

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES
NAVY WORLD WAR II VETERAN
BERNARD M. RICE'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bernard M. Rice, a United States Navy World War II veteran and a remarkable constituent from my district, and to pay tribute to his celebration of his 100th birthday.

Bernard was born in Baltimore, Maryland on June 19, 1924. He attended Calvert Hall High School, where he was an accomplished student and soccer player. After graduation in 1943, he enlisted into the United States Navy. Bernard served proudly during World War II as a Quartermaster 2nd Class on the USS *New Kent* (APA-217, which were part of the Amphibious Personnel Assault Ships). On Easter Sunday morning, April 1, 1945, Bernard helped to navigate the initial landing of the USS *New Kent* onto the beaches of Okinawa, Japan, as part of Operation Iceberg, the United States invasion of Japan. For the next seven days, Bernard and the USS *New Kent* made repeated landings transporting thousands of soldiers to support the Okinawa invasion.

After World War II, Bernard returned to Maryland. He attended the University of Maryland where he majored in Business and minored in Industrial Engineering. After graduation, Bernard worked for his father's mechanical contracting company. Several years later Bernard assumed the leadership of the company and successfully led its operation and expansion over the next 40 years until his retirement.

Bernard was a devoted husband of 72 years to his wife Norma, who sadly passed away in 2020. Together they raised four children in Severna Park, Maryland, where Bernard enjoyed his love of sailing. He moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 2015. In addition to his four children, Bernard has nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

As we celebrate his 100 years of life, we are incredibly grateful for the many positive impacts he has made. We want to thank him for his devoted service to our Country, and we heartily wish Bernard continued joy and God's blessings for the future.

GRIFFIN GARVIN

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Griffin Garvin, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Griffin's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

Congratulations to Griffin, I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING MR. DALE F. LAMBERT
ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 33
YEARS IN THE ELECTRIC UTIL-
ITY INDUSTRY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Dale F. Lambert on his retirement after 33 years of working in the electric utility industry.

Dale is the embodiment of the American Dream. He started off with the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation as an Apprentice Lineman in 1984. He then served as a District Manager before working his way up to CEO, a position he has held for the last 17 years. Thanks to his hard work and dedication we've been able to keep the lights on.

Dale is not only committed to making sure folks in Randolph County have reliable access to power, but he is also deeply involved with the community. Dale frequently volunteers with his church, the Beulah Baptist Church, as well as the Asheboro Rotary Club and the NC Jaycee Burn Center Advisory Committee. Dale is dedicated to improving the lives of the folks around him and is truly a steward of our region. Dale has given 33 great years to Randolph County, and while we will miss him dearly, I'm sure he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Regena and their wonderful children and granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Mr. Dale F. Lambert on his well-earned retirement after a 33-year career in the electric utility industry.

HONORING ROGER C. JONES

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for this opportunity to honor the suc-

cess and achievement of Mr. Roger C. Jones. Along with countless individuals in northern Utah, I congratulate Roger on his retirement from the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) and express my gratitude for his 51 years of service to our communities. Northern Utah has been fortunate to have had such a dedicated civil servant for so many decades. Born and raised in Logan, Utah, Mr. Jones embodies the best qualities that Utah, and our Nation, has to offer.

Prior to starting his career with BRAG, Mr. Jones served as an officer in the United States Army in Vietnam. Upon returning home, he completed his MBA at Utah State University and took what he thought would be a 6-month position with BRAG. That 6-month job turned into 51 years of continuous efforts to better communities throughout Northern Utah.

Soon after joining the organization, Roger implemented new functions and carried out responsibilities delegated to BRAG by the state, helping local governments adapt and integrate new programs for healthcare planning, aging services, substance abuse treatment, and law enforcement planning.

In 1986, Roger was appointed Executive Director and, in this position, worked to improve integration of the various government organizations within the Bear River Association of Governments. Under his watch, BRAG became the model for multi-county government associations.

It is people like Roger Jones and his team who have made Utah's First Congressional District, and all of Utah, the incredible place it is.

