

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL
PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT
CURTIS FENDLEY

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Curtis Fendley of Paris, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. For over four decades, Curtis has served and uplifted our community through his leadership and dedication.

Curtis was born and raised in Paris, TX. He graduated from Texas A&M University, where he received his BBA in Accounting and MBA in Finance. Curtis began his career as a Cost Accountant for Rockwall International and Uarco Business Forms. He worked his way up to become the Chief Financial Officer for Christus Health and Saint Joseph Hospital in Paris. Curtis currently serves as a Partner at Pierson & Fendley Insurance Agency and Vice Chair of the Paris Economic Development Corporation.

Throughout his career, Curtis has continued to be an active member of our community in many ways. In 2003, he was elected to serve as the Mayor of Paris. For three years, Curtis oversaw Paris' successful economic development and business growth. Additionally, he previously served as the President of Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and United Way. For his outstanding work, Curtis was named a Hometown Hero in 2009 by The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas. The Lamar County Chamber of Commerce also recognized Curtis as Volunteer of the Year in 2016 and 2017. A devoted man of faith, Curtis attends Holy Cross Episcopal Church with his wife, Barbara. I am proud of Curtis's lifelong contributions to our community, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Curtis with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GAMMA PHI OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Buffalo's Gamma Phi Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Incorporated.

The Gamma Phi Omega chapter was charted on June 25, 1944, by a group of young women returning to Buffalo from college. As a chapter of AKA, the oldest Greek letter organization established by African American, college-educated women, Gamma

Phi Omega upholds the pillars of service, scholarship, and sisterhood within our community. For 80 years, the sisters of Gamma Phi Omega have provided essential services to the people of Western New York. Then efforts focus on sisterhood, family support, economic development, local community outreach, environmental protection, and social justice. Through initiatives such as their annual MLK Day of Service, the Debutante Leadership Program for young women's professional development, and Black Dollar Days to support local black-owned businesses, the Gamma Phi Omega chapter has made a positive impact on many lives.

Carrying out their commitment to service, the Gamma Phi Omega chapter ensures that members of our community have access to the essential resources they need. Their program, Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPP), supplies weekend and holiday meals to children in need. To date, this program remains AKA's most ambitious effort to combat childhood hunger. Additionally, the chapter provides academic scholarships to young students in the area, supporting their pursuit of higher education and fostering the value of scholarship.

Today, we thank the sisters of Buffalo's Gamma Phi Omega chapter of AKA for their unwavering commitment to serving our community. Please join me in congratulating the Gamma Phi Omega chapter on an exceptional 80 years of service and thanking them for all they do to make our community a better place.

COMMEMORATING PRIDE MONTH
AND HONORING SEAN ELDRIDGE

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pride month and honor an LGBTQIA+ community leader in New York's Tenth District, Sean Eldridge.

Sean is the founder and President of Stand Up America, a progressive advocacy organization founded in response to Donald Trump's unprecedented assault on our democracy.

Today, the group is over two million members strong and works to expand voting rights and build a more inclusive democracy that's responsive to the needs of the American people. Prior to founding Stand Up America, Sean was a leader in the fight to pass marriage equality nationwide, serving as the Political Director of the advocacy group Freedom to Marry. Sean has been on the forefront of progressive issues for over a decade, and is a true leader in the fight for equal rights for all. I'm honored to recognize his outstanding contribution to democracy.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF OGLE
HARRIS AND THE DEDICATION
OF OGLE HARRIS WAY IN
OCCOQUAN

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the life of Ogle Harris and his contributions to the history of Occoquan, Virginia and Virginia's Seventh Congressional District.

Born in Virginia in 1872, Ogle Harris grew up as one of five children. He spent his life in the Town of Occoquan where he raised his seven children from his marriages to Cora L. Peyton and Lottie Bowles.

In the early part of the 20th century, Harris opened a business in Occoquan selling hand-made ice cream out of his home's summer kitchen on Washington Street and at the African American Odd Fellows Hall. He eventually converted his ice cream shop into one of Occoquan's two main grocery stores.

Mr. Harris was known throughout the community for his honesty, generosity, and his up-standing character, which allowed his business to flourish. After his death in 1949, his son, Arthur, and his daughter-in-law, Doris, took over the store. The store served as a center for Occoquan's commercial and African American communities and continuously supported the success of the Town of Occoquan until its closure in 1974.

