

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF CHAMPLAIN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Village of Champlain in Clinton County, New York.

Champlain Township was one of the first municipalities in Clinton County when the county was created by the New York State Legislature on March 7, 1788. The Town's earliest settlers were veterans of the Revolutionary War who had been granted tracts of land for their service to New York and the fledgling United States, a majority of them French-Canadian families who had been denationalized for joining the War on the side of the colonists.

The Village of Champlain was officially incorporated on September 23, 1873, followed by an additional election reaffirming the incorporation in 1875. Early industries in the Village included a paper mill, brickyards, woodworking and manufacturing, and multiple iron foundries, establishing the Village as a commercial center. Restaurants, parks, and fairgrounds created an early sense of community and local spirit, as did circulars such as *The Herald of Freedom*, an abolitionist publication and the first independent newspaper in the area.

Sitting on the banks of the Great Chazy River, the scenic beauty of this historic Village makes it a fixture of Upstate New York. It continues to be a destination within the North Country hosting many small businesses and a growing commercial sector. Visitors to the region will find the Champlain History Center, located on Elm Street, a valuable resource for understanding the unique history and culture of the Village and the surrounding area.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize and celebrate the 150-year legacy of the Village of Champlain, New York.

### HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF ST. MARY'S SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH IN SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

#### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Centennial of St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox Church in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. The Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

The community's roots date to 1895 when the first members emigrated from greater Syria to the East Coast, settling around Worcester, Massachusetts where many

worked in the burgeoning textile mills of that time. The early faithful of the church worshipped in their homes in their native Syriac language, and eventually gathered enough resources to build their first, modest St. Mary's Church on Hawley Street in Worcester, MA. More recently, they built a new church and social hall in Shrewsbury, MA.

Mr. Speaker, we must reflect next weekend on the challenges that first brought the Syriac immigrants to the United States. Fleeing persecution, Syriac Christians found refuge across the U.S. to practice their religion freely, while still today their sisters and brothers fight for this right in their homeland. We must continue to fight for religious freedom domestically and abroad, so that all may feel the power of community through our faith.

Mr. Speaker, the Syrian community thrives today in the greater Worcester area, in part thanks to the community-building efforts of St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox Church. Thank you to Reverend Father Tony Kasih who continues to lead through festival, worship, and service. I am proud to celebrate the beautiful displays of faith and community hosted by this historic institution.

The parish of St. Mary's Orthodox Church will celebrate its remarkable milestone next weekend with prayer, reflection, a choral concert of Aramaic hymns, and a gala dinner. Please join me in recognizing the Centennial of St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox Church next weekend.

### RECOGNIZING DR. MICHELE HANEY

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Michele Haney's contribution to the students of Colorado during her service as President of Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colorado.

Dr. Haney has been the President of Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) since January 2008 and has demonstrated dedicated leadership and a deep commitment to her students during the last 15 years. Her accomplishments include pioneering several academic programs, such as launching the first community college master's degree program in the country and expanding degree options within the Bachelor of Applied Science. She also collaborated with Northrop Grumman to create a cybersecurity apprenticeship and launched Mines Academy, a program to guarantee RRCC students admission to the Colorado School of Mines.

Dr. Haney has received numerous accolades during her career, including the Shirley B. Gordon Award, the Women in Business Award, Outstanding Women in Jefferson County, and Woman of the Year for the City of Westminster. Dr. Haney is also an accom-

plished author and previously served on the Westminster City Council. Although her departure from RRCC will be felt deeply by her students and colleagues, her service to the school has proven an invaluable contribution to our community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I thank Dr. Michele Haney for her exemplary work and her commitment to higher education in Colorado.

### CONGRATULATING MR. BRUCE GROTEWIEL ON RECEIVING THE MISSOURI EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Bruce Grotewiel on receiving the Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

This December, Mr. Grotewiel will mark 50 years of service to the greater Jefferson City and Columbia area. His dedication has not gone unnoticed, and his service could not be more deserving of this recognition. Throughout his career as a first responder, Mr. Grotewiel has been on the front lines helping those who need it most, and for that we cannot thank him enough. The great courage and moral judgment he exhibited over the course of his professional and volunteer career should forever be appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Grotewiel's five decades of service to the people of Missouri.

### HONORING DR. CONSTANCE E. CLAYTON

#### HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Constance E. Clayton, a remarkable woman who made an indelible impact on the Philadelphia school system and the lives of countless students as the first African American and first woman to lead the School District of Philadelphia (1982 through 1993).

