

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WILLIS "BING" DAVIS
OF DAYTON, OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, my hometown of Dayton, Ohio, which I am proud to represent in this chamber, is home to many illustrious citizens who have dedicated their time and talents to making this world a better place to live. One of them is Willis "Bing" Davis, who has enriched us for over 60 years as an educator, artist, curator, community servant, and mentor. Bing has been the driving force behind many important cultural and arts projects and initiatives that enhance the understanding and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Bing Davis was born in Greer, South Carolina on June 30, 1937, the son of a coal truck driver and gospel singer. He grew up in Dayton, Ohio and attended Washington Elementary School on the east side of town. At six feet four inches tall, Bing was a two-time First Team All-City basketball standout at Wilbur Wright High School, where he graduated in 1955. With the help of coach Dean Dooley, Bing entered DePauw University to study Art Education. His athletic prowess on the basketball court and on the track team earned him induction into DePauw's Athletics Hall of Fame.

After graduating from DePauw in 1959, and from Miami University in 1967, Bing studied at the Dayton Art Institute, and Indiana State University. He returned to DePauw in 1970 as its first full-time, tenure track, African American professor and taught a ceramics class at Central State University for 20 years.

While at Central State University, Bing was the Chair of the Art Department and Director of the Paul Robeson Cultural and Performing Arts Center. After retiring from teaching in 1998, Bing went on to create the Willis Bing Davis Art Studio & EbonNia Gallery in the Wright-Dunbar neighborhood of Dayton. Bing also founded SHANGO Inc., a non-profit organization designed to provide a positive art and culture-oriented environment for Dayton's youth.

Over the course of his illustrious career, Bing has held exhibitions at the Renwick Gallery, the Studio Museum of Harlem, and the National Museum of Art of Senegal, West Africa, amongst many others. In tribute to his international acclaim, Bing's artwork can be found across the world in England, China, Japan, France, Australia, and throughout Africa.

His distinguished career has led Bing to receive numerous awards, including the Ohio Governor's Irma Lazarus Lifetime Achievement Award, given as the highest art award in the state of Ohio.

With strong roots in the Dayton community, Bing prides himself on being a champion for Dayton Public Schools and an advocate

against racism. Growing up, Bing's mentors encouraged him to follow his dreams of becoming an artist. Following in their path, Bing takes it upon himself to "Reach High and Reach Back" to his Appalachian and East Dayton roots by inspiring the next generation of African American artists.

Looking back over his long and productive life, Bing once remarked: "I received two blessings: being born black, and being raised in East Dayton . . . It's a unique worldview that gives me strength."

Bing Davis has been selected by the Presidents Club of Dayton as the 71st recipient of the prestigious Citizen Legion of Honor Award. The Citizen Legion of Honor Award is an appropriate tribute to his lifelong legacy of scholarship and community service. I congratulate Bing on this well-deserved honor and thank him for his substantial contributions to the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the Dayton region, and our Nation.

HONORING AMBER BENSON AND
RUBY VOSS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amber Benson and Ruby Voss, eighth grade math teachers at Northside Middle School in Roanoke, Virginia, on being named National Educators of the Year by the Association for Middle Level Education.

Ms. Benson and Ms. Voss have been co-teaching math since 2017. Their approach to the subject engages and educates the students who enter their classroom and has earned the respect of parents and other educators.

According to the Association for Middle Level Education, the Educator of the Year award goes to outstanding educators who have made a significant impact in middle level education and on the lives of students aged 10 to 15 through leadership, vision, and advocacy. Ms. Benson and Ms. Voss have already been recognized by their school for this achievement and will be presented with the award at a conference in November.

I would like to thank Amber Benson and Ruby Voss for their dedication to teaching the rising generation and their care and skill in doing so. My congratulations go to them and to Northside Middle School and Roanoke County Public Schools on receiving such a high honor.

RECOGNITION OF JR MACHINE'S
30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 30th anniversary of JR Machine, a contract manufacturing company in Shawano, WI.

Founded in 1992 in Wisconsin, the business came from humble beginnings when Tim Tumanic purchased JR Machine. Throughout its 30 years in business, JR Machine moved from a garage stall at the local Chevy dealer where they made pins to operating a nearly 40,000 square foot facility with cutting edge CNC technology they use to craft precision made custom parts. JR Machine has quickly become a leading contract manufacturing company of precision machine parts. The business has remained successful over the years by expanding their manufacturing services to include CNC multi-axis machining, engineering, robotic welding and mechanical assembly, and other full project services. I commend the JR Machine team for their sophisticated manufacturing capabilities and continued dedication to their work.

For the past 30 years, JR Machine has remained successful by knowing the importance of producing quality products and providing top tier customer service. Beginning in 2000, JR Machine committed to the task of becoming ISO certified. Since achieving this milestone, they have earned an AS9100 certification for the aerospace industry and ITAR compliance for the defense industry. Through achieving these certifications, JR Machine has experienced significant growth and have become a major competitor in the industry. I applaud JR Machine for their continued growth and success.

In support of their long-term growth, JR Machine is dedicated to developing a second-tier management team where they promote and train from within the company, highlighting their efforts to invest in their employees. JR Machine is a wonderful example of continuous improvement and a true credit to Shawano and all of Northeast Wisconsin.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 30th anniversary of JR Machine. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Tim and the entire JR Machine team and wish them lasting success for the next 30 years.

HONORING MEMBERS OF THE
SRPD SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT
TEAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Rosa

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Police Department's Special Enforcement Team (SET). I have named the team as Public Safety Heroes of the Year for Sonoma County in California's 5th District as a result of their extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

SET was established in July 2021 in response to a rise in violent crime within the city of Santa Rosa. That year, the Santa Rosa Police Department reported a 25 percent rise in weapons violations and an 8 percent increase in aggravated assaults, including five homicides. SET's mission was to combat these trends via the confiscation of illegal firearms. The team prioritizes the interdiction of privately made "ghost guns" and monitoring repeat offenders. Initially, the team was comprised of Sergeant Terry White and Officers Jason Jucutan and Jeff Badger. These individuals were chosen because of their performance and experience within the Santa Rosa Police Department. Over the course of several months, the team conducted probation and parole searches, wrote and served search warrants, built relationships with confidential informants, supported the Special Services Division with major cases and responded to violent crime calls in support of patrol units.

In 2021, the team seized 44 firearms, an increase of 29 from the previous year. Due to SET's immediate success, officers Dane Schindler and Brett Wright were added to the team in January 2022. In the first six months of 2022, the team has seized 49 ghost guns. In total, the team's work has led to a 75 percent increase in total gun seizures and a 179 percent increase in ghost gun seizures. Most important, shootings within the City of Santa Rosa have decreased by 31 percent since the team's inception.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that the members of SET demonstrated an investigative skill and relentless devotion to our community's safety. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

THE BLYTHEWOOD MINORS BASEBALL TEAM WIN THE DIXIE YOUTH WORLD SERIES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the South Carolina Blythewood Minors baseball team for their win of both the state AAA baseball youth championship and the Dixie Youth World Series.

For the first time in nearly 50 years, a South Carolina Blythewood Youth Baseball team won the World Series title with a 10–3 win over Alabama. This is an incredible victory for not just the thirteen players, Head Coach Marshall Dinkins, and Assistant Coaches, Matt O'Donnell, Justin Blackwelder, and Fred Cruz, but also for their families and the entire Blythewood community who have supported them all along. Throughout their sixteen-game stretch, the team and coaches worked hard in preparing for this big championship.

Since the age of seven, this was a dream for many of the players to one day achieve this impressive title. The win was especially meaningful for Coach Dinkins, as he played in the league himself a few decades ago.

Founded in the mid-1970s, the Blythewood Youth Baseball and Softball League has unified the community. Beginning with the building of the original baseball field, the team continues to bring families together weekly to cheer on the young players. This kind of abundant support exists throughout the Blythewood community, and I know they could not be more excited about the title earned by their team.

This first-time victory of the Dixie Youth World Series by the Blythewood team is well-deserved, and I congratulate the team, coaches, families, and community for all their hard work, making the kids' dream come true.

