

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ART IBELETO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Art Ibeleto in commemoration of his substantial contributions to Sonoma County through his remarkable career as the Pasta King.

Art was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 2, 1926, but moved with his family to Sesta Godano, Italy, as a toddler. At age 17, he was drafted into Mussolini's Hitler-propped Republic of Salò Army, but shortly after joining the Army, he made the brave decision to join the Italian resistance and fight against the Fascists and Nazi Germany. Following the end of World War II, Art immigrated to Petaluma, California where he met his wife, Vicki Ghiradelli Ibeleto, and worked as a farmer, a mechanic, a truck driver, and a factory worker.

In 1961, Art purchased land in Sonoma County where he and his wife started building their business empire with a Christmas tree farm. In 1974, Art created the Spaghetti Palace as a booth at the Sonoma County Fair as a United Lodges, Sons of Italy project. As his booth grew in popularity, Art started building other businesses including a catering and freezer-case foods company, vineyards to grow premium wine grapes, and Art's Place, a popular Italian restaurant in Rohnert Park. As a restaurateur, Art gained notoriety for his savory dishes. He was dubbed the "Pasta King" by journalist Bill Soberanes and became known by that title for the rest of his career.

Art's contributions to the Sonoma County community extended beyond his entrepreneurial endeavors. Over multiple decades, Art held benefit pasta feeds that brought the community together to raise money for charitable, educational, and civil causes. Furthermore, Art co-founded the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and served as state president of the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. For his contributions to the community, Art won a number of local, state, and congressional awards, including Representative MIKE THOMPSON's Fifth Congressional District American Dream Award in 2017, and a lifetime achievement award from Senator Mike McGuire in 2018. In 2021, I introduced a bill to rename the Cotati Post Office after Art to honor his contributions to the Sonoma County community. The bill was passed through the House Oversight Committee and was reported out of the Committee on June 29.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Art's innovative entrepreneurship and selfless service made a profound impact on Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize and honor the outstanding service of Christopher Williams, who retires this week after 30 years as a public servant at the Congressional Budget Office.

Christopher Williams joined CBO in 1991. He has served for many years as a principal analyst in the Macroeconomic Analysis Division. In that capacity, he played a pivotal role in producing and describing CBO's economic projections. Christopher developed and maintained the econometric model used to produce those projections and, later in his tenure, he took primary responsibility for generating and explaining CBO's projections of consumer spending and the components of national income. Christopher contributed regularly to CBO's annual reports, including The Budget and Economic Outlook, and worked on numerous CBO studies, which covered topics ranging from national health expenditures to the effect of foreign aid in economic development and the effects of tax policy on labor markets.

By all accounts, Christopher's colleagues at CBO appreciate his dedication, dependability, collaboration, and breadth of experience. They will miss his generosity with his time and knowledge and, especially, his kindness.

I know my colleagues will join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Christopher for his service to our country. We wish him well in his future endeavors and hope that the Nation will continue to benefit from his expertise and commitment.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CAPTAIN TODD D. MOORE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend Captain Todd D. Moore for his time as the Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine Base New London. After two and a half years of diligent service as the 52nd Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London located in Groton, Connecticut, Captain Moore turned over his command to Captain Kenneth M. Curtin, Jr. on September 24, 2021 at a Change of Command ceremony on the base with family, friends, and colleagues in attendance. Although his time as the Commanding Officer at Naval Submarine Base New London has concluded, Captain Moore's legacy with the U.S. submarine Force will live on as an impressive example of leadership during an unprecedented global pandemic.

Native to Willoughby Hill, Ohio, Captain Moore was quick to expand his horizons and achieve an education that spanned multiple states. He graduated from New York's Hamilton College summa cum laude with degrees in Physics and Classical Studies. From there, he enriched his military career path with a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College. It is worth noting Captain Moore carried on the values of education throughout his career and the betterment of his naval service with his participation and completion of an advanced, joint warfare training at the Joint Forces Staff College's Joint and Combined War-fighting School in 2007.

Armed with a qualified educational background, Captain Moore was of course already on his way to a decorated and accomplished naval career prior to his time as Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London. He completed three deployments in the Indo-Pacific as a division officer aboard the USS *Pasadena*, as the Combat Systems Officer aboard the USS *Asheville*, and as the Executive Officer about the USS *Georgia*. He went on to serve as Commanding Officer of both the USS *New Mexico* and more recently the USS *Montpelier* immediately prior to his service as Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London. In his time in Command of the USS *New Mexico*, Captain Moore conducted the very first Virginia-class submarine surfacing at the North Pole and successfully completed a Northern Atlantic deployment.

Captain Moore served our nation in a wide range of capacities both on land and at sea. On the international front, Captain Moore played a role as the United Nations' Military Observer for the UN's peacekeeping mission in the Western Sahara, known as MINURSO. Notably, Captain Moore further directed his service toward our national security apparatus as branch chief in the Capability and Resource Integration Directorate at U.S. Strategic Command. Here in eastern Connecticut, Moore also spent time as the lead tactics instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. Captain Moore continued his example of service as a Deputy on the staffs of Submarine Squadron Twelve and Four and as a Prospective Commanding Officer and Intermediate Leadership Course instructor for the Naval Leadership & Ethics Center.

Since 2019, Commanding Officer Moore has played an effective and crucial role as the man-in-charge of SUBASE New London. In his time as Commanding Officer for SUBASE New London, Captain Moore pursued campaigns to meaningfully connect with the naval community. This pursuit paid huge dividends when his stewardship of the base turned itself on its head with the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic employing his down to earth "nuts and bolts" leadership style, Captain Moore led his community through the worst of the pandemic, setting a nationwide example for morale and public health with the base achieving the highest vaccination rates among all Navy

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installations, at home and abroad. In doing so, Captain Moore maintained the essential day-to-day mission of the base, keeping sailors trained and ever improving upon their mission of combat readiness. The 15 attack submarines stationed in Groton still kept a high tempo of deployments and did not miss one single day of schedule due to the pandemic.

Captain Moore never ceased his work to better the community on SUBASE New London via his connection to the families and childcare on the naval base. During his command, he oversaw the opening of the only United Service Organizations center in Connecticut which will continue to help provide much-needed resources and relief for the servicemembers and families of SUBASE New London. For all his efforts in his two and a half years of command, it is no surprise that the men and women at Naval Submarine Base New London will remember Captain Moore as he is—a devoted, enduring, and passionate leader.

Madam Speaker, I have had the honor to represent the Town of Groton and the servicemembers on SUBASE New London for many years in Congress, and as such, I have seen firsthand Captain Moore's dedicated work. As he turns over his command of SUBASE New London, Captain Moore will continue to work on the base with the Undersea Warfighting Development Center to help decide future investment priorities for the submarine force. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating and thanking Captain Todd D. Moore on a long history of service to our country, and further wishing himself, his wife Carrie and two children the best in this new chapter for their family.

MARIE BEELER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marie Beeler for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year Award.

This award is given to a member of the community who has displayed outstanding leadership and a passion for helping those around them. Marie has been described as a local hero, someone who sees the good in people, and who is able to recognize the issues facing her community and tackle them head on.

Through her work with HOPE (Help Our People Eat), Arvada High School, Severe Weather Network, migrant ministry, Hope House and a variety of other causes and organizations, she has helped feed thousands of Coloradans in need. She personally hauls loads of canned goods, backpacks full of school supplies and other heavy items in and out of her truck. Her passion comes from a deep belief that a child is only able to learn when he/she fed and alert. Enabling children to learn will ensure they get an education which will lead to a good-paying job and success beyond the classroom. Marie has continuously served as the voice and a champion for those who need it most—the disenfranchised, the poor, or the minority—across Arvada.

Congratulations to Marie Beeler for receiving the Woman of the Year Award. Her hard work, compassion and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated.

HONORING GEORGE M. TABER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George M. Taber for his monumental contributions to the California wine community.

Born and raised in Riverside, California, in 1942, Mr. Taber attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles where he graduated in 1960. He then graduated from Georgetown University in 1964 where he received his BA in Political Science. One year later, Mr. Taber attained his Degree in European Studies while attending the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Although he never moved back to California, he reconnected with his Californian roots after writing his article on the 1976 Judgement of Paris, an event that showcased California's finest wines in competition with top wines from France. At this event, Napa Valley Wineries took first prize for both their red and white wines. He was the only reporter who covered this event that forever changed California's standing in the wine community and attracted world-wide attention. The influence of Mr. Taber's reporting was so influential that the San Francisco Chronicle deemed his article as "the most significant news story ever written about wine."

