

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## NORMANDY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was grateful to participate in the Bipartisan Congressional Delegation for the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy invasion at the invitation of Speaker MIKE JOHNSON and led by Majority Speaker STEVE SCALISE.

A highlight of the program were the following remarks of Charles K. Djou, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission at the Normandy American Cemetery on Omaha Beach on June 6, 2024:

“President and First Lady Biden. President and First Lady Macron.

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the American Battle Monuments Commission’s Normandy American Cemetery.

Bonjour a tous et bienvenue.

D-Day is the hinge of history. It is here that America reflects the very best of its values.

When America is at its best. When America sends its young, its brave, its best, to fight, America does not fight—

—for a king or a crown

—not for a sect or a denomination

—not for a motherland or a fatherland

And America most certainly does not fight for conquest, or plunder, or enslavement of another people.

Rather, at its best, when America asks its young and brave to serve, to sacrifice, and yes, sometimes make the ultimate sacrifice, America fights for simple values.

The values of Freedom, Liberty and Democracy.

And when the job is done, when the mission is accomplished, when America and her allies have taken down the tyrant and stood up democracy of the people, America does something utterly unique in the history of mankind—we go home.

All that America asks for in return for this sacrifice of our young is a few small plots of land to bury our dead who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

You are all seated here in one such small plot of land—the Normandy American Cemetery.

That is why—

—this Date, June 6th

—this Place, Normandy

—this Ceremony, here is a reminder to us of the real cost of war and the real price of liberty.

It is a price that we paid on D-Day 80 years ago. It is a price we remind authoritarians today that, if necessary, we will pay again to ensure the survival of freedom.

—France knows.

—The United States knows.

—We know.

—La France le connait

—Les Estas Unis les connaissent

—Nous connaissons

That the world’s most powerful weapon system is

—not a T-72 manned by mercenaries

—not a Fujian aircraft carrier patrolling artificial islands

—not a suicidal terrorist killing innocents. No, it was, it is, and it shall forever be a free people willing to fight for freedom. This is what today is all about.

Thank you for coming, here.

Thank you for remembering, here.

Thank you for renewing your faith in freedom, here.

Je voudrais dit, merci beaucoup.

May the good Lord, bless you, your family, France and the United States of America.”

## HONORING COLONEL JOHN WILCOX FOR HIS SERVICE AS GARRISON COMMANDER OF FORT LIBERTY

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Colonel John Wilcox as Garrison Commander of Fort Liberty, North Carolina, and to thank him for his 25 years of dedication to the armed forces.

Colonel John Wilcox earned his commission in the Military Police Corps in 1999 after graduating from The Virginia Military Institute, he has undertaken numerous roles including Platoon Leader, Special Reaction Team Leader, Company Commander, and as a Military Police Advisor during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2007 Colonel Wilcox volunteered to join Special Operations as a Civil Affairs Soldier and later would deploy twice to the southern Philippines in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines, returning as Company Commander and providing Civil Affairs forces across the Mindanao Province.

Prior to assuming his role as Fort Liberty Garrison Commander, Colonel Wilcox continued his Civil Affairs service in command of 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, Chief of Plans 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, Advisor USFOR-A, and Assistant Chief of Staff G9 2nd Infantry Division. Colonel Wilcox deployed to Afghanistan as part of a NATO Special Operations Component Command as the Director of the Afghan Local Police Special Operations Advisory Cell and in 2021 was assigned Deputy Chief of Staff G5 for USASOC.

Colonel Wilcox assumed Garrison Commander of Fort Liberty in June of 2022. With 2,500 appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilian personnel, Fort Liberty is one of the largest and functionally complex garrison workforces in the Installation Management Command. In the last two years, Colonel Wilcox has implemented a number of improvements to municipal services, built upon relationships with local elected leaders, and has secured Fort Liberty’s ready status as a power projection platform. Through his professionalism, dedication, drive and passion, Colonel Wilcox has greatly improved the quality of life for the nearly 280,000 people that live, work, or rely on Fort Liberty for services. Recently the base underwent a no-notice departure of the 18th Airborne Corps headquarters as well as the 82nd Airborne Division’s de-

ployment to Europe, both operations remaining agile and effective with the support and steady leadership of Colonel Wilcox. Additionally, Fort Liberty underwent repairs of more than 100 miles of roadwork in failing condition at 60 percent of the estimated cost, implemented a multiyear replacement plan for HVAC systems and Roofs saving the government upwards of \$10 million, and established the “Sunset Liberty March,” designed to honor the installation’s history and the sacrifice of fallen soldiers.

The people of Fort Liberty are forever grateful for Colonel John Wilcox’s vision and direction. Colonel Wilcox, his wife, Nellie, and their three children, Hannah, Aiden, and Lukas, will be deeply missed by this community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the service of Colonel John Wilcox as Fort Liberty’s Garrison Commander and wishing him success on his future endeavors.

## HONORING OFFICERS OF THE VINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR HEROIC ACTIONS

**HON. CLAY HIGGINS**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Officer David Lyons and Corporal Dempsey Lavergne of the Vinton Police Department (VPD) for their life-saving actions in response to a dire situation. Their actions illustrate an optimal delivery of a vital public service: timely heroics by law enforcement officers.