IN MEMORIAM—FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE OF ERIC "RICK" ZABEL REMEMBERED

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Eric "Rick" Zabel, who worked for the U.S. House of Representatives' Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Payroll and Benefits, and passed away Saturday, February 5, 2022, after more than 43 years of Congressional service. Rick served as a Retirement Counselor, supporting staff in the offices of House Leadership, Officers, and Committees over his 13 years of service to the People's House. Before joining the House, Rick also worked for the U.S. Senate for over three decades as a Retirement Counselor for Senate Disbursing, providing faithful service to all Congressional staff throughout his tenure. Rick was a consummate professional and took great pride in providing detailed information, benefit options, retirement estimates, and advice to ensure Congressional staff could make well-informed retirement decisions and maximize their benefits.

The CAO was lucky to be blessed with the knowledge and expertise of Rick's more than 43 years of Legislative Branch retirement experience. The House truly benefitted from his expertise, with staff of the Office of Payroll and Benefits learning under Rick's tutelage to progress in their careers as Benefits Specialists. Rick equipped staff from the Office of Payroll and Benefits with his knowledge, professional pride in ensuring staff understood their retirement benefits, and ability to assist Congressional staff in maximizing their benefits.

Rick was an early-bird and always ready with a cheerful morning greeting of "Hey, how you doin'?" Those who knew Rick will miss his passion for retirement as well as chatting with him about his wife, Rosemary, and his sons, Christopher, Matthew, and John Paul, his Maine Coon cat, T.C., his love of golfing, his green thumb gardening skills, his time at Virginia Tech, and his excitement about baseball—in particular, the New York Yankees. Rick coached his son's little league baseball teams and loved every moment of imparting his love and knowledge of the game with a new generation, specifically his boys. One of Rick's most exciting professional baseball memories was attending the New York Yan-

kees World Series games in New York and being a part of the pinnacle of the sport, cheering on his favorite team. Rick also had a favorite National League team, the Washington Nationals, and was able to attend a World Series game for the 2019 season in which they won the World Series 4–3.

Dealing with the loss of a colleague and friend is always very difficult. The Legislative Branch lost a dear colleague and friend in Eric "Rick" Zabel, who will be sorely missed. However, his legacy will continue in the Congressional staff he counseled about their retirement and the colleagues he trained over the years.

HONORING JOI MITCHELL FOR HER WORK AS AN AMERICORPS FELLOW

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joi Mitchell for receiving the Relationship Rockstar Award for her outstanding work as an AmeriCorps fellow with Saga Education in the District of Columbia.

Joi received the award for her exceptional work with students at Anacostia High School and Ron Brown College Preparatory High School in the District of Columbia during the 2021–2022 school year. The Relationship Rockstar Award prioritizes respect and values relationships and providing positive experiences through inclusiveness and excellence.

Improving the academic outcomes of low-income students is one of our nation's most urgent challenges. By high school, many low-income students are three or more years behind grade level, especially in math. In many schools, large class sizes have made it impossible for teachers to offer students the individual instruction they need. That is why the work that Joi is doing each day with ninth graders in the District of Columbia has made such a big impact on their lives.

Joi was previously a facilitator for a mentoring program in the South Side of Chicago, where she led sessions and offered personal guidance to young women. Joi is a joyful person who set out to help others, especially children and youth—part of what makes her such a great fit as an AmeriCorps fellow and tutor working with youth in the District of Columbia.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Joi Mitchell for her outstanding work as an AmeriCorps fellow with Saga Education and for her positive impact on students at Anacostia High School and Ron Brown College Preparatory High School in the District of Columbia.

HONORING BRIAN RINGO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Ringo, a Deputy Sheriff II with the Napa County Sheriff's Office. I have named Mr. Ringo as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in

California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

A native of Deer Park, Texas, Mr. Ringo began serving his country at a young age. After graduating high school in 2004, he served in the U.S. Army for nearly a decade, completing four tours of combat duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan. After nearly a decade in uniform, Mr. Ringo received an honorable discharge at the rank of Staff Sergeant. In August 2021, he received an Associate of Arts degree from Solano Community College and in November of that year, was hired by the Napa County Sheriffs Office. In this capacity, he has served as a Patrol Officer in American Canyon and a seasonal deputy for the Marine Patrol Division at Lake Berryessa.

On June 17, 2022, Mr. Ringo was assigned to land patrol when the Napa County Sheriffs Office received numerous 911 calls regarding a pregnant woman whose legs had been severely injured. Aware of the gravity of the situation, he made the decision to join Marine Patrol Deputy Joseph Schiavoni in responding to the location of the 911 call via patrol vessel. When the two deputies arrived on scene, they found the victim in critical condition aboard the involved vessel. Mr. Ringo immediately provided medical aid, applying a tourniquet to stop heavy bleeding, and lifted the victim onto a backboard for extraction. Upon their arrival at the shoreline, Mr. Ringo assisted in packing the victim's wound and carrying her aboard a helicopter for transport to Kaiser Vacaville. The flight medic later reported that Mr. Ringo's placement of the tourniquet, along with the careful and rapid extraction of the victim, saved both her life and the life of her unborn child.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Ringo is an exemplary civil servant whose determination and skill in the face of an extremely stressful incident is symbolic of his dedication to others. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 ST. CLAIR COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR, KEVIN L. JONES

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2022 St. Clair County Veteran of the Year, Kevin L. Jones of the Marine Corps League, Belcher-Lane-Williams Detachment 146.

Kevin enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1974 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant infantry officer in 1978. He served in many roles as a commanding officer and has been deployed around the world.

After his distinguished military career, Kevin dedicated his life to serving the veterans in his community. He has been instrumental in establishing and forming a General Motors salaried veterans' group and was recognized by USA Today for his role in hiring veterans. Kevin is a member of several veteran advocacy organizations and has been vital in promoting the health and advancement of fellow veterans in his community. He is the Vice Chairman of the Saint Clair County Veterans

Affairs Board of Commissioners. He also holds several leadership roles within his detachment of the Marine Corps League. Additionally, he is a member of the American Legion and AMVETS.

I congratulate and thank Kevin for his selfless dedication to our veterans and community. It is vital that we continue to support and honor those who have risked their lives and given so much to our country. I applaud and recognize Kevin Jones for all he has done for our country and his fellow veterans.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL TOM MULLIKIN ON A SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT OF THE SMART REEF PROJECT

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major General (Ret.) Tom Mullikin, PhD, JD and the SC7 Team for successful deployment of the Smart Reef Project. This project increased integrated real time environmental observations and advanced modeling supporting an array of beneficial applications. A secondary focus was on technology development to enable cost effective distributed observing.

The Smart Reef Initiative advanced numerous goals of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission recommendations: data collection to advance modeling for predicting and engineering of coastal environments to deal with issues of sea level rise and flooding; exploring the utility of artificial reefs to potentially be designed to effect coastal beach erosion while also supporting recreational fisheries; and, data collection for similar ideas of "living shorelines" such as oyster reef restoration projects to help mitigate marsh erosion in estuaries as well as the potential to employ further up the watershed.

The Smart Reef system adds data and facilitates real-time data feeds into the Coastal Carolina University Center's interactively coupled ocean-atmosphere-wave-hydrologic modeling system to improve the advanced model applications to help inform discussions about tropical storm impacts (e.g., flooding, and storm surge) and eventually broader pressures and threats to our coastal environmental and economies. The data also supports broad research interests related to the growing of reef system interactions with waves and currents as well as a wide range of natural resource management concerns.

The SC7 Team Expedition along with the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, Coastal Carolina University, University of South Carolina, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Force Blue, Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina Office of Resiliency, South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs, Toadfish and other private sector partners successfully overcame rough seas to deploy the Smart Reef technology to protect the Palmetto State. A special thanks to my friend MG Tom Mullikin for his continued and tireless efforts to protect South Carolina's beautiful environment.

BIDENFLATION THREATENS FAMILIES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, an August NBC News poll revealed that fifty-eight percent of Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction.

Already at a forty-year high, inflation has surged thirteen percent since Biden took office, while wages have risen only eight percent over the same period. Under Biden, inflation has outpaced wages for workers for seventeen months in a row, causing families to pay more for everyday goods and services.