As a hard-working and dedicated journalist, Mr. Taber dedicated 21 years of his life as a reporter and editor with TIME Magazine based in Bonn, Germany; Paris, France; Houston, Texas; and New York. With his growing love for wine, he went on to write several books, including "Judgment of Paris: California vs. France and the Historic 1976 Paris Tasting That Revolutionized Wine" and "To Cork or Not to Cork," which won the Jane Grigson Award from the International Association of Culinary Professionals. This award is given to those who have demonstrated distinguished scholarship and research into cookbooks. Mr. Taber was also a finalist for the James Beard Award for best book on wine and alcohol and the Andrew Simon Award for best wine book.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Taber's exemplary journalism has brought great prosperity to California's wine community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SHERIFF RON SEALS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Ron Seals, a beloved Sheriff and dedicated public servant of Sevier County, Tennessee. Mr. Seals is currently the Sheriff of Sevier County in beautiful East Tennessee, having served the citizens for forty-

nine years in a law enforcement career that has spanned six decades.

In 2007, he was appointed Sheriff and he ran for and was elected Sheriff to fill the remaining term of Sheriff Bruce Montgomery. He subsequently won elections in 2008, 2010, 2014, and 2018. He was named "Sheriff of the Year" in 2012, an honor bestowed upon him by the other 94 Sheriffs in the State of Tennessee. A Sevier County native, he graduated from Sevier County High School and then graduated from Walters State Community College with an associate degree in Criminal Justice. He is also a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy. Over his career, he has worked as a dispatcher, corrections officer, a police officer in the Patrol Division, a Sergeant in the Patrol Division, Assistant Chief of a Police Department, Chief Deputy and Deputy Chief of Administration.

In 2014, he was recognized by Walters State Community College with the Distinguished Alumni Civic Achievement Award for his service with WSCC and the Sevier County community. He has been recognized by the Humane Society of the United States and was given the Humane Law Enforcement Award for leadership in combating illegal animal abuse. He is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Sevier, and a member of the Scottish Rite and the Kerbel Shriners. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police-Smoky Mountain Lodge No. 31 and the Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Smoky Mountain Chapter. In 2014 the Sevier County Sheriff's office received accreditation with the State of Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program. He created a professional records division, served as part of the design team for the Sevier County jail that opened in 1991 and managed the main jail expansion in 2002.

His legacy of love includes being married to his wife, Wanda. He says, "I am blessed beyond measure to serve in what I believe to be the finest place on earth."

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Ron Seals, has had a distinguished career in law enforcement and has served the citizens of Sevier County with honor and integrity and I proudly honor him.

HONORING JONI THORNTON AND
NICOLE MORTENSON AS IOWANS
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two dedicated leaders for mental health and suicide prevention in our community—Joni Thornton and Nicole Mortenson. Joni and Nicole are co-chairs of the Out of the Darkness Central Iowa Walk. The annual walk is part of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Iowa and helps raise awareness for suicide prevention and mental health in the community.

Joni and Nicole led a very successful walk in Ankeny on September 19. Hundreds of Iowans gathered at the DMACC campus to share hope for families affected by suicide. The event also featured a virtual memorial wall on Facebook to honor the lives lost to suicide in the past year.

The co-chairs aim to make the walk family-friendly year after year, because suicide and mental health do not just impact adults. There has been an increase in pediatric mental health issues in recent years, and mental health affects the whole family. The co-chairs have included events for the whole family in the walk, from face painting and bracelet making to live music and therapy dogs.

Although the walk takes place on one day, Joni, Nicole, and their team begin preparing for the event months in advance. They start planning in January and meet often to organize sponsors, vendors, and volunteers. This year, the walk had 15 sponsors supporting the event. 80 percent of every dollar from sponsorships goes to suicide prevention and mental health research tight here in Iowa.

Joni and Nicole are tireless advocates for mental health, and their dedication to raising awareness in the community is remarkable. Joni has worked with the American Suicide Prevention Foundation for 12 years and Nicole has served the organization since 2015. Both women coordinate an amazing walk that provides a space for families of those lost to suicide to feel understood and to meet other families affected by suicide.

The American Suicide Prevention Foundation offers free resources for individuals and families across the region. The organization has monthly support groups, community-based presentations, and programs to help Iowans become more aware of mental health.

Joni and Nicole's advocacy for suicide prevention and mental health awareness have changed lives and provided hope for countless Iowans. It is my pleasure to honor Joni Thornton and Nicole Mortenson as Iowans of the Week.

HONORING NEWS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor NEWS, Napa County's only domestic violence and sexual abuse agency, as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Founded in 1981, NEWS was created by members of the Napa County community with the mission of providing a safe place for women and children who experienced domestic abuse. With the help of local Napa County leaders, NEWS founders were able to acquire a house, and begin to shelter survivors of domestic abuse when they had nowhere else to go. Since 1981, NEWS has grown into an organization that serves over 1,300 Women, Men, Children, and LGBTQ+ folk annually.

The critical services NEWS provides to the Napa community include a 24-hour domestic violence and sexual abuse help line, referral services for domestic violence and sexual abuse survivors, and food, clothing, transportation, and medical support. Additionally, the NEWS shelter provides private bedrooms, private bathrooms, a family room, a full kitchen, and spacious areas for children to play for up to 20 community members at a time. Further, the NEWS court advocates assist survivors in filing protective orders, and NEWS case managers work with clients to find safe and affordable housing.

NEWS is an active member of several local, state, and national organizations that advocate for and promote domestic violence and sexual abuse prevention. These organizations include the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Community Leaders Coalition, the Napa County Continuum of Care, the Napa County Behavioral Health Committee, the Napa Valley Communities Organized Against Disaster, and more.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that NEWS' contributions to our community have made Napa County a safer place for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

RECOGNIZING JOHN BASALYGA, ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Basalyga who will be recognized as the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County at their annual gathering on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

John was raised in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. When he began his career in 2001, he knew he wanted to maintain the deep connection he felt to his home region by creating jobs and supporting the local economy. He founded Eastern Roofing Systems in Jessup, Pennsylvania, which began as a small local business and eventually grew into one of the largest commercial and industrial roofing contractors in the country, known for a commitment to quality and innovation.

In 2006, John founded JBAS Realty and began turning industrial properties into housing, transforming spaces from the region's manufacturing past into modern accommodations. The Lofts at 300 Bowman in Dickson City, the Railroad Lofts in Moscow, the Warehouse Lofts in Scranton, and the North Valley Lofts in Olyphant are a testament to John's architectural and design vision and his commitment to providing housing in Lackawanna County. His company also takes on commercial properties. In 2015, John acquired the Mall at Steamtown, which he transformed into the Marketplace at Steamtown: a modern, mixed-use facility that attracts tourists and locals to downtown Scranton. Other properties that have benefitted from John's talent and expertise include Crunch Fitness; the Olde Brook Inn, a popular fine dining restaurant; Geisinger Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, set to open later this year; and the Rock Creek Corporate Center and the Rock Creek Shops.

John is always working on new and innovative ventures that improve the landscape of our community. He recently founded Serenity Care, LLC, which will own and operate five senior care centers in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. In his most ambitious move yet, he plans to demolish the Red Carpet Inn to construct the City of Scranton's tallest building, which will feature retail establishments, a restaurant, a hotel, office space, and residential units.

His success in commercial roofing led John to expand his business to include independent service and residential departments in 2019. Eastern Residential Solutions won an Angie's List Super Service Award in 2020 and is integral to John's charitable work. The company recently provided a new roof for a local veteran through the Beacon of Hope Project in 2020, and in 2021, they donated the labor and materials to replace all the roofs at South Scranton Little League.

I am honored to join with the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County in recognizing John as the Italian American Man of the Year. John's hard work, dedication, and vision have transformed the City of Scranton, and I wish him all the best as he continues to help our beloved city reach new heights.

RECOGNIZING JESSICA NEUWIRTH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend, Jessica Neuwirth, for her longstanding commitment to women's rights and her work against human trafficking around the world.

As one of America's preeminent lawyers and activists on women's rights and a graduate of Harvard Law School, Jessica has worked extensively in the international women's rights movement with the United Nations, in international criminal courts, and within the larger global women's movement. She served as Special Advisor on Sexual Violence to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, drafting the sections on sexual violence of the historic Akayesu judgement in 1998, which defined rape for the first time in international law and found sexual violence to constitute a form of genocide.

