements, Cooperative Research and Development Agreements.

During his 6 years with the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Greg served in multiple capacities including Quality Assurance Specialist, Contract Price Analyst, and Contract Administrator. The remainder of his career with the Department of Defense was dedicated to the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL/RI), where he served as a Contract Specialist, Procurement Analyst, Grants and Agreements Officer, Contracting Officer, and R&D Contracting Branch Chief. During his time at AFRL/RI, Greg played a pivotal role in drafting Procurement Policy, Training, and Implementation. He spearheaded the utilization of Grants, Cooperative Agreements, Other Transactions, Technology Investment Agreements, and Consortium Agreements. Mr. Iannello dedicated 47 years to supporting the United States Air Force and the Department of Defense through both his direct employment, and his contributions at GI.

In addition to his impressive career, Greg holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and Project Management from SUNY Polytechnic Institute. He also achieved an Acquisition Professional Development Program Level 3 Certification in Contracting under the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act. He was an active member of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) and held several offices including Leatherstocking Chapter President, Certification Chair, and Fellows Chair. He also served 3 years on the National Board of Directors and is an NCMA Fellow and Certified Professional Contracts Manager.

On behalf of New York’s 21st Congressional District, I am deeply honored to acknowledge Gregory Iannello’s extraordinary service, tireless efforts, profound commitment, and devotion to the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on April 29, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call Vote No. 153 and No. 154.

Had I been present, I would have voted “AYE” on both Roll Call No. 153 and No. 154.

HONORING SUZANNE FALZONE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suzanne Falzone, an esteemed member of our Yolo County community. Ms. Falzone is being honored at this year’s annual Yolo Farm to Fork board meeting for her pivotal role in shaping its success.

Ms. Falzone was born in Southern California and now lives in Davis with her husband Paul. She has two children and three grandchildren. She is a lifelong educator, having been a teacher, school administrator, and educational consultant. She has continued this passion for education throughout her professional career.

As one of its founders and now current President of the Board of Yolo Farm to Fork, Ms. Falzone has been instrumental in transforming Yolo County into a hub for agriculture and garden-based education. Her unwavering dedication and visionary leadership have not only fostered the growth of Yolo Farm to Fork but also left an indelible mark on the lives of thousands of children within our county.

Some of Ms. Falzone’s major accomplishments with Yolo Farm to Fork include creating over 70 edible school garden programs, acquiring over 24 thousand pounds of produce from 20 small local farms for use in school lunches. Ms. Falzone has helped over 3,000 students visit local farms on field trips and has funded 136 college internships. Through her advocacy, Yolo Farm to Fork has not only been able to reach over 10,000 students, but also has provided them with the tools and knowledge to cultivate a lifelong relationship with healthy eating.

Ms. Falzone’s dedication to educating our Yolo County community about the value of the farm-to-fork community food system is inspiring. Her leadership, fundraising acumen, and passion for cultivating a healthier future has established Yolo Farm to Fork as a cornerstone of community-driven agricultural education in Yolo County. Ms. Falzone’s knowledge of and proficiency in grant writing and fundraising have helped to ensure that Yolo Farm to Fork has remained financially independent.

Ms. Falzone’s work on behalf of Yolo Farm to Fork is awe-inspiring. Her tireless contributions on behalf of the organization and our broader community reflect her compassion and genuine desire to contribute positively to the people around her. Her devotion to bettering the lives of the children of Yolo County has left an indelible impact on our community.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ms. Falzone for her dedicated service and philanthropic actions in our community and on behalf of Yolo Farm to Fork. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING TE'AIRA NUTTER

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Te'Aira Nutter for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Te'Aira has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Te'Aira, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Te'Aira'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 Te'Aira Nutter on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING KEITH AND GINGER MYERS, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOUISIANA'S HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Myers family of Lafayette, this year's University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) Alumni Association Spring Gala honorees.

Mr. Keith Myers and Mrs. Ginger Myers have served as health care industry leaders for decades. In 1994, they co-founded LHC Group in order to address the health care needs of Lafayette's aging rural community. The Myers grew a freestanding single home health agency into a publicly traded company of almost 30,000 employees, now operating in 38 states and the District of Columbia. LHC Group's success, along with its significant mission, must be attributed to the Myers' own virtue.