I join all who have been touched by Roger's service in thanking him for his work for our great state. I wish Roger nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH A. FLUEHR,
III

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district, Joseph A. Fluehr, III, of Richboro who has been a dedicated citizen and caregiver to his community. Joe and his wife, Christine, opened the Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home in Richboro, Pennsylvania in 1976, expanded to New Britain, Pennsylvania in 1997, and built Laurel Cremation Services in 2010. For almost 50 years, Joe has lovingly attended to families grieving the loss of a loved one.

Joe, the oldest of 8 children, was raised in the Oak Lane section of Philadelphia and eventually moved to Richboro when the construction of his funeral home was completed. He graduated from the College of West Virginia and continued to the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, where he received his Degree in Applied Sciences.

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Joe's commitment to community service is exemplified through his extensive involvement in local organizations. St. Mary Medical Center called on Mr. Fluehr to sit on their Board of Trustees, which he did for over a decade and served as Chairman of the Board for an impressive nine years. Under his leadership, the once small, neighborhood hospital saw huge growth in the numbers of patients it served and medical professionals it employed. They exponentially expanded the footprint of the building, and it is now a Level II Trauma Center. Rotating off the Board of Trustees, Joe served as a member of the St. Mary's Medical Center Entities Board and continues to serve on the St. Mary's Medical Center Hospital Authority today.

In addition to working with the hospital board, Joe served on the board of Prime Bank, a locally owned bank, for 13 years, where he also held the position of Corporate Secretary.

As another testament to his dedication to the community of Richboro and Northampton Township, Joe was a volunteer with the Northampton Township Volunteer Fire Department and served on the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad Advisory Board. He has been a member of Council Rock Kiwanis Invitational, where he participated in many service projects dedicated to making the lives of children better. He supported the Northampton Township Historical Society and has been a long-standing member of the Northampton Township Business and Professional Association. In 2015, honoring this integral member of the community, they bestowed upon Joe their "Businessman of the Year Award".

Professionally, Joe has held significant roles within the funeral service industry, serving on the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors and chairing the board for two years. He is affiliated with prestigious organizations such as the Cremation Association of North America and the National Funeral Directors Association.

As a devout parishioner of St. Bede, the Venerable Church and a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, Joe embodies the values of faith, service, and community.

Furthermore, Joe has dedicated his life to serving and honoring the veterans of our community. He played a pivotal role in supporting the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, advocating for its opening, and facilitating logistical and professional support for unclaimed veterans' services. Joe's contributions extend to providing urns and nameplates to the Bucks County Morgue for unclaimed veterans and donating to various veterans' monuments at Washington Crossing.

Joe lives in Newtown with Christine, his wife of 55 years. They have three children and 6 dear grandchildren. In his free time, Joe enjoys a good glass of merlot, eating dinner with friends, and spending time with his family. He is proud of the family he raised with his wife, the relationships he fostered throughout his life, and the businesses he built that serve the community.

I am eternally grateful to Joe Fluehr, III for the life of committed service he has given to our community, district, and country. Indeed, his care and concern for his fellow neighbors, his support for local organizations, and his commitment to our service men and women are but a few impressive attributes of a truly great man. I am happy to honor him today.

CONGRATULATING SAVANNAH
KOBACK

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Savannah Koback, upon her acceptance to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

As a future midshipman, she will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Acta Non Verba".

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

A vital part of our Nation's maritime operations, the Merchant Marines' duties are dynamic, transporting cargo and passengers during peacetime and serving as an auxiliary to the United States Navy during times of war.

I was glad to sponsor Savannah's nomination, as her dynamism reflects the mission of the branch which she will soon serve. I am confident that her talents will distinguish her among her peers during her time at the Academy and thereafter.

Congratulations to Savannah, I know that she will make this Nation proud.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE
WILLOW STREET FIRE COMPANY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Willow Street Fire Company in Willow Street, Pennsylvania on 100 years of service to the community.

The Willow Street Fire Company was founded in June 1924 by volunteers that recognized the need to provide fire and emergency services to their community. Today, the company's 40-person membership remains 100 percent volunteer-based, a reflection of their dedication to the well-being of the community.

You never know when you might need emergency services, but you are always thankful they are there when you need them. These heroes risk their lives in dangerous situations for people they likely do not know. This kind of selflessness is beyond admirable.

