

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO E.J. BORAH—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, E.J. Borah of Santa Barbara, California. Born in Arlington, California in the 1930's, E.J. Borah possesses an unwavering commitment to education, advocacy, and civic engagement.

Since graduating with her teaching credential from the University of California, Santa Barbara, E.J. has left a lasting impact on countless students. In 1968, she earned her masters in education and became a highly regarded reading specialist, helping several students throughout her career in Ventura County, Seattle, Washington, and Orange County.

E.J. is not only passionate as an educator, but has dedicated her time and talents to bring change through social justice. As a woman of color, E.J. has experienced firsthand the need for equal representation and has been a vocal advocate for underrepresented communities.

E.J. has also taken action by serving as a parks commissioner for the City of Fullerton in the 1970s and continues to be involved by participating in voter registration and get-out-and-vote initiatives for over 15 years.

Wherever there is a public event or festival, you can almost always find E.J. with her voter registration materials, avidly advocating for individual participation. E.J. is a passionate leader in the community, and is involved in several organizations. She recognizes the importance of representation and takes an active leadership role in local civic organizations and activities to advance the interest of women, particularly women of color.

E.J.'s contributions to society have been recognized with several accolades. She was named the Woman of the Year by the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara in 2012 and honored as the Annual Suffrage Day Honoree by Women for Orange County in 1998. E.J. is a shining example of a strong, proud, and dedicated woman of color who has tirelessly worked to make a positive difference in her community and beyond.

I am honored to recognize E.J. for her continued commitment to educate, advocate, and take a leadership role to engage others in her community to bring impactful changes for all. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, E.J. Borah, for her incredible service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MAGAZINER

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 245 and YEA on Roll Call No. 246.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY FIRST FOUNDATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community First Foundation for earning the Rotary Club of Golden Ethics in Business Award.

The Community First Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations in the community, having raised over \$53 million to support projects and businesses throughout Jefferson County. In addition to caring about the well-being of our community, they are also dedicated to creating a supportive and collaborative environment for their employees. As they focus on individual career development and team-building, the Community First Foundation has demonstrated their commitment to doing good both in Jefferson County and in their own organization.

It is my honor to congratulate the Community First Foundation on achieving the Ethics in Business Award and thank them for their excellent work in the community.

TRIBUTE TO LAURA SELKEN—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Laura Selken of Santa Maria, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Maria, Laura Selken, has dedicated her time, talents, and skills to several community organizations. Laura has taken leadership positions at all the organizations she is a volunteer for and is always one to take the initiative when a task needs to be completed.

Laura is passionate about advancing and promoting women's education and women's rights. She understands the power of social

media and puts her ideas into action by creating eye-catching social media publicity and e-newsletters for all the groups she's involved in. In addition to planning and organizing thoughtful programs and events that help to educate the Santa Maria Valley community at large on the status and experiences of women locally, nationally, and globally.

You can always quietly see Laura involved in organizing events such as the hybrid, online and in-person, event on women in Iran for International Women's Day 2023 to Chairing the American Association of University Women (AAUW)—Santa Maria's 2023 Tech Trek program, to sponsor five rising eighth grade students who reside in North Santa Barbara County and identify as girls to spend a week taking STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) courses at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Laura Selken is dedicated to making it possible for historically excluded voices of the Santa Maria Valley, particularly the voices of young women of color, to be heard. In fact, whether online, in person, or both, Laura is often the one making sure that the audio and video technology are functioning optimally so that everyone at an event feels seen and heard. She is never one to shy away from learning or teaching others new technology, or anything new and innovative, and thus inspires those of us who work with her to do the same.

Laura Selken often does not receive the recognition she deserves for all of the time and energy she gives to ensuring the progress and success of women's organizations in the Santa Maria Valley. The commitment and passion she invests in the community is invaluable.

I am honored to recognize Laura Selken for her continued commitment to volunteerism education, social justice, and advocacy throughout the Santa Maria Valley. Her contributions have provided opportunities for young girls throughout the Santa Maria community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Laura Selken, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING THE LAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Farm Bureau, which is celebrating one hundred years of advocacy for agriculture and providing youth education and career opportunities in Lake County.

The Lake County Farm Bureau serves both rural and urban individuals who are interested in the production of a plentiful and safe food

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supply. They provide continued support for agriculture in Lake County which includes farmers, ranchers, and agriculture-based companies. The Bureau also helps young people pursue agricultural education and careers, as well as community education in local agriculture industry and practices. To best advocate for agricultural interests, the Bureau collaborates with local, state, and federal political leaders, government officials, news media, and other organizations.

The Lake County Farm Bureau serves on state and local advisory groups including the Lake County Cannabis Task Force for Ordinance, the Lake County Advisory Committee, the Big Valley GSPAC Committee for Sigma Compliance, the Clear Lake Blue Ribbon Committee, and the FWS Clear Lake Hitch Conservation Strategy Committee.

By effectively advocating for our agriculture community and furthering education on agricultural issues, the Lake County Farm Bureau has greatly strengthened our district. The Bureau aids locals by advising on business practices and teaching educational courses, Lake County Farm Bureau has consistently represented an important perspective on matters affecting the agriculture industry at local, regional, state, and federal levels.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Farm Bureau is deeply appreciated for their 100 years of service and commitment to our agriculture community. Their advocacy has helped California grow by supporting those feeding our communities.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2023. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the local D.C. trial court, the D.C. Superior Court, based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, this bill would clarify that the term sex, which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Last Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

D.C. has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. does not have the authority to amend the non-discrimination law that applies to D.C. jurors. Therefore, until D.C. is given control over its local courts, an act of Congress is required to clarify that LGBTQ+ jurors are protected from discrimination.

As the Supreme Court said in *Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete Company*, "discrimination within the courtroom raises serious questions as to the fairness of the proceedings conducted there. [B]ias mars the integrity of the judicial system and prevents the idea of demo-

cratic government from becoming a reality." Similarly, the Court, in *Batson v. Kentucky*, which was a juror discrimination case based on race, said, "The harm from discriminatory jury selection extends beyond that inflicted on the defendant and the excluded juror to touch the entire community. Selection procedures that purposefully exclude black persons from juries undermine public confidence in the fairness of our system of justice."