In July of 2022, a resident of Vinton, Louisiana was driving home with her four-year-old granddaughter via Interstate-10. As they neared their exit, the driver maneuvered her vehicle to avoid a collision, veering off the road and into the middle of a canal. As a result of the crash, the vehicle’s windows and doors would not open. As the vehicle began to sink in the 10-foot-deep canal, the occupants trapped within were at risk of losing their lives. The driver’s daughter and mother of the four-year-old child was alerted to this incident via a family safety app on her phone. When her mother failed to answer a phone call, she reported the vehicle’s location to an emergency operator. Officer Lyons and then-Sergeant Lavergne were immediately dispatched to the scene. Arriving at the vehicle’s location, the officers identified the weight of the situation and rushed into the canal’s waters toward the sinking vehicle.

Unable to budge the vehicle’s locked doors, the officers smashed its rear window, through which the driver passed them her granddaughter. While the four-year-old had reached safety, the driver remained trapped in the nearly submerged car. With admirable resolve, Officer Lyons and Corporal Lavergne clung to her, ignoring the water rising around them. Finally, moments after the car had fully submerged, the officers were able to pull her from

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the vehicle. This harrowing rescue, and the incident's overwhelmingly positive outcome were described by witnesses as a miracle.

Details in the incident's aftermath leave no doubt that Officer Lyons and Corporal Lavergne are the instruments through which this miracle came. These officers' courageous actions are a testament to their character. Dismissing the obstacles, danger, and odds, these officers instinctually abided by their oath of office, exemplifying the very best of the Thin Blue Line. Officer Lyons' only statement regarding this incident presents an ethos worthy of aspiration: "We don't do it for the glory, we simply do what God put us on the planet to do." May the Lord continue to bless and protect Officer Lyons and Corporal Lavergne in their service and protection of our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 286, I mistakenly voted YES when I intended to vote NO.

#### HONORING THE THREAT HUNTING OP GRANOLA BEARD TEAM FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE

### HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a team of highly skilled cybersecurity professionals for their invaluable service to the United States. While few know their name or see their work, the Threat Hunting OP Granola Beard responding team saved millions of Americans from a devastating series of cyberattacks.

Volt Typhoon, a malicious state-sponsored cyber actor connected to the People's Republic of China (PRC), repeatedly targeted critical U.S. infrastructure. By pre-positioning cyber threats within critical infrastructure IT networks, Volt Typhoon was poised to launch destructive cyberattacks of immense proportions against the U.S. The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) confirmed that the malign group compromised critical infrastructure organizations in communications, energy, transportation systems, and water and wastewater systems. In a moment of crisis, the PRC could devastate American communities.

Through the vigilance, dedication, and hard work of the Threat Hunting OP Granola Beard responding team, Volt Typhoon was detected and evicted from many of these critical infrastructure organizations. Despite Volt Typhoon operating in a pattern of behavior inconsistent with traditional cyber espionage, they were no match for our best and brightest. Using their expertise, this unique group of specialists shared Volt Typhoon's tactics, techniques, and activity with the public, ensuring that the malign group could no longer operate in the dark.

Americans owe much to these patriots, though their work often goes unnoticed. This team deserves our deepest gratitude.

On behalf of the American people and the United States Congress, I thank the Threat Hunting OP Granola Beard team for their service to this country.

#### RECOGNIZING GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the destruction gun violence has had on our country and our sense of normalcy.

I grew up in a tight-knit farming town in South Texas. My daddy taught me to shoot when I was a little girl. We were poor, so we hunted to feed our communities and make a living.

Today, guns have taken a different meaning for far too many.

Today, Texas has more gun owners than any other state in the country. And that likely makes us one of the least safe states.

Gun violence is an epidemic in this country.

Our children constantly live in fear. They are now more likely to die from guns than anything else.

We have seen too many schools shot up, and still nothing has been done.

Despite what Republicans want you to believe, guns are not the solution. Arming teachers is not the solution.

Seventy-seven percent of my constituents support an assault weapons ban, 92 percent support red-flag laws, 94 percent believe domestic abusers should be disarmed, and 95 percent support universal background checks.

We must put people over politics and work together to protect our citizens, but this can't happen with Republicans' unwillingness to take more far-reaching action.

We need them to work with us to expand on the bipartisan work of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans continue to block common sense solutions.

They refuse to work with us to pass universal background checks.

They refuse to ban bump stocks.

They refuse to finally ban assault weapons or protect against dangerous ghost guns that only make our communities less safe.

And it's not just Republicans in the House.

The extreme MAGA Supreme Court's decision to overturn the Trump-era ban of bump stocks, reopening the door for deadlier and deadlier mass shootings.

We are swimming in guns.

It's only a matter of time.

That is why I am doing my part in Congress.

I have cosponsored legislation on universal background checks and an assault weapons ban.

I am also the proud cosponsor of the Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act, which would put a law on the books to treat bump stocks as machine guns following the Supreme Court's disastrous ruling.

We need to keep our residents safe, and we must act now. We will continue to fight for safety until we get it done.

#### HONORING NATE WORLEY

### HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Nate Worley, for his work as an intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions he has made to the office this summer.