Jessica continued her important work in the international sphere, helping to organize a global Afghan Women's Summit just three months after 9/11 in December 2001, and a Beijing +10 campaign on laws which discriminate against women, resulting in the creation by the Human Rights Council of a UN Working Group on Discrimination Against Women in Law and Practice. She played a key role in the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act in 2000, as well as the international Palermo Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, adopted by the United Nations in 2000. Jessica has also served as Special Advisor on Sexual Violence to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, where she continued to highlight the gruesome use of rape as a weapon in armed conflicts around the world. Today, as the Rita E. Hauser Director of the Human Rights Program at the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, Jessica serves as an incubator for the Global Reparations Fund for Victims of Sexual Violence launched last year at the United Nations.

It is therefore no surprise that Jessica was honored this past week with the insignia of Knight of the French Legion of Honour. This is the highest award that a citizen or noncitizen of France can receive, and speaks volumes about the strong devotion, and enduring drive for justice that has characterized Jessica for her entire life.

She can now add the Legion of Honour to the host of other accolades bestowed upon her over the years, including the National Organization for Women's Susan B. Anthony Award (1997), the Visionary Ending Violence Award from the Harvard Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (2005), the New York County Lawyer's Association Edith I. Spivack Award (2009), and the Civic Spirit Award from the Women's City Club (2016), among a plethora of others throughout her storied career.

I am so pleased that our long-time ally has recognized Jessica for her critical contributions to anti-trafficking and women's rights around the world, and I am proud to be able to do the same today.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SPINE HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing October as National Spine Health Awareness Month.

In 2019, nearly 40 percent of Americans suffered from chronic neck or back pain according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those numbers increased to nearly 45 percent in adults with income below the federal poverty level. Back pain is also the number one cause of missed workdays and the leading cause of job-related disability and pain. In fact, it costs \$250 billion to the U.S. economy annually.

Unfortunately, during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been sitting more, eating more, and moving less: all of which have exacerbated spinal problems.

The National Spine Health Foundation (NSHF) located in my district in Reston, Virginia, is the only patient-centered non-profit dedicated to helping patients overcome debilitating spinal conditions. The Foundation is especially dedicated to helping prevent abuse of opioids used for pain. Back pain is the most common non-cancer related reason for an opioid prescription. Decreased opioid use also reduces the risk of future opioid dependency.

I would like to congratulate NSHF on receiving the International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery's award in 2021 for its research on the hospital protocol called Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS). The ERAS for back and neck surgeries has resulted in a greater than 50 percent reduction in postoperative opioid consumption and pain scores.

In addition, NSHF's Medical and Scientific Board includes fifty of the top spine specialists in the nation. Through patient education, award-winning research, and advocacy, NSHF partners with these top spine specialists to provide patients with the tools to make informed decisions by providing information on prevention, nonsurgical and surgical treatments.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the importance of good spinal health, supporting individuals who suffer from spinal issues, and thanking the NSHF

and the health care providers who help not just in October, but all year long.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 313.

EDWARD ROTHSCHILD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Rothschild for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year Award.

This award is given to a member of the community who has displayed outstanding leadership and a passion for helping those around them. As a business owner, advocate, and dedicated volunteer for his community, Edward has proven himself to be a champion for businesses and the larger Arvada community.

He has served in many leadership roles in the community including on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Advocacy KAPS Council; the Sooper Credit Union Community Foundation Board; Bike Friendly Arvada Board; City of Arvada Chatter Review Committee; and the Whisper Creek Townhomes Homeowners Association. He also volunteers his time with numerous organizations such as the Arvada Planning Commission, Foothills Animal Shelter Foundation, and MS Society of CO/WY. In addition to volunteering, Edward has helped support and sponsor several local organizations such as Arvada Festivals Commission, Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities, Bicycle Colorado, Chabad of NW Denver, Colorado Environmental Film Festival and Colorado Automobile Dealers Association.

Congratulations to Edward Rothschild for receiving the Man of the Year Award. His hard work, leadership and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATING THE 132ND ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH OF DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 132nd anniversary of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church of Douglasville, Georgia on October 10, 2021.

Since its founding in 1889, St. James A.M.E. Church has served the greater Douglasville area through ministry, service,

and fellowship. As they mark this momentous occasion, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations to the church leaders, elders, and congregation. There are many ways to gauge the impact a religious institution has on its community. However, one of the most telling is its longevity, for that demonstrates that teaching of a loving gospel can move generations of God's people.

The mission of St. James A.M.E. is to minister to the spiritual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of all people through spreading the word of Christ. However, this church community does not just preach the gospel on Sundays, but instead carries the gospel with them every day through their good deeds. Saving the lost, serving the needy, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, housing the homeless, caring for the sick, are only a few examples of how St. James A.M.E. impacts its community.

St. James A.M.E. has been a beacon of Christian light and fellowship for a very long time. They take care of their community and those that are struggling. Loving our neighbors as we love ourselves is deeply engrained in St. James A.M.E.'s culture. Through the spirit of selfless generosity and love for others, God has shined his light on this congregation, and you all have taken that light and steadfastly turned it on your community. For fifteen years, St. James A.M.E. has partnered with the Atlanta Community Food Bank to serve meals and provide goods to fellow neighbors. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the church set up a mobile food bank and food pantry for patrons to easily get meals for their families. Additionally, St. James A.M.E. organized a COVID-19 vaccination event to ensure that citizens of the greater Douglasville area had access to this lifesaving vaccine.

Throughout the 132 years of St. James A.M.E., its members and fellow Black and African American neighbors were not afforded the same freedoms as their white brothers and sisters. This church has lived through the great Civil Rights Movement and the continued effects of racism and bigotry. Through their perseverance, they have continued to promote equality in their community, through actions such as working tirelessly during the 2020 election cycle to ensure voters were registered and had all the information they needed to cast their ballot on election day.

I am pleased to congratulate your church leaders, elders, and the generations of congregants at St. James A.M.E. Church for setting positive examples as leaders in ministry for the city of Douglasville. From the first pastors back in 1889, Reverend Pierce and Reverend Lawrence, to today's Reverend LeRoy Ladson, Jr., these leaders have grounded this community's faith and united the people of Douglasville through the Word of God.

Madam Speaker, as St. James A.M.E. Church of Douglasville, Georgia marks its 132nd anniversary, I would like to applaud this church's steadfast commitment to God's Word and God's people. I want to close with a fitting scripture that epitomizes the spirit of St. James A.M.E., Galatians 6:9, which reads, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

May God continue to bless St. James A.M.E. Church of Douglasville, Georgia.

HONORING THE GOVERNMENT
SERVICE OF DAVID GOOTNICK

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank GAO Director David Gootnick for his 27 years of federal service, including 20 years at the Government Accountability Office. His leadership on 50 reports and testimonies covering the territories and freely associated states has been a critical source of information and insight for the Natural Resources Committee. In particular, I want to highlight David's five reviews of the implementation of minimum wage increases in American Samoa—beginning in 2010 and last reporting in 2020. These reports provided vital information that helped Congress monitor economic conditions in the territory and take appropriate actions to revise the schedule of America Samoa minimum wage increases. I thank David for his service, and congratulate him on his retirement. Best wishes to him on his future activities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF CORPORAL BURL MULLINS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Corporal Burl Mullins, who served in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean War and spent his life in service to our country. I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to Cpl. Mullins and his family for his courage and bravery, as his dedicated service cost him the ultimate price.

Corporal Mullins was born in Kentucky on December 19, 1926 and began serving in World War II on March 23, 1945. He continued to serve through the post-war period for one year and nine months. Remarkably, less than two years later, Cpl. Mullins enlisted for a second term of service on September 2, 1948 to serve in the Korean War.

At only twenty-three years old, Cpl. Mullins was reported Missing in Action on November 30, 1950 after enemy forces attacked his unit in the Chasin Reservoir, North Korea. While his remains originally couldn't be found, they were later recovered at the location of the battle where he went missing. It was determined that he was likely killed in action.

In June 2018, after nearly 70 years MIA, U.S. President Donald Trump and D.P.R.K. Chairman Kim Jong-Un conducted a summit meeting in Singapore where Chairman Kim promised to repatriate American remains collected by the D.P.R.K. during the Korean War. A month later, Cpl. Mullins' remains were returned home to the U.S. where he was reunited with his family. His family, who were unsure if they would ever know what happened to him, were glad to have closure and described it as a "wound finally healed."

Cpl. Mullins' return home was celebrated by the small Kentucky community where he grew up. His casket was escorted by a veterans

motorcycle group, and his funeral procession was met with community support, as some members of the community gathered to wave their American flags and pay their respects. The family is grateful to President Trump for the return of their loved one.

Madam Speaker, Corporal Burl Mullins was a courageous patriot who gave his life in service to our country. I am proud to honor him and his family.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Each year from September 15 to October 15, the history and culture of Americans whose ancestry can be traced from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America is recognized and celebrated. This observation was first established as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. President Ronald Reagan later expanded the observance to a full month in 1988. This thirty-day period encapsulates many celebrations of independence for Latin American countries. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18.