New economic figures show that inflation and high interest rates have cost the average American over four thousand dollars in annual income, according to a Heritage Foundation expert.

Eggs are up forty percent. Gas is up twenty-six percent. Milk is up seventeen percent. Bread is up sixteen percent, and the list goes on. Families are suffering and jobs are being destroyed.

Bidenflation prices are unsustainable for families.

God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism moves from a safe haven in Afghanistan to America. Never forget 9-11.

HONORING WESTIN SCHINDLER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Westin Schindler, an officer with the Santa Rosa Police Department. I have named Mr. Schindler as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Sonoma County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Schindler was born in Santa Rosa, California and raised in Petaluma. He received two associates degrees from the Santa Rosa Junior College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Sacramento State University. While attending Santa Rosa Junior College, Mr. Schindler began his law enforcement career as a police cadet and shortly after, became a community service officer at Sacramento State University. Immediately following his college graduation, Mr. Schindler was hired by the Petaluma Police Department and attended the police academy. After serving over two years with Petaluma Police Department as a member of their gang enforcement team, Mr. Schindler was hired by the Santa Rosa Police Department, where he works today. In addition to his role as a patrol officer, Mr. Schindler has also served on the special weapons and tactics team and as a defense tactics instructor.

Every year, Santa Rosa Police Department receives over 100,000 calls for service, with busy shifts averaging between 200 to 300 dispatched calls. Through his skill and determination, Mr. Schindler has also invested significant time in preventing criminal activity

through proactive traffic enforcement stops and investigations. In the last year alone, he has seized ten illegally possessed firearms, including numerous Polymer80 “ghost guns” and assault rifles. Mr. Schindler has also authored a search warrant and led an operation typically reserved for specialized detectives, allowing the rapid seizure of evidence before it could be destroyed.

Mr. Schindler is the younger brother of two other public servants—a firefighter with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and a fellow officer at Santa Rosa Police Department. He is also devoted to his family, which includes his two-year-old daughter Savannah and fiancée Jenn Eastham.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Schindler is an exemplary civil servant whose resolve and endless commitment to the safety of his community is worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

MRS. LOIS CALLAHAN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my fellow Arkansan, Mrs. Lois Callahan, on being named the national chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary.

Mrs. Callahan was inspired to join the auxiliary in 1990 by her father, the late Ruben Tamariz of Bryant, who served our nation for 26 years—including time served in both Korea and Vietnam.

Mrs. Callahan is a retired pediatric occupational therapist, and current life member of the Thaddeus H. Caraway Auxiliary 2278 in Hot Springs.

In her new role, Mrs. Callahan will be providing spiritual leadership and encouragement for the organization, which consists of roughly 475,000 members across the nation.

I thank her for her service and dedication to our nation's veterans. Her devotion to faith, family, and community does not go unnoticed.

I Congratulate, Lois.

RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF STEVE W. MARSH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to Steve W. Marsh on the occasion of his Congressional retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives, CAO Office of Finance—Accounting Department as of Thursday, May 5, 2022, after over 24 years of service. Steve started as a Staff Accountant with the Chief Administrative Office on March 16, 1998, tasked with the Property, Plant, and Equipment (PP&E) reconciliation process where he quickly became the subject matter expert. Steve was promoted on October 1, 2000, to Senior Accountant, and July 1, 2012, to Accounting Manager. Steve played a significant role in the

implementation of the House's financial system of record, PeopleSoft, and was an integral part of the CAO Office of Finance team that has received a clean audit opinion for twenty-three consecutive years for the U.S. House of Representatives. Best wishes to Steve W. Marsh on a long, happy, fulfilling, and well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DENNIS L. PAVLIK

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the last living Korean War POW from Nebraska, Corporal Dennis L. Pavlik. Corporal Pavlik joined the United States Marine Corp in October of 1952 when he was inducted at Fort Omaha in Nebraska. Corporal Pavlik was then assigned to B Company, 22nd Armored Engineer for artillery basic training which he completed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Following his completion of basic training, Corporal Pavlik was assigned to C Battery, 555 Field Artillery also known as the “Triple Nickel.” Corporal Pavlik then moved to a variety of locations across Korea finally landing near Kumsong in a location known as the Kumsong Salient.

It was there, on the night of July 13, 1953, that Corporal Pavlik's artillery battery was under an intense enemy counter barrage ending in the eventual imprisonment of multiple United States Marines. Corporal Pavlik and his fellow marines were then forced to march north to a POW camp the Chinese referred to as Camp Six. It was here Corporal Pavlik spent 42 days as a Prisoner of War, which he has referred to as “the longest six weeks of my life.” Corporal Pavlik stated the most important lesson he learned during those six weeks is the knowledge of freedom. As the war in Korea ended, Corporal Pavlik was released from Camp Six and eventually returned to United States soil on August 25, 1953, just two days before the official end of the Korean War.

Corporal Pavlik ended his military service on July 20, 1954, and was awarded the Bronze Star with the “V” for valor device, Good Conduct Medal, POW Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two Battle Stars, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. Today, he resides in Omaha, Nebraska with his wife Luella and has three children and five grandchildren. Corporal Pavlik also serves as the Post Commander for the American Ex-Prisoner of War Department of Nebraska. It is with great honor that I recognize the last known Prisoner of War survivor from the Korean War—Nebraska Corporal Dennis L. Pavlik.

RECOGNIZING HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hydrocephalus Awareness

Month. Every September patients, caregivers, and their families come together throughout our Nation in support of the more than 1,000,000 people of all ages living with hydrocephalus in the United States.

As co-chair of the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus, I believe Congress has an important role to play in raising awareness of this condition and crafting policies that result in better treatments and potentially a cure. I urge my colleagues to join the caucus to learn more about this devastating condition. In addition, I urge you to join Representative CHRIS SMITH and me in showing your support for this community by cosponsoring our resolution, H. Res. 20, which supports the goals and ideals of Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

Hydrocephalus is a complex, chronic neurological condition caused by an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain. From newborns to seniors, anyone can develop hydrocephalus at any time.

The breathtaking prevalence of this condition is reflected in my own district. I recently met a constituent in Austin who described the challenges she has faced due to the limited treatment options available for hydrocephalus.

Hydrocephalus is the most common reason for brain surgery in young children. The physicians and staff at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio perform the brain surgeries necessary to treat many of the one in 770 babies across the country who develop hydrocephalus each year.

Veterans and active military personnel, such as those stationed at Joint Base San Antonio, are disproportionately affected. Since 2000, more than 370,000 U.S. service members have sustained a traumatic brain injury, and it is estimated that 14 percent of those individuals with severe TBI—over 50,000 service members—could develop hydrocephalus as a result.

Let's join together in recognizing Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. Congressman SMITH and I welcome all colleagues to become members of the Congressional Pediatric and Hydrocephalus Caucus and cosponsoring H. Res. 20.

HONORING RORY LOGAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rory Logan, a Criminal Detective with the Benicia Police Department. I have named Ms. Logan as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Solano County in California's 5th District as a result of her extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Ms. Logan was born in Los Angeles, California and graduated from Eagle Rock High School. She served for over 12 years in both the United States Marine Corps and United States Navy Reserves where she qualified as a field radio operator, parachutist and Stinger/Avenger gunner. Ms. Logan's overseas deployments include Korea, Thailand, Japan, Panama, and Kuwait. She is a recipient of two Navy Achievement Medals, a Navy Unit Commendation, and a Global War on Terrorism

Expeditionary Medal, among other awards and decorations.

In 2020, following nearly two decades of experience with other law enforcement agencies, Ms. Logan joined the Benicia Police Department. As a Criminal Detective, Ms. Logan played a key role in the investigation of illegal gun sales, burglaries, and child predator cases. In each of these instances, Ms. Logan displayed remarkable skill and determination, often resulting in the arrest of wanted suspects and criminals. In March 2022, Bahadur Singh, the owner and clerk of Rose Market, was murdered during a robbery. Ms. Logan worked tirelessly to investigate the incident, cooperating with multiple other agencies, and led to the swift arrest of the suspect before he was able to cause further harm.

