

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEDICAL RESEARCH AND OBSERVING “MEDICAL RESEARCH WEEK” FROM SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a resolution recognizing “Medical Research Week” from September 16 through September 20, 2024. This important resolution recognizes the important breakthroughs of medical research improving health outcomes for patients and communities, securing global competitiveness in science, boosting job creation, educating the next generation of scientists, and strengthening economic growth.

Medical research through the support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), continues to serve a vital role advancing health and medicine. This research can lead cutting edge preventative strategies for treatments and additional cures for longstanding medical challenges such as cancer, Alzheimer’s, heart disease, sickle cell, and obesity. I have met with Hoosier families that are struggling with these rare diseases, and I have been moved by the impact that medical research has on their lives. These insights have inspired me and my colleagues about the necessity of medical research to provide more treatment options and better diagnoses for all Americans.

NIH research funding generates nearly \$93 billion in economic activity and continues to support more than 400,000 jobs across the United States. Medical research is not only focused on improving the health of all Americans, but it is also as an economic driver for growth and job opportunities. NIH work ripples far beyond its headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland, into every state. It drives demand for medical supplies and research equipment, boosts local and regional economics to benefit manufactures and suppliers across the country, and into many United States territories.

I’m proud to represent Indiana’s 7th Congressional District which has become a healthcare and innovation hub in America. In my home state of Indiana the NIH awarded \$414 million dollars in grants and contracts during FY23 that directly supports 5,359 jobs for Hoosiers and over 1.1 billion dollars of economic activity. In my district alone the NIH has contributed \$264 million dollars in grants to 9 different research sites in 2023; including Indiana University, Purdue University, Butler University, Marian University, the Regenstreif Institute, and others.

NIH supported medical research plays a primary role in several sectors. The NIH supports noncommercial and clinical research with private sector innovation, allowing for major achievements in rare diseases such as ALS, substance use disorders, stroke, and Parkinson’s.

During my service in Congress, I have consistently advocated for more resources to expand medical research that promotes better screening tools for underserved and understudied populations, and that is more inclusive of diverse participants in clinical trials. Congressional action has helped improve medical research through the NIH, CDC and DOD’s pancreatic cancer research program, supported in part by the bipartisan appropriations letters I lead each year to increase overall funding and increasing funding for the Veterans Medical and Prosthetic Research Program. I urge all my colleagues to join me in these appropriations requests and oppose the short-sighted budget cuts some have proposed. Imagine what we could accomplish with more robust investments in medical research in our nation, from making strides to combatting antimicrobial resistance, to harnessing the power of personalized medicine to treat disease, and more. These critical breakthroughs in medical research are our nation’s best hope in finding cures, prevention measures, and treatments for diseases affecting millions of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution to recognize the importance of medical research in America. I urge the House to support this resolution.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY STUDY INSTITUTE (EESI)

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) on the organization’s 40th anniversary.

For 40 years, EESI has played an important role on Capitol Hill by providing members of Congress and our staff with nonpartisan, science-based educational resources about climate, clean energy, and environmental topics.

Congressional staff use EESI resources to stay informed, which contribute to our offices’ ability to serve our constituents. Earlier this year, I was pleased to be a guest on EESI’s podcast, The Climate Conversation, where we discussed environmental justice, the public health impacts of the climate crisis, and the need to build resilience into our communities and infrastructure.

EESI’s origins date back to the 1970s when then-Rep. Richard L. “Dick” Ottinger (D-NY) and a bipartisan group of members of Congress saw a knowledge gap on environmental and energy topics and established a study conference to provide members with the information they necessary to make sound decisions. In 1984, EESI began its work as an independent nonprofit organization. Now, after

40 years, EESI still enjoys a reputation for providing Congress with the information necessary to do our jobs. What must have felt important then feels all the more urgent today.

Congratulations to EESI for serving as a trusted source of timely, relevant, nonpartisan, and science-based educational resources about climate topics. With gratitude for EESI’s service to the policymaking community to date, I wish the organization the best for another 40 years of advancing solutions, fostering bipartisanship, supporting rural communities, and cultivating young leaders.

HONORING AN OUTSTANDING TX-08 CITIZEN

**HON. MORGAN LUTTRELL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding District 8 citizen and local hero, Cy-Fair Fire Department Chief Amy Ramon. It is my privilege to stand before you and pay tribute to Chief Ramon, as she is now the first woman to receive the Texas Fire Chief of the Year award. Her dedication and commitment to excellence have truly set her apart in her field.

Chief Ramon earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from LeTourneau University then her Juris Doctor degree from South Texas College of Law.

She began as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 20 and was promoted through the ranks due to her commendable character. She assumed the role of Fire Chief in July 2014. Since then, Chief Ramon has worked diligently to steward her position with care. Her endless dedication and commitment to serving her community has left her with much to show from her service.

Chief Ramon currently oversees 13 active fire stations that cover 164 square miles. Last year, under her leadership, these stations responded to an astonishing 40,806 calls. Chief Ramon’s guidance has been a key factor in the department’s success over the past year. Her ability to lead such a large and active department is a testament to her exceptional skills and unwavering dedication.

Chief Ramon continues to serve as Cy-Fair’s Fire Chief after 34 admirable years of success. She remains an active and important member of our community. I am proud of Chief Ramon for all she has accomplished and the exemplary citizen she continues to be in her community.

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HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARPENTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 599 IN HAMMOND

**HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members and leaders of the Hammond, Indiana Carpenters Union Local No. 599 as they commemorate the organization's 125th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, Hammond Carpenters Local No. 599 will recognize union members for their outstanding service during a pin ceremony and anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the Hellenic Banquet Center in Merrillville, Indiana.