During this month, we pause to recognize the profound influence of Hispanic Americans across the country. Guided by the promise of freedom and in search of a better life for themselves and their families, some of these individuals arrived with nothing but the clothes on their back and the hope of a better tomorrow. Once here, they charted their course, and created their own unique American destinies. In turn, their contributions have brought new ideas, new cuisines, new cultures to us all, and their presence here has created a more prosperous nation for all Americans. Hispanic Americans have had influence on practically every part of American history, from sports, to the fine arts, to science. Each day I am proud of their countless contributions to our country's story, and I would like to take this month to honor the crucial role that Hispanic Americans play in our society, and in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District in particular.

The Hispanic community in Georgia is proud, vibrant, and ever-growing. I am proud to represent so many of the men and women who have contributed so much to our communities each day—over half of Georgia's Hispanic population lives within the metropolitan Atlanta area. Hispanic Americans help contribute to what makes this Nation remarkable, and I am honored to lift up the voices of those who have selflessly dedicated their lives to building up themselves, their community, and this country. Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hispanic Americans from all walks of life demonstrated their commitment to community and selfless service in their daily lives. Doctors saved lives, essential frontline workers kept grocery stores and pharmacies operational, and trusted community leaders continue to encourage their friends and neigh-

bors to get vaccinated. I am routinely impressed by the spirit of service and leadership displayed by Hispanic Americans in my district who work hard to give back to their own communities. Their work should be recognized every day, but particularly during Hispanic Heritage Month. Therefore, I am honored to highlight two individuals who deserve special recognition: Natalia Garzón and Zulma Lopez.

Natalia Garzón was born in Colombia but raised in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Panama. Her passion for diversity and connectivity is what led her to pursue a career in Literature, Creative Writing, and French. Prior to her work in Atlanta, Natalia worked with nonprofits in Central America. She is a founder of RISE, a nonprofit that seeks to empower students in low-income neighborhoods in Panama. In Atlanta, she has worked as a Teacher's Assistant at Montclair Elementary, an ESL Associate Tutor for Tibetan monks and nuns, and she has established a partnership between the LAA's Club de Lectura and the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry at her alma mater Emory University. In September of 2020, Natalia was named the director of development for We Love BuHi, an organization that works to preserve the multicultural identity of Atlanta's Buford Highway. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Natalia and We Love BuHi pivoted their focus to providing the people of the Buford Highway Corridor with locally sourced and culturally centric food to families that were in need. Their efforts fed over 52,000 people, and impacted nearly 15,000 families. Once COVID-19 vaccinations were made available, Natalia was an instrumental part of We Love BuHi's multilingual vaccination outreach efforts, which partnered with other local organizations and the cities of Doraville and Dunwoody to train volunteers and run multilingual vaccination clinics.

Zulma Lopez identifies herself as an immigration attorney, a small business owner, and most importantly, a mom. She was born and raised in Puerto Rico, where she obtained her undergraduate degree and J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico. During law school, Zulma also juggled the responsibilities of being a mom to her two oldest sons. In 2007, she moved to Georgia to reunite with her childhood friend and now husband Dax Lopez, and gave birth to a daughter and son to complete her family. In 2014, she opened her own law practice, Lopez Immigration LLC, to give families their own shot at the American dream by representing them before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and filing family-based immigration petitions. As both an immigration attorney and a small business owner, she is passionate about creating opportunities for women and minority business owners in DeKalb County. As a mother who balanced her own professional development and education while raising her sons, she feels strongly about supporting students from preschool through college. In 2020, Zulma was elected to represent House District 86 in the Georgia House of Representatives, where she serves as the only Latina in the Georgia General Assembly. As an elected official in North DeKalb County, Zulma represents some of the same constituents that I have the privilege of representing here in Congress. I am proud of our shared constituency.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize two of the many Hispanic Americans who work hard every day to make a difference in

the lives of others here in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District. As we continue to celebrate the observation of Hispanic Heritage Month, may we recommit ourselves to the spirit of service demonstrated by these individuals and the many others whose stories have yet to be told. On behalf of myself, the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I am proud to join in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. In telling the stories of community members like Natalia and Zulma, we celebrate the power of our Hispanic community in Georgia. As a Representative of our State, I will continue to champion their values of strength, service, and patriotism every day.

JUSTIN ANDRADE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justin Andrade for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Image Award.

Justin is known as a selfless and inspirational young man who grew up in Arvada. He became a local hero after running 280 miles from Adams State University in Alamosa, Colo. back home to Arvada in honor of his childhood friend, Cameron Holland, and to raise funds for the Cameron Holland Scholarship.

Justin's courageous, ultra-marathon-like efforts demonstrated his commitment and leadership abilities and I wish him all the best in the future. Congratulations to him on receiving this award and I look forward to his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE INTERNET ARCHIVE FOR CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker. I rise to honor the Internet Archive on the 25th anniversary of its founding in 1996. The organization has developed an extraordinary and highly accessible digital library and has become an indispensable asset to society.

While physical records of books, newspapers, videos, and audio have long been conserved by libraries and archives, no such record keeping existed for the internet in its infancy. Aware of the importance of saving digital documents, the Internet Archive was founded with the mission to conserve digital cultural artifacts for the public and for generations to come. That mission is vital in an age where the internet plays such a central role in all of our lives.

To date, the Archive has stored an astonishing 588 billion web pages, 28 million digitized books and texts, 14 million audio recordings, 6 million videos, 3.5 million images, and 580,000 software programs. Millions of people around the world contribute to the Archive and countless more benefit from having

access to it. The world-class team of employees and volunteers that administer the Internet Archive are a major reason why the project has been such a success, and I'm proud that many of my constituents contribute to the Archive.

The Internet Archive's success is also due to the fact that it is managed as a values-driven nonprofit organization. The Archive is a large part of how we will tell the story of our time and it's a privilege to congratulate the Internet Archive on celebrating 25 years of cataloging the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating all of the employees, volunteers, and users of the Internet Archive for celebrating its 25th anniversary.

CELEBRATING HOWARD E. ROBINSON, SR.'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Howard E. Robinson, Sr., a constituent of Virginia's 4th Congressional District. In February, Mr. Robinson will reach the milestone birthday of turning 100 years old.

Howard E. Robinson, Sr., was born on February 1, 1922 in Chase City, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to Robert and Mary Robinson. Mary a domestic worker, and Robert, a janitor, both believed in education to provide ladders of economic mobility for their children.

Mr. Robinson attended the Thyne Institute, which was established by the United Presbyterian Church and dedicated to educating Black children. Thyne Institute was the only school in Mecklenburg County for children of color to attend for almost 50 years, and due to the abhorrent policies of the Jim Crow South, Mr. Robinson was unable to attend an integrated school.

From a young age Howard understood the principles and ideas of hard work. To pay for his education at the Thyne Institute he cut grass for the school and drove the principal and his daughter into Chase City to shop.

Howard would graduate from the Thyne Institute as valedictorian, and go on to study at Virginia State College, now known as Virginia State University (VSU), on a full scholarship. While in college Mr. Robinson met Anna Smith, who he would marry in 1951. Mr. Robinson graduated from Virginia State College with a degree in biology.

Upon graduation from Virginia State College, Howard returned to the Thyne Institute to teach geography and English. In 1942 as World War II raged on, Howard was drafted into the United States Army where he served as a clerk and chauffeur for a Captain at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Howard was honorably discharged after more than two years of service.

Following his service, Howard and Anna built a home in Chase City and became active in their community. Howard returned once again to the Thyne Institute, where he would teach biology, chemistry, and general science at the middle and high school levels for fifteen years. Howard went on to teach and serve as a guidance counselor in Mecklenburg County

Public Schools at East End High School for 35 years.

Howard continued to pursue his own education throughout his career. At the request of the Principal and Superintendent, Howard pursued graduate level coursework from the George Washington University, Virginia State College, and obtained a master's degree in Guidance from the Hampton Institute, in 1962.

After spending his career in education, he retired in 1987.

Howard has dedicated his life to service. In total, he taught for fifty years. It is estimated that he educated, counseled, and inspired more than 10,000 students during his career. He also has provided civic, church, and academic leadership in the Southside community. Howard has lived a life of purpose, integrity, and love.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Howard E. Robinson, Sr., a happy 100th birthday.

JOE HENGSTLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Hengstler for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Award.