Outside of her service with the Benicia Police Department, Ms. Logan is a licensed vocational nurse and proud mother of two sons, Anthony and Scott.

Madam Speaker, I thank Ms. Logan for her persistence and investigative skill. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Columbia International University.

Since its founding in 1923 as the Columbia Bible School, the University has been providing students in South Carolina and across the world with an outstanding Christian education. Originating from humble beginnings, the school has grown astronomically, and is consistently ranked as a top 'Southern Regional University,' 'Best Value University,' and for 'Social Mobility' in the South by U.S. News & World Report. The University also received a 2022 accolade of 'A Best College for Veterans in the South' from the same publication.

Columbia International University is committed to veterans and participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, and Veteran Readiness and Employment. Numerous educational benefits are provided by the school as well.

As a Veteran myself with four sons who have served overseas, and as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am proud my community is home to a university dedicated to our veterans.

One hundred years ago, Columbia International University was founded by a group of prayerful Christian women and led by first president, Robert C. McQuilkin, who dreamed of establishing a local Bible school. Their dream was not only realized, but then flourished into an accomplished university, evangelizing our community and nations with their 24,000 alumni.

I am proud of the positive impact Columbia International University has made globally and join them in celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize today a special group of dedicated and outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives and congratulate those who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The House's most important asset is its remarkable and steadfast employees, whose work is essential to keeping the operations and services of the House running efficiently and effectively. The employees we acknowledge today are commended for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, and teamwork; support of House Members, their staffs, and their constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees, whose work is often performed behind the scenes, possess a wide range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of this great institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to more efficient and productive House support operations. These devoted employees have accomplished significant and essential work in a diverse range of activities, and the House of Representatives, its Members, staff, and the American public is better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the following individuals for 25 years of loyal service to the House. Collectively, the employees listed have provided 375 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Gordon Alexander, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Ricky Buckler, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Alicia Carcamo, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; John Collins, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Andrew Graeb, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Keane, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Adam Magary, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; David McKittrick, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Donald Myhill, Office of the Clerk of the House; Frank Overby, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Carol Peterson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Nancy Sumner, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Gary Thiessen, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Alan Vaughan, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Donna K. Wolfgang, Office of Inspector General.

On behalf of the entire House community, I want to congratulate, acknowledge, and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officer, the Inspector General, and collaboratively across these organizations once again. Their long hours, hard work, diverse skills, and team spirit are invaluable,

and their years of unwavering service and dedication to the House sets an example for their colleagues and raises the bar for the employees who will follow in their footsteps. I applaud all our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and our great Nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

RECOGNIZING MONTANA KNIFE COMPANY OWNER, MR. JOSH SMITH

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the outstanding work of Mr. Josh Smith, owner of Montana Knife Company in Frenchtown, Montana.

Growing up in Lincoln, Montana, Mr. Smith began his journey as a bladesmith at the early age of eleven when he would work at knife-making before and after school. At the age of twelve, Mr. Smith joined the American Bladesmith Society, and the next few years saw Mr. Smith honing his craft of blade smithing. His talents in the art are such that at the age of fifteen years old, Mr. Smith passed the Journeyman bladesmith test—becoming the youngest to ever do so. An impressive feat, Mr. Smith went on to earn his Master Smith rating from the American Bladesmith Society at the age of nineteen. In this too, Mr. Smith was the youngest to ever pass the rigorous Master Smith test.

Mr. Smith turned his dream of starting a custom knife-making business into a reality when he officially launched Montana Knife Company in 2020 as its co-founder and Master Bladesmith. During the pandemic when most businesses were closing, Montana Knife Company started flourishing. Hoping for one hundred thousand sales in 2020 and two million in 2021, they met and then surpassed their goals—with over four million in sales in just over three quarters for 2022.

Starting out in a garage with only two employees, the company has grown into a twelve-person team with a ten thousand square foot building project underway to expand their business.

Montana Knife Company has been gaining recognition nationwide for its high-quality, American-made knives. Its growth and success are certainly a testament to Mr. Smith's exceptional craftsmanship and entrepreneurial leadership.

I thank Josh for serving the people of Montana and his commitment to Montana values and traditions.

HONORING HERSCHEL SIZEMORE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Herschel Sizemore of Roanoke County, Virginia, who passed away on September 9, 2022, at the age of 87. Mr. Sizemore was a significant figure in the field of bluegrass music.

Western Virginia is the possessor of a rich musical heritage. It is the home to legendary talents such as the Carter family and Ralph Stanley. Annual festivals and competitions offer musicians a chance to perform and thrive in their own distinct genres.

To this vibrant musical scene came Herschel Sizemore in 1969. He was already an accomplished musician by that time. He had grown up in Alabama in a home that encouraged musical interests. His mother, Rebecca, was a self-taught guitarist with a style compared to Mother Maybelle Carter, according to Mr. Sizemore's obituary in *Bluegrass Today*. He was drawn toward the mandolin after hearing Bill Monroe perform in the Grand Ole Opry both on the radio and in person. When his brother Ross sent home a mandolin while away from home during a military deployment, Mr. Sizemore began playing the instrument with old-time fiddler Hugh McCormick.

At 14 years old, Mr. Sizemore started playing at local events as a paid performer with Ned Campbell & the Sunnyside Playboys. He became part of a professional group three years later, variously named the Tennessee Valley Playboys, the Country Gentlemen, and the Dixie Gentlemen, that toured, performed on air, and recorded.

When Mr. Sizemore moved to Roanoke in 1969, he continued playing by touring and recording with the Shenandoah Cut-Ups. He formed a group of his own, the Country Grass, and then joined the Dixie Pals. Mr. Sizemore's own album, *Bounce Away*, showcased his unique style of mandolin playing. One of its songs, *Rebecca*, named after his mother, became a popular tune in the bluegrass community and his most recognizable.

Work kept Mr. Sizemore from regularly performing for a period. After retiring, he joined the Bluegrass Cardinals, released more albums of his own, and worked with others. As a frequent teacher and mentor of younger players, he was known in the bluegrass community for his generosity with his considerable skill.

Mr. Sizemore is survived by his wife, Joyce Sizemore; children, Charlotte (Mike) Bishop, Tamba (Ralph) Agee, and Lee (Vickie) Sizemore; grandchildren, Dusty Davis, Sara Davis (Kyle) Duncan, Jenni Bishop (Jordan) Ramey, Matt Walrond, Steven Walrond, Jacob Agee, Cheyenna Agee, Drew (Savannah) Sizemore, Michael (Bri) Sizemore, and Garrett Carter; ten great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. I offer them my condolences on their loss. He leaves behind a unique legacy that burnishes Virginia's reputation as a home for great music.

HONORING RODGER COLLINSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rodger Collinson, a firefighter and paramedic with the Napa Fire Department (NFD). I have named Mr. Collinson as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Collinson was born and raised in Napa, California. He graduated from Napa High

School in 1996 and has attended both Napa Valley College and Solano Community College. Mr. Collinson spent five years with Piner's Napa Ambulance before joining the Napa Fire Department in 2003. While working with the NFD, Mr. Collinson proposed, developed and continues to lead the Safe Program. The program provides fire safety messages to elementary schools across Napa.

In addition to putting his life on the line to protect our community from fires, Mr. Collinson demonstrated incredible initiative by creating the Facebook Group "Support Napa Valley Restaurants." The purpose of the group is to provide free advertising to the many local restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Mr. Collinson recently competed on the Food Network's "Guy's Grocery Games" where he won \$40,000 for the Napa City Firefighter's Charitable Fund.

Outside of his work with the NFD, Mr. Collinson has served as the team lead for the annual City of Napa employee breakfast and is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He is also passionate about bridging the gap between first responders and our Spanish speaking community, having studied Spanish with his wife Amanda.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Collinson is an exemplary civil servant who represents the very best of our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
MAUREEN BELLODY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the continued career of Maureen Bellody, a lifelong Connecticut resident, recently-turned-Eastern-Connecticut native, who has quietly but effectively used her talents and empathy for people in the practice of law to make a positive difference in her community. Maureen will recognize her career accomplishments as a paralegal working for Mader, Roberson & DeFelice on October 3, 2022, following more than 37 remarkable years with the firm.