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMENS ARMED SERVICES ACT AND TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF WOMEN VETERANS

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Act, and the long tradition of the woman veterans who have honorably and courageously served this great Nation.

Since the founding of our Nation, women have always played a pivotal role in our country's military. It wasn't until the Women's Armed Services Act was signed into law by President Harry Truman on June 12, 1948 that women were allowed to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force.

So today, on the 75th anniversary, I am proud to stand here to thank all past and present women who have served and sacrificed as military members and veterans.

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, the Big Flats American Legion Skinner Ernest Memorial Post 1612 in Big Flats, Chemung County, New York, hosted the second annual Chemung County Women Veterans Recognition Day to honor and remember the sacrifice and service of women veterans. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Big Flats Legion and all those involved in coordinating the event and their dedication to celebrate and honor their fellow female veterans and service women.

It is my humble honor to ask my colleagues to join me in remembering these brave, dedicated, and courageous women who previously served, currently serve, and those seeking future service to our country.

HONORING ABIGAIL DAUS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abigail Daus for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Abigail is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and has achieved great things there and throughout her life, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Stu-

dents like Abigail—who strive to make the most of their education develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Abigail's hard work, determination, and perseverance and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Abigail Daus on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

TRIBUTE TO CASIE KILLGORE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Casie Killgore of Santa Barbara, California.

Raised in Santa Barbara, Casie Killgore has always been committed and involved in her community. As an educator, Casie has dedicated her career in making a difference and leaving an impact in her student's lives. She started her career as a sixth-grade teacher in the early 2000s and has been the Principal at Franklin Elementary School for nearly 15 years.

Casie is a leader who cares about providing the best support for her students, parents, and staff. She is always thinking of innovative ways to support her students and how to bring programs on campus to support what is best for her students and for the families.

Her leadership has helped to create resources like the Franklin Neighborhood Center. Always thinking of her students, Casie has also partnered with organizations throughout the community to provide the support required to assist her students accomplish their future goals and inspire them to continue their education.

Having her community interest in mind, Casie has stepped up to provide resources on campus for students to learn essential life skills and create options for her students. Casie is committed to motivating her students and prepare them for success by providing programs such as Language Arts, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, STEAM programs and so many more.

Her campus has become a trusted resource for so many families that continue to return to the school for its programs, even after the students have graduated and moved on to other schools.

Casie believes in investing in the students, the school, but also in the entire Eastside neighborhood. Casie's dedication extends beyond the school, bringing resources to support the community and the families who call the Eastside their home. She has nurtured trust with the families who know their children will get the education they deserve and will have access to the opportunities to reach their future goals.

Her service goes beyond her work in education, as she serves as a board member on

Central Coast nonprofits including Old Spanish Days, the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation's Education Outreach program, and the Mariachi Festival.

I am honored to recognize Casie's dedication and commitment in developing and providing opportunities and resources for the students, school staff, and the families at Franklin Elementary School and surrounding community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Casie Killgore, for her exceptional service and commitment to her students and her community.

HONORING ANGELA BALTEZORE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angela Baltezare in honor of her retirement and contributions to our arts community.

Ms. Baltezare was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa and moved to Woodland, California in 1968. After graduating from Woodland High School in 1975, Ms. Baltezare attended Santa Clara University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre. She then attended San Diego State University where she earned her teaching credential. Following the completion of her education, Ms. Baltezare taught theatre arts at Woodland High School from 1999 until 2001.

Ms. Baltezare's participation in the Woodland Opera House began while she was in high school and performed Dames at Sea on the Opera House stage in 1975. Her work with the Opera House continued years later when she became education director, a position she held from 2002 until 2014. Then in 2014, she was promoted to her current position of executive director. In these positions, Ms. Baltezare built a comprehensive theatre and dance program, further developing theatre arts in Woodland.

When the Opera House's education program began to flourish, Ms. Baltezare assisted the expansion process of the Theatre by adding an additional location. Subsequently, the education program has grown immensely with Ms. Baltezare's guidance and enrolls approximately 350 students. In addition to her achievements with the Opera House's education program, Ms. Baltezare has made a marked impact on the Theatre itself. When Ms. Baltezare first performed at the Opera House as a high school student, the building was in disrepair with no air conditioning or seating. Now the Theatre has implemented many improvements including a state-of-the-art sound system, two museum rooms, and a new HVAC system to increase production quality and patron comfort.

Ms. Baltezare's goal of increasing production quality has encouraged participation of actors stretching several regions in Northern California. Focused on growth, she also expanded the production season to include Rising Stars Youth Theatre, allowing young actors to shine on the Opera House's historic stage.

Mr. Speaker, Angela Baltezare is deeply appreciated for her decades of service and com-

mitment to theatre arts. Her efforts have helped the Woodland Opera House grow and improve.

HONORING JOSHUA VOORHIS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joshua Voorhis for being granted the National Rise to the Future Award by the USDA Forest Service.

Joshua has been a District Ranger for the South Park Ranger District for over ten years. During his time in this role, Joshua has implemented and supported stewardship programs focused on the protection and improvement of local watersheds, as well as conserving endangered wildlife species. He is a highly motivated and outstanding manager, working closely with his staff to plan and execute projects to protect our environment.

Joshua's efforts to restore the South Platte Watershed showcased his exceptional leadership skills and dedication to public service. Those who have had the privilege of working with Joshua attest to his dependable management style and unwavering commitment to conservation efforts.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional district, I thank Joshua Voorhis for his dedicated service to our national parks as well as the citizens of Colorado.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF PUERTO RICO

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico as it commemorates its 100th Anniversary.

Established on September 19, 1923, the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico was born in a time of great economic, political, and social transformation. This organization had its genesis in the seed of military service of Puerto Ricans in the armed forces of our great Nation that was planted on March 28, 1899. On that day, eight Puerto Ricans from the town of Lares were the first to enter the United States Army in the detachment of Puerto Rican Volunteers that eventually became the 65th Infantry Regiment, our beloved Borinqueneers. Their oath of military service was the precursor of a long chain of Puerto Ricans who followed in their footsteps serving in our Nation's armed forces.