Willow Street Fire Company responds to almost 500 calls every year and services West Lampeter Township and Providence Township. They also provide mutual aid to surrounding townships.

For 100 years, Willow Street Fire Company emergency and rescue service volunteers have demonstrated what it means to be a good neighbor. I thank them for the heroism and bravery they demonstrate daily.

Congratulations to Willow Street Fire Company. I wish them a happy 100th anniversary.

CELEBRATING 2024 U.S. OPEN
CHAMPION BRYSON DECHAMBEAU

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Bryson DeChambeau on his second career 2024 U.S. Open Golf Championship win. This achievement not only exemplifies his impressive skill and dedication to the sport, but also reminds us of his journey from the Central Valley of California to the pinnacle of professional golf.

Originally born in Modesto, California, Bryson attended Clovis East High School, where his passion and innate talent for golf quickly became apparent. His first major golf moment arrived in 2010 when at age sixteen, he secured the California State Junior Championship. Five years later in 2015 as a Southern Methodist University Mustang, Bryson's hard work led to winning the NCAA Individual Championship, along with the United States Amateur Championship. These dual wins propelled Bryson forward, becoming one of only five golfers to ever hold both titles in the same year and launching him into the professional ranks in 2016 at the age of twenty two.

Unorthodox but confident in his approach, Bryson has reimagined golf using irons and wedges that are all the same length. This unique innovation, characteristic of the Central Valley's dynamic style, inspires future athletes to push boundaries as they see the U.S. Open Champion with nine career victories still finding new ways to excel in a game steeped in tradition.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in Clovis and California's Central Valley, I am immensely proud of Bryson DeChambeau and congratulate him on his outstanding victory at the 2024 U.S. Open Golf Championship.

RECOGNIZING BUCKS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
BUCKS COUNTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVES
MARTIN McDONOUGH'S RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a profound sense of admiration and gratitude to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district, Detective Martin McDonough of the Bucks County Police Department who is retiring after over three decades of unwavering dedication to the wellbeing of citizens in the community.

Martin is a native of Holland, Pennsylvania. In addition to his studies at Spring Garden College and Temple University, his commitment to professional growth led him to achieve a remarkable milestone in 2015 when he graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy. This achievement not only showcased his relentless pursuit of excellence but also underscored his resolve for helping others. Detective McDonough eventually settled in Jamison, where he and his wife of nearly forty years, Joanne, still live today. It was here

where they raised their two daughters, Megan and Emily. Their steadfast support has undoubtedly provided a foundation that allows Martin to serve to the best of his ability.

Detective McDonough has always been called to a life of service. Martin's journey in public service began as a member of the Warwick Township Fire Company. In 1981, he took the first steps towards his lifelong commitment to public safety by joining the esteemed ranks of the Northampton Township Fire Department, where he has served as a dedicated firefighter for over 40 years. His selfless contributions to the fire department exemplify his commitment to safeguarding the lives and property of our community members.

Transitioning seamlessly from firefighting to law enforcement, Martin embarked on a distinguished career within various Police Departments. During his tenure, Detective McDonough has held titles of dispatcher, patrolman, detective, and later chief of detectives, demonstrating exemplary leadership and integrity at every turn. Martin worked as a dispatcher for Northampton Township for five years before becoming a patrol officer in Warrington Township in 1987. A year later he joined the Warwick Township Police Department where he climbed the ranks from Patrolman, Corporal, Detective, and lastly to Detective Sergeant. He dedicated 13 years of tireless service to this department, touching numerous lives in the community.

In 2000, Detective McDonough's career led him to the Bucks County District Attorney's office where he was a county detective for nineteen years. His unparalleled investigative skills and unwavering dedication to justice distinguished him as a formidable force against crime. After that committed time of service, Detective McDonough received a much-deserved promotion, receiving the new role of Chief of Detectives. In his new role, McDonough directed a diverse unit composed of 23 detectives including members of a drug strike force, who led or assisted municipal departments in the investigations of the county's highest-profile and most complex criminal cases. This enormous responsibility was a testament to Detective McDonough's exceptional capabilities and leadership, earning him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community members alike.