Nate is from Leicester, North Carolina and is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he studied economics. Nate is active in local politics and is a dedicated member of the Western North Carolina Community.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th Congressional District. Nate was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation with his positive attitude and impressive work ethic.

It was a pleasure to work with Nate, and I am so proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. Nate exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our Nation has to offer. I congratulate Nate on this successful completion of his internship, and on behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I thank him.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RANDY WALKER

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mr. Randy Alan Walker of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, who passed away last month after a 10-year battle with ALS. Randy had an exceptional impact on the lives that he touched.

Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity to meet with Randy and his wife Lisa earlier this year, just days before Randy's passing. Randy shared with me his story in a letter he wrote.

ALS is a devastating disease that takes a tremendous toll on those living with the disease, as well as their families and caregivers. Despite this disease, Randy continued to live life to the fullest. Following his diagnosis, he created a bucket list of all the things he wished to accomplish and managed to complete every item on it. In his own words, Randy told me his most exhilarating experience was skydiving with his daughter, and his fondest memory was watching his son graduate high school and college.

Mr. Speaker, Randy shared with me what his life was like with ALS. In his letter, he said: "You can be me for just one hour. Get comfy on your couch. Put your phone and remote out of reach. Standing for any reason is against the rules. I can't stand, so neither can you. Now for the hard part . . . when you get an itch—and you will . . . THERE IS NO SCRATCHING. If you survive the hour, kudos to you. Imagine that 24/7. Welcome to my world."

I was touched by Randy's letter. And I wrote him a note following our meeting, reflecting on

our meeting and sharing this—I will do all I can to help provide the resources necessary to fight this terrible disease.

Randy and his wife, Lisa, were tireless champions for individuals affected by ALS, traveling to Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. to share their story and advocate for a cure. Their efforts extended beyond legislative halls as they supported ALS research initiatives, raised public awareness, and provided unwavering emotional and practical support to families affected by the disease. Through their dedicated activism, Randy and Lisa have profoundly impacted the ALS community.

Randy graduated from Ephrata High School in 1982, where he played football, baseball, and was on the diving team. Following graduation, Randy joined the Marine Corps and served until 1985. We extend our gratitude to Randy for his service and dedication to our country. He was a loving husband to Lisa, a father to Calvin and Victoria, a grandfather to two, and a friend to all. Randy will be deeply missed.

We wish those who are grieving comfort and give thanks for the opportunity to know Randy who positively impacted so many people during his 60 years.

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CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS DURING IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the amazing contributions of immigrants across this country during Immigrant Heritage Month.

Immigrants are the powerhouse of America.

By now, we've all seen the report from the Congressional Budget Office that says our current immigration surge will add over \$7 trillion to our economy over the next 10 years.

But it is not just their economic impact.

Immigrants contribute every day to communities across the country.

They make our days vibrant and exciting.

Immigrants are Dreamers and doers. They are doctors, entrepreneurs, and public servants. They are scientists, artists, and astronauts.

America is great in large part because of immigrants.

When given a fair shot, when given a fair chance, Dreamers and immigrants move this country forward.

And let me just say this, to those who seek to demonize and scapegoat immigrants as they seek to score political points, Immigrants are here to stay. No wire or wall can change that.

What immigrants need now is protection.

It is time for Congress to get to work on a bipartisan basis and pass solutions like my bill, the American Dream and Promise Act.

We have over 200 bipartisan cosponsors in the House, and millions of supporters in every district across this county.

They are counting on us to put people over politics, immigrants over ignorance, and get it done.

It's the right thing to do, and it is long overdue.

RECOGNIZING DAVID HAGLUND,  
PHD

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund on his retirement after seven years of service with the Pleasanton Unified School District on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

A native of Southern California, David received his Bachelors degree from Hope International University in 1985. He immediately took his talents to the classroom and began teaching for ten years. He then returned to school to receive his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from California Baptist University and a Doctorate in urban school leadership from the University of Southern California.

David began his career in school administration by serving the Riverside Unified School District in various leadership roles for 15 years.

When he began his tenure with Pleasanton Unified School District, David immediately addressed some of the district's most pressing issues. He stewarded a \$270 million bond measure for school facility upgrades and fiercely advocated for several other policies and measures that improved student performance and experience.

David states that his favorite moments of each school year are the first day of school and graduation, because they provide him the opportunity to tell every student how proud he is of them.

From his experience in the classroom to leading an entire school district, David has firsthand experience in every aspect of the educational process. He has demonstrated a level of connection with students, staff, and community members that every educator should strive for. His commitment to improving the learning environment of every student and staff member will be evident long after his retirement.

I thank David for his exceptional educational leadership at the Pleasanton Unified School District for seven years. His cheerful presence and creative thinking will be deeply missed. I wish him well-deserved rest and relaxation as he returns to Southern California to spend time with his family, including his three grandchildren.

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CONGRATULATING BISHOP FRANK MADISON REID, III ON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE 138TH BISHOP OF THE 11TH DISTRICT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**HON. MAXWELL FROST**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our office and the Central Florida community, I want to honor and celebrate the distinguished career of Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III, an innovative thought and spiritual leader who after an impressive decades-long career serv-

ing Christ and his community, has decided to retire.