That seed grew and the strong tree of military service that took root gave its first flowering in 1917 when 60,000 Puerto Ricans responded to the Nation's call during World War I. From them, aroused the veterans that founded the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico.

Those World War I veterans and Legionnaires, took the task of ensuring that the Vet-

erans of World War II, and subsequent conflicts, had upon their reintegration into the society the maximum support of a grateful Nation. Against all odds, the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico assumed the role of leading many fights in favor of veterans at the national and state level.

They promoted the creation of the Veterans Hospital which, today is the Veteran Administration Caribbean Health Care System. They laid the foundations to create the Puerto Rico's Veteran's Bill of Rights and did not give up in their effort to include the Puerto Rican Veteran in all the programs and benefits that were granted to their peers in the states.

The post World War II transformation that our Nation faced transformed the American Legion in Puerto Rico, not only due to the increase in veterans who returned and entered their posts, but also due to the entry of women legionnaires into the organization.

On April 1945, once discharged from military service in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, soldiers Priscila Colón and Aida Martinez Rellova became the first female veterans to join the American Legion Post Number 1 in San Juan. Vega Alta Post Number 52 elected veteran Dolores Vázquez as their commander in May 1952. They and many other female Legionnaires laid the foundations that enabled the American Legion, Department of Puerto Rico to have veteran Carmen I. Rosario Diaz as its first female Commander.

The torch of veterans' rights has never failed to shine in Puerto Rico thanks to the willingness of veterans of the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and many other conflicts who assumed the responsibility of leading the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico and relentlessly advocated for veterans.

As new generations of Legionnaires rise to lead the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico, I encourage them to draw inspiration from the last 100 years of selfless service by the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MAGAZINER

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

HONORING MR. JAMES D. DAHLING ON HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. James D. Dahling of Norfolk, VA.

After serving for twenty years as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD), the only freestanding children's hospital in Virginia, Jim Dahling will retire on June 20, 2023.

Jim joined CHKD in 1994 as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He previously served as Senior VP of Richmond Memorial Hospital and held senior management positions at Texas and Minnesota hospitals. Jim became CHKD's Chief Executive Officer in 2003.

As a result of Jim's visionary leadership, CHKD solidified its reputation as an internationally acclaimed pediatric hospital. During his tenure, CHKD built the first and only Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center in Hampton Roads, the region's only pediatric outpatient surgery center, the state's sole pediatric inpatient rehabilitation unit, and the region's first pediatric urgent care center. In response to the growing community concern about a lack of pediatric mental health services in Hampton Roads and across Virginia, Jim led the construction of an innovative 60-bed mental health hospital and outpatient center. The initiative marks a historic expansion of CHKD's mental health services for children, bringing nearly twenty child and adolescent psychiatrists and dozens of other mental health providers to Hampton Roads to address the region's youth mental health crisis.

The Hampton Roads region is home to one of the largest concentrations of active-duty military in the country. CHKD is one of the nation's leading providers of healthcare to military dependents, and Jim has led more than two decades of tireless and growing commitments to providing outstanding medical care to the children of our servicemembers. For that, we owe CHKD and Jim a debt of profound gratitude.

Amy Sampson, a trusted member of CHKD's leadership team and the Board's unanimous choice, will succeed Jim as President and CEO. Amy already has a long and distinguished career at CHKD. Serving for over 30 years in a variety of roles, including strategic planning, government relations, marketing and communications, philanthropy services, community outreach, experience services, the donor milk bank, the call center, and volunteer services. Of Amy's many accomplishments, she has been instrumental in developing CHKD's mental health initiatives, spearheading efforts to secure federal, state and local government approval and financial backing for CHKD's \$224 million pediatric inpatient psychiatric facility. I am excited about the vision, energy and enthusiasm Amy brings to the CEO role, and I know she will continue Jim's and CHKD's outstanding record of service to our region's children.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Dahling embodies CHKD's mission—"Health, Healing, and Hope for All Children"—and his vision will live on in the spirit of those working tirelessly to provide the highest quality of care to Virginia's children. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. James Dahling for his nearly thirty years of service to CHKD and the Hampton Roads region.

RECOGNIZING ANTOINE WALKER

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Antoine

Walker as he ends his twenty-two year career as Information Technology Director on the Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic Staff. He began his career in 2001 and over the years has done a remarkable job ensuring that the Members and Staff of this distinguished Committee have had a safe and effective work environment.

Antoine grew up with an Army father and French mother. They moved from place to place, but he spent most of his youth in Florida. He came to us from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a Systems Administrator for then Ranking Member Charles B. Rangel, and he now retires as Information Technology Director. Antoine has had a fine record of public service. He has managed and maintained the Committee's multiple servers, provided hands on assistance to Members and Staff of the Committee, and worked hand in hand with the Recording Studio and House Information Resources to ensure our Committee operated seamlessly not only day to day, but also ensuring that the Committee continued to function during the Historic Covid Pandemic. In fact, because of Antoine's meticulous management of the Committee's Continuation of Operations Program, we were the first Committee to hold a successful virtual hearing and set the precedent for the rest of the U.S. House.

I would like to recognize Antoine for being an invaluable asset to the Committee on Ways and Means. His attention to detail, sense of humor and all-around good disposition have endeared him to his many colleagues and friends. His self-defense classes, held in one of our hearing rooms during recesses, went a long way in captivating his coworkers. He holds a 4th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and 3rd degree black belt in Jujitsu.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Antoine Walker and all that he has accomplished for the Committee. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING GIADA ROSCH

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Giada Rosch, a high school student from Arvada, Colorado for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Two years ago, Giada created and donated fifty sensory resource bags to the Arvada Fire Department to support local citizens with sensory challenges. She also formed a sensory training program for local businesses and non-profit organizations to help them learn how to make appropriate accommodations for community members with sensory needs. While developing these resources and educational programs, Giada secured more than \$500 in donations to contribute to the creation and expansion of her program.