In recognition of and appreciation for Ogle Harris and his descendants' contributions to the Town of Occoquan, the Occoquan Town Council has bestowed the honorary designation of "Ogle Harris Way" to the 100 block of Poplar Alley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ogle Harris's life and his contributions to the Town of Occoquan. His legacy will live on through the designation of "Ogle Harris Way" and the memories of his impact on the Occoquan community.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL
PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT
JACK ASHMORE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jackie King "Jack" Ashmore of Reno, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Jack has dedicated himself to faithfully serving out community and country.

As a child, Jack was always fascinated with aviation and began flying at the age of 7 with his uncle. After graduating from Paris High School in 1947, Jack joined the United States

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Navy while enrolled at Paris Junior College. He began flight training in 1949 and graduated from aviation school the following year. Jack flew combat tours during the Korean War and was stationed onboard the USS *Sicily* and USS *Rendova* aircraft carriers in the Sea of Japan. During the Vietnam War, he became the commander of Attack Squadron 22 and flew 254 combat missions. For his heroic actions in combat, Jack received numerous awards, including the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit, fourteen Air Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals. He later earned his master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University.

In July 1973, Jack retired from the Navy as a Captain. He had been working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. In civilian life, Jack continued his passion of flying while volunteering in our community. He conducted flights for police departments, schools, and individuals in need across North Texas. Jack previously served on the advisory board for Paris Airport and the City of Reno. He is a current board member of the Paris Junior College Alumni & Friends Association. For his outstanding contributions, Jack was recognized in 2017 as a distinguished graduate of Paris High School and inducted into Paris Junior College's Academic Hall of Honor. He also received the Federal Aviation Administration's prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to mark over 50 years of excellent flight. I wish Jack continued success and good health for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Jack with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL BASHAM'S RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the retirement of Lieutenant General Steven Basham after thirty-six years of service in the United States Air Force. A native of Bowling Green, General Basham received his commission in 1989 through the ROTC program at Western Kentucky University and went on to fly over 3,400 hours as a bomber pilot in the B-1, B-2, and B-52 planes. Lt. Gen. Basham then proudly served as the Legislative Director for the Department of the Air Force as a two-star general. His distinguished record of service and accomplishments are a result of his selfless and supportive family, so I thank his wife Angie and his daughters Lauren and Sarah for their sacrifice and support. Sarah even served as an intern in my office and possessed the same determination and work ethic as her proud father. Lt. Gen. Basham will complete his military career as the Deputy Commander for the United States European Command which oversees more than 64,000 military personnel and is responsible for U.S. defense operations and relations with NATO and 50 countries.

His career of service brings great pride to every Kentuckian, and I wish him and his family the best during his retirement.

COMMEMORATING PRIDE MONTH AND HONORING JAN LEE

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pride Month and honor an LGBTQIA+ community leader in New York's Tenth District, Jan Lee.

Jan Lee is a dedicated community organizer, activist, small business owner, and lifelong New Yorker. He is a third-generation resident of Manhattan's Chinatown and has been organizing his community since the 1990s, advocating for Chinatown's post-9/11 recovery, the reopening of Park Row, and representing the community's interests with regard to the borough-based jail.

For far too long, Manhattan's Chinatown has not received the recognition, services and representation that its residents have deserved.

Jan's work has begun to change that. From his community activism to helping manage the apartment buildings that have been in his family for over 100 years, Jan's commitment to his community is inspiring. I'm proud to call Jan a friend and partner as we continue to revitalize Chinatown and give the community the attention it deserves.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT DEVABRATA GANGULY

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Devabrata Ganguly of Paris, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Dr. Ganguly has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

Dr. Ganguly first trained as a physician in India, his country of birth, where he taught medicine in New Delhi. After moving to the United States with his wife, Dr. Ragini Ganguly, he completed his residency at St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Ganguly also attended the Jewish Parker Institute of Long Island Jewish Hospital for fellowship training in Geriatric Medicine. In 1999, Dr. Ganguly and his family moved to Texas, where he became an active practitioner based in Paris. Throughout his career, Dr. Ganguly has worked diligently to raise awareness about the opioid crisis and help others reduce their dependence on opioids. Moreover, he led his team of dedicated nurse practitioners to care for elderly patients in nursing homes during the pandemic.