Bishop Reid is a 5th generation AME minister whose father and grandfather served the African Methodist Episcopal Church as Bishops. Thus, it was no surprise that in 2016, Bishop Reid was elected as the 138th Bishop of the AME Church, marking the first time in AME history that three generations from the same family were elevated to the Episcopacy. Bishop Reid serves as the Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District which includes, Florida and The Bahamas, and Chair of the Commission on Christian Education for the AME Church.

Bishop Reid, III, is an internationally known leader, innovative thinker, and preeminent power speaker. His unwavering commitment to putting people first, whether in service as a missionary pastor or as a Bishop, has transformed and empowered the lives of countless individuals within and beyond church walls.

Although Bishop Reid has received countless awards and accolades, his greatest legacy is his faith and family.

It brings me great joy to congratulate Bishop Reid on his retirement and thank him for his outstanding spiritual guidance and compassionate pastoral care for the past 50 years. On behalf of Florida's Tenth Congressional District, I want to thank Bishop Reid for his leadership on behalf of the 118th Congress.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF AKIKO SOELLNER OF HARVARD, ILLINOIS

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to commemorate the life of Akiko Soellner of Harvard, Illinois who sadly passed away on June 10, 2024.

Akiko was born on October 14, 1965, in Hamamatsu, Japan to parents Toshio and Makie Tomida. She married Peter Soellner on June 25, 1994 in Japan, and they have resided in Harvard since 2018 following Peter's retirement from the Illinois Air National Guard. Akiko is survived by her husband Peter; her cherished daughter Mica; and their loving cats Zippo and Q. She was preceded in death by Toshio Tomida, as well as longtime family pets Bailey, Boots, and cousin Sookie.

I join our Illinois community in mourning the loss of Akiko and send my condolences to her family and loved ones. May Akiko's memory be a blessing.

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RECOGNIZING AMIE BACA-OEHLERT

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amie Baca-Oehlert for service with the Colorado Education Association (CEA).

Amie is a bold and courageous leader who served for over a decade in leadership, including six years as president of CEA. Amie made

hard decisions throughout her tenure and led during unprecedented times—including the COVID-19 global pandemic.

During COVID, Amie led with incredible power and grace. She formed new coalitions with healthcare and public health organizations, which was critical in supporting educators with vaccine and PPE access, important scientific knowledge about the virus, and information on how to keep themselves and their students healthy.

She was also at the helm during the murder of George Floyd and spoke out publicly against racism and police brutality. Amie made it clear that educators and CEA would not sit on the sidelines in the fight for racial, social, and economic justice.

Amie has committed her life and her career to improving the quality of life for people throughout Colorado. She has championed affordable housing, gun violence prevention, school funding, and mental health for educators and students. Our schools, our students, our educators, and our communities are better off thanks to Amie's leadership.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to thank Amie Baca-Oehlert for her tireless work and dedication to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF THE HIRZEL FAMILY REUNION

##### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a milestone occasion in the life and history of one Northwest Ohio family. On June 29, 2024 the Hirzel Family will come together for the 100th time in reunion. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the family's history as told to me:

"In 1871, Alexander Hirzel of Diessbach in the canton of Bern, Switzerland married Elisabeth Studer. They had five sons and two daughters. After Elisabeth died, Alexander married her sister, Marie Studer, in 1886. Alexander and Marie had six sons and three daughters. The descendants will gather on June 30, 2024 for the 100th Annual Reunion of the Descendants of Alexander Hirzel and Elisabeth and Marie Studer-Hirzel. Descendants have included 16 children, 33 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, 146 great-great grandchildren, 208 great-great-great grandchildren—and still growing with 45 great-great-great-great-grandchildren plus hundreds of spouses.

"In the 1890s, the Hirzel-Studer family settled in the Toledo area. The descendants have had a significant impact on Northwest Ohio. In 1924, the family was involved in founding the Swiss Hall on South St. Clair Street in Toledo. The Swiss Hall served as a gathering spot for Swiss immigrants and their descendants and also housed the Toledo United Swiss Society. In 1974, the Toledo United Swiss Society sold the Swiss Hall and joined six German societies in founding Oak Shade Grove in Oregon, Ohio which is the location of the 100th Annual Family Reunion.

"Originally, many family members worked in the alcohol business as bar owners and blew masters. Yet the family's trajectory changed when Prohibition put them out of these businesses. Beginning in 1920, the family started other businesses. Alexander's son, Alfred, founded Alfred Hirzel and Sons

Greenhouses in what is now Northwood, Ohio. Alfred's brother Carl bought a farm in Northwood and in 1923 established Hirzel Canning Company & Farms. Brother Ernest started Hirzel Coal and Builder's Supply in Toledo. In 1924, brothers Otto and Eugene started Hirzel Brothers Florist in Toledo. Hirzel Canning Company & Farms and Hirzel Brothers Florist still exist today.

"The reunion began as elders became concerned that the family was growing and moving beyond the Toledo area, and they wanted to establish an annual event that would bring the entire extended family together. So in 1924, family members organized the first Reunion of the Descendants of Alexander Hirzel and Elisabeth and Marie Studer-Hirzel at the Hirzel Canning Company on Lemoyne Road in Northwood. "On June 30, 2024, for the 100th time in 100 years, the descendants will gather to honor their Swiss and American Heritage and to blend the generations and the branches of the Hirzel-Studer family. Since inception, aside from a social gathering, the family reunion has included a formal business meeting run by Robert's Rules of Order with minutes recorded by a Secretary. During this meeting, family members raise issues of concern to the extended family, vote on resolutions and elect officers. This business meeting has been an integral part of the annual family reunion for a century."