Her dedication as an advocate for the one in six people nationwide who experience sensory discomfort has made Giada an agent of change in the Arvada community. Her training programs have educated several hundred community leaders and contributed to the accessibility of her hometown. Giada's dedication and passion for helping her community

exemplify the spirit and resiliency of a Girl Scout, which is why she has been awarded the 2021 Girl Scouts Gold Award.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional district, I thank Giada Rosch for her dedicated service and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SONYA AND MIKE CAMPBELL

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the dedicated service of Sonya and Mike Campbell, longtime owners of the Hanover True Value Hardware Store. For over 50 years, Sonya and Mike faithfully served their community with a helping hand and an easy smile. Their store has been an institution of downtown Hanover, and over the decades they helped so many to improve their homes, yards, garages, and offices. Mike and Sonya are embarking on their well-earned retirement this year, and their presence in Hanover and the Upper Valley Region will be sorely missed.

Sonya began working at the True Value store in 1976 as a teenager, at the same time I was attending Dartmouth College in Hanover. In 1991, Sonya bought the store and became the owner. She remained the owner for more than three decades, maintaining the hardware store that locals came to love and rely on with her family by her side. The strong family ties are part of what makes the store so authentic to Hanover and the Upper Valley community—it is run by people who care about their neighbors and want to help in any way they can. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of visiting Sonya and Mike's store many times, and during each visit they reminded me of the values of hard work and kindness in the community.

Sonya and Mike's dedication to their community runs deep, and there are few in Hanover and the Upper Valley who have not felt their positive impact. From serving as a long-time resource for the town's older residents—fixing flashlights, replacing keys, and helping with household repairs—to working with the local newspaper, the Valley News, to provide free copies of the paper to Hanover High School graduates so they had a record of the news on the day they graduated, Mike and Sonya are always looking for ways to help their neighbors.

I wish them well in their retirement and know that their presence in downtown Hanover will be sorely missed.

HONORING COAST GUARD COMMANDER KIMBERLY YOUNG-MCLEAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Kimberly Young-McLear, a Commander in the United States Coast

Guard, on the occasion of her retirement from Federal service.

In December 2019, during my tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, Commander Young-McLear testified before our Committee and the Committee on Oversight and Reform in a joint hearing titled, "Righting the Ship: The Coast Guard Must Improve its Processes for Addressing Harassment, Bullying, and Retaliation." The hearing was the culmination of an 18-month investigation into how the Coast Guard mishandled Commander Young-McLear's allegations of harassment and bullying based in part on her race, gender, and sexual orientation and failed to protect her from prohibited retaliation. The hearing, along with the issuance of a joint staff report on the results of the investigation, prompted the Coast Guard to implement several recommendations to improve its anti-harassment policies, investigative processes, and civil rights manual. Commander Young-McLear's courage in coming forward led directly to these critical changes to root out harassment and bullying and drive accountability within the Coast Guard.

In the years since, Commander Young-McLear has continued to be an advocate before Congress and resource for victims and whistleblowers across the government, while steadfastly serving the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Commander Young-McLear has served with distinction in several roles at DHS, including as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, as a professor at the Coast Guard Academy, and as Senior Advisor at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Among her many contributions, Commander Young-McLear developed and delivered over 10 academic courses to more than 800 Coast Guard cadets across business, marine science, and cyber systems majors; played a key role in developing the Coast Guard's first Cyber Strategy and CISA's first Strategic Plan; and successfully advocated for policies enhancing diversity, inclusion, and equality across the Department.

Commander Young-McLear's bravery, perseverance, and integrity provide a model for civil servants across government. Her valuable contributions throughout her 20-year career have informed Congress' oversight and legislative work, including that of the Committee on Homeland Security, and improved the Coast Guard's ability to execute its mission by reinforcing the need for all servicemembers to act with honor and integrity.

I am proud to have worked with Commander Young-McLear during her tenure at the Coast Guard. I rise to honor her service and wish her well.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL ERIC A. MCCOY ON COMPLETING HIS ASSIGNMENT AS COMMANDER OF THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Col. Eric A. McCoy on completing his assignment as the 37th Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

Colonel Eric A. McCoy, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was commissioned as a Sec-

ond Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps on May 15, 1998. He is a distinguished military graduate of Morgan State University. Colonel McCoy's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Mental Health, a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Master of Science in Policy Management from Georgetown University, and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes the U.S. Army Ordnance Officer Basic Course, U.S. Army Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course, U.S. Army Combined Arms Staff and Services School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

Prior to his assignment at Anniston Army Depot, Colonel McCoy served as the Director of the Subsistence Supply Chain, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and Meritorious Unit Commendation. He is authorized to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Army Staff Identification Badges.

Colonel McCoy commanded a 15,319 acre organic industrial base installation with an annual budget of over \$750 million and 2,284 building/structures. As ANAD commander, he was responsible for force sustainment through the depot's repair, overhaul, and modification of combat vehicles, artillery systems, howitzers, bridging, small arms, components and subassemblies, locomotives, and rail equipment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Col. Eric A. McCoy on completing his assignment as the 37th Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

HONORING DON LOMBARDI

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Lombardi of West Metro Fire Rescue for being awarded the International Association of Fire Chief's Metropolitan "Metro" Chiefs Division Russell E. Sanders Lifetime Achievement Award.

Fire Chief Don Lombardi has been with the West Metro Fire Protection District since 1991, one of the largest fire districts and EMS providers in the state of Colorado, serving a population of nearly 300,000 citizens, covering 108 square miles. A graduate of the University of Colorado, as well as the Executive Fire Officer Program with the National Fire Academy, Chief Lombardi leads the agency's efforts to protect Colorado from household fires and wildfires across the state.

In addition to his work on West Metro Fire, Mr. Lombardi has co-authored recent Colorado Firefighters Heart and Cancer Benefit legislation and has served as chair of the Colorado Firefighters Heart and Cancer Benefit Trust and the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' executive board. As wildfires driven by climate change continue to threaten the lives and communities of Coloradans, leaders like Don

Lombardi ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Western Denver Metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I congratulate Don Lombardi for receiving this award and thank him for his leadership and public service for the Colorado community.

RECOGNIZING LICKING WILDCATS BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team on becoming the Missouri Class 3 State champions.

On June 1, 2023, the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team made it to the championship game for the first time since 1994, and for the first time since 1989 they brought home the championship. It is clear from the scale of celebrations that followed the victory, which included an impromptu parade with an escort from the Sheriff's Department immediately following the game, and their appointment as the grand marshal for the Rodeo Parade, that the effects of this victory rippled through their community.