The Young Professional Award is given to an up-and-coming Arvada community member who has stood out for their work over the past year. As Executive Director at the Olde Town Arvada Business Improvement District, Joe has proven to be a steady force during the pandemic, tirelessly working to support Olde Town businesses and the Arvada community as a whole. Joe led the organization during a pivotal time and developed new and creative ways to aid businesses during a difficult time. Joe also volunteers his time with the Arvada Festivals Commission and helps lead the Arvada on Tap Festival.

Having worked with Joe personally, I want to extend my appreciation for his leadership and contribution to our community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Congratulations to him on receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Award.

HONORING DONALD C. HARDY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Col. (Ret.) Donald C. Hardy. Mr. Hardy lives in Irvine, Kentucky, and is 94 years of age.

Mr. Hardy comes from a family of service. His uncle, Henry Thomas Hardy Jr., was born in 1921 and served in the Quartermaster Corps during WWII. Hardy's brother, Pvt. Gordon L. Hardy, served in the United States Army, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 271st Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division. At the age of 19, Private Hardy was killed in action in Germany on April 18, 1945. Donald Hardy

was drafted into the United States Marine Corps. At the death of his brother, Donald was recalled from active service. Later, Donald Hardy joined the Kentucky Army National Guard and served for 38 years before retiring as a Colonel. Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Hardy worked in Irvine for CSX Railroad. His career there spanned 44 years.

Mr. Donald C. Hardy, like other family members, is a true patriot. As a part of "The Greatest Generation", Mr. Hardy and all those who served protected for future generations the freedoms that we as a Nation hold dear. For Mr. Hardy's patriotic service to our nation, he is to be commended and appreciated. It is my honor to recognize Col. (Ret.) Donald C. Hardy before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN EDUARDO SANTIAGO

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. TORRES of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Captain Eduardo Santiago, who is retiring after 32 years of service at the Lincoln Hospital Police Division in the heart of my district. As a public hospital with the busiest Emergency Department in New York City and the third-busiest Emergency Department in the nation, Lincoln is an indispensable medical facility for my constituents.

On the Occasion of the Retirement of Captain Eduardo Santiago, we honor him for his dedication and selflessness in service to the Bronx community. We hereby recognize and acknowledge his numerous achievements by sharing some of his professional achievements and contributions:

Captain Santiago's distinguished and honorable career began in 1985 when he served in the United States Marine Corps as a 0341 Mortarman. He received numerous commendations for his outstanding service, including the Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Meritorious Mast until his Honorable Discharge as an E4 - Corporal in 1989.

Following his Honorable Discharge, Captain Santiago returned to the Bronx and began working at Lincoln Hospital, where he would spend the remainder of his career. Captain Santiago served as a Hospital Police Officer for four years protecting Lincoln Hospital's patients, personnel, and visitors until he was promoted to Investigator, where he served as a Crime Prevention Officer.

Captain Santiago's exceptional service was reflected through his subsequent promotions to Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant until he became Captain in 2003, a position he has held ever since. As Captain, he has ensured the safety and security of the Hospital through a wide array of duties. Captain Santiago oversaw numerous programs and initiatives in the Hospital Police Department, served as a Preventing and Managing Crisis Situation Instructor for New York City Health and Hospitals, and maintained the proper level of discipline and duty for all subordinates. Captain Santiago has been an exemplary public servant in every role he has held, and he is admired by his many colleagues and friends for his selflessness and work ethic.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Lincoln Hospital Police Division, I am honored to pay tribute to Captain Santiago for his numerous achievements in service to the people of the South Bronx. We proudly recognize Captain Santiago for the tenacity, camaraderie, and dedication he has exhibited throughout the last 35 years. I join the Lincoln Hospital community in wishing him the best as he moves on to the next chapter in his life.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THEIR NATIONAL DAY

HON. MICHELLE FISCHBACH

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Madam Speaker, I send my congratulations to the Republic of China on the upcoming October 10th celebration of Taiwan's National Day.

Taiwan's democratic model of government serves as a role model to other nations. The people of Taiwan's dedication to elections that are open, free, and fair shows their commitment to freedom. The United States and Taiwan share a strong bond over our mutual commitment to the personal freedom for our citizens and for the citizens of the world.

The United States and Taiwan have shared a trade partnership with each other that brings benefit to both nations. I am proud that in 2018, Taiwan made a deal with the United States to buy \$1.5 billion in soybeans from my State of Minnesota and neighboring Iowa. This powerful relationship helps to promote the prosperity of businesses and citizens both in Taiwan and the United States.

Once again, I wish to express my congratulations on this 110th anniversary of Taiwan's National Day.

HONORING ERIN MURPHEY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Erin Murphey of Island Heights, New Jersey for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Erin is the first young woman to become an Eagle Scout in Ocean County, New Jersey, and among the Boy Scouts of America's inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts.

Erin's passion for Scouting started when she first heard her father's stories about his own time as a Boy Scout. Being able to participate in the organization's program was always something Erin wanted to do; however, it wasn't until February of 2019 when changes in membership policies allowed her and thousands of young girls to join. Once she joined Troop 570, she committed herself to making the most of her time. In addition to going camping and learning traditional scout skills, Erin worked to expand her council's high adventure and sailing programs, attended a leadership conference in New Mexico, and was elected by her peers into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. Erin

also worked for four summers at the Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation, a local Boy Scout camp in New Jersey, starting as a counselor and ultimately serving as the Resident Program Director. Erin credits her outgoing personality, comfort with public speaking, and leadership to her experiences at camp having interacted with thousands of scouts.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Erin worked to complete 41 merit badges that ranged in subjects from railroading to engineering to personal finance as well as complete an Eagle Project that benefits the community. For her project, Erin led a team of 20 volunteers for three days, amounting to 55 volunteer hours, in cleaning and repainting half of the stone street signs in her town.

Anyone involved in Scouts BSA will say that achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is not an easy process. In 2019, only 8 percent of all Scouts BSA earned the Eagle Scout rank. When you consider the barriers that Erin and other young women had to overcome on top of the traditional requirements, achieving this award makes this occasion much more historic. Because of pioneers like Erin, the path to the Eagle summit will be easier for young women in the future who aspire to a similar goal. Erin herself said it best, when asked what piece of advice she could give to female scouts, she said "enjoy the journey and don't let anything stop you".

Madam Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Erin is now a part of a select group of women who have earned both their Eagle and Gold Award, the highest rank in Girl Scouts. I know that I speak for all of New Jersey's Third Congressional District when I say congratulations and good luck to Erin on her next steps.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CPL. RALPH SARRATT BOUGHMAN

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Cpl. Ralph Sarratt Boughman. Ralph was born on April 19, 1929, and passed away on December 2, 1950. He grew up on the family farm one of ten children born to J.Q. and Grace Laxton Boughman near Santuc, South Carolina. As a young man he helped with chores around the farm. In his spare time, he roamed those 180 acres hunting, fishing, and enjoying nature.

On August 10, 1948, he joined the U.S. Army. He was 19 years old when he was inducted at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina and was stationed there from August 16, 1948, through November 2, 1948, taking basic training. Boughman was stationed in Japan for around a year and then was transferred to Korea.

Boughman was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. During the Korean War he was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. He was presumed dead on Dec. 21,

1953. He received the Purple Heart, the Army of Occupation Medal with Japan clasp, the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation with one Gold Star-Navy.

On July 27, 2018, following the summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un in June 2018, North Korea turned over 55 boxes, believed to contain the remains of American service members killed during the Korean War. The remains arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on August 1, 2018, and were subsequently sent to the DPAA laboratory for identification. Boughman's remains were accounted for on April 20, 2020. His late mother's prayers for the next twenty-five years of her life was to ask God to "bring Ralph home with the other boys." Ralph's sister, Pansy Bourne, who turned 90 on September 29, 2021 continued those prayers until he came home.

Madam Speaker, Cpl. Ralph Sarratt Boughman, faithfully served his country and is finally home in his resting place in Union, South Carolina as of May 11, 2020. I proudly honor his legacy and service.

DEANNA MAYBERRY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deanna Mayberry for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Award.

The Young Professional Award is given to an up-and-coming Arvada community member who has stood out for their work over the past year. As the associate director at BeyondHome, a non-profit aiming to help families become financially self-sufficient, Deanna works to educate and improve the quality of life of our community's most vulnerable. Over the course of her three years with BeyondHome, she has helped grow the organization and more than doubled the grant income in just one year, helping many low-income families transition from public assistance to purchasing their own homes. Deanna also volunteers with Reintegra and is an active member of the Arvada Chamber's Young Professionals group.

Congratulations to Deanna Mayberry for receiving the Young Professional Award and for her leadership and contributions to our community. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER J. SMITH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Christopher J. Smith in celebration of his career as a reporter and columnist for the Press Democrat over the past 44 years.