As LHC Group's first nurse, Mrs. Myers established the company's service-based culture. She has worked in a range of nursing and administrative roles in St. Landry Parish; served on LHC Group's board of directors; and helped to establish one of Louisiana's first rural health clinics. She was chair of the Opelousas Woman's Club board; a committee member for the St. Landry/Evangeline American Heart Association Heart Gala; and on the executive committee for Go Red for Women, an American Heart Association fundraiser.

For his part, Mr. Myers served as LHC Group's chairman and chief executive officer from the company's inception, up to its merger with Optum. He is currently senior adviser for Optum and chairman and CEO emeritus for LHC Group. Mr. Myers is a co-founder, board member, and current chairman of the Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare in Washington, D.C. He is also a co-founder and former board member of the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation. He has served as a CEO member of both the Healthcare Leadership Council and the American Hospital Association.

Despite LHC Group's national expansion, the Myers have maintained their dedication to South Louisiana. LHC Group's headquarters are still firmly rooted in Lafayette. The Myers' longstanding commitment to health care and community is exemplified by LHC Group's recent commitment of \$20 million, over 10 years, to ULL's College of Nursing & Health Sciences. This investment will bring endowments, scholarships, research initiatives and capital enhancements for nursing and health sciences.

On behalf of Louisiana's 3rd District, I commend Keith and Ginger Myers for their generous work, and I thank them for their devotion to South Louisiana.

HONORING JACKSONVILLE MAYOR SAMMY PHILLIPS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a faithful public servant, Mayor John (Sammy) Phillips of Jacksonville, North Carolina. Recently, celebrating his 50th anniversary of service to the city, Mayor Phillips dedicated most of his adult life to helping the people of Jacksonville. Everyone who knows him can attest to his strong work ethic and selfless devotion to his community.

In 1974, Mayor Phillips started his career as an officer with the Jacksonville Police Department and, after serving for over thirty years, retired as Deputy Chief of Police. Thanks to his leadership and dedication, the Jacksonville Police Department became a nationally accredited law enforcement agency in 1991. While Mayor Phillips served in the Police Department, he also worked to complete academic studies. He graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, a premier law enforcement training program in Quantico, Virginia. Taking night classes, he earned a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from North Carolina Wesleyan College. Mayor Phillips also completed a Master's in Public Administration from East Carolina University. Mayor Phillips's sacrifices during his law enforcement career to further his profession and knowledge base are quite laudable.

In 2004, when Mayor Phillips retired from the Police Department, he couldn't resist his love for his community and commitment to public service. After a few months of working around his house and playing golf, he filed for a seat on the City Council in 2004. After a stint on the City Council, he decided to run for Mayor and was elected in November 2007. Now going on 17 years, Mayor Phillips is the longest-serving Mayor of Jacksonville since W. Bruce Teachey. During his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Phillips has been known for his attentiveness to the concerns of his Jacksonville constituents. In 2017, when renewed racial tensions arose, Mayor Phillips was determined to bring all residents of Jacksonville together. He helped to launch the "One City, Our City, My City" campaign to promote healing in his community. In 2014, Mayor Phillips received the Long Leaf Pine Award, an honor given to North Carolinians with an exemplary record of public service. Mayor Phillips has spearheaded much development in the city, includ-

ing revitalizing the Jacksonville City Hall, building multiple fire stations, and constructing the Jacksonville Marina. A lifelong resident of Jacksonville, Mayor Phillips has demonstrated his love for the city and its inhabitants. I feel honored to extend this chamber's recognition of this faithful public servant, and I look forward to the future success of Jacksonville with Mayor Phillips at the helm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I was ill and unable to vote on Roll Call Numbers 172–176 on April 30, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 172; YEA on Roll Call No. 173; NO on Roll Call No. 174; YEA on Roll Call No. 175; and NO on Roll Call No. 176.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN MEAGHAN TAYLOR FROM CULPEPER, VIRGINIA

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the impactful career of Culpeper Town Councilwoman Meaghan Taylor. Councilwoman Taylor has been a fixture of the Culpeper community throughout her years both as a resident and public servant of the community.

First elected to the Culpeper Town Council in 2014, Councilwoman Taylor has served with purpose and compassion. Currently, Councilwoman Taylor serves her constituents through her active participation in various committees, including as a member of the Town's Personnel and Ordinance Committee, as the Council Representative to the Culpeper Renaissance, and as a member of the Town's Planning Commission. She also serves as a board member of Full Circle Thrift. Previously, she served as the Chairwoman of the town's Public Safety, Public Works, Planning & Community Development Committee, as a member of the Town/County Interaction Committee, and as Council Representative on the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission.