The Hirzel family has been a cornerstone of business and community leadership for more than 150 years. It is astounding that they have been able to come together as a family for 100 consecutive years. Yet, as successful and noted as Hirzel Family businesses—now in operation through the fourth generation—this annual family reunion demonstrates the Hirzel family lives by a credo of Walt Disney: "A man should never neglect his family for business."

We wish the members of the Hirzel family, descendants of Alexander Hirzel and Elisabeth and Marie Studer-Hirzel who came to this corner of Ohio so many generations ago, a reunion filled with love and laughter, joy and inspiration, reflection and memory. May they continue forward with full hearts as an intergenerational family that has distinguished itself personally and professionally for a century of American progress.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my votes for the H. Res. 901 or H.R. 7152. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 280, and YEA on Roll Call No. 281.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TINi APELU MANULELEUA

##### HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tini Apelu Manuleleua who passed away on Friday, June

7, 2024, at the age of 84. Tini was born and raised in Pago Pago, American Samoa, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Tini joined the Air Force and proudly served from 1956 to 1960. He held an E-4 High Security Clearance to code and decode messages as a Teletype Operator, typing 133 WPM. He went on to work at RCA, Watkins and Johnson, and Santa Clara County as a Counselor specifically working with the Polynesian community. We honor his legacy and thank him for his service.

He is survived by siblings Katherine Bitgood, Tolu Misa, Alavine Tuala, and Laila Manuleleua as well as his children, Eddie Achica, Lucy Achica-Woods, Mona Lozada, George Achica, Eugenia Delatorre, Virginia Manuleleua, Jerry Manuleleua, and Daniel Peters and their families made up of 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

He will be missed.

#### CELEBRATING THE NEW IMAGE YOUTH CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, today, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of New Image Youth Center located in the Parramore neighborhood of Orlando. New Image Youth Center's contributions over the past 20 years cannot be measured. With just \$5 and a game of Monopoly, the mustard seed was sown, and NIYC was born. Founded by licensed therapist, entrepreneur, and author Dr. Shanta Barton Stubbs, her goal was to transform the narrative of the Parramore community and shift the mindset from surviving to thriving.

New Image Youth Center prides itself on being a safe haven for K-12 Orlando youth. For the past 20 years, their dedicated staff and volunteers have equipped their youth with the tools and space to pursue their wildest dreams. New Image provides mentorship and programming rooted in mental health counseling, academic support, social development, and more. Their love for their kids goes beyond the call of duty by serving and supporting them till their adult years as they seek employment and post-secondary education.

I thank New Image Youth Center for 20 years of dedication and service. Their contributions continue to make a profound difference in our community, and we are grateful for their support and commitment to make Central Florida a better place for all.

#### CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE EAST WIND FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH'S CHINATOWN COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

##### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Grand Opening of the East Wind

Foundation for Youth's Chinatown Community Cultural Center.

Since opening its doors in 1972, the East Wind Foundation for Youth has been committed to empowering young Angelenos to become the next generation of global leaders. Headquartered in Chinatown, this non-profit equips young people with the skills they need to cultivate an inclusive community that brings families, friends and neighbors together while honoring their Chinese culture.

The East Wind Foundation for Youth hosts countless cultural programs throughout the year, such as their annual essay writing contest, lion dance performances, martial art training and community service. Through these opportunities, young people are encouraged to think critically, build up their self-confidence and create lasting friendships while celebrating their shared Chinese heritage.

While the foundation's programming is aimed at uplifting students, its impacts reverberate throughout our Los Angeles neighborhoods, improving the lives of families and entire communities. By providing creative and academic outlets for students, the foundation is reducing the likelihood that young people engage in gang violence, and is thus promoting safer neighborhoods.

The grand opening of the Chinatown Community Cultural Center allows the non-profit to further expand its arts and educational services to constituents of California's 34th Congressional District, with a focus on the history of Chinese Americans in Los Angeles as well as the history of the organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone for the East Wind Foundation for Youth.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RHYS TAYLOR FROST

### HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Rhys Taylor Frost, president of the Donora Fire Company, who sadly passed away on June 24, 2024.

Rhys was born and raised in Donora, Pennsylvania. He had a passion for his local community and always wanted to be a first responder to help those in need.

At only 14 years old, Rhys became a volunteer firefighter at the Donora Fire Company and later became an emergency medical technician (EMT) in 2018. Through his determination and selfless work ethic, he became president of the company a year later in 2019. Rhys never stopped finding ways to serve southwestern Pennsylvania and always answered the call of duty.

It was his dream to simultaneously serve as a policeman, EMT, and firefighter, a testament to his desire to protect and defend his community. Those who knew Rhys best will never forget his infinite selflessness and his eternal love for Donora. As the community comes together to celebrate his life and legacy, I am grateful for his vast impact on our commonwealth and his fellow Pennsylvanians.