Born in Pasadena, California, on May 4, 1954 to Don and Edythe Smith, Mr. Smith de-

veloped a love of journalism early on in his life working as a paperboy. He then became a manager for his hometown paper, the Riverside Press Enterprise. Mr. Smith then attained his bachelor's degree in journalism from San Jose State University in 1976, where he supported himself throughout school by working for the circulation department of the San Jose Mercury News on weekends. Mr. Smith's dedication and work ethic did not go unnoticed and helped him land a position as a reporter and columnist for the Press Democrat, where he still works as a freelance writer. Throughout his career, Mr. Smith has made significant contributions to the community through his writing and reporting on important community members, including centenarians, Pearl Harbor veterans, peace activists, and other individuals who have made a difference in the community. Mr. Smith is especially recognized for his contributions to the Press Democrat's coverage of the October 2017 wildfires that earned the newspaper a Pulitzer Prize. He continued to report on the lives of those affected by the fires for the next two years. "The surprise, VIP guests at the reborn Paradise Ridge Winery," and "Family of Angel the cow still struggling to rebuild, return to ranch nearly two years after Tubbs fire" are some of his notable articles.

In addition to his illustrious career, Mr. Smith has taken on many philanthropic projects within his community. He serves on the board of the Bridge to the Future, a community program that works with underprivileged youth ages 14 to 18 to sharpen their life skills and prepare them for the future. Mr. Smith was a member of the Exchange Club, a service organization that aids many local communities and counties in the United States. Further, he volunteers for Dining Out for Life, an annual fundraising event that raises money for community-based organizations that serve people living with or impacted by HIV. He also assists in coordinating the annual awards dinner given by the Boy Scouts of America every year. Mr. Smith is described by his family and community as generous, courageous, and resilient.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Smith has worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Santa Rosa community through both his reporting and volunteer work. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND HONORING ORLANDO ROLÓN

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor the Chief of Police for the City of Orlando, Orlando Rolón.

Orlando, who was born in Puerto Rico, moved to Central Florida with his family in 1977.

In 1982, Orlando enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and served for four years. Following his military service, Or-

lando continued to build a life in Central Florida and worked in construction.

Orlando joined the Orlando Police Department in 1992. His commitment to fostering effective communication with the Spanish-speaking residents of Orlando led him to become the first Hispanic spokesperson in the history of OPD. Orlando has used his extensive experience and leadership abilities to bring people together, from traveling to Puerto Rico to assist with hurricane recovery efforts to providing crucial briefings in Spanish to the friends and families of victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting.

In 2018, Mayor Buddy Dyer appointed Orlando to become the Orlando Police Department's 39th Chief of Police. Chief Rolón is the first person of Hispanic heritage ever to hold this position.

As Chief and throughout his nearly 30 years of service to the Department, Orlando has dedicated himself to improving trust and effective communication between law enforcement and our community. He has a servant's heart and the City of Orlando is safer and stronger because of him.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Chief Orlando Rolón.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BIVOUAC

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Bivouac, a family-owned small business located on bustling State Street in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their 50 years spent outfitting the lives of those in our community is worthy of commendation.

Founded in 1970 by Mr. Ed Davidson while he was a student at the University of Iowa, he set up shop on Williams Street in Ann Arbor in 1971. It started off as an army surplus store catering to anti-war activists, but after the move to their current location on South State Street, the store has become an Ann Arbor mainstay for clothing and outdoor gear. With their expansive storefront in the historic Nickels Arcade, Bivouac is a familiar shopping destination for many University of Michigan students and the locals who call Ann Arbor home.

Bivouac goes beyond just making sales by contributing to causes with local impact and lending a hand to their neighbors. For their 50th anniversary, they are donating ten percent of their sales to the Huron River Watershed Council. They've also held charity shopping events for organizations such as Ozone House, a shelter for homeless youth based in Ypsilanti.

For years, Bivouac has outfitted hundreds. Former customers—now parents—bring their children back to the store when they begin school at the University of Michigan to get the coats and layers needed to survive a chilly Michigan winter. What started off as an idea of a University of Iowa senior has grown into an Ann Arbor icon and now since the partial retirement of Mr. Davidson, his son AJ Davidson now serves as President of the store and handles day-to-day operations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bivouac. We are grateful for their half-century as a vital member of our downtown Ann Arbor community and wish them continued success in the adventure ahead.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO LEGAL
CLINICS—MARKING 50 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. SARA JACOBS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the University of San Diego School of Law's free legal clinics.

Over the past half-century, the University of San Diego (USD) School of Law's free legal clinics have offered assistance to underserved members of society while providing opportunities for law students to learn first-hand from highly skilled attorneys and interact directly with actual clients. These pro bono services to the San Diego community have provided direct client legal services to thousands of San Diego residents in need.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have developed a model program in the experiential training of law students in the practical application of their legal knowledge. This program has emphasized the principled practice of law, instilling in students the importance of just, ethical, and exemplary legal practice.

In recent years, USD School of Law's free legal clinics have expanded to distinct direct client services clinics.

The Appellate Clinic provides students the opportunity to litigate an appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This is a year-long clinic in which teams of students will handle appeals from start to finish.

The Civil Clinic assists in supplemental Social Security Income and Social Security disability, uninsured motorist defense and consumer issues.

Education and Disability Clinic represents clients at meetings with school district personnel and Regional Center Staff. Matters include school discipline (suspensions and expulsions), special education placement and services, Regional Center and Early Start services, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

The Entrepreneurship Clinic provides comprehensive legal assistance to individuals who wish to start or expand a small business or not-for-profit organization, as well as for trademark and copyright issues.

Federal Income Tax Clinic represents taxpayers who have disputes with the Internal Revenue Service in matters such as collection actions or audits, earned income tax credits and offers in compromise.

The Immigration Clinic offers assistance for immigration-related problems such as asylum, immigrating family members, naturalization and deportation.

California State Income Tax Clinic represents low-income taxpayers who have disputes with the Franchise Tax Board in matters of state tax appeals.

California State Sales and Use Tax Clinic is a joint effort between USD Legal Clinics and

the California State Board of Equalization. Under the supervision of an attorney from the California State Board of Equalization's Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, students will represent clients with Sales and Use Tax appeals before the Board of Equalization.

Veterans Clinic provides free legal assistance to veterans in disputes with for-profit institutions over the use of GI Bill funds and predatory lending associated with education loans. Legal services range from advice to identification of potential claims to representation of student veterans in litigation, arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Women's Legal Clinic will meet the legal needs of women, men, and families who are the victims of human trafficking and others by helping with domestic violence restraining orders, child custody and guardianship matters, and dissolution cases.

Workers' Rights Clinic assists lower-income workers with a variety of employment law issues including employee rights, discrimination, medical leave, workplace safety, unpaid wages, unemployment benefits, harassment and wrongful termination.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have provided tens of millions of dollars of free legal services to low income and underserved residents in San Diego County.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have trained many of San Diego's finest attorneys, who themselves have added to the reputation of the San Diego legal community.

Madam Speaker, for 50 years USD School of Law's legal clinics have made a tremendous difference in the lives of San Diego residents. The next 50 years promise to see outstanding benefits by continuing this fine tradition.

HONORING STEVEN SPURRIER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steven Spurrier for his monumental contributions to the California wine community.

Born on October 5, 1941 in Cambridge, England, Mr. Spurrier was raised by his loving parents, John and Pamela Spurrier. After receiving his secondary education at Rugby School, Mr. Spurrier went on to attend the London School of Economics. He entered the wine industry soon after he completed his education in 1964, becoming a trainee with the oldest wine merchant in London: Christopher & Co. After concluding his tenure with Christopher & Co., Mr. Spurrier moved to Paris in 1970 where he bought and operated a wine shop, Les Caves la Madeleine, the following year. Mr. Spurrier's shop quickly became one of the most renowned in the city. He then utilized his successes as proprietor to establish L'Academie du Vin in 1973, France's first private wine school that formed the steppingstones for modern wine education.

More notably, Mr. Spurrier organized a blind wine tasting competition, judged by French wine experts, between Californian and French wines with his colleague Patricia Gallagher. In what came to be known as "the Judgment of

Paris," wines from California won, paving the way for the global prominence of Napa Valley wine.