Separately, Dr. Ganguly mentors and teaches college students, trainee physicians, and nurses using a combination of traditional and modern medicine. He is passionate about community advocacy and often engages with policymakers to discuss the issues of national security, international and domestic policy, and healthcare issues. As a fellow of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Ganguly promotes community wellbeing and works with numer-

ous charities to support children, veterans, and animals. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Ganguly for his outstanding efforts to provide quality care for senior citizens and improve the world around us.

It is an honor to bestow Dr. Ganguly with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

REMEMBERING BRIGADIER GENERAL TRAVIS ACHESON

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of retired Brigadier General Travis Acheson who passed away this week after battling brain cancer.

Ever the patriot, Travis was born on July 4, 1968 in Des Moines, Iowa to Douglas and Margaret Acheson. He grew up on Army Post Road in West Des Moines and graduated from Valley High School in 1986. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Iowa in 1990, where he began dating his future wife. After five years together, Travis married Brooke in June 1995.

Travis spent much of his working life following his passion: flying airplanes. He retired from the military in September 2022 as a brigadier general after 33 years of service. Travis was a command pilot with almost 3,000 flying hours in the F-16 fighter jet. He was deployed overseas five times and flew over 500 combat hours during his military career. Travis was also employed as a commercial pilot with American Airlines for over 20 years. He was a captain on the Airbus at the time of his diagnosis.

Travis was an incredible pilot, a great Iowan, a loving husband to Brooke, and a doting father to daughters Isabelle, Emma, and Gretta.

I thank Travis for his service to our community, state, and country. Fly high.

CONGRATULATING BIG SKY RODEO

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Big Sky PBR and Outlaw Partners for their remarkable achievement, winning the national Professional Bull Riders' "Event of the Year" award for the 10th consecutive year. I salute America and Montana's leadership in rodeo and those that carry that great legacy forward.

The traditions of rodeo run deep. The prayer and the pledge still observed before each event shows respect to both the rider and the bull. It takes a lot of courage, skill, and grit to ride a bull, and a little luck to ride it for the full eight seconds.

Many rodeo athletes who cut their teeth in small town arenas go on to do great things in the sport on a national level. A great deal of that success comes from the community that is built up under the Big Sky. That community is epitomized by Big Sky's annual event, with

the best arena, best landscape, best bulls, and of course, the best crowds. Former professional bull rider Cord McCoy said it best himself: "I have been around the world three times and Big Sky is my favorite PBR stop."

Big Sky PBR brings fans from all over the world to Montana. It increases tourism, supports local businesses, and allows people to see the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

I also cannot neglect to mention the huge amount of charity work that is done at each year's event. Organizers are committed to giving back to the local community that hosts them and a portion of the proceeds from a number of the events go to local nonprofits. They understand that Montana is one small town with one long road, and if you want to be a part of that town, you help your neighbors.

We have a lot to celebrate in Montana. We have deep traditions that go back generations. We also have growth that sometimes conflicts with our heritage. I am happy to be able to celebrate an event that brings Montana tradition to all of us—whether we're fifth generation Montanans or first. It is organizations like Big Sky PBR and Outlaw Partners that foster the growth of America and Montanan's tradition of Bull Riding. They showcase the values that make America Great. Big Sky PBR is one of the prides of western Montana, and I am honored to be able to recognize them today. Bravo Zulu.

Mr. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues, I ask that you join me in congratulating Big Sky PBR and Outlaw Partners for their achievement.

COMMEMORATING PRIDE MONTH
AND HONORING ROSY MOTA

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pride Month and honor an LGBTQIA+ community leader in New York's Tenth District, Rosy Mota.

Rosy Mota is a public servant, activist, and advocate for her community in Sunset Park and around the country. Rosy is the Director of Policy for the Latino Commission on AIDS, a nationwide group dedicated to addressing the unique needs of her community.

At the commission, she advocates for health policy that prioritizes the needs of Latino Americans across the country. In the past 18 months, Rosy led a team of twelve community health workers in the North Bronx dedicated to improving health outcomes in this underserved community.