Born in East Hartford in 1959, Maureen remained a member of her hometown community for most of her life. Even prior to starting and raising a family of her own in East Hartford, she attended Goodwin University—then Goodwin College—earning her business certification in 1985. I had the first privilege of meeting Maureen in that same year, when she joined the team at the law firm of what was then Flaherty, Marder, Kallet, Meisler, and Courtney. I saw firsthand what a quick study she was even at a young age, to navigate the complexities of the law and the endless variety of clients that populate a small-town general law practice. Her poise with clients, sometimes in very emotional circumstances was remarkable.

Maureen has remained with the firm even though its principals have changed, including myself. Her expertise, loyalty and efficient work ethic have helped keep the firm on track and well organized throughout her tenure. This week the firm, her family and many friends

and clients are celebrating her service—a very well-deserved honor.

Outside of her time dedicated to the firm, Maureen has also been moved by a commitment to and strong bond with her family. This has been a guiding force throughout her life, even before her time working in the legal field, since bearing and raising her daughter, Jessica, in East Hartford.

In 2011, she moved to Ellington of the Second District of Connecticut, where she remains close with her daughter, son-in-law, Joseph, and two grandchildren, Landon and Mia.

As we appreciate her dedication to serving families throughout Tolland and Hartford County, we also wish that she may continue to impact our region through her work with the firm Marder, Roberson & DeFelice. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the career of Maureen Bellody, wishing her the upmost, continued success in her career.

RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF PHILIP D. HAMNER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to Philip D. Hamner on the occasion of his Congressional retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives, CAO Office of Finance—Accounting Department as of September 30, 2022, after over 27 years of service. Philip started as an Accounting Supervisor with the Chief Administrative Office on June 12, 1995. Philip's outstanding work ethic and accounting knowledge of the U.S. Standard General Ledger (USSGL) allowed him to be promoted to various positions, like Systems Accountant, Deputy Director, Accounting, Acting Accounting Director, and finally Director of Accounting as of September 1, 2011. Philip has led his team in the compilation of the Annual Financial Statements and the annual external audits. Philip played a significant role in the implementation of the House's financial system of record, PeopleSoft. Through Philip's successful leadership and immeasurable knowledge of accounting, he has led the CAO Office of Finance team to receive a clean audit opinion for 23 consecutive years for the U.S. House of Representatives. Madam Speaker, I wish Philip D. Hamner embrace all new opportunities that are presented to him, as he did at the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING ROBERT O'CONNOR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert O'Connor, a recruit with the Vallejo Fire Department. I have named Mr. O'Connor as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Solano County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others,

Mr. O'Connor was born in Fremont, California. In 2015, he became a paramedic and in June 2022, began his training with the Vallejo Fire Academy. Mr. O'Connor is currently enrolled in their 20-week Firefighter I program. He resides in Tracy, California with his wife Adrienne and daughter Delaney.

On July 1, 2022, Mr. O'Connor was driving to the recruit academy when he observed a major traffic accident on the Byron Highway in Tracy, California. There, two vehicles had recently collided with each other, with one forcing the other to roll off the side of the road. Although he had not yet finished his program at the academy, Mr. O'Connor drew upon his training and took immediate action. He pulled over and assessed the injuries of those involved, relaying a full update of the incident to dispatch. After apprising them of the situation, Mr. O'Connor placed himself at risk by climbing into one of the badly damaged vehicles to provide life-saving care to two individuals. Even though the crash was miles from the area covered by the Vallejo Fire Department, Mr. O'Connor remained on scene to assist in medical care even as South San Joaquin Fire Authority resources arrived.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. O'Connor for his bravery, quick action and remarkable focus during an incredibly stressful situation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING PROJECT C.U.R.E.

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Project C.U.R.E., headquartered in Colorado's Sixth Congressional District, for their efforts in collecting and distributing life-saving emergency medical relief to the people of Ukraine.

Founded 30 years ago by Jim and AnnaMarie Jackson, Project C.U.R.E. has grown into the world's single largest distributor of donated medical relief. They've provided over 2,000 cargo containers of medical supplies and equipment to over 135 countries, and most recently, to the people of Ukraine.

Upon the invasion of Ukraine, Project C.U.R.E. identified an urgent need for medical supplies as civilian casualties increased at an exorbitant rate. Recognizing that the war was having an immediate and devastating impact on an already weakened healthcare system, Project C.U.R.E. began collecting donations and medical supplies—including hospital beds and ultrasound machines—from across the U.S., to send to the people of Ukraine.

With a goal of delivering health and hope to Ukraine, Project C.U.R.E. has delivered 60 air shipments and four containers of medical relief to Ukraine—equating to a total of about \$12.3 million worth of medical supplies. Additionally, they worked closely with the Ukrainian government to transport and distribute 5,000 kits, containing two months of supplies for newborns, across the country.

Project C.U.R.E. has an extensive history providing medical relief to Ukraine and was recognized earlier this year by the National Health Council of Ukraine for their significant contributions to the international humanitarian project "Support Hospitals in Ukraine."

The impact of these donations are immeasurable in terms of lives saved and I commend Project C.U.R.E. for their tireless dedication in providing critical medical supplies as there continues to be a dire need in Ukraine. It is organizations like Project C.U.R.E. that provide hope in the darkest of times, and I know that our global community benefits immensely from their continued support and generosity.

RECOGNIZING JOE HIGGINS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joe Higgins, Chairman of the Veterans of Chatham County organization, for being awarded the Marne Rockstar Award.

The Marne Rockstar program recognizes private citizens for their dedication to serving Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, which are both in Georgia's First Congressional District. Recipients of the award must show that they have given back to the bases through outstanding public service. Joe Higgins has done just that. As a result of him winning this prestigious award, Joe's photo, along with a description of his service, will be permanently displayed at division headquarters.

Throughout the years, Joe has given back to the military bases in many ways. He has given turkeys to junior soldiers at Thanksgiving, arranged meals for over 700 families for Family Day, and has secured donations from local distributors. Joe has gone above and beyond with every opportunity he has gotten. He could not be more deserving of this award.

On behalf of myself and the First Congressional District of Georgia, I want to say thank you to Joe for giving back to our service men and women.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARY ANN BOCCOLINI

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Mary Ann Boccolini, a healthcare leader in New Jersey's 3rd District who dedicated her career to enhancing the lives of people throughout South Jersey for nearly 5 decades.

Mary Ann worked in multiple settings devoted to helping our most vulnerable community members and their families. She began her career as a staff nurse for a multitude of health facilities like the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the National Institute of Health, and the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital. After developing a robust background of healthcare operations, Mary Ann became a manager for the oncology inpatient service line at Virtual Memorial Hospital. She later joined Samaritan as Director of Clinical Operations in 1997, where she served South Jersey communities for 25 years.

Since becoming President and CEO in 2000, Mary Ann established Samaritan as one of the state's largest, most respected providers of palliative medicine and end-of-life care. During her time, Mary Ann grew Samaritan's comprehensive services to include primary care at home, palliative medicine, hospice care, grief support, education, and advocacy. As a four-star provider in the We Honor Veterans program, Mary Ann's leadership has also made Samaritan a nationally recognized care provider for those who have served our country.

Mary Ann's contributions to our South Jersey communities and in the healthcare field have earned her numerous awards and accolades over the years. Most recently, Mary Ann was recognized by NJBIZ Magazine as one of its Best 50 Women in Business, by South Jersey Biz as a Power 50 in the South Jersey Business World, and by SJ Magazine's Women in Healthcare of Influence and Impact.

Through these remarkable milestones and achievements, Mary Ann's humble servant leadership inspired staff, volunteers, and colleagues. It is because of Mary Ann's dedication to providing extraordinary compassion and expertise, that many patients, and those who care about them, can live their best life every day. New Jersey is grateful for the work that Mary Ann has done, and I hope that her career can inspire others to carry on her legacy as a champion for high-quality service in healthcare. I know I speak for the 3rd District in wishing Mary Ann a happy retirement.

