

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DAISY BRANCH FOR HER 82ND BIRTHDAY

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daisy Branch for her 82nd birthday. As a devout member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, one of Alabama's oldest historically black Episcopal churches, Daisy embodies the highest ideals of faith and community.

She is also a member of the Cheerio Club, where she ministers to the sick and shut-in, exemplifying her dedication to caring for others. Daisy's acts of kindness extend far beyond her church community. She prepares meals for bereaved families, providing solace and support during their time of need. Her care has touched the lives of many and enriched our community immeasurably.

In representing the First District of Alabama, I take great pride in acknowledging individuals like Daisy Branch, whose grace and generosity elevate our community.

RECOGNIZING HAPPY TRAILS RIDING ACADEMY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Happy Trails Riding Academy as they celebrate their 40-year anniversary. Established in 1983 by T.J. Barreiro, Happy Trails Riding Academy is dedicated to serving individuals with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities. For four decades, their devoted staff and volunteers have provided equine-assisted services to children, adults, and military veterans, offering a unique alternative to conventional therapies. Happy Trails Riding Academy is the only full accredited therapeutic riding center in the San Joaquin Valley. Participants from across the San Joaquin Valley, including those living with autism spectrum disorder, brain injuries, cerebral palsy, sight and hearing impairments, and posttraumatic stress disorder, have benefited immensely from Happy Trails' programs. Equine-assisted therapy provides numerous physical, psychological, and social benefits to riders. Happy Trails collaborates with several national and regional non-profit organizations, such as the Wounded Warrior Program, VA Direct Services, United Ways of Tulare and Kings Counties, Quail Park Memory Care Unit, Central Valley Regional Center, and Tulare County Health & Human Services. Through these partnerships, they provide a nurturing environment for individuals with disabilities to improve their overall well-being and gain independence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Happy Trails Riding Academy on their 40-year anniversary. Their unwavering commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities in the Central Valley will have a lasting impact for years to come.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF BRIAN HILL'S RETIREMENT

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Gerrish Township Chief of Police, Brian A. Hill, for his forty-two years of service in law enforcement and wish him the best in his much-deserved retirement.

Chief Brian Hill attended Kirtland Community College from 1980 to 1982 where he earned an Associate's Degree in the Applied Science of Police Administration. Upon graduation from college in May of 1982, Chief Hill was hired by the Gerrish Township Police Department as a Road Patrol Officer.

His contribution to the Gerrish Township Police Department has led him to receive 7 Departmental Commendations/Citations for excellent investigative work as well as a Life-Saving Award for the use of a Department Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to save a heart attack victim. For his unwavering courage and work ethic, Chief Hill received a promotion to Sergeant in 1994.

As a Sergeant in 2004, he was appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Roscommon County COOR Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Chief Hill was then promoted from Sergeant to the office of Chief of Police on September 9, 2006.

For his exemplary leadership and service, Chief Hill was awarded the "Crime Fighter Award" in 2013 by the Fight Crime, Invest in Kids, Michigan organization for his role in fighting for Early Child Education appropriations from both Washington D.C. and our State Capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Gerrish Township Police Chief, Brian A. Hill, for his four-plus decades of service and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF DUMFRIES, VA

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Town of Dumfries on its 275th anniversary.

This year we celebrate the 275th Anniversary of the Charter Day of the Town of Dum-

fries, Virginia. Virginia's oldest continuously chartered town, the Town of Dumfries has a vast and storied past dating back to as early as 1690 when Mr. Richard Gibson erected a gristmill on Quantico Creek. The Virginia General Assembly established Dumfries as the first of seven townships in Prince William County and officially awarded the town its charter on May 11, 1749. The Town of Dumfries was founded on 60 acres of land provided by Mr. John Graham, who named the town after his birthplace, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

In Colonial America, Dumfries received tobacco and served as the second leading port—rivaling New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. For more than 15 years, Dumfries maintained its operations as a leading port. In June 1774, a resolution protesting taxation without representation was authored in the town at the Dumfries Courthouse. During the Revolutionary War, local men in Dumfries served as part of the Prince William County militia under Colonel Henry Lee, and the Town itself served as a holding place for Hessian officers held as prisoners and where Continental troops were inoculated for smallpox.

Today, the Town of Dumfries is growing rapidly. This growth can be traced back to the dedicated town staff, local elected officials, and the many residents who call Dumfries home and who work hard to make Dumfries a destination. Filled with charm, history, and many thriving small businesses, Dumfries, Virginia continues to add to the story that started 275 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the Town of Dumfries, Virginia on its 275th anniversary. I am honored to represent the many families who call Dumfries home and am excited to see all they will accomplish in the next chapter of their story.

RECOGNIZING SOPHYA SOLE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Sophya 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 Sophya, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Sophya'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 Sophya Sole on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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CONGRATULATING AINSLEY
EARHARDT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ainsley Earhardt, co-host of Fox Television's "FOX & Friends," on receiving an honorary doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina on May 4, 2024.

Ainsley was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Lewie and Dale Earhardt, and grew up in Columbia. After graduating from Spring Valley High School, she initially attended Florida State University, before transferring to the University of South Carolina (USC) and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.

USC holds a special place in Ainsley's heart as her family has a long history of attending the University, including her grandparents.