Currently, Rosy is helping newly arrived migrants in our City navigate our health system and receive the care that they need. Rosy is also the treasurer for Sunset Park's industrious Community Board 7, giving her community a voice in City government and ensuring its needs are met. It is a great honor to recognize Rosy's tireless advocacy on behalf of her community and our great City.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BRIAN WHITE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian White of Frisco, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Brian has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Brian was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and attended Del City High School. He served in the United States Army from 1982 to 1991 as a Howitzer Section Chief and Field Artillery Instructor. After leaving the Army, Brian obtained his Journeyman Plumbing and Gas Fitting license. He later began a 20-year career auditing and risk management at several large financial institutions, where he held leadership positions. In 2021, Brian received his bachelor's degree in applied management from Grand Canyon University. He is certified as an Internal Control Auditor and currently works as a Regulatory Compliance and Operational Risk consultant at Forvis Mazars USA, a top 10 accounting firm.

Alongside his professional career, Brian serves as the Director of Family Outreach for Memories of Honor, a nonprofit organization devoted to honoring fallen veterans and supporting Gold Star families. Brian works closely with several nonprofits, including the Frontline Healing Foundation, Warrior's Heart, and the One Tribe Foundation, to support veteran communities. In addition, he served as a running coach for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation for many years to raise awareness and funds to help tackle these diseases. I am proud of the work Brian has accomplished for our community, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Brian with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on June 28, 2024, I was unable to be present during the first three votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 327; NAY on Roll Call No. 328; and NAY on Roll Call No. 329.

COMMEMORATION OF THE
LONGEST DAY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the recently passed Longest Day, marked annually by the Alzheimer's Association on the Summer Solstice. For the Alzheimer's Association, the Summer Solstice—

the day with the most light—is an opportunity to spread awareness of the darkness of Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses.

Alzheimer's impacts millions of Americans and their families. Nearly 7 million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's. But their burden is not theirs alone. Each of those individuals have families and communities that are impacted. In fact, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that 11 million Americans provide unpaid support to patients every year, accounting for more than 18 billion hours of care.

Alzheimer's impacts families in every state, every city, every neighborhood, of all races, incomes, and religions. As we commemorate this day that highlights the pain felt by so many Americans, the House must pass H.R. 619, the National Alzheimer's Project Act reauthorization, as well as H.R. 620, the Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act. These bipartisan bills continue our nation's commitment to researching, treating, and ultimately curing this disease that has caused so much heartbreak and pain across the country.

I want to thank the countless advocates who have volunteered their time caring for loved ones, fought for new research funding, and always kept faith that future generations will never have to feel the grief of watching a loved one slowly slip away.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT DRU NEWMAN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Drusilla "Dru" Wade Newman of Frisco, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Dru has dedicated herself to faithfully serving our community.

Dru is a fourth-generation resident of Frisco and graduated from Frisco High School in 1974. She earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education from Baylor University in 1978. For over 45 years, Dru has been a fantastic community leader and passionate advocate for youth education. She worked closely with the Frisco Education Foundation to help provide students with scholarships. Furthermore, Dru mentored young adults at her church while being involved in local parent-teacher associations and booster clubs.

In addition to her work on education, Dru has continued to be involved in charitable efforts in Frisco to help families in need. She participated in mission trips around the world to support humanitarian efforts and share her faith. Dru also worked with the Frisco Heritage Association to organize and fundraise for their annual Heritage Days event, which highlights the beauty and rich history of the city. She has a servant's heart, and her generosity and kindness has not gone unnoticed by those around her. In her free time, Dru is an avid sports fan, and she enjoys cheering for the Baylor Bears. Along with her husband Jim, she attends Frisco First Baptist Church. I am proud of the work Dru has accomplished for our community, and I wish her continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Dru with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAYOU CLASSIC SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY VS. GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Bayou Classic, an annual football classic that honors the heritage and accomplishments of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, specifically between Grambling State University and Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and, Grambling State University, a member of the University of Louisiana System Institution, is in Grambling, Louisiana. Southern University A&M College, a member of the Southern University System, is in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Bayou Classic has earned the distinction of being the No. 1 HBCU Classic in the Nation, with a storied history dating back to 1932, and has long promoted the importance of sportsmanship, musicianship, community, and traditions by representing the talents and achievements of students, staff, and alumni of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The Bayou Classic brings together fans and alumni of Grambling State University and Southern University and A&M College from around the globe to New Orleans, creating a vibrant celebration of football, family, traditions, and pageantry surrounding Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The Bayou Classic's core audience primarily consists of students, alumni, military personnel, and leaders from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, with age demographics ranging from high school students, college students, university alumni, and football fanatics.