The Class 3 State Champions, Derek Mendenhall, Karson Walker, Cole McCloy, Keyton Rinne, Cole Wallace, Malachi Antle, Kannon Buckner, Garrett Gorman, Brently Morris, Silas Antle, Kale Cook, Logan Gorman, Austin Stephens, Jordan Ritz, Rusty Buckner, Keyton Cook, and Kellar Davis, led by Assistant Coaches Cole Roark and Chris Harris and Head Coach Harv Antle, deserve to be praised for all the hard work and dedication that led to their state championship Victory.

This achievement is a testament to the excellent leadership of the coaching staff and the skill, drive, and passion of all the players on the team.

It is my great pleasure to honor the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team for their momentous state victory.

SALUTE TO WOMEN VETERANS

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to observe Women Veterans Day on June 12th and thank all the American women that have directly and indirectly served with our Armed Forces.

Seventy-five years ago, in 1948, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act was passed.

On June 17, 2023, my constituents in Kerrville will gather to salute the military service of female veterans in my district.

Over the summer, I will highlight 20 accounts of military service from Texas's 21st Congressional District, including veterans:

Lt. Colonel Edith Shacklette Haynes, Captain Earlynn Black Harding, Private First Class Rae Tausig Weisbruch, Petty Officer 3rd class Virginia Lewandowski Saip, Specialist Mary Redmon Casillas, Staff Sergeant Ruth Neely

Cremin, Staff Sergeant Shirley Adams Hill, Technical Sergeant Leslie North, Airman Katherine Anderson, Colonel Vicki Taylor Marsh, Chief Master Sergeant Cheryl McCall Bunyard, Corporal Lillian Southern Stovall Beard, Storekeeper Second Class Diann Sutton, Major Dolores A. Putnam, Technical Sergeant Jennifer Dwyer Dewey, Sergeant Nikki Johnson Caines, Colonel Susie Jones McCalla, Captain Deborah A. Dombeck, Lt. Colonel Kimberly Rhoades, Petty Officer 3rd class Kristy Putman Harris, Petty Officer 1st class Keri D. Camella.

On behalf of 21st Congressional District of Texas, I want to thank our veterans, including these incredible women, that have served our country with honor and distinction. A grateful Nation thanks them.

RECOGNIZING THE MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY ADULT DAY CENTER FOR 100,000 HOURS OF SERVICE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Mount Washington Valley Adult Day Center for their 100,000 hours of service to New Hampshire's elderly. The MWV Adult Day Center continues to serve as a shining example of the compassion and companionship that care communities strive to provide for residents. This organization understands the importance of treating New Hampshire seniors with the respect and care they deserve, and the struggles they face as they age.

The MWV Adult Day Center holds close the importance of dignity, and the ability to provide joy in kind care, friendly faces, and an understanding of the loss and discomfort that comes with age. Their work honors the vital contributions of the elderly during their working lives, and the prominent, long-standing roles they play in their communities. They ensure New Hampshire seniors are treated with the respect and care they deserve, and emphasize the importance of developing social connections in retired life.

Through therapeutic services that provide guests with support groups and socialization, and a wide array of creative, personalized activities, MWV Adult Day Center maintains the mental, physical, and social well-being of its seniors. It fosters vital connections among New Hampshire's senior population that are necessary to form systems of support and comfortably engage with a new community. As the importance of senior connections and care options grows in rural centers, the Adult Day Center remains integral in providing inclusive care, affordable pricing, and consistent ease of access to Granite Staters. The MWV Adult Day Center's upcoming Evening to Remember celebration of 100,000 hours of service is a crucial milestone in a continued mission to further committed care for New Hampshire seniors.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend them all for their dedication to providing our seniors with the resources they need to live comfortably and happily, and the tireless com-

passion that drives their service. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SDI PRESENCE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to highlight SDI Presence, a Chicago-based IT consultancy and managed services provider, for its distinguished service to the community. Through its ongoing engagement with Chicago's educational institutions and initiatives, SDI has helped create a pipeline for students from underserved communities to prepare for rewarding careers in the city's emerging technology sector.

SDI Presence, led by Executive Chairman and founder David Gupta and CEO Hardik Bhatt, has played a pivotal role in new apprenticeship and mentorship programs that support the city's vision of cultivating talent as diverse as the communities it serves.

One of these programs, aptly named DiverseTech, is an innovative partnership between leaders in the private sector IT space, including SDI Presence, and the City of Chicago. DiverseTech fulfills a critical role in the human infrastructure of Chicago's economy by preparing students and recent graduates to fill some of the city's most in-demand IT jobs. The partnership recruits apprentices from historically underrepresented communities, leveraging the talent of our region's community college system. This year alone, DiverseTech will train, guide, and mentor at least 25 apprentices in areas such as cybersecurity and digital services to meet the growing IT needs of city government and Chicagoland's advanced technology sector.

Additionally, through a unique partnership with Chicago's Kennedy-King College, SDI has supported the college's Tech Launchpad program, a pipeline drawing talent primarily from the city's South and West sides. With gifts from SDI and access to the firm's unparalleled apprenticeship network, Tech Launchpad has grown rapidly, extending its reach with plans to help transform the lives of more than 600 students in the next two years.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would like to recognize and extend our collective gratitude to SDI Presence for its contributions to the people of our area. I look forward to seeing the impact of its work across the Chicagoland region and the Nation as the graduates of its programs go on to become a new generation of America's tech leaders.

HONORING MS. MARY BEGLEY

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Ms. Mary Begley for her 28 years of service as principal of Arlington Science Focus Elementary. Ms. Begley has demonstrated unwavering dedica-

tion and commitment to the success and well-being of students, teachers, and staff.

Principal Begley has consistently exhibited exceptional leadership, fostering a positive learning environment and promoting academic excellence. She has shown exemplary professionalism, integrity, and compassion in all interactions with students, parents, and the wider community.

Principal Begley has played a vital role in the growth and development of Arlington Science Focus since its inception, implementing innovative educational programs and initiatives that have positively impacted student achievement. Principal Begley has cultivated a supportive and inclusive school culture, fostering a sense of belonging and promoting diversity and inclusion. Principal Begley has been a hands-on source of inspiration and motivation, encouraging students and staff to strive for excellence and reach their full potential.