Prior to Ainsley's successful career at Fox News, she got her start as a reporter for WLTX, the local CBS station in Columbia, while attending USC. She was soon promoted to the morning and noon anchor. After the 9/11 Attack, she went to New York City to cover South Carolina middle school students raising money for a new fire truck for the firefighters who had lost theirs at the World Trade Center site.

Since joining Fox in 2007, Ainsley has had her own segment on Hannity, "Ainsley Across America," and has co-hosted "Fox and Friends Weekend," "All-American New Year's Eve," and "America's News Headquarters." In 2016, she became a co-host of "FOX & Friends," where she continues to bring us real news and honest opinions as a leading, distinguished media personality and broadcast journalist.

As a fellow South Carolinian and USC alum, I am grateful to join Ainsley's family and friends in congratulating her on her honorary doctorate degree and to thank her for representing South Carolina so well.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING
MEDICAID CONTINUITY FOR THE
INSULAR AREAS ACT OF 2024

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Medicaid Continuity for the Insular Areas Act of 2014, which would protect access to health insurance for our most vulnerable Americans in the territories. Specifically, my legislation would authorize the redistribution of unused Medicaid block grant funding to address shortfalls in the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Medicaid programs in the U.S. territories are subject to a statutory cap, denying them the open-ended federal funding enjoyed by Medicaid programs in the states. Block grant programs, however, are inherently ill-equipped to respond to emergencies due to their fixed

funding structure. This disparity most recently became pronounced during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Congress knows well the challenges associated with block grant programs. That's why we designed contingency measures for other block grant programs, such as the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In the event of a funding shortfall, states and territory CHIP programs have access to multiple contingency measures to protect and sustain access to healthcare services. Territory Medicaid programs face similar funding challenges as CHIP due to their shared block grant structure yet lack equivalent contingency measures.

My bill, the Ensuring Medicaid Continuity for the Insular Areas Act of 2024, fixes this critical gap in our Nation's health safety net for Americans in the territories. Under terms set out by my legislation, territory Medicaid programs—like CHIP programs—would be better equipped to address emergencies through the redistribution of unused territory Medicaid allotment funds to shortfall territories.

This bipartisan legislation presents a common-sense, budget-neutral solution, establishing a long overdue fail-safe for Medicaid in the territories. The well-being of our citizens and the care to which they have access to, regardless of their geographic location, must be our top priority.

The gentleman from Guam, Mr. MOYLAN, and the gentlelady from American Samoa, Ms. RADEWAGEN, are original cosponsors of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this vital legislation and uphold our commitment to providing equitable health insurance coverage for all Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
SARA CUNNINGHAM

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Director of Cheboygan County Veterans Services, Sara Cunningham. Sara's role in assisting Veterans and their families in obtaining county, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled has been monumental for our servicemembers and their loved ones.

Sara served the country in the United States Coast Guard from 1999 to 2004. She was stationed in Texas and New Jersey during her five years of military service. She came to the Cheboygan area when her husband was transferred to the United States Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw* in 2014. She has worked in the Cheboygan County Veterans Services Office since December 2015 and also serves as the treasurer and secretary for the Veterans Memorial Park Committee.

In April 2022, Sara was recognized as the Hometown Hero of the Year by the Cheboygan County Veterans Subcommittee for everything she has done for local veterans. She was the first person to receive this honor for her exemplary work and humble service. Sara has also been the recipient of numerous statements of support and heartfelt appreciation from multiple Veterans and their families for the sacrifices she makes every day to serve those heroes.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Director of Cheboygan County Veterans Serv-

ices, Sara Cunningham for all her hard work and efforts on behalf of Veterans. Sara is an outstanding example of the ripple effect of positivity that one individual can start for a community and a grateful Nation and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING FREMONT OEM AND
DOT

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fremont County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Department of Transportation (DOT) for their life-saving work to keep roads clear and restore power during a record-breaking winter storm in March of 2024. This harsh winter storm brought over thirteen inches of snow and caused major power outages throughout the county.

Staff from the Fremont County Office of Emergency Management, led by Emergency Manager Mykel Kroll, and the Fremont County Department of Transportation, led by Director Mike Whitt, worked overtime and over weekends throughout inclement weather conditions to clear roadways and restore traffic to over 700 miles of mountainous roadways in the county. Together, they freed an elderly woman who had been trapped in her car by the snow, secured housing for a family who were victims of a fire, restored power to a residential care facility in Florence, rescued a man caught in his vehicle after an avalanche, and helped maintain power for a family with a young child who relies on a supplemental oxygen supply.

Under some of the most extreme conditions possible, Fremont County OEM and DOT did an exemplary job of saving lives and serving our community during this storm.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Fremont County Office of Emergency Management and Department of Transportation for their outstanding work and service to our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I was present for the vote on the House floor and thought I had voted "AYE" for the bill using my member card but it did not properly count my vote. Had it been counted, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 186.

NATIONAL LIPID DAY

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, as co-Chair of the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition,

I want to recognize May 10th as National Lipid Day. More than 71 million adults have high levels of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), which increases their risk of developing heart disease—one of the leading causes of death in the United States. LDL-C accumulation in the arteries decreases the flow of blood and can deprive the heart or brain from an adequate supply of oxygen-rich blood.

Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), which can lead to a heart attack or stroke, is responsible for nearly 85 percent of cardiovascular deaths. More than 200 studies with over 2,000,000 patients have broadly established that elevated LDL-C levels unequivocally cause ASCVD.