I am eternally grateful to Detective McDonough for the life of committed service he has given to our community, district, and country. His selfless career is a shining example of civic stewardship that the next generations of law enforcement should strive to emulate. His leadership was instrumental in ensuring both the safety and security of our community. While Martin's presence will be sorely missed, I am excited for his entry into this new chapter and extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Detective Martin McDonough on his well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING KELLEN DALY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Kellen Daly, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Kellen's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

Congratulations to Kellen, I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
GUNNERY SERGEANT STEVEN M.
PHONG

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Gunnery Sergeant Steven M. Phong.

Gunnery Sergeant Steven M. Phong is a native of Long Beach, California. He graduated Recruit Training at San Diego, California on October 7, 2005 as a Private First Class.

After completion of Recruit Training, he attended Marine Combat Training School (MCT) at School of Infantry, Area 52, Camp Pendleton, California. Once completing MCT he attended Military Occupational School (MOS) at Camp Johnson, North Carolina for training at Supply School for the Enlisted Basic Supply Course.

In February of 2006, he reported to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, Marine Corps Air Control Squadron 2, 2nd Marine Air Wing to serve as the Procurement and Fiscal Clerk.

In August of 2014, Corporal Phong reported to Anti-tank Training Company, Site Support Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and served as the Company Supply Administrations Chief, Embarkations Chief, and the Anti-Terrorism Assistant Officer.

Corporal Phong assisted in deploying and redeploying marines in support of Marine Expeditionary Unit 31's Unit Deployment Program and the Georgia Train and Equip Program. He also supervised logistics movements for training programs including Northern Strike, 29 Palms Integrated Training Exercise, Cold Weather training, African Lion and Red Flag Alaska.

In April of 2018 Sergeant Phong reported to 3d Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group in April 2018 to serve as the Battalion Supply Administrations Chief.

Sergeant Phong attended the Supply Chain Management Intermediate Course at Camp Futenma, Okinawa, Japan from August to September 2018.

In August 2019 Staff Sergeant Phong then assumed the billet of the Battalion Supply and Material Management Chief in 3d Supply Battalion in August 2019.

On August 13, 2021, Staff Sergeant Phong reported to Expeditionary Warfare Training

Group Pacific and assumed his duties as the Supply and Material Management Chief. There he worked in a joint branch environment and supported multiple warfare training courses.

Gunnery Sergeant Phong is currently serving as a Canvassing Recruiter in Recruiting Sub-station Orange County.

Gunnery Sergeant Phong's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the achievements of Gunnery Sergeant Steven M. Phong.

HONORING RICHARD ZUSCHLAG
FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO
LOUISIANA

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Richard Zuschlag, a cofounder of Acadian Ambulance, national leader, and the very embodiment of Christian virtue.

Following a valiant battle with cancer, marking the end of a full and accomplished life, Richard has gone home to the Lord. For all who knew him and felt his compassion, Richard's 76 years are now the object of fond reflection and reverent admiration. His legacy will stand in perpetuity, sustained in the countless lives he touched.

'Richard Zuschlag' is a household name in Louisiana that is synonymous with charity, health care, and Louisiana business talent. Born in Pennsylvania, he first came to Louisiana as a young professional on work assignment. During this introduction, he came to love South Louisiana's community, people, and way of life. Ultimately, he chose to stay. Ever community-minded, he recognized shortcomings in local EMS services.

To fill this critical gap in medical service, Richard established Acadian Ambulance in 1971, as a provider of accessible, quality EMS care. He co-founded his Lafayette-based company with a revolutionary financing strategy, allowing clients to pay a very affordable yearly rate in exchange for full service. This winning formula opened private EMS service to Americans of all economic backgrounds. Richard's vision continued to shape Acadian Ambulance in this way, carrying it on a sure trajectory to success.

More than half a century after its humble start, Lafayette-based Acadian Ambulance is a nationally respected provider of quality EMS services—the culmination of Richard's career. All of Richard's work functioned according to his personal philosophy, endowed by his Christian faith. This approach, aptly characterized as 'putting people over profit,' fused his business acumen and humanitarian impulse.