HONORING KRISTY AND BOB BRINDLEY WITH THE JUST1MIKE FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristy and Bob Brindley, founders of the Just1Mike Foundation. I have named the Brindley's as Public Safety Heroes of the Year for Sonoma County in California's 5th District as a result of their extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Kristy Brindley is a native of Chicago, Illinois and a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Bob Brindley was born in Buffalo, New York and is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Michigan. The Brindley's met and married in Chicago, where they lived for 29 years and raised their three boys, Robbie, Jack, and Mike. In 2016, they lost their youngest son Mike to sudden cardiac arrest. A year later, they founded the Just1Mike Foundation, in honor of Mike's beloved sports blog, to increase survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest in children and young adults. The Just1Mike Foundation began its work in the Chicago area where it supported cardiac screenings for thousands of high school students. In the first screening alone, 13 students were found to have previously undiagnosed heart conditions.

After moving to California in 2018, the Brindley's broadened their foundation's reach even further. The Just1Mike Foundation donated four automated external defibrillators (AED) SaveStations to Sonoma Valley High

School, eight to the Sonoma Valley Boys & Girls Clubs, and many more throughout Northern California. They plan to continue providing vital equipment and screenings well into the future. On June 15, 2022, a 16-year-old boy at Sonoma Valley High School collapsed while playing basketball from sudden cardiac arrest. Thanks to the quick action of three friends and an AED provided by the Just1Mike Foundation, the boy is still alive today.

Madam Speaker, I thank Kristy and Bob Brindley for the great work of the Just1Mike Foundation. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I am proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month 2022. Each year from September 15 to October 15, we recognize and celebrate the history and culture of Americans whose ancestry can be traced from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. First established as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, this observation was expanded to a full month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. This month-long 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 time, we uplift the stories of Latinos and celebrate their contributions to this country. Throughout history, Latinos have come to this nation in search of their own American Dream and the promise of a new life for themselves and their families. In every facet of American life, Latinos have made their mark on this country and created a more perfect union for us all. 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 these Americans play in our society and in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District in particular. This year, I am honored to recognize Maritza Morelli, Belisa Urbina, and Pilar Valdez.

Maritza Morelli is the Executive Director of Los Niños Primero, a nonprofit organization focused on empowering Latino students and their families from early childhood to college through education and leadership programs. A native of Venezuela, Maritza earned a bachelor's degree in Special Education and a master's degree in Childhood Psychology from the University of Caracas. For seven years, she conducted research with the Venezuela Department of Education to examine the ways in which children learn to read and write. Her research study would go on to change the course of the National Scholastic Curriculum. She migrated to Atlanta, Georgia where she briefly worked as an interpreter for Northside Hospital in the department of mental health. She became the lead bilingual community liaison for Fulton County Schools, assisting Latino families in navigating the public school

system. In June 2001, Pastor Rick Sommers at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church asked her to lead a new project called Los Niños Primera. Over the last two decades, Maritza has grown the organization's capacity from serving 17 students to serving over 300 students and their families. Over the years, more than 3,000 students have completed the Los Niños Primero program. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Niños Primera was able to expand their reach to serve over 13 counties across all programs as well as launch their LYRIC program to support Latino high school seniors in their pursuit of higher education and launch their COVID-19 Educational Campaign to equip and guide the community with bilingual materials to make educated choices for their families. They were even able to provide financial assistance to over 21 families through rental assistance.

Belisa Urbina is the Chief Executive Officer of Ser Familia, Incorporated. Belisa was born and raised in Puerto Rico where she studied Business Administration at the University of Puerto Rico. Belisa and her husband Miguel lived in Puerto Rico until 1999 when they decided to move to Atlanta, Georgia. As a young couple in a new city, Belisa and her husband witnessed the challenges that Latino couples were facing with conflict resolution and navigating married life as they adapted to a new culture. As a result, in 2001 Belisa and her husband decided to co-found Ser Familia (previously known as Renovacion Conyugal, Inc.) as a program that aimed to strengthen Latino couples and families through couples workshops. Over the years, they identified a need for additional programs to support families by taking a more holistic approach. Under Belisa's leadership, Ser Familia has developed the "Ser Familia Model" that focuses on delivering coordinated social and mental health services to families they serve through a multidisciplinary team led by a case manager and supported by counselors, psychiatrists, parenting educators, couples program facilitators, youth mentors, domestic violence advocates, and immigration attorneys. Ser Familia's reach has expanded to serve over 6,900 clients per year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ser Familia was essential in addressing the mental health needs of the Latino community as they completed thousands of mental health assessments and provided rental assistance to those families who were most affected by COVID-19.

Pilar Valdez is currently the Program Director of the Early Learning Program and After School K-5 Academy at Corners Academy. Pilar is a proud Georgia native born to Mexican parents. She earned her bachelor's degree in Health Science from Georgia State University and has over 8 years of experience in childcare. She has dedicated her career to the development of these two early childhood development programs and has become an advocate for her students and their families. In fact, after successfully leading the After School K-5 Academy, Pilar developed the Early Learning Program at Corners Outreach, working to educate parents on how to become their child's best and first teacher in order to prepare these children for a successful academic life after kindergarten. During 2021, at a time when COVID placed a spotlight on education gaps in the community, Pilar was able to lead and guide the Early Learning Academy through a 26 percent increase in registration,

and the Corners Academy tutoring program offered tutoring to 100 new students and offered in-person summer camp to more than 196 students.

The impact of these three women alone is tremendous, and it is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize and honor them for working so hard 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 Maritza, Belisa, and Pilar, we celebrate the power of our Latino community in Georgia. As a representative of our state, I will continue to champion their values of strength, service, and patriotism every day.

HONORING BERNIE WAGONER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly honor Bernie Wagoner as Iowan of the Week. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to serving her community. As the co-founder and Clinical Director for Southwest Iowa Families in Clarinda, Iowa, Bernie has served countless people in need of assistance throughout my district.

Bernie has a clear track record of serving others. While in junior high, Bernie's grandmother was hospitalized with a psychiatric condition, and that experience motivated Bernie to pursue a degree in Psychology from the University of Nebraska. Moving to Iowa after that, she was employed in intellectual disability and mental health services before founding Southwest Iowa Families as a non-profit in 1993. Bernie saw a need for a non-profit that could provide permanency and benefit the community more than a traditional private practice.

Over almost 30 years, Southwest Iowa Families has strived to ensure that community needs were being met. Bernie has always stressed the importance of available and affordable rural mental health services. Out-patient mental health care and counseling have been a staple of Southwest Iowa Families since its inception. Over the years, Bernie has helped ensure that the mission evolved to meet the needs of the Southwest Iowa community. Seeing a need for the development of services for vulnerable 0- to 5-year-old children, in 2010 the Agency achieved Healthy Families of America accreditation for Southwest Iowa Families—which was an intense process and qualified the organization to interact with and directly assist parents and children at risk of abuse and neglect. Thanks to the constancy of Southwest Iowa Families, Bernie has started to see young parents visit who the organization first met as young children. The organization also accepts and distributes various donations of clothing and furniture to then distribute to in need families and

continues to be willing to evolve based on community needs.

Bernie, along with her fellow staff at Southwest Iowa Families, has been leading the way for the construction of a new base of operations for the non-profit. The new center in Clarinda is in the final stages of planning and will increase the number of available counseling rooms as well as provide a larger waiting room to effectively manage adult clients and their children. With this development, Bernie looks forward to being able to expand their staff and providing more services needed in the community.

Bernie tells us that 1 in 5 individuals will have a mental health issue that needs professional attention at some point in their lives. Reliable mental health services in rural areas are critical to ensure that anyone who needs help has access to treatment. Mental health services such as Southwest Iowa Families ensure that rural communities remain great places to live and work. Bernie Wagoner's extensive work for the Southwest Iowa community has been incredibly valuable, and I am proud to name her Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS MELVIN J. LITTLE BEAR

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, honor, and welcome home Private First Class Melvin J. Little Bear of Standing Rock, South Dakota.