Hammond Carpenters Local No. 599 is a remarkable organization representing skilled craftsmen throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond. I would like to acknowledge the members being honored for their hard work and devotion to their trade. The graduated apprentices who will be honored include: Daniel Almeida, Sean Anderson, Trystan Arch, Joseph Armstrong, Robert Chicvara, Donald Colard, Brian Derby, Jaclyn Flores, Anthony Gibson, Austin Haney, Amber Jetmund, Isaiah Jimenez, Roy Meyer, Brian Orzechowicz, Matt Resunenko, Alex Salgado and Arnell Washington. The members who will be honored for 10 years of service include: Gregory Carns, Joshua Clausen, Jose Cordero, Tom Drakos, Adam Ibarra, Joshua Lindquist, Jakob Winarski, and Gregory Woosley. The members who will be honored for 15 years of service include: Andrew Denham, Brian Jamka, Cory Klajajic, Chad Kuhn, Thomas Lashenik, Kyle Lazzaroni, Gary Nord, Daniel Prendergast, Daniel Rademacher, Jason Shultz, Stephan Sosnowski, John Terpstra, and Bert Williams. The members who will be honored for 20 years of service include: Jack Bonick, Josh Bridegroom, Robert Buczek, Rick Companik, Todd Dapshis, Shane Eaker, Alberto Gomez, Todd Hemann, Jose Marquez, Sebert Meadows, Henry Quintana, Darryl Ramos, Jason Swigon, and Adam VanAmstel. The members who will be honored for 25 years of service include: Marc Bozetarnik, Jeff Buesing, John Erickson, Justin Fischer, Chris Gorski, Roy Hamende, Sr., Don Hancock, Gary Jenczalik, Darrin Jendreas, George Jeronimo, Alfonso Martinez, Daniel Miller, Adam Nagel, Edwin Pina, Jeff Sellers, James Stuppy, Scott Talaga, and Chris Tauber. The members who will be awarded for 30 years of service include: Phil Baran, Sylvia Cabrales, Brian Hensley, Eric Long, James Prahlow, and David Thomas. The members who will be honored for 35 years of service include: John Adams, James Ballard, Michael Brown, Duane Dedelow, Daniel Defflorio, John Dorsey, James Golub, Carl Harbison, Tom John, Craig McGuane, Kenneth Morgan, Randall Norris, James Slagle, and David Turczi. The members who will be honored for 40 years of service are Kevin McCarthy and Michael Rodriguez. The members who will be honored for 45 years of service include: Terry Eckrich, Fred Kuhn, Richard Meyers, Brian Morton, and Thomas Perez. The members who will be honored for 50 years of service are Daniel Brown and Timothy Foley.

The members who will be honored for 55 years of service include: Greg Argentine,

Charles Gibbs, Rudy Medellin, and Michael Schaller. The members who will be honored for 60 years of service include: Robert Lowry, Bernard Ritchey, and Darrel Silks. Lastly, but most noteworthy, Ron Carlson will be honored for his 70 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Hammond, Indiana Carpenters Union Local No. 599 on its 125th Anniversary. Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty among its tradesmen and women. Carpenters Union Local No. 599, and all unions, work tirelessly to ensure safe working conditions, living wages, and growth opportunities for its employees. For their significant contributions to working families and the development of the region, the leaders and members of Carpenters Union Local No. 599 are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE CALIFORNIA  
TAHOE CONSERVANCY'S 40TH AN-  
NIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the California Tahoe Conservancy as it celebrates its 40th anniversary serving the Lake Tahoe Basin and community. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the crucial work the Tahoe Conservancy has accomplished to protect the Lake Tahoe Basin's beautiful natural resources and landscapes.

During my tenure as a California State Senator, I was honored to lead the legislation that established the Tahoe Conservancy in 1984. For four decades, the Tahoe Conservancy has significantly advanced California's efforts to restore and enhance the natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Today, the Tahoe Conservancy continues its legacy as a leader in environmental protection by helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and wildfire risk, protecting ecologically critical lands, and enhancing the region's climate resiliency.

Since its founding, the Tahoe Conservancy has consistently demonstrated its commitment to collaborating with other public agencies and fostering partnerships with surrounding communities, especially those facing significant inequities. From spearheading initiatives to support the Lake Tahoe Basin's sustainable economy to ensuring public health and safety, the Tahoe Conservancy is helping the region establish an enduring balance between humans and the natural environment.

The Tahoe Conservancy's innovative strategies and groundbreaking projects are protecting the Lake Tahoe Basin's rich biodiversity and restoring the Basin's ecological resilience. The Tahoe Conservancy is a faithful steward of the Basin's natural, tribal, and cultural resources, and I look forward to seeing their continued work to protect this special place for future generations to enjoy.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the California Tahoe Conservancy on its 40th anniversary and extend my

sincere gratitude for its generations of service to the Lake Tahoe Basin and community.

RECOGNIZING POLICE CHIEF DEAN  
LOGAN'S RETIREMENT FROM  
THE DOYLESTOWN POLICE DE-  
PARTMENT

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate Doylestown Police Chief Dean Logan, after faithfully serving and protecting the residents of Doylestown for the past thirty-seven years.

Chief Logan began his career in 1987 as a patrolman. His hard work and unwavering dedication quickly propelled him through the ranks. Just four years later, Officer Logan became Detective Logan, a role in which he served for 12 years, solving numerous cases and delivering justice to the community he cared so deeply about. His excellence and leadership were undeniable, and he soon moved up again, this time to Sergeant. After just two years in that role, he became a Lieutenant—a position he held for seven years. It was during this period that he attended and graduated from Session 226 of the FBI National Academy, a prestigious milestone in his career.

Chief Logan's ascent did not stop there. In 2012, after many years of dedicated service, he took on the role of Chief, a position in which he served the people of Doylestown Township with courage and distinction.

During his tenure as Chief, he led a team of over 20 officers and civilian staff and managed an annual budget exceeding three million dollars. His leadership and forward-thinking approach left a lasting impact on the community, particularly through his contributions to modernizing and improving policing practices. Under his guidance, the department embraced the use of social media, implemented In-Car and Body-Worn Camera systems, and established a Motor Patrol Unit. Chief Logan also prioritized the continued education and training of his officers, ensuring they were equipped with advanced skills in traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, and command-level leadership.

Chief Logan's service extended beyond the Doylestown Township Police Department. He was a dedicated member of the Bucks County Chiefs of Police Association and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. His leadership also played a key role in the construction of the new Township Administration Building and Police Station in 2018, as part of the Doylestown Township Building Committee.