The Bayou Classic attracts participants from all over the world, but has a dedicated national audience, including but not limited to Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

The Bayou Classic has consistently achieved record-breaking attendance, with projections of sustained future growth, particularly the Battle of the Bands & Greek Step Show, which draws an average attendance of 30,000 with sold out crowds for the past three years, and over 60,000–65,000 attendees for Game Day.

The 44th Annual Bayou Classic in 2017 propelled the event to be recognized as the No. 1 HBCU Classic and the most attended football game in the FCS division, further solidifying its status as the No. 1 HBCU Classic in the world since 2019.

The Bayou Classic officially celebrated 50 years of HBCU football rivalry, in which Southern University defeated Grambling State 27–22, on November 25, 2023 in the City of New Orleans at the Caesars Superdome. The school's records are Southern 26 wins, Grambling 24 wins.

I am happy to recognize this event, held in Louisiana's Second Congressional District, and proclaim the Bayou Classic as an historic event that showcases the excellence, pride, and unity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. I appreciate all attendees from around the country and beyond who joined us in celebrating this momentous occasion, and to recognize the enduring legacy of the Bayou Classic, as we celebrated the 50th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO A TRIBE FOR JAZZ

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations and honor A Tribe for Jazz for receiving the Battelle Central Ohio STEM Grant for their innovative Jazz Lab Mobile Pilot Initiative in partnership with COSI, the PAST Foundation, and Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks.

Since its establishment in 2021, A Tribe for Jazz has not only been a beacon of cultural enrichment and social impact, but also a catalyst for change in our community. Through a multifaceted mission that includes visual storytelling, live and virtual performances, education, and community engagement, the organization has consistently championed the preservation and evolution of Jazz, leaving an indelible mark on our cultural landscape.

The Jazz Lab is a mobile pop-up session uniting jazz music and science through immersive experiences that nurture curiosity, inclusivity, collaboration, and wonder. The pilot program for middle and elementary school students explores systems thinking in jazz through technology, engineering, and math, highlighting the intersection of jazz and STEM. With support from the Battelle Central Ohio STEM Grant, students in Central Ohio gain enriched access to jazz and STEM education.

The Jazz Lab Mobile Pilot Initiative is valuable for everyone in Central Ohio. It illustrates the possibilities for STEAM in all fields and everyday life. Congratulations to A Tribe for Jazz for bringing this extraordinary educational experience to our children.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT JIM NEWMAN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jim Randell Newman of Frisco, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Jim has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

A fifth-generation resident of Frisco, Jim attended Frisco High School and graduated in 1975. Two years later, he graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural economics. In 1978, Jim married the love of his life, Dru, and they raised two children. That same year, he estab-

lished Newman Real Estate to manage property developments around Frisco and became a certified Property Tax Consultant shortly after. For nearly five decades, Jim has worked diligently to support the youth in our community and empower them to be successful. He firmly believes that our Nation's children is our greatest asset, and he has made good on his promise to ensure they receive positive guidance in life. Jim has mentored high school students while working with school bands, sports clubs, and school bond programs

Furthermore, Jim is passionate about community service and the conservation of nature. He was a member of the North American Mission Board, the Texas Mission Foundation, and Christian Hands in Action to help provide disaster relief and humanitarian aid for families in need. Jim also served as a dedicated RA director at Frisco First Baptist Church for many years. For his outstanding work in community and business development, Jim was presented with the Micro Business Award, the Small Business Award, and the Developer of the Year Award by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce. In his free time, he is a devoted outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and fishing. I am proud of Jim's contributions to our community, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us.

It is an honor to bestow Jim with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the inclusion of a pilot program for a national simulation-based emergency preparedness network in the Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. This pilot program will support the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Health Security's (OHS) mission to strengthen the Nation's health security through leadership and partnership, a safer and healthier Department of Homeland Security (DHS) workforce, and optimal care for patients.

I worked on this language with my fellow co-chairs of the Modeling and Simulation Caucus, Reps. BERGMAN, SORENSON, and RUTHERFORD and am pleased to see it included.

The simulation-based emergency preparedness network will deliver simulation-based training that meets existing and emerging local and regional needs to licensed healthcare professionals, first responders, and volunteers. This network supports all five phases of emergency management by ensuring our vital healthcare workforce is prepared prior to an emergency, able to respond effectively, save lives, prevent further damage, and contribute to healing during recovery. The program will also serve the training needs of the greater U.S. healthcare system.