Any comprehensive effort to reduce the number of adverse heart and stroke events across the country must be centered on cardiovascular disease prevention. We must also ensure that those who have already suffered a cardiac event do not suffer another. New data shows that there is a gap in care for Medicare beneficiaries who have had a heart attack. Less than 30 percent of Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries' LDL-C levels were tested in the 90 days after being hospitalized due to a heart attack, despite clinical guidelines recommending earlier and more frequent LDL-C testing to monitor and manage one's cholesterol levels. In fact, a third of those survivors did not receive an LDL-C test in the full year following their heart attack. The importance of timely LDL-C testing cannot be understated. Patients who fail to reach their LDL-C level goals are at a 44 percent higher risk of experiencing an adverse cardiac event. The lack of guideline-directed care represents a missed opportunity to prevent further adverse events.

According to an article published by the American Heart Association, Black Americans and other people of color suffered a disproportionately higher increase in cardiovascular disease-related deaths during the pandemic than their white counterparts. Black Americans experienced a 20 percent increase in cardiovascular disease-related deaths during the pandemic, compared to just a 2 percent increase among white Americans in the same timeframe. A person's race or ethnicity should not put them at a higher risk of incurring a cardiac event, yet this data shows striking disparities exist among racial and ethnic groups. All Americans deserve quality cardiovascular care with a focus on prevention and getting access to innovative treatments when needed. Special attention should be focused on the disparities in outcomes that occur among racial and ethnic groups.

On National Lipid Day, we must recognize the importance of routine lipid screening and management as a critical piece of the puzzle while we work to significantly reduce the frequency of cardiac events.

RECOGNIZING BOSMA ENTERPRISES

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional work of Indiana's very own Bosma Enterprises.

Bosma is the largest employer of people with vision loss in the state. Over half of its employees are blind and employed at all company levels, from production to executive leadership. Each year, nearly 900 clients benefit from their services, learning the skills necessary to live independently.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to support Bosma Enterprises and their work through the AbilityOne Program. They are truly making a difference in people's lives by creating opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired, allowing Americans to be independent and pursue their own version of the American Dream.

RECOGNIZING MARGARITA TIKHANOVA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Margarita 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 Margarita, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Margarita'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 Margarita Tikhanova on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

IN MEMORY OF NEW MEXICO STATE REPRESENTATIVE JIM TRUJILLO

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the loss of one of New Mexico's most accomplished and best-loved public servants, former New Mexico State Representative Jim Trujillo. He demonstrated what it means to answer the call to public service and that public service is an act of love. I am grateful for the love Rep. Trujillo gave to the people of his district and our state. He also truly embodied what it means to be a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

His legacy now lives on in countless lives he touched in our beautiful state through both his important career as a financial professional and his broad public service in the New Mexico Human Services Department, six years in the New Mexico National Guard, and his outstanding 17 years in the New Mexico Legislature. I met with Rep. Trujillo numerous times when I was working on voting rights and tribal intergovernmental matters. He always listened with deep attention and gave clear directions and support. He was a man of his word. His tireless dedication to the people of New Mex-

ico proves to all of us how much we can accomplish together for our beloved communities.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Virginia, their children, and the entire extended Trujillo family. I carry his inspiration with me as I continue my own service in the beautifully diverse Third District of New Mexico.

RECOGNIZING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR THEIR 170TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for their 170th Church Anniversary. Formed in 1854, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd has triumphed through wars, economic turmoil, and the Civil Rights Movement. Their motto, "Guiding and supporting one another, to love and to serve, giving thanks to God for our rich heritage," embodies who they are and how they live their lives as a congregation. The Church truly has a profound legacy of being Alabama's oldest historically black Episcopal church. We are so grateful for the impact that this Church has on our great state and Alabama's First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE WESTCARE FOUNDATION

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the WestCare Foundation on their 50-year anniversary and thank them for their significant contributions to the Central Valley. For decades, WestCare has played a vital role in delivering essential health programs and services to communities across the nation. Since their founding, WestCare has remained steadfast in its commitment to providing individuals and families with the care they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. In the Central Valley, WestCare California provides essential services to youth, veterans, the homeless, and other vulnerable populations. WestCare California is passionate about supporting individuals that struggle with substance abuse. Through its adult residential and outpatient services in both Fresno and Bakersfield, as well as their Adolescent Services outpatient programs in Hanford and Corcoran, WestCare California delivers comprehensive counseling, education classes, relapse prevention, job assistance and family support services. The organization is also dedicated to serving Central Valley veterans through its San Joaquin Valley Veterans (SJVV) program. The SJVV program provides transitional living facilities for all veterans, as well as drop-in locations throughout the Central Valley that offer housing services, job assistance, supportive care, and referrals. WestCare California also addresses homelessness through its Veteran's Plaza and

HomeFront programs, providing home and case management services for individuals for up to two years. These initiatives are crucial in ensuring that Central Valley veterans receive the care and support they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the WestCare Foundation on their 50-year anniversary. Their work to improve access to healthcare in the Central Valley will be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING ANDRES SANCHEZ-RUBIO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andres Sanchez-Rubio for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Andres 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 Andres, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Andres'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 Andres Sanchez-Rubio on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 60th reunion of the West Branch High School Class of 1964 and honor the 134th anniversary of the West Branch High School Alumni Association.