Chief Logan has spent his life and career protecting and serving the public. His commitment, vision, and integrity embody the very best of law enforcement, and his impact on this community will be felt for years to come. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and express our deep gratitude for his service to the Doylestown Township Police Department. Mr. Speaker, I ask that we remember Chief A. Dean Logan for his remarkable service, his commitment to others, and the indelible mark he has left on all who had the privilege to know him.

CELEBRATING JIM ERVIN'S 80TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my most heartfelt wishes to my good friend Jim Ervin as he celebrates his 80th birthday.

A proud veteran, businessman, and inspiration to many, Jim's background has allowed him to excel in everything he has done. At 80, Jim continues to apply his wealth of experience to our Nation's defense industry. As a result, Jim is widely renowned for his ability to forge meaningful relationships between policymakers, business leaders, and innovators throughout the country. His tireless work ethic is one that should inspire us all.

Throughout his incredible 20-year service in the U.S. Air Force, Jim was able to see—and experience—almost every aspect of our military, foreign and domestic. As a logistician, he ensured that our troops in the Middle East and South America had everything they needed. As a legislative liaison, he advocated on behalf of the Air Force to make sure that our airmen were always ready to serve. Jim is someone who will always put others first, especially in service to his country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Jim a happy 80th birthday. I am proud to be able to call him my friend, and I sincerely look forward to what the future has in store for him.

HONORING THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF WEST CARE

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of healthcare and community service—the 50th Anniversary of West Care. This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of West Care to improving various physical, mental, and behavioral health issues in the community.

Comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program of Central California (CDAAPCC) was founded in the spring of 1973 under the visionary leadership of four master's graduates from California State University of Fresno in aspirations of finding a solution of the rising issue of substance abuse in Fresno, CA. Of the four initial founders, only one, Robert "Bob" Klise, MSW, continued the original mission. What began as a thesis, would grow exponentially over the next 50 years to provide behavioral health and human services in the Golden State and beyond.

The legacy that has transcended from 1973 until 2024 has left an undeniable impact on many. In 1973 the Comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program of Central California (CDAAPCC) was founded to facilitate the creation of a treatment program. In 1974, The Third Floor of the program received funding and was able to admit its first client in 1975.

The project at hand continued to prosper and in search of new ways to assist the community, residential services expanded to include women's treatments in 1985.

Further expansion allowed for a new recovery residence to promote aftercare in 1988. In 1992, The Third Floor entered a management contract with West Care following the passing of founder, Bob Klise. In efforts to continue his legacy after his passing, The Third Floor began offering outpatient treatments. 1999 was a pivotal year for The Third Floor as it merged with West Care to become West Care California, Veteran services were introduced with the Homefront Grant-Per-Diem Transitional Housing Program. Education, and prevention services were also introduced with the Women 2 Women program for mothers, who were affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS. Treatment services broadened into perinatal services to tie young children into their parent's treatments. Last, but most certainly not least, California's longest running program, MLK residential, was founded with the management provided by West Care. Within the following years, many programs, such as: The Living Room, San Joaquin Valley Veterans, Youth Services in Kings, and Options Program were introduced and merged with West Care.

In 2014, the Criminal Justice Services expanded with the introduction of the Custody to Community Transition Reentry Program (CCTRP) in San Diego. That same year, extension into Housing Opportunities for non-Veteran individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the project LiftOFF program was also introduced. Within 2021–2023 more programs such as Housing Support, New Model of Care, and Wings Advocacy Fresno also collaborated with West Care to provide additional support.

West Care's mission is both clear and commendable. The community outreach efforts have left an indelible mark on the Central Valley. Their commitment to uplifting the human spirit is unwavering, with numerous organizations and program support. Their advocacy efforts are rooted in the promotion of working, growing, and learning together. As we stand on the cusp of West Care's 50th Anniversary, it is incumbent upon us to recognize and celebrate this momentous occasion. It represents five decades of unwavering dedication, advocacy, and service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring West Care. Let us celebrate their legacy and their ongoing commitment to changing lives and improving communities in which it operates.

HONORING DR. SHANESSA  
FENNER, OF W.T. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON WINNING CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS 2025 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Fenner on being named Cumberland County Schools Principal of the Year.

Dr. Fenner is truly a dedicated public servant and educator. Since 2002, she has worked

tirelessly to ensure that the students of Cumberland County receive a top-notch education and develop the skills necessary to be prepared for the future. After graduating from Fayetteville State University, she kept her talent in our community and dedicated her time and energy into our own students.

As the son of a retired Cabarrus County teacher, I understand the sacrifices our teachers and educators make every single day on behalf of our students, and I want to personally thank Dr. Fenner for all of her hard work. I feel so lucky and blessed that we have such selfless and devoted educators, like Dr. Fenner, in our community.

Again, congratulations to Dr. Fenner on winning this prestigious award. She should feel immensely proud of all she has done to improve the lives of our students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Dr. Fenner on being named Cumberland County's Principal of the Year.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALBERT  
JOSEPH BORO

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Albert Boro (Mayor Boro) who passed away at the age of 89 on September 1, 2024. Mayor Boro was an iconic public figure in the City of San Rafael and Marin County and a beloved family member.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Mayor Boro earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco. He went on to work for Pacific Bell as an executive for 35 years before retiring in 1990. Mayor Boro married Patricia Boro in 1959, and they moved to Marin County after they had their first son, Albert. The family grew with the birth of Maureen, followed by Michael, and then the family moved to San Rafael in 1966, where they had their fourth child, Gena.

While working full time, Mayor Boro quickly became involved in the Marin community, serving as a member of the Marin County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Cultural Commission from 1968 to 2005, during which he helped to secure 9,700 acres of open space. He also served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister for Saint Raphael's Catholic Church for many years. In 1971, he joined the San Rafael Planning Commission and was subsequently elected to the San Rafael City Council in 1987. After leaving his corporate role, Mayor Boro stepped into his "second career," as elected Mayor of San Rafael in 1991. After an initial four-year term, he was re-elected in 1995, 1999, 2003 and 2007, serving a total of 20 years as Mayor.