PFC Little Bear entered the U.S. Army from South Dakota and served with Battery A, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division in the Korean War. He was captured by Chinese Communist Forces on February 13, 1951, as his unit made a fighting withdrawal from Changbong-ni to Wonju, South Korea. PFC Little Bear was marched to POW Camp 1 at Changsong, where he died of malnutrition, exhaustion, and pneumonia on July 21, 1951. During Operation GLORY, the United Nations Command and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea exchanged the remains of war dead, including those who had died in captivity. In September of 1954, as part of this operation, the D.P.R.K. returned to the United States a box containing PFC Little Bear's remains from Changsong. PFC Little Bear could not be identified at the time and his remains, designated X-14251, were interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Honolulu, Hawaii on February 16, 1956. In 2020, his remains were disinterred from the NMCP and sent to the DPAA Laboratory for scientific testing. Laboratory analysis led to the identification of PFC Little Bear from among these remains.

PFC Little Bear was posthumously awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. PFC Little Bear will be laid to rest on September 30th, in Little Eagle, South Dakota.

Madam Speaker, PFC Little Bear made the ultimate sacrifice for this Nation. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his memory

and his service. Currently over 80,000 Americans are listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. It is a blessing that by reuniting PFC Little Bear with his family and his people, today that number is smaller by one.

HONORING DEPUTY SHERIFF
JOSEPH SCHIAVONI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Schiavoni, a Deputy Sheriff II with the Napa County Sheriffs Office. I have named Mr. Schiavoni as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Schiavoni graduated from Vacaville Christian High School in 2012 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Justice Studies from Humboldt State University in 2016. In March 2020, he joined the Napa County Sheriffs Office as a Deputy Sheriff Trainee. Following successful completion of Basic Academy at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Center, he was designated a Deputy Sheriff I in October 2020. Five months later, Mr. Schiavoni was promoted to Deputy Sheriff II and assigned to the Marine Patrol Division at Lake Berryessa.

On June 17, 2022, Mr. Schiavoni was informed of numerous 911 calls regarding a pregnant woman whose legs had been severely injured by a prop blade. Joined by Deputy Brian Ringo, he quickly arrived on scene and found the victim in critical condition aboard the involved vessel. Observing that the vessel, a two-story pontoon boat, did not offer easy access for connection, Mr. Schiavoni guided the boat towards him and secured a connection via the patrol vessel's gunwale. After he received critical medical aid from Deputy Ringo, the two men carried the victim aboard their vessel and brought her to the shoreline where a California Highway Patrol helicopter was standing by. The flight medic later reported that the careful and rapid extraction of the victim saved both her life and the life of her unborn child.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Schiavoni is an exemplary civil servant whose determination and skill in the face of an extremely stressful incident is emblematic of his dedication to others. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today:

HONORING BORICUACTIVATED

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate BoricuActivatEd on 5 years of training the next generation of advocates.

BoricuActivatEd founded by a former Congressional staffer, Jennice Fuentes, is a civic engagement non-profit working with adults of

all ages, other non-profits and community organizations from coast to coast to help empower communities of color. In fact, what they do is very simple and straightforward: they help people know how to speak to elected officials just like us. Most of our constituents may even be intimidated at the prospect of approaching our staff, our offices and each one of us in Congress. But BoricuActivatEd, deconstructs the process for our communities. They help folks understand the ABCs of how to engage with elected officials with the respect and authority and command of the request that is needed.

BoricuActivatEd works with everyone who cares about building a better and more democratic society, from high school students to retirees. This year, for the second year in a row, BoricuActivatEd continued its series of trainings for high school students at the Esperanza Academy Charter School in Philadelphia, where my Chief of Staff was able to meet with some of these students and see firsthand how powerful the BoricuActivatEd training can be.

BoricuActivatEd is changing lives and our democracy for the better. Congratulations on 5 years. We are looking forward to many more.

COLUMBUS 2022 INDIANA
COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend my hometown of Columbus on being named 2022 Indiana Community of the Year.

A town of 50,000, our flourishing manufacturing and agriculture industry community is home to some of the top automotive, electronics and aerospace development.

From Cummins Engine Company to Columbus Regional Health, Ivy Tech and Hoosier Transport—our Midwest city is the epitome of Hoosier hospitality.

I am proud to say that to this day and all my life, I am a Columbus resident. While I may be biased, I believe it is one of the communities that makes Indiana's Sixth Congressional District so great.

Much of this can be contributed to the leadership of the city and county, and especially Mayor Lienhoop.

Congratulations to Columbus on being named 2022 Indiana Community of The Year.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF BOBBY
WELLIVER OF BOONVILLE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Missouri's finest, Police Chief Bobby Welliver. After serving for more than three decades, Chief Welliver announced his retirement from the Boonville Police Department in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District. Residents of Boonville have long benefited from Chief Welliver's selfless commitment to serve and protect, and his steady leadership will be missed.

Chief Welliver began his career with the Boonville Police Department in 1985. Throughout his years of dedicated service, Chief Welliver led his department and the city of Boonville through difficult circumstances while keeping crime rates under control. Chief Welliver was resilient, and a steady leader which his community could turn to for guidance in time of crisis.

One of Chief Welliver's most notable accomplishments include serving as hostage negotiator in 1994. He was able to talk a double homicide suspect into releasing two hostages. In 2002, Chief Welliver was also the lead investigator in a double homicide and was able to arrest two homicide suspects that were later convicted.

Chief Welliver is a resident of Boonville where his two grown children, Amanda and Robby, also reside. Chief Welliver has always been actively involved in his community. From 1991 to 2021 he facilitated the D.A.R.E. program in local schools, while serving on the Mid-Missouri Major Case Squad.

Chief Welliver represents the best of Missouri public servants and public safety officers. He has always been a strong advocate for his community through steady leadership, unwavering devotion to serving others, and a positive attitude. On behalf of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, I thank him and his family for their immense devotion to serving the Boonville community and keeping us safe. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING JOHN ANGELL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Angell, a Captain with the Crockett-Carquinez Fire Department (CCFD). I have named Mr. Angell as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Contra Costa County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Angell graduated from Crockett, California's John Swett High School in 1989. He has served as a member of CCFD for over 20 years and has responded to incidents across the state. Mr. Angell is also in charge of the maintenance of CCFD's mobile fleet and training.

This summer, Captain Angell was on his way to a mutual aid cover assignment in Vallejo California when he observed an individual standing near the edge of the Carquinez Bridge. Recognizing that this person may have been contemplating suicide, Mr. Angell immediately contacted dispatch and asked that a nearby California Highway Patrol (CHP) unit respond. However, after making the call he realized that there may not be enough time to wait and decided to approach the person. Mr. Angell spoke to the individual in crisis, provided comfort and helped convince the person in crisis to step away from the edge.

Outside of his work with CCFD, Mr. Angell serves his community in many other ways through his job at the John Swett Unified School District. There, he manages attendance, helps disadvantaged youth who struggle

with issues like homelessness and coaches both football and baseball. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Angell coordinated testing for the district, worked with a local provider to install multiple internet hubs for long distance learning, and helped acquire Chromebooks for students.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Angell is an exemplary civil servant whose generosity and kindness is emblematic of a remarkable commitment to his community, both in and out of uniform. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING KATHY COCUS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to Kathy Cocus of Poulsbo, Washington for her decades of service and to celebrate her retirement.

As KEDA's Business Development Director, Kathy has worked closely with firms in the Business Retention and Expansion program and has provided countless hours of oversight to the office's Procurement Technical Assistance Center Program (PTAC) program. Previously she served as the KEDA Business Recruitment and Retention Manager from October of 2001 through June of 2006 and the organization's Interim Executive Director in 2006 through 2007.

Prior to her work at the KEDA, Ms. Cocus was Director of Development for the Kitsap Humane Society (KHS). She was the Executive Director of the Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce for ten years and was part of a countywide effort to work with other communities in legislative, business and tourism issues. She has always been a vocal and tenacious advocate for local businesses, and we are all better off thanks to her work.

Madam Speaker, beyond her many accomplishments, I would also like to express gratitude for Kathy's partnership. Kathy has played a vital role to communities in my district and has been a tremendous partner for the last several decades. Please join me in congratulating Kathy Cocus on her retirement. I wish her all the best in this next chapter.