Sixty years ago, the West Branch High School Class of 1964 graduated with 88 students who went on to lead by example through their knowledge, skills, sacrifices, and perseverance. Our community takes immense pride in the West branch class of '64, as we salute and pay tribute to the military Veterans for their brave and honorable service to our Nation. During the Vietnam era and beyond, 50 percent of the male graduates from the class of '64 went on to serve in the United States military.

Accomplishments shared by the West Branch High School Class of 1964 attest to the lasting, positive impact that educators made on their lives and to the strength of friendships that have endured for decades, leaving a legacy that Michiganders across the 1st District can be proud of. I also recognize the West Branch High School Alumni Association on the occasion of its 134th anniversary, underscoring the dedicated leadership and significant efforts that have been made to keep the Alumni Association active and vital, long after the school closed 55 years ago.

I'm confident that the legacy of the school will continue to live on through "The Orioles Forever West Branch High School Alumni Endowment Fund," established in 2006 to perpetually provide scholarships to graduating seniors from the West Branch—Rose City Schools who are continuing their education.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate the 60th reunion of the West Branch High School Class of 1964, as well as the 134th anniversary of the West Branch High School Alumni Association. I wish everyone the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SUNNY GURPREET SINGH FOR ALL HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sunny Gurpreet Singh for his lifetime of work focused on wellbeing and holistic health.

Mr. Singh grew up in Punjab, India where he developed a passion for the environment and its relationship with human wellbeing. His upbringing emphasized the importance of nature, which eventually inspired him to pursue a master's degree at Montana State University. During his studies, he took advantage of Montana's natural beauty and made the connection between environment and personal well-being. This led him to a career focused on healthcare and creating pathways for people to reconnect with nature.

The link between the environment and health inspired Mr. Singh to start a company and develop programs that would make his philosophy accessible to anyone who was interested. He worked to improve healthcare delivery for patients, caregivers, and professionals and implement a proactive wellness approach. He also created a tool to assist people in making positive, long-term changes to enhance their lives.

Mr. Singh continues to give back to his community through various initiatives focused on increasing access for underserved communities to athletics, education, women's empowerment, and environmental protection. This philanthropic work has helped shape the way people view the environment and take care of themselves.

Roundglass Sustain, Mr. Singh's environmental philanthropic arm, has worked to document biodiversity in India and has campaigned to promote environmental conservation and showcase the planet's wildlife diversity through thousands of photos and videos that have reached millions of people.

Additionally, Mr. Singh developed the Roundglass India Center initiative based in Seattle University. The Center serves as a bridge between Seattle and India through their events and collaborations. He has helped students from Punjab pursue a legal education at Seattle University's School of Law through the Center's Punjab Scholarship. The Center also funds research that is aimed at gaining insights into the major challenges confronting societies today and promotes conversations on regional and national social and economic transformations for India.

Sunny Singh's life is the embodiment of the American Dream. As a fellow immigrant from India, I am deeply honored to commemorate Sunny Singh's significant contributions and accomplishments. Mr. Sunny Gurpreet Singh has empowered and uplifted countless individuals across the United States and India, and it is for that impact, Mr. Speaker, that I wish to extend my gratitude and appreciation to Sunny Gurpreet Singh.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELK RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Elk Run Baptist Church.

Today, I am honored to celebrate the Elk Run Baptist Church community, which since 1874 has built a legacy of service. The community first met under a chestnut tree located near the home of the late Deacon Henry Spotswood, Sr. in Madison County, Virginia. Soon after, Reverend Frank Tibbs became the church's first pastor.

Through the decades, Elk Run Baptist Church has faced trying times, such as a fire in 1954 that destroyed the church and displaced congregants for two years. However, in the face of adversity, this resilient community responded with tenacity and devotion. Today, Elk Run Baptist Church is known for having a welcoming and service-minded congregation that continues to provide support to its members through its worship and programming.

Elk Run Baptist Church has been a steadfast pillar of hope for Madison County and its residents. Under the current leadership of Reverend Maurice Evans, Elk Run Baptist Church has continued to have a positive impact on the Madison County community—from partnering with Virginia Food Ministry to feed the community to making sure their church is a safe haven for all who need it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Elk Run Baptist Church on their 150th anniversary. I am honored to represent the families and individuals who make up the Elk Run Baptist Church community and look forward to celebrating their continued success for years to come.

RECOGNIZING CAITLEN RULIFFSON

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Caitlen 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 Caitlen, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

This award is a testament to Caitlen’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 Caitlen Ruliffson on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES COLLINS

HON. NANCY MACE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Colonel James Collins’ service as the Chief, House Liaison Division, Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, where he was responsible for the liaison between the Army and the United States House of Representatives. A truly outstanding leader of impeccable character, Colonel Collins skillfully managed an office that played a vital role in advancing the Army’s interests while maintaining effective relationships with the 117th and 118th Congress during a critical time in our Nation’s history.

Under Colonel Collins’ leadership, the House Liaison Division conducted numerous outreach events to enhance congressional trust and confidence during two National Defense Authorization Act legislative cycles. The House Liaison Team was instrumental during MLA luncheons and enabled countless engagements that provided members and staff the opportunity to speak directly with Army Senior Leaders from both the Secretariat and Army Staff.