Revered for his ability to build consensus and for his many contributions to project and policy development, Mayor Boro's positive impacts on the community are far-reaching. He oversaw the expansion of city services to the historically underserved Canal neighborhood by renovating the community center. He also guided the preservation of the historic Rafael Theatre, and construction of the new Public Works building and Parkside Children's Center. During his tenure, Mayor Boro played an instrumental role in regional and county initiatives, simultaneously serving as Director of the

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District and as Chair of numerous agencies including Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit, the Marin County Parks Commission, the Central Marin Sanitation Agency, the Marin County Fair Board of Directors, and the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, to name just a few.

Mayor Boro was known for his firm, fair, and caring leadership and faith in local governance. He embraced challenges with common sense, humor, and an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of his neighbors. Over the years, he received numerous accolades, including 2012 San Rafael Citizen of the Year and lifetime emeritus member of Mann County Cultural Commission, and he was named one of the top ten mayors in California—a regard that many held for him throughout his civic life.

Mayor Boro is survived by his wife Patricia Boro; their children and children-in-law, Al and Arlene Boro, Maureen Boro and Mike Winter, Mike Boro and John Fontana, and Gena and Keith Granucci; and their granddaughters Jessica and Madeline Granucci; his sister Barbara and her husband Bill Miles; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

It was my privilege and honor to work with Mayor Boro, and I will miss his friendship. His depth of character is surpassed only by his legacy of his good deeds in San Rafael and beyond. Mr. Speaker, Al Boro was a tireless advocate for the San Rafael community whose legacy cannot be overstated. I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing my sincere appreciation for his many decades of good work and expressing my deep condolences to his friends and family.

HONORING ANNIE NICKERSON, THE  
FIRST GOLD STAR MOTHER OF  
WORLD WAR I

**HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable legacy of Annie Nickerson, a figure of profound significance in American history and a poignant symbol of sacrifice during World War I. Annie Nickerson holds the distinguished title of being the first Gold Star Mother of World War I, an honor that reflects both her personal loss and her role in a broader national story.

Annie's son, Alfred Nickerson, served valiantly in the U.S. Army and, tragically, lost his life in France during the Great War in 1918. His sacrifice, and that of many others like him, is memorialized through the Gold Star Mothers organization—a testament to the courage and resilience of families who have given their children in defense of our country. The Gold Star Mothers pin awarded to Annie Nickerson serves as a powerful symbol of her enduring strength and the ultimate sacrifice made by her family.

Established in 1928, the Gold Star Mothers organization has been dedicated to honoring and supporting those who have lost loved ones in military service. This organization stands as a beacon of remembrance and respect, celebrating the valor of these families and ensuring that their sacrifices are never for-

gotten. Annie Nickerson's role as the first Gold Star Mother of World War I is a critical part of this legacy, representing the profound impact of these families on our nation's history.

On September 28th, Niagara County will host a significant ceremony to honor and commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of Gold Star Mothers and their families. This event will serve as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by individuals like Annie Nickerson and her son, Alfred. It is a moment to reflect on the extraordinary courage of Gold Star Mothers throughout history and to celebrate their enduring legacy.

As we approach this ceremony, it is important to remember the sacrifices of those who have given so much for our freedom. Annie Nickerson's story is a testament to the strength and bravery of Gold Star Mothers, and her legacy continues to inspire and remind us of the true cost of freedom. Her memory serves as a powerful symbol of the countless families who have experienced similar loss and continue to honor their loved ones with dignity and grace.

I am honored to share this important reflection on Annie Nickerson's enduring legacy and the broader significance of the Gold Star Mothers. May we continue to honor and remember the sacrifices made by all Gold Star Families with the respect and gratitude they so deeply deserve.

HONORING THE 2024 INDUCTEES TO  
THE FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL  
OF FAME

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the nine inventors who have been selected as the 2024 Inductees to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. To be named as an Inductee, these inventors were nominated by their peers nationwide and have undergone a review process by the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. As a result, their innovations have been identified as significantly impacting the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida, and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted on April 30, 2014. The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame catalyzes the cycle of discovery and innovation across the state of Florida by recognizing pioneering inventors, empowering future problem-solvers and change-makers, and propelling the American legacy of innovation through transformative experiences and meaningful storytelling.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or deceased) who are or have been residents of Florida. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized or led to important innovations.

The 2024 Inductees are the tenth class to be inducted into the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. Their achievements underscore the critical role that innovation plays in driving progress and improving the quality of life for people in our state, our nation and around the world. Their groundbreaking work not only advances scientific discovery but also strengthens the economy and enhances our global competitiveness. The 2024 Inductees collectively hold more than 350 U.S. patents and come from across industry and academia. Since its founding, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame has inducted 77 inventors, who collectively hold over 5,200 U.S. patents.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor the 2024 Inductees to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame for this outstanding achievement. Innovation and invention are the building blocks of our Nation. I applaud these highly accomplished individuals and the organizations that support them in their quest to change the world in ways that truly benefit humanity. It is because of the perseverance of these inventors that future generations are encouraged to reach beyond their limits and push the boundaries of innovation.

The 2024 Inductees are:

Barry J. Byrne: Professor and Associate Chair of the University of Florida Department of Pediatrics and the Director of the Powell Gene Therapy Center at UF, who is recognized for groundbreaking advances in delivering DNA to muscle cells, initiating the new field of muscle gene therapy, and for developing innovative AAV-mediated gene therapy to restore cardiac and skeletal muscle function for patients with inherited neuromuscular diseases.

Patricia Davis-Lemesy: Engineering Fellow at Cordis Corporation, who is recognized for the revolutionary development of novel polymers that address the characteristics required to conduct coronary angioplasty on blocked coronary arteries, and for advances in polymer chemistry leading to the design of artificial tendons for human trauma surgery.

Peter J. Delyyett, Jr.: Pegasus Professor and Distinguished Professor of Optics & Photonics, Electrical & Computer Engineering and Physics and Director of the Townes Laser Institute at the University of Central Florida, who is recognized for significant contributions to development and commercialization of low-noise, high-power, ultrafast semiconductor lasers for applications in industrial manufacturing, metrology, communications, and signal processing.