During his illustrious career in the wine industry, Steven received multiple international awards for his writing on wine. In 2001, he was awarded Le Grand Prix de l'Academie Internationale du Vin and the Maestro Award in memory of Andre Tchelistcheff, America's most influential post-Prohibition winemaker. His successes did not stop there, as he won Decanter Magazine's man of the year in 2017 for his devotion to wine appreciation, cultivation, and production. He was a recurrent judge for international wine tasting competitions and governed as chairman of the Japan Wine Challenge and the Decanter World Wine Awards. After a life devoted to all aspects of wine, Steven passed away in March 2021, living on through his wife Bella, and his two children, Christian and Kate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Steven Spurrier has made a lasting impact on Napa Valley's renowned viticulture through his lifelong devotion to wine and community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the importance of robust funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program in the bipartisan infrastructure bill. The purpose of this program is to prepare the buildings that low-income Americans live in for the requirements of the 21st century.

The current limitations to the formula that provide funding for this program, however, will not cover the costs of ensuring that homes are cool enough in the hot weather, warm enough in the cold weather, or dry enough in any season. The formula for calculating the value of investments in homes must reflect the expected impact on the safety of participants and their homes under anticipated weather conditions, and the impact on their health and of adapting their energy system to meet future requirements. The current program cost limits mean that switching a home to a cleaner fuel mix is rarely possible. The same limits impede the integration of apprentice workers and other trainees into the program.

Therefore, the Secretary must ensure that the regulations for this Program achieve the statutory goals of permitting a combination of deep retrofit measures sufficient to keep participants safe from extreme weather conditions, minimize the greenhouse gas emissions from their homes, and ensure health conditions in weatherized homes.

The Secretary should establish the appropriate costs for an average package of retrofits that delivers retrofits of sufficient scale to produce safe, healthy, and efficient homes with the cleanest possible fuel mix, and to adjust applicable regulations to support this mission, particularly by ensuring the costs attributed to a home are no more than the costs of services provided directly to that home.

The Secretary should also simplify and streamline the procedures for delivering Weatherization investments, including the procedures for retrofitting entire multi-family buildings and the regulations regarding combination of Weatherization and funding available from other public or private sources for the same general purposes.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND HONORING AMY MERCADO

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor Amy Mercado.

Amy was born and raised in the Bronx. Her mother, Carmen, was a New York City Police Officer, while her father, Victor, was a New York City Transit Police Detective. Amy and her family moved to Central Florida in 1996.

In 2004, Amy earned her bachelor's degree from American Intercontinental University and later earned her Executive MBA from the Jack Welch Management Institute at Strayer University. She worked in health care at Florida Hospital Orlando, now Advent Health. Amy has also served as the Director of Operations for a U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crops Program. Beyond these roles, Amy has worked in other diverse industries, including management, operations, and legal services.

In 2016, the people of House District 48 elected Amy to represent them in the Florida House of Representatives. She was subsequently re-elected in 2018. In 2020, Amy was elected to the office of Orange County Property Appraiser and is the first Latina ever to serve in this role.

Amy has continued to positively impact Central Florida through her public service and community activism.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Amy Mercado.

CELEBRATING REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Regional Water Authority and congratulate them on their 20th anniversary.

A reliable water supply is critical to the Sacramento region as it allows our families to thrive and our businesses to grow. The Regional Water Authority (RWA) was formed in 2001 with a focus on addressing the reliability, quality, affordability, and availability of our region's water supply. RWA is made of up cities, water and irrigation districts, mutual water companies, investor-owned water utilities and community services districts.

Over its 20 years of work, RWA has played a critical role in supporting effective manage-

ment of our region's water resources. From facilitating implementation of our region's conjunctive use program to reduce diversions from the American River during dry water years to preparing the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, RWA has served the Sacramento region well. Its work will continue to be critical as we face a changing climate and work towards a resilient water supply to support our vibrant economy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Regional Water Authority for their 20 years of work on behalf of the greater Sacramento region, and I look forward to working with them over the next 20 years.

HONORING JUDY SWANSON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judy Swanson as she is honored by Peninsula Family Service (PFS) with a Lifetime Achievement Award. "Lifetime" has a special meaning in the case of this remarkable woman whom I've been honored to call a dear friend for over 35 years.

Judy is an exceptional community leader and philanthropist. She has dedicated her life to advancements in science, focusing broadly on oncology and science education. She personifies PFS's passion for transforming lives in San Mateo County. With her leadership, PFS successfully offers older residents services to keep them healthy and connected to the broader community. San Mateo County has a great deal of household wealth, but many families struggle. During the COVID emergency, PFS offered COVID information to the elderly, and continued its longstanding programs offering senior peer counseling, housing, nutrition and transportation assistance. Hundreds of children ages 0–5 from the most economically vulnerable families were served at early learning centers. Judy understands that this service is essential because 80 percent of brain development occurs during these early years.

As a member of the Hillsborough Auxiliary to PFS, Judy has helped dozens of participants in the organization's financial literacy programs take out small, manageable loans in order to meet their annual requirements and to build a credit score. Judy is a major benefactor and rolls up her sleeves when the auxiliary that she leads raises funds to support the mission of transforming lives.

Judy also serves as the CEO and Director of the Swanson Foundation and is a regular donor to leading research institutes and scientists in the United States. As a board member of the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, she helps staff to identify researchers whose fields hold the greatest undiscovered promise in oncology. The institute funds researchers early in their careers and helps them thrive through the cycle of early discovery to the point where government grants begin to flow due to promising findings.

Judy's late husband, Bob Swanson, played this role for many years and ultimately helped co-found, and was the first CEO of, Genentech. Judy's dedication to oncology research is due in no small part to the fact that

Bob died far too early of brain cancer. In his memory, she fights for those for whom cures could be around the corner if enough leading-edge technology commences. She also supports oncology research at MIT, Bob's alma mater, and is a member of the President's Circle of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine.

Judy is also a strong supporter of science education and the arts, serving on the Tech Interactive in San Jose, and the board of the San Francisco Ballet. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and a lifetime member of the International Chapter of Young President's Organization and The Chief Executive's Organization.

Madam Speaker, the long recitation of activities of Judy Swanson does not describe the greatest fact of all: Judy Swanson has an enormous heart. She is constantly looking for opportunities to advance the quality of people's lives and generously supports programs and projects large and small. She deserves the appreciation of untold millions who will some day benefit through the discoveries she funds, the science lessons they learn at The Tech in San Jose or their experiences of joy through the San Francisco Ballet. We are only on Earth for the blink of an eye. However, Judy Swanson understands the point made by Archimedes when he said, "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." Judy Swanson moves the world with each day that she begins anew her life's work.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Malnutrition Awareness Week. This week marks the tenth observance of Malnutrition Awareness Week, which was founded by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in 2012.

Each year during this week, participating organizations seek to educate health care professionals about early detection and treatment of malnutrition, educate consumers on the importance of discussing their nutrition status with health care professionals, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery.

Malnutrition is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations, such as hospitalized patients, older adults, and minority populations. For example, one in two older adults is either malnourished or at risk of malnutrition.

Our Nation has financial as well as moral incentives to reduce malnutrition. Good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions, thus reducing health care costs. Untreated malnutrition can lead to the loss of lean body mass, in turn causing complications such as delays in wound healing and recovery from surgery, illness, or disease. In fact, the current estimated cost for disease-associated malnutrition in older adults alone is \$51.3 billion per year.

The good news is that common-sense solutions exist that can help reduce the prevalence of malnutrition now.

Clinical quality measures have been developed and tested to help improve nutrition screening and intervention and are being implemented by a learning collaborative of over 300 hospitals nationwide. Recognizing the linkages between malnutrition, food insecurity, and hunger, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services should consider adding a malnutrition composite quality measure to its Medicare inpatient acute care reporting system.

Additionally, the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture should work together to develop dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition in older adults and those with chronic conditions.

Malnutrition has been exacerbated by the global COVID-19 health pandemic that has intensified disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity. The importance of nutrition has been recognized by Congress with our passage of four different COVID-19 emergency funding bills, all of which I was proud to support.

I commend all those associated with Malnutrition Awareness Week, particularly the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition and the Defeat Malnutrition Today coalition. I also commend all those on the front lines of providing nutrition services to those in need, especially the national network of Meals on Wheels programs in our nation.

Working together, we can stop malnutrition in the United States. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to accomplish this goal.

CURTIS FAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Curtis Fay for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award is given to a young Arvada resident who has shown the potential for great community leadership for years to come. Curtis is a student at Arvada High School and has a special passion for technology and has found ways to use technology as a way to help fellow students and teachers. He even created a new internship position at the school focusing on technology assistance. He also assisted in overseeing numerous events at Arvada High.

Congratulations to Curtis Fay for receiving the Rising Star Award and for his contributions to our community. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER OF BETTY JOHNSON

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of Betty Thomas Johnson.