Colonel Collins was instrumental in enhancing the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison within the Army Secretariat and Headquarters, Department of the Army Staff, as well as the Army’s standing with the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and commend Colonel Collins’ personal example, commitment to excellence, and exemplary performance of duty that reflects distinct credit upon himself, the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, and the United States Army. We bid Colonel Collins farewell and best wishes in his next assignment as the Citadel’s Professor of Military Science.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTINA SCHEPPELMANN’S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christina Scheppelmann, who is stepping down after five years of service as the General Director of Seattle Opera.

Seattle Opera thrived under Christina’s leadership. Her passion for the performing arts will undoubtedly leave a mark on the City of Seattle for years to come. In the process of navigating a global pandemic that halted over two years of in-house performances, Christina led Seattle Opera to be able to deliver the entirety

of its programming during the 2020–2021 season by recording performances for patrons to stream online. She helped hire artists to present free, online performances and expand virtual educational programming for youth and Veterans. When pandemic restrictions began to partially lift in 2021, Christina committed to offering Seattle Opera’s first celebratory outdoor rendition of “Die Walkure” by Richard Wagner.

Throughout her tenure, Christina forged a deep commitment to community engagement as well as diversity, equity and inclusion. Under her leadership, the Seattle Opera presented a number of works by and about people of color. The productions included “Blue”, a story about a Black family that draws strength from their community in the face of a police killing and “Bound”, a story about a daughter of Vietnamese immigrants, as well as A Thousand Splendid Suns and X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X. In all of these productions, she engaged the community through Advisory Boards, outreach to the specific communities represented in the productions, and nonprofit organizations working on the issues. Her goal, in her words to me, was that these productions “showcase how Seattle Opera is keeping relevant stories centered on-stage.”

In 2020, she led Seattle Opera to launch its Racial Equity and Social Impact plan. The effort contributed toward hiring a diverse staff and brought over 100 new artists from around the world to debut performances. Her addition of community programs such as the Jane Lang Davis Creation Lab and the Seattle Arts Fellowship—will serve as trademark opportunities for underrepresented communities to build careers in the arts.

Christina’s leadership at the Seattle Opera exemplifies the need for all of us in the United States to ensure we support the arts and the unique ability arts have to add positively to our society. As Christina moves on from her role at the end of the 2023–24 season to lead La Monnaie De Munt in Brussels, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating her many accomplishments and contributions to Seattle Opera. On behalf of Washington’s 7th Congressional District, I thank Christina for her service to the people of the Pacific Northwest and dedication to the performing arts.

HONORING SUELLEN BRILL BRAZIL

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suellen Brill Brazil, a resident of Daphne, Alabama, as she is inaugurated as the 55th International President of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC). This ceremony will take place on July 1, 2024, in Chicago, Illinois.

She is the first International President from Alabama in GFWC’s 134-year history, and she will serve in this capacity from 2024 to 2026. Her leadership theme, “Educate, Engage, Empower,” aims to encourage meaningful discussions, provide skills, and promote action. Suellen brings over 50 years of experience in various leadership roles, characterized by enthusiasm and dedication. GFWC, a global vol-

unteer service organization, focuses on issues like domestic violence, food insecurity, and education.

Suellen has been active in her local community, especially in addressing domestic violence and supporting the vulnerable. Professionally, Suellen concluded a 44-year career as an Elementary Administrator, managing schools and students. She is also active in her church and is a proud mother and grandmother. Suellen’s presidency represents a significant milestone for GFWC, bringing her wealth of experience and dedication to furthering its mission of community service and empowerment.

We are so grateful for all she has done for Alabama’s First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MONICA TELLES RODRIGUEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Monica 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 Monica, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Monica’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 Monica Telles Rodriguez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF ROY WHITEAKER

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and public service career of Sutter County Sheriff Roy Whiteaker who recently passed away at the age of 84 years old.

Roy was born in Calico Rock, Arkansas, to Corbin and Irene Whiteaker. From a young age, Roy displayed a strong sense of duty and integrity, traits that would guide him throughout his life and career.

Roy would join the United States Army in 1959, where he would become a military policeman beginning his law enforcement career. While in the Army, Roy was stationed in Panama for nearly three years, where he would marry his wife.

The young family would then move to Yuba City in 1962, where Roy would continue his law enforcement career with the City of Yuba City Police Department, being hired as the City’s first narcotics Detective. He would also be instrumental in helping to organize the first Yuba-Sutter Narcotics Task Force.

Roy would then run for Sutter County Sheriff serving from 1971 to 1990; when he was first

elected as Sheriff, he was reportedly the youngest Sheriff ever elected in California at that time.

During his tenure, Sheriff Whiteaker would oversee many high-profile cases such as the arrest of Juan Corona, who was convicted of murder after 25 bodies were found buried in Sutter County orchards; as well as in 1989 when the Sutter County Sheriff Office seized \$4.25 million worth of illegal drugs, or what would be \$11 million today accounting for inflation.

Current Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes was quoted as saying, "Roy was a tremendous leader and he served as a mentor to so many, including myself. He will be missed but never forgotten." The impact of Sheriff Whiteaker cannot be understated, he helped mold and influence the Sutter County Sheriff's Office into the force that it is today.