A pillar of excellence in the community, Councilwoman Taylor can always be found volunteering her time at Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. downtown events or going above and beyond to connect and deliver results for Culpeper. She brings joy and kindness to every community event and has been a bright light felt by us all. She has been a dedicated advocate for all who live in Culpeper and is well deserving of the highest honor and recognition.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the remarkable career of Culpeper Town Councilwoman Meaghan Taylor. She has built a legacy of service, and her contributions will continue to have a lasting impact on generations to come.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JOSE LUGO

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of José Lugo. José was a loving son, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He put others before himself, and he made people laugh endlessly. He loved music and having a good time with his family and friends, while always ensuring that his friends and family were taken care of. While José is no longer with us, his loved ones are left with so many beautiful memories of him. His favorite places to visit were Half Moon Bay, Pescadero, or any beach.

He was selfless and truly had a heart of gold, and demonstrated this by choosing to donate his organs at the end of his life so that others would receive an opportunity to extend their lives. He was able to save five different lives by donating his earthly organs, and for that he is now a guardian angel and hero. He will forever be in his family's hearts, and with his loved ones wherever life takes them. We love him and he will be missed dearly. May he rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF THOMAS W. KILLIAN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life and the dedicated service of United States Navy veteran Thomas William Killian.

Thomas was born on April 8, 1931, in Troy, New York where he was raised and attended school before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Thomas enlisted in the Navy in 1951, serving for twenty years during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. During his time in the Navy, he was trained as a shipfitter and served aboard the USS *Baltimore* (CA-68), a heavy cruiser; the USS *Lowe* (DE-325), an *Edsall*-class destroyer escort; the USS *Sierra* (AD-18), a *Dixie*-class destroyer tender; and the USS *Jason* (AR-8), a *Vulcan*-class repair ship. Thomas remained in the Navy until September of 1971, when he retired at the rank of First Class (E-6). For his service, Thomas was

awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars.

Thomas married his wife Patricia in October of 1952. Together, they shared 69 devoted years of marriage and had 4 children: Thomas, Beth, Colleen, and Patricia. After coming home from duty, Thomas returned to his wife and children in Troy. Utilizing the skills that he developed during his career with the Navy, he obtained a job as a fitter and welder at McKinney Steel Fabrications in Albany, New York where he worked for 22 years until his retirement in 1993.

When Thomas was not working, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He had many hobbies including traveling, camping, surf fishing, and going on cruises. A beloved member of his community, he is remembered for his many professional and private accomplishments.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Thomas Killian's extraordinary life of service, hard work, profound commitment, and devotion to the United States.

HONORING THE NAPA COUNTY
LIBRARY LITERACY CENTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa County Library Literacy Center as they celebrate 40 years of literacy services.

In 1984, the Napa County Library was one of twenty-seven programs that help pilot library literacy within California, the first of its kind in the United States. The Literacy Center has committed to helping adult learners improve their reading and writing skills in English. Over 40 years, the Napa County Library Literacy Center has helped more than 15,000 adult learners become literate, expanding their capabilities.

With the assistance of volunteer tutors, adult learners can also improve their computer skills, receive guidance on financial planning, access translation resources, and gain skills needed to obtain their General Education Diploma (GED).

The Napa County Library has collaborated with several organizations in Napa County, including Napa Valley College, Napa Valley Adult Education, and the Napa Valley Unified School District, to provide various resources.

The goal is to broaden the opportunities for everyone in our community.

In partnership with the California State Library and Smart Horizons, the Napa County Library also offers adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through Career Online High School (COHS).

With a dedicated group of volunteers and other literacy and library staff, the Napa County Library is proud to be a part of State Library Literacy Services. Together, they have provided assistance to over 300,000 adult learners through more than 106 programs.

Mr. Speaker, the Napa County Library Literacy Center is deeply appreciated for their work on behalf of our community. It is, therefore, fitting and proper that we honor the Napa County Library.

RECOGNIZING DEZIRE MILLER

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Dezire has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Dezire, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Dezire'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 Dezire Miller on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the following vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No 153, and YEA on Roll Call No 154.