Born on December 18, 1946, Betty was adopted by Richard and Rosalie Thomas in

early 1947. After spending most of her life in Cook County, Illinois, Betty and her husband David Johnson moved to Springfield, Missouri. Once in Springfield, Betty began her advocacy work for the Alzheimer's Association chapter in Southwest Missouri. One of Betty's major focuses was organizing annual events. These events brought awareness of Alzheimer's to the public and raised money for the organization while highlighting people diagnosed with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Betty helped organize six of these annual events during her time with the organization.

On top of this, Betty also advocated on behalf of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's to her elected officials. Until her retirement in 2016, Betty met with me and my staff at least three times a year. During these meetings, Betty would keep my office updated on new and existing programs and sought our continued support in her efforts.

Madam Speaker, Betty Johnson has spent her career advocating for people diagnosed with Alzheimer's. She has organized events to raise awareness and met with elected officials in support of her work. I have been honored to work with Betty over the last several years and am honored to recognize her dedication and hard work here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN ROSENBERG

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish John Rosenberg a happy 90th birthday! The storied life of this Holocaust survivor and retired poverty law attorney has been filled with remarkable trials and triumphs, both figuratively and literally. John is, without a doubt, one of the greatest civil rights attorneys of our lifetime, especially for the people of Kentucky's Appalachian region.

Giving us more reason to celebrate, I also rise to congratulate John on the 50th anniversary of AppalRed, the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, a non-profit law firm that he established to help low-income people in 37 Appalachian counties in eastern and south-central Kentucky where more than 240,000 people live in poverty. Over the last five decades, John and his team of pro-bono attorneys, have helped folks in our region get and keep basic needs, including: income, adequate food and health care, safe and sanitary housing, and personal protection from violence and abuse. They do not charge for legal services as they fight for justice for the most vulnerable people in the mountains.

John painfully learned the reality of civil injustice at a very early age. When he was only 7 years old, John and his family were pulled out of their home in Magdeburg, Germany by Nazi soldiers. His father spent 17 days in the Buchenwald concentration camp before being released with an ultimatum of 30 days to flee their homeland. After spending a year in an internment camp in Holland, the Rosenberg family safely boarded one of the last ships to the United States with no belongings.

The determination to survive and experience liberty and justice continued throughout his life and inspired his mission for civil rights. John

graduated from Duke University and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Using the G.I. Bill, he later earned a law degree from the University of North Carolina in 1962. Before arriving in Kentucky, John was a trial attorney and section chief in the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. He was responsible for several high-profile cases including the first trial under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in Selma. He also was heavily involved in the investigation and trial preparation for the case involving three murdered civil rights workers that inspired the 1988 film, Mississippi Burning. In Kentucky, his work largely focused on advocating for coal miners, fighting for protections and benefits for impoverished families, and closing what he calls the "justice gap" in Appalachia.

His journey from a World War II Nazi Germany Holocaust survivor to an Eastern Kentucky pro-bono civil law hero is astounding. I count it a great honor to celebrate John Rosenberg's 90th birthday and the countless accomplishments that he has made on behalf of so many Americans and Appalachian families.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND HONORING JOHANNA LÓPEZ

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor Johanna López.

Johanna was born in Puerto Rico. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Studies from the University of Puerto Rico and holds a Master of Arts in Higher Education from the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico.

Later, Johanna moved to Central Florida where she taught Advanced Placement Spanish at Colonial High School for 19 years. While teaching, Johanna earned the distinction of being named the 2017 OCPS Teacher of the Year. Johanna has also received the Governor's Shine Award for Inspirational Teachers, the Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Public Education, Macy's Magic of Leadership Award, the Wings of Inspiration Award, Coca-Cola's Educator of Distinction Award, and the Life Changer of the Year Award.

Johanna founded the Familias Presentes Movement, a non-profit that educates and empowers Latino families and educators across Central Florida. Their online forum, Familias Presentes: Estudiantes Excelentes, informs and engages parents on a wide range of education-related issues and opportunities. She also founded Maestros Puertorriqueños en Acción, or Puerto Rican Teachers in Action, which is dedicated to providing aid and assistance to educators displaced from Puerto Rico after Hurricanes Maria and Irma in 2017. Johanna was also involved with many other organizations including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Teacher Advisory Council, the OCPS Foundation Board and Mi Familia Vota's Education Committee.

When Johanna was elected to the Orange County School Board in 2018, she became the first Puerto-Rican born Board Member in the school district's history. Her campaign was fully organized and run by current and former Orange County Public School students. Not long after, Johanna was honored to be named the Executive Director for Voces Unidas por la Educación Publica, a Latinx coalition that mobilizes, engages and educates Hispanic communities on legislative issues and topics in their native language.

Today, she is the Executive Director of the Alianza Center, a non-profit that serves the Puerto Rican and broader Hispanic communities of Florida by developing and promoting leadership, the environment, healthy living, and civic engagement.

Throughout her time as an educator, a school board member, and a community leader, Johanna has touched countless lives and made a positive impact on our Central Florida community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Johanna López.

HONORING PATRICIA GASTAUD-GALLAGHER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Gastaud-Gallagher for her monumental contributions to the California wine community.

Born on April 25, 1945 in Wilmington, Delaware, Patricia Gastaud-Gallagher received her bachelor's degree in Government from Connecticut College for Women in 1967. Two years after receiving her first degree, she became a freelance journalist and editor for the International Herald Tribune. It was during this time that Ms. Gastaud-Gallagher discovered her niche for wine and became the first Director of Académie du Vin in Paris, France, from 1973 until 1989. Académie du Vin, founded by Steven Spurrier in 1973, is France's first private wine school dedicated to teaching wine appreciation. With the desire to further her

wine education, Ms. Gastaud-Gallagher received a degree as an Oenology Technician with honors from the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon, France in 1988.

As a result of Ms. Gastaud-Gallagher's love for wine and her determination to showcase California wine, she helped organize the famous May 24, 1976 Judgement of Paris blind wine tasting along with Steven Spurrier. This event attracted international attention to the astounding quality of Napa Valley wines, which had outperformed France's top wines in tasting. Ms. Gastaud-Gallagher continued to influence the world of wine through her various roles as a writer and academic. She first became a columnist for two wine publications, *l'Amateur de Bordeaux* and *Cuisine & Vins de France* from 1985 until 1991. Shortly after these positions, she became Editorial Director for the International Who's Who in Wines & Spirits. As a result of her contributions in the French wine industry, Ms. Gastaud-Gallagher became one of the few non-French natives to receive the Chevalier du Mérite Agricole in 1993. Two years later, she became the Academic Director and Director of the Wine Department at Le Cordon Bleu, a school in Paris dedicated to providing world-class culinary and hospitality instruction.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Patricia Gastaud-Gallagher has made a lasting impact on the Napa Valley wine community and California's standing in the world of wine. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
RON KAGAN FROM THE DETROIT
ZOO

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Kagan on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 28 years of service to the Detroit Zoological Society. His nearly three decades of service to the animals, staff, and patrons of the Detroit Zoo is worthy of commendation.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Kagan studied Zoology at the University of Massachusetts and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Prior to coming to Detroit, he worked at the Jerusalem Zoo and the Dallas Zoo and Aquarium. Mr. Kagan first served as Director of the Detroit Zoo before becoming the Executive Director CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society.

During Mr. Kagan's tenure at the Detroit Zoo, he was responsible for many impressive new exhibits, programs, and conservation efforts. These include the National Amphibian Conservation Center, the Berman Academy for Humane Education, the Ford Education Center and several exciting exhibits such as Arctic Ring of Life, Australian Outback Adventure, and the Holtzman Wildlife Foundation Red Panda Forest. Mr. Kagan has led the way in conservation and sustainability at the Detroit Zoo. In 2015, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums named the Detroit Zoo the greenest zoo in the United States. Under the leadership of Mr. Kagan, the successful Greenprint sustainability program has been instrumental in transitioning the Zoo to 100 percent renewable energy.

An advocate for compassionate conservation and animal welfare, he has encouraged the rescue of exotic animals and created the Center for Zoo and Aquarium Animal Welfare and Ethics. In 2004, the Detroit Zoo was the first zoo to decide to no longer keep elephants in captivity for ethical reasons, the Zoo's beloved elephants were sent to a sanctuary in California to live the rest of their lives in peace.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ron Kagan for his exemplary years of service. Mr. Kagan's visionary leadership has transformed the Detroit Zoo for the better. His endless compassion for animals and the wellbeing of his entire community has made a true difference in the lives of those big and small. We thank him once again for his lifelong dedication to animal welfare and sustainability and to leaving a better world for the next generation. I join with Ron's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.