Roy is survived by his loving wife Gladys, along with his two children Janet Tracy, and Jim Whiteaker, as well as many grandchildren. On behalf of the people of Northern California, I thank Sheriff Roy Whiteaker for his service to the Sutter County community. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace.

WELCOME EMILY CLAIRE OLSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dustin and Carolyn Olson, of Denver, Colorado, on the birth of their new baby daughter, Emily Claire Olson, was born on April 29, 2024, at 2:45 a.m., weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces. She has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by her parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Her birth is a blessing. On behalf of my wife Roxanne, and our entire family, we want to wish Dustin, Carolyn, and Emily all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my votes for H.R. 6192, H.J. Res. 98, and H.R. 7423. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 182; NAY on Roll Call No. 183; YEA on Roll Call No. 184; YEA on Roll Call No. 185; and YEA on Roll Call No. 186.

RECOGNIZING MATHANIEL
SANCHEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mathaniel Sanchez for earning

the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Mathaniel 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 Mathaniel, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Mathaniel'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 Mathaniel Sanchez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 153.

HONORING MS. MIA NORTON

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Mia Norton for her invaluable work as a congressional intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions she has made to the office and serving the people of Western North Carolina this spring.

Mia is from Clyde, North Carolina, located in NC-11. She will soon be concluding her sophomore year at American University, where she is studying journalism and political science.

Interns work with congressional staff to serve constituents in my district. Mia was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants, and she exceeded every expectation.

It was a pleasure to work with Mia, and I am proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. Mia exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that Western North Carolina has to offer. Congratulations to Mia on the successful completion of her internship.

HONORING THE CENTRAL
CABARRUS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the Central Cabarrus boy's high school basketball team on winning back-to-back 3A state championships. In recent years, the Central Cabarrus Vikings have been the dominant force to reckon with in North Carolina boys' basketball.

Local Charlotte news anchor Jim Tritsch described it perfectly when he said, "there is no defense they cannot breach; there is no level of dominance they can't unlock."

Led by Coach Jim Baker, the Vikings put up an astounding record of 95-1 over the past three seasons. The Vikings' most recent win not only earned them a second consecutive championship but raised Central Cabarrus' winning streak to 65 straight games, the longest current winning streak in the country.

Once again, on behalf of the 8th District of North Carolina, congratulations to Coach Baker and Viking Nation on this outstanding achievement.

RECOGNIZING BRUNO SUACEDO
MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Bruno 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 Bruno, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Bruno'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 Bruno Suacedo Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF
TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of a milestone in our region's history. Toledo Public Schools celebrated 175 years of education today.

As the school system notes, "or 175 years, Toledo Public Schools has been one of the most influential institutions in the history of our city. The lives of hundreds of thousands of Toledoans have been formed within the walls of their neighborhood schools, leading to each one's mark on the future of our society. From its inception on May 8, 1849 to present day, TPS remains a progressive, forward-thinking school district."

The first Toledo Public School Board was convened 175 years ago today. Only two years later, in 1851, Lagrange School was the first school to open. Two years after that, on August 15, 1853, the cornerstone was laid for the high school. When it opened in 1854 it also provided an education for girls, graduating the first young lady in the original Class of 1857. Leading social change again and again, Toledo Public Schools became integrated in 1871 and opened a school for children with disabilities in 1918.

Toledo has long been at the forefront of the election of women to public office, starting with the election of Pauline Steinem to the board of education in 1904, the first woman elected any office in the city. Many years later, in 1990 Toledo Public Schools would once again prove itself a progressive agent for change with the appointment of Dr. Crystal Ellis, a longtime educator, as the first African-American Superintendent.

In addition to academic excellence, vocational and college preparatory training, Toledo Public Schools' students have won praise on the athletic field as well. From its beginnings, when Scott High School was declared the national football champs in 1916 and subsequent years, Toledo Public Schools have boasted many powerhouse athletic teams. At the same time, leading citizens in our community trace part of their success to the lessons learned in Toledo Public Schools.

Reflecting the general population growth during the baby boom generation, Toledo Public Schools saw its highest numbers of both schools and students during the 1960s. Even now, it remains one of the area's largest employers and the fourth largest school district in the State of Ohio. Today, Toledo Public Schools is led by Dr. Romulus Durant, himself a product of Toledo Public Schools, who ably leads the school district's navigation in the 21st Century, declaring students, teachers, parents, administrators, and community to be "TPS Proud."

Toledo Public Schools is the core of our city. Graduates of years past, present and future are tied to one another with an invisible thread with memories and experience connecting them.

In the Fall of 1967, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited the student at Scott High School, delivering inspiring oratory. Since its inception 175 years ago, Toledo Public Schools has delivered on the promise of words Dr. King once spoke when he explained, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." As Toledo Public Schools marches TPS Proud into the next years, that goal remains strong. Onward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call vote No. 186 on May 7, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MATTHEW B. RETTIG

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Dr. Matthew B. Rettig, Medical Director of the Prostate Cancer Program at the David Geffen School of Medi-

cine at the University of California, Los Angeles and Chief of Hematology-Oncology at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Greater Los Angeles, on receiving the Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Clinical Science Research and Development John B. Barnwell Award in recognition of his significant contributions to the field of prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Rettig began his Veterans Affairs (VA) career as a staff physician in the Division of Hematology-Oncology at the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System in 1996. He became a leader within the department, and his unwavering commitment to improving health outcomes for veterans diagnosed with prostate cancer led to the development of the VA Precision Oncology Program Cancer of the Prostate (POPCaP) network. Dr. Rettig is credited for fostering the partnership between the VA and Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), which has resulted in the PCF committing \$50M to support this program and expanding services to over 20 centers across the nation to meet the critical care needs of American veterans with prostate cancer.