Mr. Speaker, Rhys Taylor Frost dedicated his life to the people of Donora. His legacy is an example of a selfless and inspiring life. On

behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I wish his family healing during this difficult time.

#### COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL UPRISING

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take the opportunity to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising on June 28, a key milestone in the march for equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex—or LGBTQI+—Americans. Fifty-five years ago, the courageous Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and Stormé DeLarverie of New York City resisted police brutality against lesbian, gay, and transgender minorities in what is known as the Stonewall Uprising. Their legacies continue today to inspire and energize many Americans to respect the differences we have and advocate for the expansion of equal rights for all people.

The fight for equality is an ongoing battle, especially with right-wing, extremist Republicans prioritizing hate and discrimination against the LGBTQI+ community people, in general, and transgender people, specifically, as a political bludgeon designed to divide our country. These extremist Republicans are determined to reverse any civil rights protections already won by the LGBTQI+ community, such as affirming medical care, the right to marriage, and housing access.

I know first-hand the cruelty and injustice of discrimination. These efforts contradict the democratic values we hold dearly in this country. As a result, I have prioritized, advocated, and supported civil rights and social justice throughout my public service career because everyone deserves to live free of discrimination and injustice. As a member of the Equality Caucus, I am a proud original co-sponsor of the Stonewall Day Resolution that would recognize June 28th as Stonewall Day and the strides made to support equal rights for all. Further, as an original cosponsor of the Equality Act, I have voted to pass out of the House this essential legislation that would modify the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to reduce discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. My home state of Illinois has laws that ensure robust nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQI+ individuals, and it is time that the federal government enact similar policies to protect Americans across the Nation.

As a leader in improving child welfare law, I also lead the John Lewis Every Child Deserves a Family Act that would protect foster youth and foster parents from discrimination based on religion, marital status, and who they love. We must ensure that each and every child in foster care finds a loving, affirming family.

I believe that, by recognizing the historic movements for LGBTQI+ people in American history, we celebrate how diverse our society is, a diversity that makes our nation richer and more vibrant. Let us celebrate those from Stonewall who risked their lives and all who work tirelessly to expand civil rights for all LGBTQI+ people.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DR.  
PAUL RAYMOND BUITRÓN

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Dr. Paul Raymond Buitrón, a pillar of our community, for his 49 years of dedicated service to patients in Laredo and South Texas. His contributions to our medical community saved his patients' lives and exemplified selfless care throughout South Texas.

The highly personal nature of his care made Dr. Paul Raymond Buitrón stand above the rest. Dr. Buitrón compassionately tailored treatment plans for his patients, whom he knew well. His commitment to their well-being extended far beyond traditional medicine, he worked to foster open communication and build deep, trusting relationships with his patients. Buitrón's treatment was the perfect example of what a doctor should provide theft community.

Dr. Buitrón was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University before moving south in 1975 to earn his medical degree at the Universidad Autonoma De San Luis Potosi Facultad De Medicina in Mexico. After his journey through medical school, Dr. Buitrón found his passion in otolaryngology, also known as ear, nose, and throat, at St. Joseph Hospital. He then completed his residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine before returning to Laredo to secure his Texas State Medical license, where he served local patients ever since.

Dr. Buitrón may have passed away earlier this month, but his memory will continue to resonate in the hearts and minds of the South Texans who knew him. He leaves behind his son and two daughters, Paul Raymond Buitrón, III, Dellilah Buitrón Arrebola, and Dubelza Buitrón, as well as his grandchildren, Nara Buitrón, Paul Raymond Buitrón IV, Olivia Buitrón, Lennon Wolfgang Gardener, and Ringo Sebastian Arrebola. Dr. Paul Raymond Buitrón provided compassionate care and demonstrated unwavering dedication to his patients, leaving a lasting legacy in the Laredo community.

#### HONORING SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT LAURA MCKEE

### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to present Laura McKee, Assistant Chief Inflight Refueler and member of the 72nd Air Refueling Squadron, with the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Hero Award for this month of June. Inspired by its namesake, this award was created to highlight exemplary Hoosier women veterans whose service to their community, country, and nation is unparalleled.

Called to be a freedom fighter, Laura McKee worked to proudly serve her country by acquiring a bachelor's certificate from Indiana University and two associates degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

Equipped with the skills she garnered from her Aviation Operation Aircraft Technology and Systems Maintenance Technology degrees, Laura McKee provided vital assistance to the Iraqi and Enduring Freedom Operations. Her service in combating authoritative beliefs, insurgency, and securing a free world is admirable.

The experiences she collected while deployed not only fueled her aspirations to support a free, just world, but broadened her scope of how she can best support the peers that came before and after her as military personnel. Today, she is among Indiana's champions for women veterans, and she strives to increase veteran education and access to federal and state benefits and resources. Having recently been named Indiana's first Women's Veteran's Coordinator for Indiana Veterans Affairs, I am confident her recent appointment will continue to create a positive impact for all veteran women.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Laura McKee as we celebrate her legacy of outstanding accomplishments and advocacy.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. I was having a medical procedure and was unable to be present. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 281, (H.R. 7152); YEA on Roll Call No. 280, (H. Res. 901); and YEA on Roll Call No. 282, (H.R. 2789).