Unfortunately, the underlying appropriations bill fails to invest in other national needs. It fails to fund effective strategies to keep our communities safe, much needed programs to

assist migrants, and critical programs to combat public health threats. The bill also limits the ability of the department to counter misinformation, meet cybersecurity needs, and bans abortion services for individuals in U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody. I urge my colleagues to maintain this program to further modeling and simulation-based emergency preparedness network as we work towards a mutually agreeable funding bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on June 26, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call No. 283. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 283.

On June 27, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call No. 318 and No. 320. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 318 and No. 320.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURNER INDUSTRIES' PARIS FACILITY

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Turner Industries' pipe fabrication facility in Paris, Texas. Turner Industries specializes in innovative industrial contracting to fully meet client needs while prioritizing safety, efficiency, and reliability.

Turner Industries was first established in 1961 by Bert Turner, a young engineer with an entrepreneurial vision. Over the years, it has expanded its presence along the Gulf Coast and offered additional services, including construction, transportation, maintenance, and steel fabrication. In 1998, Turner opened its state-of-the-art pipe fabrication facility in Paris with over 375 acres of space. Each pipe assembled here is precision-built to support power generation facilities, refineries, and petrochemical plants across the nation.

For its outstanding work, Turner Industries has been recognized as the number one industrial contractor in the Associated Builders and Contractors' Top 250 Contractors list. It has also been honored by the Construction Users Roundtable and presented with the prestigious Construction Industry Safety Excellence Award three times for its commitment to employee safety.

In addition to serving as a critical energy backbone for our nation, Turner employs over 20,000 hardworking professionals across its facilities. It has invested in a new Operations Building at its Paris facility, which will greatly contribute to the North Texas workforce and community. I would like to especially recognize Mr. Chris Bailey, who serves as the Plant Manager and Vice President for Turner's Paris

operations. Mr. Bailey has dedicated himself to building and supporting educational programs in the North Texas community.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize this historic occasion and investment for the people of District 4. Congratulations to Turner Industries, and I wish them the best.

HONORING COMMANDING OFFICER, COLONEL MICHAEL L. BROOKS' CAREER AT MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Colonel Michael L. Brooks for a successful three-year tour as commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Quantico.

A native Virginian, Colonel Brooks' thirty-six years of honorable service to our country began when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1988. From his first assignment as the operations clerk in the S-3 office at Camp Lejeune to his tour as the commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Quantico, his dedication to the Marine Corps mission is unwavering.

Colonel Brooks has deployed to support various military operations during his career. In 1990 and 1991, he deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was then deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, participated in the July 2006 evacuation of American citizens in Beirut, Lebanon, and assisted in operations Infinite Moonlight in Jordan and Inspired Union in Kuwait.

Throughout his service, his commitment to his education and leadership has never wavered. In 1992, he was assigned to Officer Candidate School at Quantico, the very base he would lead thirty years later. Before finishing his tour with 2d Marines, Colonel Brooks earned a degree in psychology from Campbell University. In 2011, then-Major Brooks attended Resident Command and Staff College in Quantico and soon after was selected to attend the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Since assuming command of Marine Corps Base Quantico in 2021, Colonel Brooks has contributed to the base's distinction as the nation's premiere training institution for the Marine Corps. His contributions will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact not only on the base, but on the wider region. He prioritized strengthening vital relationships in the community and presided over the installation's \$6.96 billion total economic impact, all while upholding the base's proud traditions set forth over one hundred years ago.

Throughout his service, Colonel Brooks has earned numerous decorations including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3d award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5th award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3d award), and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Colonel Brooks is the true embodiment of the USMC's slogan *Semper Fidelis*. I thank

him for his tireless commitment to protecting our nation and commend him for the positive example his leadership has set for all of us throughout his long and distinguished military career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and thanking Colonel Michael L. Brooks for his steadfast and unwavering service to our country, and in wishing him the best as he takes the next step in his career at his last duty station in New Orleans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I entered my vote incorrectly for Roll Call No. 325 on H.R. 8774. I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote YEA.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BRANDON BELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Brandon Bell of Paris, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Judge Bell has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

Judge Bell is a seventh generation Texan who was born in Paris, Texas. In 1999, he graduated from Texas A&M University at Commerce with a Bachelor of Professional Accountancy. Judge Bell later received his Juris Doctor from SMU Dedman School of Law in 2004. He initially clerked for Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater, the chief U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, before being admitted to the Texas State Bar in November 2004. Judge Bell is licensed as an attorney and Certified Public Accountant. He began his lengthy legal career at Boyd Veigel and specializes in family law, criminal defense, and tax law. In 2019, Judge Bell was elected as Lamar County Judge. In addition to presiding over criminal and civil matters, he is passionate about granting foster parents the opportunity to become the legal guardians for disabled children.