Along with his leadership of the Prostate Cancer Program, Dr. Rettig is also a Professor of Medicine and Urology at UCLA where he is training the next generation of clinicians and researchers. Dr. Rettig has dedicated himself to the future of the field, having generously mentored and trained over 31 residents, fellows, post-doctoral scholars, and junior faculty in veteran-centered clinical research, a majority of whom continue to serve the VA to meet the healthcare needs of veterans while also conducting their own independent cutting-edge research in various disciplines. The impact of his work is far-reaching and truly immeasurable.

Dr. Rettig is ranked among the top ten clinical investigators nationally both within and outside of the VA and is a major asset for the VA and the veterans they serve. His expertise and achievements in genitourinary oncology and research are evidenced by invitations to serve on local and national committees and boards including the VA National GU Cancer Working Group Steering Committee, Brentwood Biomedical Research Institute, Greater LA Research & Education Foundation, Department of Defense, and the Prostate Cancer Foundation, among many others. Additionally, he serves on an editorial capacity for 13 scientific and medical journals.

It is with great honor that I congratulate Dr. Rettig upon receiving the Barnwell Award, the highest honor conferred by the VA Clinical Science Research and Development Service, in recognition of outstanding scientific achievements in clinical research. I ask that all Members join me in congratulating Dr. Rettig on his award and his service to our Nation's veterans.

RECOGNIZING SUSIE BELL

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Susie Bell of Cañon City for being inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame.

Susie was a pillar in Fremont County and spent decades improving the community be-

fore her passing in November of 2022. Her many philanthropic contributions and hours of volunteer work continue to have a transformative impact on students and so many others in Fremont County.

Susie was committed to advancing education—she built several scholarships for current and future learners, supported early childhood development programs, and donated and volunteered for many events to promote the arts. Her tireless work and dedication to Fremont County did not go unnoticed. She will be missed, but her contributions will last for generations.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Susie Bell for being inducted into Fremont Hall of Fame and thank her for her contribution and commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOSS SCHOOL

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one-hundred fortieth anniversary of the Doss School in Gillespie County, Texas. It is the longest continually running school in the State and is located northwest of Fredericksburg.

Alumni, faculty, and students of the Doss School will gather to celebrate this milestone on May 18, 2024. Its motto is "The small school with a big heart."

School board president Cecil Crenwelge had this to say about the occasion, "The history behind Doss School is truly remarkable. As we celebrate the incredible history of the school and its many alumni, we also have an eye to the future that is very bright."

The original building for Doss School was officially designated a Texas Historic Landmark in 1985. The first classes at Doss School began in 1884. Mr. Tom Nixon donated land for the construction of a school building. Upon completion, students at Squaw Creek and Onion Creek schools merged with Doss and shared the new building. The school further expanded with a new building in 1927.

I would like to thank the Friends of Doss School for preserving local history and this community treasure. I wish the students and faculty of Doss School well in the upcoming school year.

HONORING JUDGE DEAN A. COLVIN'S SERVICE TO MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA

HON. RUDY YAKYM, III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend and fellow Hoosier Judge Dean Colvin of Marshall County Superior Court No. 2 as he prepares to retire this coming September after more than 37 years of serving on the bench.

Born and raised in Marshall County, Judge Colvin's distinguished career in public service

goes back 50 years to 1974. Starting out as a special deputy with the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, a Plymouth Police Officer, Investigator with the Marshall County Prosecutor's Office, and Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana. Dean was appointed to serve the citizens of Marshall County as judge in 1986. In that time, Judge Colvin has dedicated himself to advancing the principles of justice and ensuring Hoosiers get a fair shake before the law.

The Rule of Law tradition we have inherited helps secure individual liberty and promotes the conditions necessary for human flourishing. It is incumbent on us to do our part to make sure these principles of justice and Rule of Law precepts are passed seamlessly from one generation to the next. That mission is one Judge Colvin has embraced wholeheartedly and worked tirelessly to advance throughout his career.

As Judge Colvin's career comes to a close, I am reminded of the saying "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." I believe this quote applies uniquely well to Judge Colvin. The Plymouth community and all of Marshall County are unquestionably better off thanks to this good man with a servant's heart. I am also very happy for him personally in that with his upcoming retirement, Dean will have more time to devote to his three great passions in life in addition to his family: baseball, cars, and cooking.

I join Hoosiers throughout Indiana's Second Congressional District in expressing our gratitude to Judge Dean Colvin for his service, and in wishing him a very happy retirement and all the best going forward. I thank Dean.

RECOGNIZING MR. EFRAIN CASILLAS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable contributions of Mr. Efrain Casillas, the Coordinator of Music Programs for the Tolleson Elementary School District in Tolleson, Arizona. For the past 24 years, Mr. Casillas has dedicated himself to the education and enrichment of his students, serving as a public-school music teacher and imparting his passion for music to countless young minds. Mr. Casillas' own journey exemplifies what it means to break through barriers to achieve success through dedication and commitment. Mr. Casillas has beaten the odds and was named the Arizona Teacher of the Year in 2024 by the Arizona Educational Foundation, representing the state of Arizona at the national level among many more recognitions.