Principal Begley has been instrumental in establishing strong relationships with parents, collaborating with them to create a collaborative and nurturing learning environment. Principal Begley has been the recipient of numerous awards for her work, including Arlington County Principal of The Year; the National PTA's Outstanding Principal; the Greater Washington Reading Council's Administrator of The Year; and the Jaycee's Woman of The Year, among many other distinguished honors.

U.S. Representative DON BEYER of the 8th Congressional District of Virginia, including the Arlington Science Focus school community, expresses his deepest gratitude and appreciation to Principal Begley for her outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedication to the school.

I recognize Principal Begley's significant contributions to the success and growth of the school and acknowledge her tireless efforts to create a positive and enriching educational experience for all. I extend warmest wishes to retiring Principal Begley for a well-deserved retirement, filled with joy, good health, and fulfillment in all future endeavors.

The Arlington Science Focus community pledges to carry forward the values, principles, and achievements fostered by Principal Begley, ensuring the continued growth and success of the school.

Once again, I ask that we recognize and thank Ms. Begley for such an impactful tenure and wish her the best in her retirement.

HONORING HIKE DOGGIE, INC.

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hike Doggie, Inc. for earning the Rotary Club of Golden's Ethics in Business award.

Hike Doggie, Inc. provides an important service to our community by providing a way for busy dog owners to ensure their pets are getting quality time outdoors to improve their health and quality of life. As dogs need the time and space to exercise and socialize with other animals, Hike Doggie, Inc. has created an avenue to let dogs of all sizes and breeds explore the great Colorado outdoors while allowing their owners a break to run errands,

pick up their kids from school, accomplish work tasks, or anything else they need to take care of in a busy week. It was clear to the Rotary Club of Golden that they care deeply about their customer experience—providing enthusiastic service and connecting with each customer and their dog. Additionally, they treat their employees with that same care and respect, helping to build a cohesive and passionate team.

It is my honor to congratulate Hike Doggie, Inc. on achieving the Ethics in Business award and to thank them for the excellent service they provide to our community.

HONORING MELINDA M.
MENDELSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Melinda M. Mendelson for her dedication to serving the community of Napa County.

In 2006, Ms. Mendelson organized the Napa County community to address the lack of access to affordable health insurance and healthcare for children. Her enthusiasm for healthcare accessibility led to the establishment of the Community Health Initiative, formerly known as the Children's Health Initiative, which is a coordinated outreach and retention effort designated to improve families' participation in health coverage programs. Eighteen years and 28,000 Californians later, Community Health Initiative continues to navigate affordable health insurance and benefits in Napa, Solano, Santa Clara, and Los Angeles Counties.

Ms. Mendelson's advocacy goes beyond healthcare through her support for educational development. She worked for ten years as the Director of Development for private and public universities. Notably, the application of Ms. Mendelson's expertise led to a twenty percent increase in contributions for the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Ms. Mendelson was also a member of the English Center for International Women at Mills College in Oakland, CA. In addition to these persistent advocacy involvements, Ms. Mendelson further participated in the Napa community through the Napa Valley Vintners Auction, Napa Valley Art Council, and Napa Valley Opera House.

In 2014, Ms. Mendelson formally retired. However, Ms. Mendelson continues to display her commitment to public service and the local community through advocacy and support.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Melinda M. Mendelson has contributed to the Napa Valley community and beyond.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
JERRY OSTER

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Oster on

his 49 years of broadcasting in South Dakota. Mr. Oster is retiring from his current position as News Director of WNAX in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he has become known across five states as the voice of the station.

Following his graduation from USD-Springfield, Mr. Oster took hold of the opportunity to start in the broadcast industry at the young age of 23. With his career spanning nearly five decades, Mr. Oster has covered some of the state's biggest stories and personalities.

It is now at the age of 70 that Mr. Oster has decided to retire. Throughout his career, Mr. Oster has dedicated an incredible amount of time, talent, and service to the state of South Dakota and to his loyal listeners, whom he says are the reason he stayed in the industry for as long as he has.

Mr. Oster leaves behind a legacy of reaching out and making a difference in the lives of his listeners. A legacy modeled after his inspiration, former SDSU football coach John Stiegelmeier and his "Make a Difference" Book.

I am proud to stand today and recognize Mr. Oster's dedication to his community in South Dakota and thank him for his hard work. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. M. ROY WILSON'S SERVICE TO THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. M. Roy Wilson, the president of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan at the end of his tenure. His contributions to the lives of students and staff at Wayne State and universities across the Nation are worthy of commendation.

Prior to joining Wayne State, Dr. Wilson served as the deputy director for strategic scientific planning and program coordination at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health. Previously, Dr. Wilson was vice president of health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at Creighton University, president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and chancellor of the University of Colorado-Denver while simultaneously serving as chair of the board of directors of the University of Colorado Hospital.

Under the leadership of President Wilson for the last decade, Wayne State has seen an era of growth and prosperity. Before my time in Congress, I served as Chair of the Wayne State Board of Governors, where I was able to see firsthand President Wilson's hard work in many different areas. In 2018, Wayne State won the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' Degree Completion Award, which recognizes innovative and successful approaches to improve degree completion and ensure educational quality. Improvements were particularly seen among first-generation, low-income and minority students. As a result of efforts to promote the recruitment and retention of those who represent our global community and create the best clinical experience within our cities, the School of Medicine saw

a tenfold increase in the number of traditionally underrepresented students from 2014 to 2020.

President Wilson's tenure also saw a drastic improvement to Wayne State's campus. In 2018, Wayne State opened the new Mike Illitch School of Business in downtown Detroit, made possible by a generous donation from Mike and Marian Illitch. That same year, groundbreaking took place for two major projects: the Hilberry Gateway Performance Complex for theatre, music, dance, and the arts, and the renovation of an unused science library into the STEM Innovation Learning Center, an instructional learning environment for undergraduates that opened in Fall 2021. The university established a partnership with the Detroit Pistons to construct a new \$25 million arena for Wayne State's men's and women's basketball teams, which opened in fall 2021. The arena also serves as the home of the new NBA G League affiliate in Detroit. Lastly, the university invested \$4 million to upgrade and refresh Wi-Fi across campus to improve connection reliability and speed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Dr. Wilson has accomplished. Though his legacy will certainly live on at Wayne State University, this is simply the most recent chapter in a long and successful career in education for Dr. Wilson. I thank him for his service and wish him the best in any future exploits.