Hariklia "Lili" Deligianni: Founder of Sense4Me and retired Researcher and Principal Investigator with IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center, who is recognized for the invention and development of breakthrough electrochemical technologies that revolutionized the capability of electronic devices and the semiconductor industry and led to the widespread adoption of electrodeposition as a key processing technology for the fabrication of computer chips.

Greg Mesaros: Chief Executive Officer and Chair of Triadex Services, who is recognized for industry-disrupting innovations integrating technology, market strategy and collective impact into digital tools enabling businesses to cost-effectively scale operations, and providing small businesses the ability to access supply chain prices and efficiencies similar to large corporations.

Sylvia Wilson Thomas: Vice President for Research & Innovation and President & CEO of the Research Foundation at the University of South Florida, who is recognized for transformational innovations in miniaturized electronic circuitry and advanced materials to support biosensors for more effective real-time health monitoring, and development of nano electronic device integration using advanced membrane/material systems to meet global technological challenges.

Anthony "Tony" Van Heugten: Chief Technology Officer at e-Vision Smart Optics, Inc., who is recognized for cutting-edge ophthalmic technologies, developing liquid crystal tunable lenses for intra-ocular lenses, contact lenses, eyewear, and virtual and augmented reality devices; and for innovations in ophthalmic medical devices to restore clear vision for people with presbyopia, glaucoma, and cataracts.

Rachana Vidhi: Director of Technical Sales at NextEra Analytics, who is recognized for pioneering contributions in renewable energy integration, in particular battery technologies that have revolutionized battery storage systems, accelerated the growth of renewable energy integration, and advanced sustainability; and developing innovative approaches to predicting long-term performance of Lithium-ion batteries for utility-scale applications.

Daniel H. Yeh: Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida, who is recognized for pioneering contributions to environmental engineering and sustainability, particularly wastewater purification and recycling, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, renewable bioenergy, and global WaSH (water, sanitation and hygiene) to mitigate water scarcity and inadequate sanitation for countless communities worldwide.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY FISHER

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Larry Fisher.

Larry was born in Los Angeles, California and attended the University of Southern California where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served as editor of the Daily Trojan. Shortly after earning his degree in Journalism, Larry moved to Sacramento to serve on the staff of Jesse M. Unruh, former Speaker of the California State Assembly.

He subsequently returned to Los Angeles and served as executive director of the California Democratic Party before joining Braun and Company as an account executive in 1966. He served as CEO of Braun and Company's international public relations firm, Braun Ketchum, where he spent many years directing corporate media campaigns and providing counsel to executives.

Upon retiring from Braun Ketchum, Larry and his wife, Betty, moved to the Bay Area. After a stint working as a director and case manager for Options Recovery in Berkeley, Larry embarked on a new path, entering a three-year program to become a spiritual director. He worked with clients in both individual and group settings, helping them find new meaning and direction.

Sadly, Larry passed away in May 2024. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty, their children, L. Timothy (Monaliza Fisher), and Lara (Justin Darisse), and his grandchildren, Emma, Aiden, and Cameron.

Larry will be remembered for his outstanding character and the incredible impact he had on his community. Please join me in recognizing Larry for his many contributions to our community and devoted service to the State of California.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY QUINTEN L. MIGHT

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifesaving efforts of Deputy Quinten L. Might of the Gibson County Sheriff's Office and thank him for his continuing service to his community and state.

Deputy Might grew up in the community that he serves today, attending and graduating from Wood Memorial High School in Gibson County. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a medic. He continued his record of service when he joined the Gibson County Sheriff's Office in 2019 as a correctional officer, and was sworn in as a deputy in 2021. At only 25 years old, Quinten has proven that he is willing and ready to protect and save the lives of those in his community, including in four separate incidents since July of 2023.

One of these lifesaving occasions was on May 24, 2024, when Deputy Might and another deputy responded to a personal injury accident involving a two-vehicle collision. Upon arrival, Deputy Might came to the aid of an individual who was unconscious and not breathing. Despite multiple small explosions from the fire of the crash, the two deputies moved the victim to safety, and hooked up an AED unit and began two-person CPR until the individual thankfully regained consciousness, ultimately surviving the incident.

More recently, on August 9, 2024, Deputy Might responded to a residence call about a two-year old girl who fell into a swimming pool and was unresponsive. As soon as he arrived, Deputy Might called an ambulance and quickly moved the child from the backyard to the front, during which time he freed up her airway by striking her back, likely saving her life.

I am grateful that we have law enforcement officers like Deputy Quinten Might serving our communities today, and thank him for his service and dedication to Gibson County, and the State of Indiana.

CONGRATULATING TARYN KLOTH

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taryn Kloth on her remarkable 2024 Olympic performance, finishing ninth overall in the Women's Beach Volleyball Olympic competition. Taryn, a Sioux

Falls native, proudly represented Team USA with her teammate Kristen Nuss. It was exciting to see a South Dakotan represent Team USA in the Paris Olympics. Our state proudly cheered on Taryn throughout the matches.

Taryn attended O'Gorman Catholic High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where she began her impressive volleyball career. After helping start the first indoor volleyball team in South Dakota, Taryn earned the Gatorade South Dakota Player of the Year award in 2014, a national championship for her club team, a back-to-back state championship, and landed a top-20 high school ranking in the country.

After high school, she went to Creighton University as their highest ranked recruit in school history. Taryn led the team to four consecutive Big East titles and four NCAA tournament appearances, including a school-best Elite 8 appearance in 2016.

Taryn graduated early from Creighton and then attended Louisiana State University where she helped them to a No. 1 ranking in the 2020 season. Taryn and Kristen completed the 2021 season going a historic 36-0, earning multiple accolades, including the prestigious American Volleyball Coaches Association Pair of the Year award. The two created a partnership "TKN" and became the No. 1 ranked Association of Volleyball Professionals Beach Volleyball Team and No. 2 ranked team worldwide.

I am proud to recognize and congratulate Taryn and Kristen for their hard work, dedication to the sport, and performance throughout their careers. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors. I thank Taryn for representing South Dakota well.