Mr. Casillas has had a profound impact on countless students, pioneering innovative music programs, including the district's first Mariachi, Jazz, Marching, Concert, and Latin Jazz bands. As a native of Puerto Rico, Mariachi was not part of his musical heritage, but Casillas made it a priority to learn it because it is part of the culture of many of his students who are native to Mexico.

Under Mr. Casillas' guidance, the Mariachi band has secured multiple awards, including

the Tucson Mariachi International Conference Choice Awards for three consecutive years. Notably, his dedication led to the Mariachi band performing at the 2024 Annual White House Easter Egg Roll event and the marching band proudly participating in the Disneyland Parade. Additionally, Mr. Casillas directed the Tolleson Elementary School marching band in the Fiesta Bowl Parade for three consecutive years. Mr. Casillas' commitment and talent have garnered numerous accolades and awards, including being named the Tolleson Elementary School District Teacher of the Year in 2015 and nominated for the Life Changer of the Year Award in 2017. He has also received the Esperanza Award from Chicanos Por La Causa and Arizona's Esperanza Latino Teacher Awards in 2018, along with the 2019 Music Teacher of Excellence Foundation Award by the Country Music Association. Furthermore, he was honored with the Music Teachers of Excellence from the Country Music Foundation Award (CMF) in 2020 and featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show.

Mr. Casillas' dedication to music education and advocacy for public education were further recognized when he received the Phoenix Arts Hero Award in 2022. Mr. Casillas' commitment to music education extends beyond the classroom, as he is an active member of many notable and impactful organizations. He has also served as a presenter for the National Symposium of Multicultural Music at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 2004 and as a clinician for the 2024 Tolleson High School Honors Mariachi Music Festival.

The highest honor Mr. Casillas has received is having many of his former students return to assist in the music program as teachers or instructors. His impact is now extending to more students.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Efrain Casillas for his unwavering dedication to music education, his outstanding achievements as a teacher, and his tireless advocacy for public education. His passion, talent, and leadership have enriched the lives of countless students and inspired us all. I join my colleagues in expressing our deepest appreciation for Mr. Casillas' contributions and in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ROSS FREEMAN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ross Freeman for his historic contributions to the Scientific and Technological communities.

One of the UP's very own, Mr. Freeman grew up on a farm near Engadine. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1969 and received his master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1971.

Mr. Freeman invented the Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA), a computer chip which revolutionized programming as we know it. The FPGA created what came to be known as "open gates," which allowed engineers brand new reprogramming capabilities to adapt to changing standards and specifica-

tions and make last second changes to designs.

Mr. Freeman further revolutionized the tech industry with his unique hypotheses and worked to make those customizable chips affordable for everyone.

His incredible life was unfortunately cut short at the age of 41, not long after his vision for the future began taking shape. However, his contributions to society are immense and will be remembered by proud Yoopers all across our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ross Freeman for his contributions to both the Scientific Community and our Nation as a whole.

RECOGNIZING BRYAN SANTILLAN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Bryan 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 Bryan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Bryan'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 Bryan Santillan on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth 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, May 9, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine select Department of Defense acquisition programs.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for Indian Country.

SD-124

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine climate change and the costs to national security.

SD-608

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the National Park Service, including S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, S. 3251, to modify the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the "George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center", S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, S. 3568/H.R. 3448, to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, S. 4216, to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the "Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center", S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monu-

ment, S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boqueron in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and H.R. 2717, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, and H.R. 4984, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the future of arms control and deterrence.

SD-419

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. 2770, to prohibit the distribution of materially deceptive AI-generated audio or visual media relating to candidates for Federal office, S. 3875, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency for the use of content that is substantially generated by artificial intelligence in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image, audio, or video footage in the advertisements, and S. 3897, to require the Election Assistance Commission to develop voluntary guidelines for the administration of elections that address the use and risks of artificial intelligence technologies.

SR-301

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 4066, to improve Federal technology procurement, S. 3015, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, S. 4043, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make executive agency telework policies transparent, to track executive agency use of telework, S. 3810, to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United States Government, S. 2492, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve coordination between the Do Not Pay working system and Federal and State agencies authorized to use the system, S. 4181, to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 4035, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to take certain actions with respect to the health insurance program carried out under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, H.R. 6249, to provide for a review

and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters, H.R. 5528, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, an original bill entitled, "DHS Better Ballistic Body Armor Act", and an original bill entitled, "Cross Border Aerial Law Enforcement Operations Act".

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine strengthening American competitiveness, focusing on the roles of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, Export-Import Bank, and Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol.

SD-124

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of GAO's 2024 Report on Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Financial Benefits.

SD-342

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine frontier health care, focusing on ensuring veterans' access no matter where they live.

SR-418

4 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

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9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SH-216

10 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Forest Service.

ment to address 21st century challenges.
 SD-419

efforts and potential opportunities for Food is Medicine.
 SD-430

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10:30 a.m.
 Committee on Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine Department of State modernization and management, focusing on building a Depart-

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security
 To hold hearings to examine feeding a healthier America, focusing on current

10 a.m.
 Committee on Environment and Public Works
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Fish and Wildlife Service.
 SD-406