TRIBUTE TO DR. VAN DO-REYNOSO—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Dr. Van Do-Reynoso of Santa Barbara, California.

Dr. Van Do-Reynoso is an exemplar of public service, both as a professional and as a volunteer, and as a health equity professional who has led the Santa Barbara region in advocating for the needs of all, but especially of those on the margins. Dr. Do-Reynoso came to this country from Vietnam at the age of 9, with an older sibling and no English. Nonetheless, she quickly adapted, receiving first a degree from UC Santa Cruz, then a Master's from UC Berkeley and a Ph.D. in Public Health from UC Merced.

Dr. Do-Reynoso has made health equity her mission; it was the reason she went into public health, and ultimately why she worked for and received her doctorate, all while raising three girls and holding increasingly demanding 'day jobs' as she rose through the ranks in public health, serving in both Madera and Tulare Counties.

She ultimately ended up as the Public Health Director for Santa Barbara County, taking on a demanding, large department that serves a wide range of communities.

Santa Barbara County has one of the highest child poverty rates in the state, as well as

large numbers of migrant workers who speak neither English nor Spanish. Dr. Do-Reynoso came to ensure that these residents received quality services.

In 2020, when the pandemic hit, Dr. Do-Reynoso rose to the challenge, leading the department response to a once-in-a-century global pandemic. She did far more than just ensure that the County responded to the need for education and services; she spearheaded the creation of the Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force, which ultimately pulled together over 100 governmental and non-profit agencies to address health inequities and reach the most at-risk and endangered residents of the region.

She quickly came to be the face of equitable public health on the Central Coast. Dr. Do-Reynoso recently moved over to CenCal, to serve as Chief Customer Experience Officer. Given her openness to others, her collaborative work style, and her commitment to inclusivity, her sendoff at the last Board of Supervisors was a tribute to the love and respect that all feel for her as a leader, colleague, and friend.

I am honored to recognize Dr. Van Do-Reynoso, for her exemplary leadership during a global pandemic and ensuring the resources and information was available to everyone in the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Dr. Van Do-Reynoso, for her incredible service to her community.

RECOGNIZING MR. KELLY RICHERS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kelly Richers for his 35 years of service to the California education system and to congratulate him on his retirement as the Superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District. Mr. Richers' long-standing career as an educator and administrator in the Wasco Union Elementary School District began in 1986 at Norris Middle School in Bakersfield, where he taught Science. Over the next two decades, Mr. Richers was Vice Principal and Principal at various schools across the district, first as the Vice Principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, then as the Vice Principal and later Principal of Palm Avenue Elementary School, and lastly returning to Thomas Jefferson as the Principal in 2007. During his tenure, student outcomes across all schools improved immensely. In 2009, Mr. Richers became the Director of Categorical Programs and Special Projects for the school district. In this role, he coordinated a Migrant Resource Teacher program, implemented Parent Notification Letters, and established several community partnerships for the district's families. Throughout his four years as Director, Mr. Richers was focused on providing students and families of the district with the programs they needed to be successful. Mr. Richers was promoted to district Superintendent in 2014, where he oversaw a student body of more than 3,500 students, 500 personnel, and a yearly budget that exceeded \$50 million. He supervised the passage of

bonds totaling \$36 million, the construction and renovation of several new school buildings, and the addition of special education buses and school nursing staff. As Superintendent, he has routinely demonstrated his commitment to Wasco Union Elementary School District's mission of excellence for all. Throughout his career, Mr. Richers has received many accolades for his leadership across the district. He was named Administrator of the Year by the Association of School Administrators and in 2009, was selected as the California Middle Grades Principal of the Year. Mr. Richers' immense contributions to the school district will have a lasting impact on the Wasco community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Kelly Richers' service as an educator in the Central Valley. I wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ELIGIBILITY TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to provide the District of Columbia comprehensive eligibility for funding under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program. The program is authorized under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act.

The program was intended to provide grants to both states and municipalities to ensure the comprehensive management of post-consumer wastes and plastics and to prevent the continued contamination of our nation's waters by these materials. In its implementation of the program, the EPA created two separate grants—one for states and one for municipalities. The EPA made D.C. eligible for the state program, as required by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, but not the municipality program, even though it should have been eligible for the municipality program, too. The EPA has misinterpreted the definition of municipality in the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and is depriving D.C. of funds to which it is entitled.

Making D.C. eligible for both grants—both as a state and as a municipality—is consistent with the overall intent of the program and would enable D.C. to utilize funding both for the development of a comprehensive strategy to improve post-consumer materials management and recycling, and for implementation of specific collection and treatment measures to remove these wastes from the wastewater stream.

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act defines the terms "state" and "municipality" for the purposes of the program. Section 2 of the Act defines the term "state" as specifically including D.C. Section 302(c) of the Act utilizes the definition for "municipality" in section 502 of the Clean Water Act, which includes "a city, town,

borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body . . . having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes." D.C. falls under the definitions of both terms and therefore should be eligible for both grants under the program.

Given that D.C. operates as the functional equivalent of a joint city, county and state, D.C. is analogous to a municipality that has jurisdiction over publicly owned treatment works under section 302(c) of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, as well as being explicitly defined under section 2 of the Act as a state. Exclusion of D.C. from either portion of the program is inconsistent with the comprehensive nature of post-consumer waste management under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and would leave D.C. poorly positioned to address the challenges of post-consumer wastes in our Nation's waters.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EL VALOR

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of El Valor, a multicultural non-profit organization whose mission is to support children, people with disabilities, and their young families to achieve excellence and participate fully in life throughout the Chicagoland area and Cook County, Illinois.

El Valor was founded in 1973, when Guadalupe Reyes could not find quality care for her son with mental and physical disabilities. It was this need for a place that was welcoming and supportive for the most marginalized members of our community that led to the inception of El Valor.

Over the past five decades, El Valor has been a home and place of belonging. From early childhood education programs in English and Spanish to adult programs for individuals of all abilities, and professional development opportunities for rising community leaders, El Valor supports people in achieving their full potential.