HONORING MS. MARGIE LEE PAGE JONES IN RECOGNITION OF HER CENTENARIAN BIRTHDAY

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Ms. Margie Lee Page Jones, as she has reached her 100th birthday.

Ms. Jones was born to Myrtle and Lovy Page on September 16, 1924 in Lee County, Texas. She soon became a big sister to her brother Alton Page. Their childhood was shaped by simple pleasures, including riding donkeys and spending time with their horse named 'Oh Baby.' Ms. Jones also developed a love for music throughout her childhood with the song 'Rattlesnake Daddy' playing on their wind-up Victrola phonograph.

She attended the Doaks Springs School, where she was mentored by Principal C.L. Salsbury and teacher Ms. Corrett Moore. Soon after, she furthered her studies at C.J. Walker Beauty College. It was in Dallas, Texas that she met and married the love of her life, Mr. Joseph Jones. Together, they had four children—Myrtle Denise, Larry Joe, Elissa (Lisa) Lynn, and Michael Lee.

Their marriage continued until Mr. Jones passed away in 2001. Margie's family grew to include six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, reflecting her role as a devoted mother and grandmother. Throughout her life,

Ms. Jones has been a devout Christian and has played an active role in her church. Her involvement with the Jordan Missionary Baptist Church began in the late 1960s, where she has been an active member for over 56 years. In 2015, she was honored as one of the Church Mothers, recognizing her long-standing commitment to her community.

As we mark her 100th birthday, we celebrate Margie's contributions to her family and community. Happy 100th birthday to Ms. Jones.

#### HONORING CONSTITUTION WEEK

### HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Constitution Week. I also rise to recognize the work and dedication that the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution pour into preserving and promoting the history of our Nation.

It is a privilege to commemorate the 236th anniversary of the drafting and adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America. Constitution Week serves as a reminder of the enduring importance of our Constitution and the freedoms it guarantees. The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution play an invaluable role in educating future generations about the principles enshrined by our founding fathers.

Through educational initiatives, historical preservation efforts, and community outreach, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution actively engage in preserving our nation's story. Their programs—from providing scholarships to holding essay contests to facilitating history projects—encourage young Americans to take pride in their country and serve as a reminder to Americans of their civic duty to protect and defend the Constitution.

I thank the Daughters of the American Revolution Fredericksburg Chapter and the Surgeon Lawrence Brooks Society of the Children of the American Revolution for their dedication and service to our communities on behalf of this noble cause.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Constitution Week and recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution for their remarkable achievements and their continued commitment to educating the American people about the United States Constitution and the history of our Nation.

#### REMARKS ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

### HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

#### ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Palestinian award-winning author and lawyer, Raja Shehadeh is co-founder in 1979 of Al-Haq, the Palestinian human rights organization. The Observer lauded him, "Palestine's greatest prose writer" and the New York Times Book Review heaps praises as well, "in his moral clarity and bearing of the heart is self-questioning and assistance on focusing on the experience of the individual within the storms of nationalist myth and hubris. Shehadeh recalls writers such as Ghassan Kanafani and Primo Levi."

In his latest book with a challenging title, *What Does Israel Fear From Palestine?* New York: Other Press, 2024, Shehadeh, clearly a Palestinian patriot who was born in 1951 in the West Bank town of Ramallah, offers us a concise packed yet imbalanced perspective on the long and agonizing Palestinian-Israeli conflict that the October 7, 2023, Hamas's vile attack with terrifying Holocaust dimensions, has brought into sharp view with months of fighting and much suffering to both sides. The detail-oriented writer and activist is anchored in the Palestinian saga of loss and grievances going back to the pivotal 1948 victorious Israeli War of Independence which the Palestinians painfully regard as their Nakba (Catastrophe).

Touching are the author's reminiscences of growing up in Ramallah with his grandma who was a refugee from Jaffa, ever missing her old home and inculcating in her young grandson an attachment to the family's past. "For a long time, I was hostage to the memories, perceptions and attitudes of others that I could not abandon. My sense of place was not my own." However, following the 1967 War when he was able to visit Jaffa, his family's roots gained a realistic sense of belonging. The close physical proximity was a primary factor.

Shehadeh blames the British for the turn of events culminating in the 1948 Arab defeat and the Palestinian debacle, pointing at the 1917 Balfour Declaration as the root cause, stating that the 1922 to 1948 British Mandate was dedicated to fulfilling the earlier declared British commitment toward the Jewish people. I believe that historians would beg to differ, regarding a gradual British shift in the Arabs' favor and manifested in severe limits on Jewish refugees before and after WWII and the Holocaust. Intense Jewish military pressure was created as the British Empire was disintegrating. The author claims that "what happened in Palestine was the utter dissolution of a nation," notwithstanding the acknowledged fact that no such "nation" historically existed yet the Israeli Jewish narrative supported by the Bible claims past millennial Jewish life and creativity which is cavalierly dismissed by the author, "Israel treated the Bible as a historical document and used it to back up the claim that the land had belonged to the Jews from time immemorial, having been promised to them by the Almighty."

He bemoans the fate of the Palestinian Arabs, about 160,000, who remained in Israel and were "forced" to celebrate Israel Independence Day. Admittedly, they were caught in a bind but there is no evidence that they were coerced to celebrate Israel's national festivals. After all they have enjoyed the benefits of becoming Israeli citizens and significant progress of integration was accomplished though challenges remain in a complex scenario with serious security issues. There is evidence of growing Palestinization of Arab Israelis while polls reflect no desire on their part to trade their Israeli citizenship for an Arab one. There is no mention by the author of the 750,000 Jewish refugees in 1948 from Arab lands who left under duress, subject to pogroms and losing their belongings following centuries of discrimination.

It is hard for Shehadeh to come to grips with Israel's success to establish a modern Jewish national identity, defined by him as "Zionist colonization," with the revitalized Hebrew language bestowing Hebrew names on the rebuilt landscape that had carried Arab ones. He points at, a non-starter, proposal of his late father, Aziz Shehadeh, following the 1967 War, to use the 1947 Partition Resolution—then denied by the Arabs—for a Palestinian state. Abba Eban, Israel's legendary foreign minister, insightfully coined that the Palestinians "never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity." Indeed, the controversial Jewish State Law of July 19, 2018, caused understandable consternation among Israeli Arabs, exacerbated by the dropping of Arabic as an official language. Sadly, I share with the author, only 3% of Israeli Jews are literate in Arabic. That is part of an important discussion concerning Israel's better integration into the surrounding Arab Middle East while there are those Israelis who prefer a Western orientation. I suggest that both approaches ought to be pursued tandem.