Separately, Judge Bell is involved in numerous charitable initiatives. He previously served on the board of the New Hope Center of Paris and coaches Dixie Youth Baseball in his free time. He is also a member of the Roan Oak Masonic Lodge and the Dallas Scottish Rite. Judge Bell is a devoted man of faith, and he attends South Side Baptist Church with his wife, Amanda, and his two children. I commend Judge Bell for his lifelong commitment to serving our community and empowering foster families. His efforts have helped many underprivileged children find a caring and loving home.

It is an honor to bestow Judge Bell with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH BARRIE FOR HER SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA'S 46TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of Elizabeth Barrie to California's 46th Congressional District. Elizabeth started her career on the Hill as an intern in my office during my first year in Congress and, like many congressional staffers before her, takes great pride in being a part of this Chamber and this institution. Members are able to better serve out constituents because of the tireless and invisible work and support that our staffers provide us. For Team CORREA, it has been an honor to know and work alongside Elizabeth.

Elizabeth has dedicated herself to her role through countless late nights, through sprints in the Rayburn basement, and through many difficult conversations while advising me.

I've seen staffers come and go on to greener pastures, and I am always so fortunate to cross paths with an individual who still has so much potential. She's an incredibly bright staffer with an even brighter future ahead.

Though we are all sad to lose her, we know that she will bring the same work ethic to her new role as Federal Affairs and National Engagement Manager for the City of Los Angeles, where she'll be able to wear her Dodgers shirt without fear of shame.

I've had the honor of watching Elizabeth grow into her role, and I will still never let her forget that Orange County is the best county in California. I am so proud that Elizabeth will return to her roots and serve the constituents of LA. Elizabeth truly believes in the ideals of public service, and Los Angeles is lucky to have her service.

COMMEMORATING PRIDE MONTH AND HONORING MARQUIS JENKINS

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pride Month and honor an LGBTQIA+ community leader in New York's Tenth District, Marquis Jenkins.

Marquis is a community activist with deep roots on the Lower East Side, a lifelong organizer dedicated to building solidarity around issues affecting underprivileged Americans. He has worked at the NAACP to combat issues around criminal justice, he has directed organizing at WE ACT to advance issues of environmental justice, and he is currently director of organizing at Common Justice, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing solutions to violence and addressing issues in our criminal justice system. Marquis has never forgotten the NYCHA public housing complexes where he grew up, and first entered activism at the age of 17 when he ran for resident association president at Bricetti Plaza.

Marquis's dedication to the Lower East Side is evident to everyone who knows him, and our district is lucky to get to call him ours. I thank Marquis.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT PETER BURNS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Peter Burns of Frisco, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Peter has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Peter was born in 1960 in Kingston, Jamaica. At a young age, his family moved to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, New York. In October 1978, Peter enlisted into the United States Army Signal Corps, where he served in various leadership roles. His service took him around the world, including South Korea, Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia. In 1999, Peter retired from the Army and joined the telecommunications industry. He obtained his Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and completed the Entrepreneurial Development program at the University of Texas at Dallas. In 2020, Peter founded The Bridge Delivery Service, which works closely with Amazon Logistics to ensure the timely delivery of packages for North Texas residents.

At the same time, Peter is actively involved in numerous charitable and educational initiatives to benefit our community. He is a board member for the Frisco Education Foundation, Junior Achievement of Dallas, and Be In Health Foundation, where he leads efforts to improve youth entrepreneurship and provide scholarships for students in need. Peter is also a devoted man of faith, and he is the Youth Director at Friendship Baptist Church of The Colony. For his outstanding work, Peter was recognized as Citizen of the Year in 2014 by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce and named 2017 Person of the Year by Frisco Style Magazine. In addition, he was named as Frisco's Distinguished Veteran of the Year in 2019 and received the prestigious Congressional Veteran Commendation. I am proud of the work Peter has accomplished, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Peter with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.