During her tenure as superintendent, Dr. Clayton achieved remarkable feats. In an era where few Black women held positions of power, Dr. Clayton fearlessly took on the challenges of a school district plagued by patronage, labor strife, and division. Dr. Clayton brought a sense of stability to a system that had often been engulfed in turmoil. Prior to

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her tenure, the relationship between the district and the teachers' union was toxic, with strikes occurring almost yearly. However, under Clayton's leadership, strikes became a thing of the past, as she worked tirelessly to foster a more productive relationship between the two parties.

Dr. Clayton is credited with stabilizing the district's budget and spearheading a standardized curriculum that aimed to benefit the many students who frequently moved from one school to another within the city.

Dr. Clayton was a true trailblazer, a dedicated education advocate, a humanitarian, and a mentor to many. Her career and achievements served as an inspiration, especially to women and African-American women who aspired to break barriers and make their mark in the world.

Dr. Clayton's impact extended far beyond the School District of Philadelphia. As an advocate for people of color and women in leadership, she paved the way for future generations, inspiring young girls everywhere.

Her unwavering commitment to improving the lives of students through education is a testament to her remarkable leadership style described as regal and no-nonsense. Dr. Clayton demanded excellence and did not tolerate mediocrity. There was never any doubt that her primary concern was for the well-being and future of Philadelphia's children. She was the embodiment of the School District of Philadelphia.

Dr. Clayton was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including 19 honorary doctorate degrees. In 1992, the Constance E. Clayton Professorship in Urban Education was established at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education, making her the first African-American woman to have a chair named for her at an ivy League institution.

Not only was Dr. Clayton a visionary in education, but she was also a patron of the arts, with affiliations to art museums throughout Philadelphia. Her passion for both education and the arts exemplified her dedication to creating a well-rounded educational experience for students.

Dr. Clayton passed away on September 18, 2023. We mourn the loss of a remarkable individual who made significant contributions to our community. Dr. Clayton's legacy will continue to inspire and guide us as we strive for equity, diversity, and excellence in education. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and all those who were fortunate enough to know her.

HONORING THE COURAGEOUS  
MILITARY SERVICE OF SPE-  
CIALIST 4 MARCUS RAY  
OSBORNE

### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor SP4 Marcus Ray Osborne from Kingsport in Sullivan County, Tennessee for his courageous service in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After receiving his draft notice, SPC Osborne reported for duty on July 14, 1969, and completed basic and advance infantry training as an infantryman at Fort Gordon with MOS 11B.

By January of 1970, SPC Osborne was assigned to the Americal Division in Chu Lai, Vietnam. For eleven months, he served with Company C 4/31st 196LIB in the surrounding areas of Hiep Duc. SPC Osborne remembers that most of his days were spent "surviving and making it back home alive." SPC Osborne returned home in December 1970 and was honorably discharged from the Army on July 13, 1971.

SPC Osborne remains grateful that he was able to return to his position at Eastman after his military service. SPC Osborne quickly resumed his career and remained with Eastman for almost 40 years until his retirement in 2007. Following his career at Eastman, he worked for a local golf course for 15 years. SPC Osborne's sacrifice to our country continued long after his service as a result of his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. SPC Osborne is blessed and deeply devoted to his loving wife Rita of 48 years, with whom he had one son, Matthew. Matthew and his wife Kelsey have given them "super loved" granddaughters, Margaret and Marion.

Please join me in recognizing Specialist 4 Marcus Ray Osborne for his distinguished military service to our great Nation.

### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREDO COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE TREATMENT OF ADDICTIONS

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Credo Community Center for Treatment and Addictions and to honor their integral service to the health and wellbeing of New York residents.

Started in 1973 by Reverend Raymond J. Wertman and Ms. Edith Marsala, a member of his church, Credo Community Services was formed to approach and mitigate drug use in northern New York. Credo was founded with a simple, singular philosophy: anyone faced with a substance abuse problem that wanted assistance deserved to receive it. Credo's initial services included peer-to-peer treatment, coupling current and recovering drug users with mentors for strength and stability during the recovery and rehabilitation process.

In the early stages, Credo was not a breakthrough success, inhibited by social stigmas and adversity to treatment programs and worsened by a dearth of funding. Until New York State began supplying Credo with funding in 1978, staff hosted public fundraisers such as bake sales and telethons to maintain operations. In the decades since, Executive Directors James P. Scordo (1988–2019) and John Wilson (2019–) have overcome these obstacles and grown the Credo treatment network substantially.