HONORING AARON BLOUNT AND BENJAMIN TREVINO'S PERFORMANCE AT THE NOCHE DE GALA

HON. MAYRA FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aaron Blount and Benjamin Trevino as they performed at the Noche de Gala this week.

Aaron and Benjamin are from the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) and graduated from Harlingen South High School and Harlingen High School in 2022, respectively. Throughout their time in the RGV, they were both members of the Harlingen Performing Arts Conservatory, where their talent was refined and displayed

for their community. Despite their age, both have excelled in their careers. Earlier this year, Benjamin was awarded the Palm Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role and Aaron won Best Actress in a Leading Role. This week, they had the opportunity to bring their talent from the RGV to Washington, D.C. to perform at the 26th annual National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts' Noche de Gala.

The National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts is committed to helping elevate young talented Hispanics in the entertainment industry. This year, Aaron and Benjamin were selected to be a part of this event. Not only was this an incredible accomplishment for themselves, but also for their friends and families.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to represent these two talented individuals, and I congratulate Aaron and Benjamin on their amazing accomplishments.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT MOSES F. TATE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sergeant Moses F. Tate.

Born in Kansas, Staff Sergeant Tate served in the U.S. Army Air Forces' 415th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group during World War II. On August 1, 1943, Staff Sergeant Tate participated in Operation Tidal Wave, an Allied bombing raid of Axis oil refineries around Ploiesti, Romania. The raid was conducted in an effort to cripple the German military. Staff Sergeant Tate tragically lost his life during this mission.

Following World War II, Staff Sergeant Tate's remains were not identified, like too many others who died fighting this war. In July of this year, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified his remains, after nearly 79 years. His family will hold a funeral for him on October 27, 2022, in Branson, MO.

Madam Speaker, Staff Sergeant Tate nobly served his country during World War II, and gave his life for our freedom. Today, I wish to honor his legacy, and that of all those who fought in World War II and whose remains have yet to be identified.

RECOGNIZING AHUS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. RYAN of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call awareness to a rare disease named Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome or AHUS and recognize a constituent who is making a difference. September is recognized as AHUS awareness month. AHUS is a life-threatening, genetic disease of uncontrolled complement activation that affects adults as well as children. AHUS damages the kidneys. Without treatment, many patients will need long-term dialysis or a kidney transplant if their kidneys begin to fail. 1 in 5 adult patients experiences pulmonary symptoms, extremely

high blood pressure, and swelling. The AHUS Community is fortunate to have several infusion therapies.

AHUS was brought to my attention by a constituent, Barbara Farcher. The Farcher family resides in Saugerties, New York in my Congressional district. The family was unexpectedly discovered to have the disorder in their family when one of their sons was diagnosed. Barbara and her family have taken up the cause of the AHUS over the last 10 years. Barbara has advocated for access to coverage for the community. In 2021, Barbara and a group of advocates founded the patient advocacy group, the AHUS Action Network. The mission of AHUS Action Network is to serve as a gathering place for patients to be mobilized to advocate for the AHUS community concerns at the local, state, and federal levels; to be informed about issues affecting the AHUS Community, and to train for more effective patient advocacy; and engage in encouraging connection, awareness, and solidarity within the AHUS Community.

Madam Speaker, we can work together to ensure increased research for AHUS so the community can realize improved treatments and a cure for this rare disease.

HONORING DALE JOHNSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Johnson for over 30 years of outstanding service to the Yolo County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Johnson has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring safety in the community of Yolo County as well as the United States through his service in law enforcement and the U.S. military.

Mr. Johnson's career in law enforcement started on April 29, 1992 as a Deputy Sheriff. Notably, he was assigned to the Capay Augmented Patrol on January 22, 1995. The patrol is a specialized unit used to protect the community of Capay Valley and Cache Creek Casino. Mr. Johnson was the first deputy ever to be assigned to this patrol.

Because of his outstanding work ethic, he earned the rank of Undersheriff on June 30, 2019. During his career, Mr. Johnson was recognized for his hard work and service to his community. Most notably among his many outstanding awards, he was named "Deputy of the Year" in 1995, recognized as a member of the "Team of the Year" in the Investigations section in 2005, and received a "Certificate of Commendation for Dedicated Service" in 2006.

Serving others by providing safety and security has been a consistent part of Mr. Johnson's life. Outside of his local community, Mr. Johnson has proven his commitment to keeping all Americans safe through his service to the military. He served in the United States Army for six years and participated in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield.

Mr. Johnson is known by his family, colleagues, and community as a tireless leader

committed to his profession and his role in protecting public safety. Even after retirement, he will continue to serve as an example for those around him to emulate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Johnson has worked endlessly to serve his community through military service and his experience in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

SBIR AND STTR EXTENSION ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 4900, the "Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Extension Act of 2022" that reauthorizes the SBIR, STTR, and six pilot programs for three years to provide stability and certainty for small businesses that rely on their technology.

This legislation would extend SBIR/STTR programs and the following six pilot programs for three years, through September 30, 2025: Commercialization Readiness Program for Civilian Agencies;

Commercialization Assistance Pilot Program;

Administrative, oversight, and contracting cost pilot program;

Phase flexibility authority;

NIH Phase Zero of Concept Partnership Program; and

Pilot to Accelerate DoD SBIR/STTR Awards.

S. 4900, in addition, will require the Department of Defense (DoD) to broaden discussions to attract new ideas and new firms, raise the performance standard for more experienced firms, and require new reports by the SBA Offices of Inspector General (OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Further, the bill would expand federal research security practices within the SBIR and the STTR programs to protect against technology theft by adversarial foreign governments.

The Small Business Innovation Research Program is one of the most important public-private partnerships in the United States.

This program encourages innovative small businesses to address national economic aspirations and transform emerging ideas into commercial reality.

Over the past 40 years, SBIR and STTR programs have played a role in many firms including iRobot, 23&Me, and Qualcomm wireless communications.

Additionally, SBIR firms have been essential in the development of the technologies that made LASIK eye surgery, bio-degradable packaging and material made from mushrooms to reduce Styrofoam in landfills and innovations used to fight COVID-19.

Because of the DNA results from a 23&Me user, law enforcement was about to solve a rape and murder case that was otherwise deemed a cold case in 2019.

High-tech wristbands from the company CarePredict aided in the monitoring for coronavirus in contacts between patients in senior living homes during the height of the pandemic.

Through SBIR and STTR programs, the future is being visualized and produced just as it had been by a previous generation of innovators.

In 1959, Otis Boykin created the wire resistor that was later used in televisions, computers, and radios. Once it was perfected, our very own United States military and IBM sought after him for his invention.

Garrett Morgan invented the traffic light in 1923.

Dr. Shirley Jackson's groundbreaking scientific research led to the inventions of the portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cells, fiberoptic cables, and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting.

These Black inventors created technologies that not only changed the world for the better, but laid the foundation for today's inventors who are developing the next wave of transformational technologies.

S. 4900 will empower today's innovative small businesses to continue to develop solutions to our current and future problems.

Let's pass this legislation and show our support for these small businesses across the nation.

There are over 3 million small businesses in my home state of Texas and nearly 33 million small businesses in the United States.

Let us not cloud the future of inspired workers by allowing these programs to shut down.

Like the PPP inequities during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, minority businesses will be impacted the most if these programs were to be terminated. It could be a fatal blow to these businesses that already have a difficult time accessing resources.

As of now, minority-owned small businesses account for less than 20 percent of all small businesses and only receive 8 percent of awards that flow through the SBIR and STTR programs.

S. 4900 would broaden opportunities for first-time and non-traditional businesses in a new approach to increase awards to minority-owned small businesses.

According to the SBA, small businesses around the nation create two-thirds of net new jobs in our communities and generate 44 percent of the United States' economic activity.

The SBIR and STTR programs are a good investment, returning \$22 to the economy for every \$1 spent on SBIR and STTR project at DoD and \$33 returned for every \$1 at the National Cancer Institute.

As the economy continues to recover, we should not forget that not all businesses have recovered at the same rate.

With this, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 4900 and giving our country's innovative small businesses the stability and certainty that they need to continue to bring growth and innovation throughout our communities.