Driven by these virtues, Richard was clearly destined to revolutionize the EMS industry, uplifting millions. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, he deployed Acadian Ambulance's services to ease the suffering of fellow Louisianans in New Orleans. Richard directed this operation out of pocket, in lieu of a government contract or any guarantee of compensation. This occasion was one of many on which he courageously justified his

charity with morality alone. He always gave with disregard to any notion of self-preservation, even when his business could not afford to. Richard's Christian conduct of reckless selflessness foremost constitutes his life and legacy.

Millions of Americans now live reassured in the promise of Richard's work—EMS responders will come to their aid in moments of dire need. Richard's dedication has already culminated in countless saved lives and grateful families. Take heart that every life saved by Acadian Ambulance, now and forever, will be graced with the professional compassion of Richard Zuschlag.

As I contemplate the life of Richard Zuschlag, now in its entirety, Matthew 25 echoes in my mind: "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Lord Jesus, thank you for Richard, and please hold him close in Your Kingdom.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2024, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including assistance with disability claims and foreclosures. There are at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics. More needs to be done to sustain and increase the number of these programs.

I was a tenured professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and continued to teach a seminar there after being elected to Congress. I saw the expert assistance that clinical programs provide their clients.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who put their lives on the line for this country.

RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER JEFFERSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the late Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, a World War II Tuskegee Airman and one of Michigan's most decorated pilots as we prepare to dedicate a community gath-

ering space in his honor. Born in Detroit, he was the descendant of formerly enslaved people and would go on to become a Black trail-blazer.

One of the original Tuskegee Airmen, the U.S. Army's first Black Air Corps, Jefferson served as a P-51 fighter pilot with the Red Tail, 332nd Fighter Group 301st Fighter Squadron in Ramitelli, Italy. His unit bravely escorted bombers into action, providing critical protection from enemy aircraft and without losing a single plane. Jefferson was captured as a prisoner of war on August 12, 1944, three days before the invasion of Southern France, after he was shot down while firing at German radar stations on the coast. Presumed dead, he was held for more than nine months. He was liberated by U.S. Forces on April 29, 1945.

Following the war, Jefferson dedicated himself to education as an instrument instructor in advanced flight training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, continuing the storied Air Corps' legacy of excellence in flight. He was discharged from active duty in 1947 and retired from the reserves in 1969. In his civilian life, Jefferson worked as an elementary school science teacher in Detroit, where he would retire as an assistant principal in 1979.

He has received numerous awards and accolades for his bravery and his selfless service for our country, including the Purple Heart Award. He represented the best of Detroit. As we celebrate the dedication of the plaza in his honor, we offer our thanks for the service and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson.

RECOGNIZING AFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the outstanding accomplishments of Afton Elementary School's Environmental Protection Club, also known as the Green Team, which is a group of teachers and students in the Pennsbury School District whose hard work and dedication has garnered them well-deserved recognition both statewide and nationally.

I am proud to announce the Green Team has secured first place in the state of Pennsylvania for their outstanding contributions to the environmental protection services and has been recognized as a runner-up in the nation. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the passion, hard work, and commitment of the members and the following Advisors of the Green Team.

Mrs. Kristin Slota, Miss Emily Kopchinski, Ms. Angela Petrucci, Miss Emily Kirsh.

The Green Team's impact extends beyond Afton Elementary, as they have engaged in a multitude of initiatives aimed at promoting environmental conservation and sustainability. The Green Team has taken proactive steps to raise awareness about gas safety throughout their school in collaboration with PECO, ensuring their peers are equipped with the knowledge and resources necessary to stay safe and informed.

The Green Team's dedication to beautifying their surroundings is evident in their initiative to plant daffodils, pick up trash, and clean up their school's courtyard, transforming neglected spaces into vibrant and welcoming environments for all to enjoy.

In addition to their local efforts, the Green Team has demonstrated a strong commitment to global conservation efforts by raising money and awareness for endangered wildlife, contributing to vital conservation projects that are essential for preserving our planet's biodiversity.