I am honored to commemorate El Valor on their 50th Anniversary. Congratulations (!Felicidades!).

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN MINCK—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Woman of the Year Award recipient, Kathleen Minck of Arroyo Grande, California. A retired teacher who has dedicated her life to service. Kathleen has been a leader

and advocate for several outstanding causes affecting those in her community, as well as those affected by hardship around the world.

Following a 32-year career as an educator within the Lucia Mar School District, where she promoted tolerance and diversity among her students, Kathleen traveled overseas to help build schools in Thailand and Kenya, while serving as a Human Rights Observer in Cuba and Venezuela. This work earned Kathleen the Peace & Justice Human Rights Award from the California Teachers Association in 2013.

Since its inception in 2017, Kathleen has served on the board of the Diversity Coalition of SLO County, an organization focused on building diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community through advocacy and education. As Education Chair, Kathleen has spotlighted such issues as the Holocaust, immigration, Japanese internment, civil rights, and other important topics, through programs specifically aimed for children.

Through Kathleen's work with Diversity Coalition of SLO County, she strives to educate people about human rights at a young age, before their belief systems are fully formed. Kathleen has used her years of experience in childhood education to plan and execute over 30 school speaking events with the coalition, introducing students and teachers to speakers whose lives have been perniciously affected by hate and bias.

Kathleen is also a board member of SLO4Home, a non-profit group devoted to helping refugees from Ukraine, Syria, and Afghanistan relocate to the Central Coast. Through SLO4Home, Kathleen has been directly involved with helping two Afghan families transition their lives to California.

Providing dignity and compassion during difficult times is an attribute that Kathleen possesses through her work as a volunteer at Wilshire Hospice. Losing her twin sister to brain cancer at the age of 7 has left a special spot in her heart for pediatric cancer patients. Prior to the pandemic, Kathleen made weekly trips to Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara to read to children with cancer and bring them gifts as a personal passion-project of hers.

I am honored to recognize Kathleen for her continued commitment to fostering acceptance and empathy among our Central Coast youth and for her continued efforts in aiding those in need. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Kathleen Minck, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Fairfield's Travis Air Force Base upon celebrating 80 years of diligent service to the United States military and the American public. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the vital role that Travis Air Force Base plays in the critical duties of the United States Air Force and the immense presence it has in the Solano community.

Originally founded on May 11, 1943, as Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, the Base began as only a single airstrip and a few temporary buildings. Despite its small footprint, the Base spearheaded the essential mission of servicing and ferrying tactical aircraft from California to active war zones across the Pacific.

Travis Air Force Base quickly became integral to the crucial missions of the United States military and became the West Coast's largest aerial port by 1945. During World War II, Travis Air Force Base met a challenge of colossal scale, directly facilitating the mission of airlifting troops to Asia and then supporting the return of war-weary servicemembers.

Today, Travis Air Force Base is widely known as the "Gateway to the Pacific," as it handles more cargo and passengers through its aerial port than any other military air terminal in the United States. The Base continues to support humanitarian airlift efforts around the world and played a critical role in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in history, Operation Allies Refuge, which ultimately saved over 124,000 lives. I have listened to countless stories from the valiant servicemembers of Travis Air Force Base that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated in the United States Air Force.

The critical role that Travis Air Force Base has in the greater Solano County community does not go unnoticed. Currently, the Travis team includes over 15,000 active-duty servicemembers, civilians, and reservists, every one of whom is a vital and valued member of the Solano community. Travis Air Force Base's dedication to the United States military and Americans around the world is not only impressive, but essential to the safety of families across the country.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Travis Air Force Base upon its 80th anniversary and extend my sincere gratitude for the Base's sacrifices and contributions in the defense of this great country.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
To hold hearings to examine enhancing American competitiveness through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

SD-138

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act by the Federal Highway Administration.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine anti-poverty and family support provisions in the tax code.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To receive a closed briefing on the national security implications of the Compacts of Free Association.

SVC-217

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1868, to require an interagency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, S. 820, to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS interagency working group, S. 1886, to establish a Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Best Practices for Nonprofit Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, and Houses of Worship within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1871, to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, S. 1858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance, S. 1798, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1822, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, S. 1253, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure,

and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, S. 1444, to increase the pay and enhance the training of United States Border Patrol agents, S. 1865, to direct agencies to be transparent when using automated and augmented systems to interact with the public or make critical decisions, S. 1862, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide explicit authority for the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to work with international partners on cybersecurity, S. 61, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement a strategy to combat the efforts of transnational criminal organizations to recruit individuals in the United States via social media platforms and other online services and assess their use of such platforms and services for illicit activities, and S. 1835, to require the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a campaign program to raise awareness regarding the importance of cybersecurity in the United States.

SD-562

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

To hold hearings to examine S. 359, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the GAO's 2023 report on opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication and achieve financial benefits.

SD-562

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improving substance use disorder care for veterans in rural America and beyond.

SR-418

3:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the current dynamics in U.S.-China relations.

SVC-317

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine planning for older Americans and people with disabilities in all phases of emergencies.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "FAA Reauthorization Act", and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of plastic production and disposal on environmental justice communities.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 133, to extend the National Alzheimer's Project, S. 134, to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act, S. 265, to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, S. 1844, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs, S. 1852, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program, S. 1855, to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and other pending calendar business.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, S. 1094, to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed, and the nomination of Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, Department of Justice.

SH-216

JUNE 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 284, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to include on the engravings on the Taras Shevchenko Memorial in the District of Columbia the name of Vincent Illuzzi, Sr., who carved the statue, S. 351, to designate 6 creeks in the State of North Carolina in honor of the lives lost in a plane crash in Carteret County, North Carolina, on February 13, 2022, S. 384, to establish the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 432, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream in the State of Vermont for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, S. 507, to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site, S. 527, to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, S. 562, to establish the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley and Roberts Temple National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, S. 594, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 608, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, S. 886, to authorize the location of a monument on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, S. 924, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 961, to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, as the "Salem Maritime National Historic Park", S. 1059, to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, S. 1097, to establish the Cesar E. Chavez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, and S. 1277, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky.

SD-366