Today, Credo operates outpatient centers in Watertown and Lowville, residence homes for men and women in Watertown, and a renowned rehabilitation program in Pamela known as The Farm, a diversion site for youths faced with juvenile detention to recover. Their range of services includes individual and group counseling, Medication-Assisted Treatment, life-saving Narcan kits, and

connecting patients with detox programs and residential sites outside of their network.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the lifechanging services that the Credo Community Center has provided to the people of New York State for 50 years, and I applaud their continued efforts to expand these critical treatment practices.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF W.K. WEBB

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of W.K. Webb, who passed away on August 13, 2023. Born in Saltillo on January 26, 1941, to the late Elzy Carr Webb and Myrtle Parker Webb, W.K. graduated from Saltillo High School and remained a devoted, dedicated and engaged citizen of the town he dearly loved all his life. He was married on August 25, 1961, to Jewell Franks, his life partner for over 60 years, and they were blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

W.K. served 20 years as Saltillo's mayor in a time of unprecedented growth and development for this north Lee County town. A "people's mayor," he was beloved by the citizens and his family. Prior to serving as mayor, he served 12 years on the Board of Aldermen. W.K. won numerous awards and served as president of the Mississippi Municipal League, was on its Board of Directors for 18 years and was inducted in the Mississippi Municipal League Hall of Fame. Under his leadership, the town was selected as one of the top 100 best places to live and one of the fastest growing towns in Mississippi.

A longtime member of the Saltillo Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, W.K. was also president of the Saltillo Men's Club. He and his wife, Jewell, were members of the Saltillo Methodist Church at the time of his passing. Locally, he served as chairman of the Lee County Council of Governments and for 16 years, was chairman of the Lee County 911 Board. He was active in the Mississippi Municipal Association and won many awards for his stellar leadership. One of W.K.'s proudest commitments to civic leadership and youth engagement was forming the first Park and Recreation Department, which resulted in Saltillo City Park, Wesson Park, and the W.K. Webb Sportsplex, which was named after him.

W.K. was a devoted public servant and trusted friend. It was an honor to know this distinguished and extraordinary Mississippian. He is survived by his wife, Jewell Franks Webb of Saltillo; his children, Randy Webb (Renie) of New Albany, Mike Webb (Amy) of Oxford, and Kristi Montgomery (Mark) of Saltillo; his grandchildren, Isabella and Amelia, Victoria and Brayden, and McKinley and Ramsey; siblings, Hazel Raines of Guntown, Ann Taylor of Saltillo, and Larry "Tody" Webb of Saltillo. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elzy Carr Webb and Myrtle Parker Webb, and his brother, Miles "Spud" Webb.

HONORING THE COURAGEOUS  
MILITARY SERVICE OF COR-  
PORAL THOMAS RAMEY

### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Corporal Thomas Ramey of Kingsport in Sullivan County, Tennessee for his heroic military service during the Vietnam War. CPL Ramey reported for duty in the United States Marines in 1968 after receiving his draft notice. He then transferred to Parris Island for Basic Training before joining the Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Lejeune. At Camp Lejeune, CPL Ramey also received training at the Motor Transport School for Jeeps, as well as 6x6 and PC trucks.

The following year, CPL Ramey was assigned to Camp Pendleton to prepare for a combat tour in Vietnam. Traveling across the Pacific, CPL Ramey stopped in Hawaii and Okinawa, Japan, before he finally arrived in Vietnam. During his tour of duty, CPL Ramey was stationed at Hill 327 Marine Base to conduct transportation operations with the 1st Marine Division Battalion 327 in the Transportation Corps.

As a truck driver, CPL Ramey transported everything—from North Vietnamese POWs to ammunition supplies. On August 12, 1969, within weeks of his arrival, CPL Ramey and his unit were ambushed by North Vietnamese Army Sappers in their own compound. Sappers were commando units, who trained to inflict devastating attacks on key road and bridge assets. During this engagement, CPL Ramey saw many of his comrades, including his roommate, pay the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation.

Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, CPL Ramey reported to the USS El Paso, where he sailed from Norfolk, VA to Alexandroupolis, Greece. In Greece, he participated in wargaming exercises along with an international coalition of 5 other countries. In 1970, the El Paso was put on standby by President Richard Nixon due to civil unrest in Jordan in preparation for hostage rescue. Shortly after, CPL Ramey was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps later that year. I join East Tennessee and the Nation in saying thank you to CPL Ramey for his service, and welcome home.

Please join me in recognizing Corporal Thomas Ramey for his bravery, courage, and valiant military service to the United States of America.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on September 26, I was unavoidably detained during the vote on Roll Call No. 409.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 409.

HONORING THE ST. JOSEPH COUN-  
TY INDIANA BAR ASSOCIATION  
ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate the St. Joseph County Bar Association on their 150th anniversary this Fall.