The book's Part Two is dedicated to the Gaza War, 2023-4, triggered by the October 7, 2023, Hamas's massacres which the author thankfully condemns though seemingly impressed with the military aspects of catching Israel by surprise as Egypt did in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the breaking through the failed billion plus costly barrier, along with the heavy Israeli fatalities, casualties and captives. "The brutality of Hamas's attack and the civilian death toll certainly cast a shadow on their military success."

Whereas an occupied population has the right under the international law to resist, they have no right to commit war crimes. Still, this time the Palestinians did not fit into the role of victims. To the Israelis it seemed like aggressors who were challenging Israel's very existence."

The astute Shehadeh is surely aware that Gaza was returned to the Palestinians in 2005 by then Prime Minister Sharon, followed by Hamas's forceful occupation and the cruel toppling of the Palestinian Authority there with no elections since the 2006 Hamas's "victory". He regards the Israeli response to the October 7 Nazi-like Hamas's massacres excessive, expecting public Israeli criticism as back in 1982 with the horrific Sabra and Shatila massacres in Lebanon. The author though surely knows that the Christian Phalangists had a decisive hand at that time. Somehow, there is no reference also to Iran's leading role in directing its radical proxies, Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis and others, to prevent the near peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia with the successful foundation of the Abraham Accords. Also, the author's comparison of Israel to the once South African apartheid state is misleading.

I wholeheartedly concur with Shehadeh's following assessment, "Young Israelis felt secure enough that they planned a rave night on the border with Gaza. But when Hamas broke through Israel's vulnerability and insecurity were exposed. Israelis were traumatized because they realized they couldn't go on with their life in the same way, making the same assumptions about the reality of the state and its security. Unless, that is, they defeated the aggressor." I also share the author's own response to his book's title, "The very high human and material cost of the war in Gaza proves that what Israel fears from Palestine is Palestine's very existence." Surely a Hamas controlled Palestinian state is not accepted by Israel for obvious reasons.

I do appreciate Shehadeh's optimism concerning the future, "And yet, looking back at the history of the region it is only after great upheavals that hopeful consequences



follow.” However, the central question and challenge remain, whether two separate and contradictory narratives can be reconciled for the future sake of both peoples.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is the founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. Kazakhstan's only born rabbi, he is the son of Polish Holocaust Survivors and spent his early childhood in transit and DP Camps in Austria and Germany. He grew up Haifa, Israel.

HONORING COMMISSIONER L.  
JEFFREY GREEN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ  
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise to recognize Cooper City Commissioner L. Jeffrey Green.

Jeffrey Green began his career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in January 1988 and recently celebrated his 36th year with the Bureau. Mr. Green currently serves as the Community Relations Coordinator for the Miami Division and is responsible for expanding the FBI's presence in local communities through civic and community engagement.

In addition to his FBI career, Mr. Green is also an elected Commissioner for Cooper City. In this capacity, Commissioner Green is one of five elected officials responsible for governing local municipal affairs. This includes providing oversight of the City's \$60+ million-dollar budget, its public safety operations, and all aspects of running a local government.

Commissioner Green will be ending his term serving the City this November. As a devoted public servant for more than 14 years, Commissioner Green helped transform Cooper City into "Someplace Special" to work, live, and raise a family.

Commissioner Green leads with his heart and has been a calming voice on the City Commission throughout his tenure. On behalf of the people of Florida's 25th District, we are grateful for his leadership and wish him well. We appreciate his invaluable work for the residents of Cooper City.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS AND AMERICAN  
SAMOA CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SUPPORT ACT OF 2024

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that gives this House an opportunity to provide more funding for policing.

My bill, the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa Criminal Justice Support Act, does this by allowing the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa to be treated as two separate entities for the purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program. Currently, the Marianas and American Samoa are considered as one

entity for funding, unlike the other U.S. insular areas—Puerto Rico, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands—which are treated as individual jurisdictions, as are all fifty States.

By fixing this inequity in funding for police in the Marianas and American Samoa, we can ensure our local law enforcement agencies receive the necessary training and equipment they need to keep our communities safe. Making this change will also provide more funding to support prosecutors and the courts, as well as justice-related initiatives aimed at crime prevention.

Local law enforcement is increasingly the first line of defense against the evolving security threats our country faces. We must do all we can to recognize the vital role of our police in maintaining public safety.

The gentlelady from American Samoa, Ms. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge all my colleagues to consider this critical and bipartisan legislation for the good of our island communities.

CELEBRATING ASCOT HILLS CHALLENGE 5K RUN/WALK 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the Ascot Hills Challenge 5K Run/Walk for their 10 years of organizing a 3.1-mile trail course in Northeast Los Angeles.

Founded by Troy Carbajal, Marleen Fonseca, and David Sifuentes, residents of El Sereno in California's 34th Congressional District, the Ascot Hills Challenge 5K Run/Walk has donated event proceeds to support the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) fire academy magnet school program as well as the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) student police cadet program at Woodrow Wilson High School since 2014.

Both the LAFD fire academy magnet school program and the LAPD student police cadet program offer a rigorous and disciplined curriculum developed for young men and women expressing an interest in a public service career.

Additionally, a portion of the proceeds also goes to assist with the efforts to protect, beautify, and maintain Ascot Hills Park for its continual community use.

This annual event not only connects residents with valuable resources and organizations in the community, but also serves to encourage youth to exercise and participate in public service.

With limited green space in Northeast Los Angeles, we are grateful to have leaders like Troy, Marleen, and David who ensure that Angelenos get to experience the green spaces in Los Angeles through events like the Ascot Hills Challenge 5K Run/Walk.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone for the Ascot Hills Challenge 5K Run/Walk, and I look forward to seeing all that they do in the next 10 years and beyond.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS  
SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize September 2024 as Sepsis Awareness Month. We honor individuals who have been affected by sepsis and pledge unwavering support and recognition of the diagnosis to patients and families.