The Green Team's achievements serve as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the profound impact that dedicated individuals can have on safeguarding our planet for future generations. The students who served on the Green Team for the 2023–2024 school year are:

Abigail Perez, Bridget McCarthy, Chase Geipel, Easton Samuels, Hailey Powell, Jack Fitch, Keshav Dave, Maddie Behme, Rose Nini, Violette Hausner, Agalya Manikandan, Brooklyn Bromberg, Daniel Hartman, Ethan Moses, Hazel DeSantis, Jaya Dave, Lila Kelly, Nayan Aggarwal, Sienna Burton, Xander Matlick.

Avery Cumberland, Caitlin Castner, Daniel Stauss, Gloria Naumovich, Henry Bankoske, Justin Navon, Luca Incontro, Reuben Hollins, Stevie Birnbaum, Benjamin Strauss, Caroline Fitch, Danielle Bosque, Grace Carr, Ishaan Moghe, Kaitlin Savage, Mackenzie Holmgren, Riley Fitzpatrick, Veer Gandhi.

Therefore, it is with the utmost admiration and appreciation that I commend the Afton Elementary Environmental Protection Club for their outstanding contributions to environmental conservation and sustainability. May their passion and dedication continue to inspire others to join them in the noble cause of protecting our planet.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the exceptional achievements of the Afton Elementary Environmental Protection Club.

CONGRATULATING CALEB TOTH

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Caleb Toth, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

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I was glad to sponsor Caleb's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

Congratulations to Caleb, I know that he will make this Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING FIRE ENGINEER
ROBIN BUCHHOLZ

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the 12th Congressional District's Fire Engineer Robin Buchholz for her twenty-five years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department.

Fire Engineer Buchholz began her career as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 1999. Over the past twenty-five years, she has been twice promoted and has remained steadfast in her commitment to service and keeping our communities safe. Fire Engineer Buchholz has been recognized over twenty-five times in her career for her exemplary record, including lifesaving and safe driving. She has also been awarded the esteemed Fire Chief Life Saving Award for life saving service and the Meritorious Company Commendation on multiple occasions. As Fire Engineer for the department, Ms. Buchholz has also obtained certifications in life support and rescue techniques.

Please join me and our community in recognizing Fire Engineer Robin Buchholz for her twenty-five years of outstanding service to the people of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish her well in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER NELSON WEBB'S RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent of my district, Middletown Township Police Officer Nelson Webb, who is retiring on June 28,

2024, after 36 years of dedicated and faithful service to the citizens of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Nelson began his career in policing on June 24, 1990, as a Penndel Borough Police Officer. After six years with the Penndel Borough Police Department, he joined the Middletown Township Police Department on June 24, 1996. During his distinguished career, he has received several department commendations for outstanding work. In addition, Nelson has served as a field training officer, a motorcycle patrol officer, and served for 20 years on the Bucks County South Central Special Emergency Response (SWAT) team.

Beyond his accomplishments, Officer Webb embodies the essence of a devoted public servant. Modest and humble, he avoids the spotlight, preferring to lead through actions and example rather than words. His exemplary conduct serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, earning him respect as a true leader and mentor among his peers. In every sense, Officer Nelson Webb epitomizes the true law enforcement professional—a person of integrity, dedication, and great work ethic.

I wish to congratulate Nelson Webb on his 36 years of service to the citizens of Bucks County and on his well-deserved retirement from the Middletown Township Police Department.

CONGRATULATING PATRICK
ROWAN

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Patrick Rowan, upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto, "Semper Fortis"

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation

since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Patrick's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

Congratulations to Patrick, I know that he will make this Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CAPTAIN JON
DRENNON

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2024

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Fire Captain Jon Drennon for his twenty-five years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Fire Captain Drennon got his start in public service in 1999 as a Firefighter. After only one year of service, he received the first of many Meritorious Company Commendations. In addition, he has been recognized numerous times for valor and lifesaving. Over the course of his public service career, Fire Captain Drennon has committed himself to continuous professional development, completing numerous certification and educational programs in various rescue operations techniques and other technical programming.

Fire Captain Drennon has been an outstanding public servant to the communities served by the Dearborn Fire Department. Please join me in recognizing his twenty-five years of commitment to protecting our families' safety across Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.