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HONORING COLONEL K. "CHAD" MIXON ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS GARRISON COMMANDER OF FORT LIBERTY

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Mixon on his appointment as Garrison Commander of Fort Liberty.

Colonel K. "Chad" Mixon began his military career in 1993 as an enlisted infantryman at Fort Bragg, NC. Now known as Fort Liberty, it is the home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces and is the world's largest military installation. Colonel Mixon's more than 30-year career in the United States Army includes commissions within North Carolina and would extend to positions at both Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Fort Polk, Louisiana.

I am honored to recognize Colonel Mixon's accomplishments and am forever grateful for the service of the men and women throughout the United States Armed Forces. Colonel Mixon would return to Fort Liberty, North Carolina in April of 2010 as a Supply and Services Troop Commander, Squadron Operations Officer and Squadron Executive Officer in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He served as Logistics Operations Officer in the Deputy Chief of Staff at Head-

quarters, Forces Command and would be appointed as the 307th BSB Battalion Commander in 2016 before transitioning to the Joint Special Operations Command as the J4 Chief of Operations.

Over the course of 12 years Colonel Mixon would deploy in seven overseas operations including three deployments in Iraq and two in Kuwait. Colonel Mixon has been extensively decorated and awarded for his military contributions. His diverse military endeavors extend to the Carolinas Collegiate Institutes, serving as a Transportation Officer through the Campbell University Army ROTC Program as well as a Professor of Military Science at the University of South Carolina. Colonel Mixon's devotion to his country and our great state is beyond admirable and is accomplished through the support of his wife, Charlotte, and two sons, Chase and Cole. His appointment is well deserved, and I look forward to celebrating his future success.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Colonel K. "Chad" Mixon and thanking him for immense diligence and dedication in his service.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF DEPUTY BASE CIVIL ENGINEER JOHN L. EUNICE, III

### HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John L. Eunice, III, who is retiring after over 40 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Eunice began his career in 1981 after receiving his commission from the United States Air Force Academy and served for twenty-seven years on active duty, achieving the rank of Colonel. While on active duty, he served two command tours, serving as Commander of the 36th and 347th Civil Engineer Squadrons.

For the last sixteen years of his career, Mr. Eunice served as Deputy Base Civil Engineer for Moody Air Force Base in Lowndes County, Georgia. During this period, the outstanding performance, professional competence, and ceaseless efforts of Mr. Eunice resulted in the completion of twenty military construction projects and modernization projects supporting both the 23d and 93d wings. His guidance was recently instrumental in the development of the 23d Wing's F-35 bed-down plan.

Mr. Eunice also led the development of benchmarked intergovernmental service agreements, partnering with Lowndes County on the operation of the base water and wastewater treatment plants, a shared-use golf course, and municipal services agreements. His efforts led to the first Defense Community Infrastructure Program project in the State of Georgia, contributing to the 23d Wing and Lowndes County being awarded the 2023 Air Force Community Partnership award.

I am honored to represent distinguished public servants and veterans like Mr. John Eunice. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING MRS. MARY LOUISE BISHOP-BROWN

### HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a most beloved woman of faith in her centennial year, Mrs. Mary Louise Bishop-Brown.

Mrs. Bishop-Brown, the eldest of nine children, was born on June 24, 1924 to King Bishop and Julia Nesmith Bishop in Dorsey Town, South Carolina. Having given her life to the Lord, Mary established her first faith connections while attending St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church as a young girl. In young adulthood, she took a job working as a cook. However, Mary's interests quickly expanded beyond the kitchen when she met Miley Brown, the love of her life. At first sight, the two were immediately smitten and bound for a bountiful future together. Though this relationship would be put on hold due to Mr. Brown's deployment to Europe during World War II, nothing could keep these two from their eventual marriage on October 26, 1946.

Blessed to grow up in a large and loving family, Mary knew that was what she wanted for her and Miley. They went on to have seven children—Jackie, Ethel, Miley Jr., Wanda Annette, Herbert, Marilyn, Murray Lee, and Emma Jane. Mary also raised Sean, her grandson, as her own. Being believers and people of faith, Mary and Miley prioritized keeping their family rooted in the Word of God. They brought their children up in the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, where they were spiritually and emotionally nurtured through Sunday School and weekly church services. Additionally, Mary kept busy with church duties, singing in the choir and cooking for various church events, whether that be for anniversaries, church unions, funerals, or whenever else she was called upon. However, with sunshine there must come rain. Mary's heart became overwhelmed with sadness when Miley passed away on December 23, 2001. With that said, nothing could keep Mary from bringing goodness to all she met with and joy to those around her. She now lives in Fairburn, Georgia, where she lives with her youngest daughter, Marilyn.

Mary embodies what it means to be a righteous person of faith. She has lived several lifetimes in her 100 years on this planet and witnessed numerous changes in our nation throughout the years. Despite this, she never stopped being who she was, and loved all who crossed her path. "Do unto others as you would have them done unto you"—this is the golden rule Mrs. Bishop-Brown stood by. I hope that we can all learn from her example as we celebrate her long, continued life.

May God continue to bless Mrs. Mary Louise Bishop-Brown.