Sepsis is a life-threatening medical emergency triggered by the body's extreme response to an infection. It occurs when an existing infection spurs a chain reaction throughout the body and rapidly leads to tissue damage, organ failure, and death without treatment. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 1.7 million American adults are diagnosed with sepsis and 350,000 adults die or are discharged to hospice as a result of it every year. Accordingly, 1 in 3 people who die in a hospital had sepsis during that hospitalization and for every hour treatment is delayed, the risk of death increases by 4 percent to 9 percent. This life-threatening medical emergency is the leading cause of death in U.S. hospitals.

To raise awareness around this devastating diagnosis, we must educate people, share survivor stories, and support innovation and research. According to the Sepsis Alliance, an estimated 37 percent of U.S. adults have never heard of sepsis, reinforcing the need to arm communities with the resources to recognize and respond to it. Our commitment to accelerating education of the diagnosis must remain a priority to save lives and limbs from sepsis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the month of September to advocate for patients diagnosed with sepsis and for the tireless work of the families, caretakers, and researchers supporting those who have been impacted by it.

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTION  
WEEK

HON. THOMAS MASSIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, the Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a republic dedicated to rule by law.

September 17, 2024, marks the two hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it.

To honor this year's Constitution Week, I ask my fellow citizens, and especially my fellow Members of Congress, to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

I extend my sincerest gratitude to the members of the John Guill-Polly Hawkins Craig Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their steadfast commitment to honoring the history of our great Nation and for hosting a Constitution Week celebration for my constituents.

HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and its 2024 theme, Pioneers of Change Shaping the Future Together. From September 15, 2024, through October 15, 2024, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the people of the United States will reflect on the outstanding contributions Hispanic Americans have made for the future success of our great Nation.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins each year on September 15 and recognizes the anniversaries of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile observe their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. This month, we take the time to commend the many inspiring Hispanic leaders that work to create programs and opportunities that are crucial for the progress of the Hispanic community in Northwest Indiana and beyond.

I am proud and honored to highlight recent efforts made in the region to strengthen educational opportunities for the Hispanic community. In 2020, Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Indiana, was designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the United States Department of Education. Purdue University Northwest in Hammond, Indiana, received the same designation in 2024. The Hispanic-Serving Institution designation provides universities with resources for the implementation of programs, facilities, and services to enhance educational opportunities for Hispanic Americans. I believe that this remarkable program not only empowers the Hispanic community throughout Northwest Indiana but is truly vital for the prosperity of our country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and in honoring the leaders and members of the Hispanic community who have worked to improve the quality of life for all Americans for generations to come. Our Nation's success is reliant upon the rich heritage and cultural diversity of its people.

HONORING MS. ALIANNA SIGLER  
OF ELIZABETH CASHWELL ELEMENTARY ON WINNING CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS 2025  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Alianna Sigler on being named Cumberland County Schools Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Sigler has over nine years of teaching experience and has spent the last two years in her current role with Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary. She has won the admiration of both students and parents alike due to her focus on student-centered education.

As the son of a retired Cabarrus County teacher, I understand the sacrifices our teachers and educators make every single day on behalf of our students, and I want to personally thank Ms. Sigler for all of her hard work. I feel so proud and blessed that we have such selfless and devoted teachers, like Ms. Sigler, in our community.

Again, congratulations to Ms. Sigler on winning this prestigious award. She should feel immensely proud of all she has done to educate our students and instill in them a lifelong love of learning.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ms. Alianna Sigler on being named Cumberland County's Teacher of the Year.

CONGRATULATING MILES  
KRAJEWSKI

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miles Krajewski on his remarkable 2024 Paralympic performance. Miles and his teammate, Jayci Simon, made Paralympic history for the United States by becoming the first Americans to medal in Paralympic Badminton. Miles and Jayci earned the silver medal for Mixed Doubles in Paris. Hailing from Yankton, South Dakota, Miles represented our state with dedication and skill, serving as an inspiration to many.

Miles graduated from Yankton High School earlier this year and will attend the University of South Dakota this fall as a business student. As an alumnus, I'm confident the University of South Dakota will be a great place for Miles to continue excelling as a student and athlete.

At 19 years old, Miles has achieved significant success. Prior to competing at the 2024 Paralympics, he represented Team USA in Santiago in 2023. There, Miles won two gold medals in SH6 Badminton events where he secured first place in Singles by defeating the defending champion, and with Jayci Simon they won gold in Mixed Doubles after prevailing in four matches. Miles later earned bronze in Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles in an impressive run at the 2024 Badminton World Federation Para-Badminton World Championships.

I am proud to recognize and congratulate Miles for his hard work, dedication to the sport, and performance throughout his career. I wish him continued success in his future endeavors. I thank Miles for representing South Dakota well.

HONORING MR. LARRY LABELLE  
CHRISTIAN

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and accomplishments of Larry Lavelle Christian—a hero in our Tarrant County community and beyond.

Larry Lavelle Christian grew up in Jones, Louisiana. As an adult, Mr. Christian ultimately moved to North Texas. As a professional truck driver, he drove through the entire county. "Country boy," as he was known in his childhood, was a steadfast figure of reliability in the trucking community, always trying to be helpful and uplift his fellow truckers.

Following the death of his wife, Mr. Christian leaned on his faith and felt called to retire. Upon his retirement and in one of the darkest moments of his life, Larry wanted to help others. Each week, Mr. Christian collected food donations and delivered them to underserved neighborhoods.

Mr. Christian's dedication to the fight against food insecurity illustrates his character and commitment to our community. Mr. Christian's leadership and dedication has made a true difference in the state of Texas. He has been recognized by the Midwest Food Bank Texas, a nonprofit focused on combating hunger. In collaboration, they launched a major effort to obtain and distribute food to those in need. Their combined work led to \$673,000 worth of food being provided to families, children, and seniors throughout Texas. I am pleased to honor Mr. Larry Lavelle Christian today.