RECOGNIZING LOUISIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE COATES FOR HER EFFORTS EXPANDING ACCESS TO FRESH NATURAL MILK

**HON. CLAY HIGGINS**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Louisiana State Representative Kimberly Coates for her efforts to pass HB 467, a bill expanding access to Fresh Natural Milk.

Louisiana's unfounded prohibition on natural milk was primarily a consequence of Federal interference. Despite fresh natural milk's benefits, the FDA holds that only pasteurized dairy should be consumed. Requiring the dairy industry to abide by this standard ensures the destruction of natural milk's holistic composition.

HB 467 legalizes the sale of natural milk and dairy products, reinstating freedom of choice to Louisiana consumers, and providing millions of Americans with access to an uncorrupted source of nutrients and health. In its natural state, fresh milk is a nearly perfect food.

Hundreds of studies have confirmed a connection between pasteurization and lactose intolerance, concluding that pasteurized milk's molecular decomposition allows it to seep through the gut, resulting in various health afflictions. Fresh, natural milk that has forgone pasteurization retains self-contained enzymes, facilitating its digestion and conferment of health. Accordingly, Representative Coates' "Fresh Natural Milk Bill" will provide millions of Louisianans with a previously unrealized ability to consume dairy.

Representative Coates work, guiding HB 467 through both chambers of the Louisiana State Legislature, is to be commended. Her bill passed the Louisiana House of Representatives in a 96-1 vote and through the Louisiana State Senate in a 32-3 vote. These wide margins of support reflect Representative Coates' determination and skill as a legislator.

Representative Coates' legislation will benefit many Louisiana citizens, including our farmers, dairy producers, and consumers. I commend Representative Coates and congratulate her on HB 467's signing into Louisiana law.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REAL ID GENDER REQUIREMENT REFORM ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the REAL ID Gender Requirement Reform Act, which would remove the requirement from the REAL ID Act that REAL ID-compliant licenses include gender. Instead, the decision of whether to have gender on a state's REAL-ID-compliant licenses would be left to the states. I am pleased Representative MAXWELL FROST is co-leading this bill.

This bill would require states that require gender designation for licenses to allow individuals wishing to change their gender designation on their license to do so through self-attestation. It would also require states that require gender designation on licenses to have a neutral or other designation gender field, in addition to male or female.

Under the REAL ID Act, gender must be included on a license. This can be problematic for transgender or nonbinary individuals. I recognize that some LGBTQ+ individuals do not want gender designations on licenses at all, while others do want gender designation so as to express their identity. I believe this bill strikes the middle ground, while showing Congress' support for LGBTQ+ individuals.

This is an important bill for equality. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**HONORING AMERICAN HERO  
COLLIN LEE TEEM**

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Collin Lee Teem, of Lexington, South Carolina, was Killed in Action in Ukraine on May 11, 2024. I am greatly saddened by his death and humbled by his sacrifice. Collin is a true American hero, who sacrificed his life fighting for freedom and democracy in the Global War on Terrorism and the War of Dictators Invading Democracies. As citizens throughout our community continue to cope with this tragic loss, my thoughts and prayers will remain with Collin's family, his friends and his fellow service members.

I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Collin Lee Teem:

Collin Lee Teem, age 23, was born March 30, 2001 in Florida. His family moved to Lexington, South Carolina in 2002 where he lived and grew up the remainder of his childhood. He graduated high school in June 2019 then followed his dreams, and in July 2019, left for the United States Marine Corp Boot Camp. Collin then spent the next 4 years as a machine gunner in infantry. During his Marine Corp active duty time, he received Good Conduct medal, National Defense Service medal, Global war on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, Global war on Terrorism Service medal, Sea Service Deployment ribbon (2), Sharpshooter Rifle Qualification badge, and Expert Pistol Qualification badge. Collin also completed Advanced Machine Gun training/course. Collin received an honorable DD214 discharge middle of July 2023. Teem then went on to volunteer his skills and military services to join the fight in Ukraine in their time of need. Collin left the United States in Sept 2023 and arrived in Kyiv where he then joined forces with International Legion of Defense. Collin served with Ukraine from September 2023 until he was unfortunately Killed in Action on May 11, 2024. Collin Teem's passions were evident in his life. He lived a life passionate about his hobbies, fun experiences, military service, and freedom. He lived life to the fullest and always tried to lighten the load of others around him—physically and mentally. He brought laughter to many. His enthusiasm and smile were infectious. It's been said that All people die but not All people live, Collin lived! He accomplished and packed so much in his short 23 years. He did what he loved. He touched countless lives by simply just being himself. Many have said he marched to his own beat which lead to many "Teem Shenanigans" as his Marine Corp leadership once told us. Collin leaves behind his mother, father, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 2 nephews, 2 nieces, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, countless friends, and military brothers and sisters. Collin Teem will always be remembered for his love of fishing, hunting, military service aka guns, warm weather, and a life full of love, laughter, and adventure. But most of all, for his dedication, determination, selflessness, heroism, and sacrifice for All mankind. He will be dearly missed by so many, near and far.

Legend and Hero to all who knew him.

#Forever23YoullBe

His family will hold Memorial Services to Honor the Life of Collin both in his home town on the East Coast on July 6, 2024, as well as in a place he fell in love with, grew, and was stationed during his Marine Corp time—on the West Coast—in California—date TBD.