For a century and a half now, the St. Joseph County Bar Association has been dedicated to advancing the principles of justice and the Rule of Law. As the oldest county lawyer organization in Indiana, the St. Joseph County Indiana Bar Association has long been a leader in raising the standard for the legal profession in the Hoosier state.

In their distinguished history, the St. Joseph County Bar Association has proved instrumental in bringing a federal district court to northern Indiana with a seat in South Bend. From offering referral services to connect clients with attorneys to implementing programs that provide low and no-cost legal services, the St. Joseph County Bar Association is a body that embodies sharing common ideals to serve the common good.

On the wall inside the chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives are 23 marble relief portraits of great lawgivers throughout history, from Moses to Thomas Jefferson. The portraits serve as a constant reminder of the foundational role the law plays in an ordered society and our daily lives.

The Rule of Law tradition we have inherited helps secure individual liberty, promote justice, and ensures the conditions necessary for human flourishing. It is incumbent on us to do our part to make sure the principles of justice and Rule of Law precepts are passed seamlessly from one generation to the next. I know that mission is one the St. Joseph County Bar Association shares wholeheartedly and works tirelessly to advance.

I am proud to congratulate the St. Joseph County Indiana Bar Association on reaching this impressive milestone and on 150 years of dedicated service. I wish them continued success and many more anniversaries to celebrate going forward.

HONORING THE VALIANT MILI-  
TARY SERVICE OF SERGEANT  
MALCOLM E. WOLCOTT

### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sergeant Malcolm E. Wolcott of Sevierville in Sevier County, Tennessee for his distinguished military service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War Era.

SGT Wolcott proudly served our country between March 29, 1965, and October 28, 1968. During his military service, SGT Wolcott received many assignments both domestically and abroad, including Lackland Air Force Base in Texas; Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii; Griffiss Air Force Base in New York; as well as duties at Clark Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan; the Philippines; Taiwan; and a temporary duty at Yakota Air Force Base in Japan.

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SGT Wolcott honorably served as Security Police, providing security for nuclear weapons storage areas, perimeter security for Presidential and dignitary arrivals, central security as a Control Communications Plotter, and led as an Area Supervisor. During his last assignment, he inspired the next generation of our service members, providing training to new security police arrivals at Griffiss Air Force Base.

Please join me in recognizing Sergeant Malcom E. Wolcott for his distinguished military service to our great Nation.

### HONORING MARY DENNY

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mary Denny.

For those who did not have the privilege of knowing her, Mary was a valued public servant who gave back to her North Texas community for nearly five decades. Today, North Texas mourns her unexpected death on September 14, 2023.

Mary graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Texas in 1973, with degrees in education and mathematics. Almost immediately after graduation she heeded the call to public service, entrusted in the role of Denton County precinct chair for ten years. Recognizing her dedication and abilities, her friends and colleagues elevated her as Chairwoman of the Denton County Republican Party in 1983.

During her eight years in that position, she became well known not just in North Texas, but across the state of Texas—all the way to Austin. In 1990, Governor William Clements appointed Mary to the Texas Committee for the Humanities for her work in the community.

One of the greatest honors of her professional life came in 1993, when her neighbors and fellow North Texans elected Mary to a seat in the Texas House of Representatives, a position they would keep honoring her with over and over again.

While in Austin, her fellow Representatives learned what Mary's community already knew. She received numerous awards for her service, including the Outstanding Texas Legislator Award and the 1995 Star of Service Award from Common Cause.

Even when her time in the State House drew to a close, that did not stop Mary. For years after retiring from elected office, the Denton Benefit League, United Way, the Arts Council, City Federation of Women's Clubs, the Current Century Department of Ariel Club, and the board of the YMCA were all enriched through her involvement. Her personal contributions to her community culminated in 2018 when she returned to her alma mater, to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of North Texas. Of all of her achievements however, she always felt her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to her beloved son Bryan.

The Honorable Mary Denny will be remembered in towns as small as Aubrey and cities as big as Austin. Her memory and dedication

to her work will continue to inspire not just her neighbors in Denton County but all Texans. I ask that you please keep Mary's family in your thoughts and prayers in their time of loss, and to give them the strength to carry on Mary's legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND NOBLE  
MILITARY SERVICE OF AVIATION  
MACHINIST'S MATE, FIRST  
CLASS, DANIEL T. GRIFFIN

### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and noble military service of Aviation Machinist's Mate, First Class, Daniel T. Griffin, who died in the line of duty at Kaneohe Naval Air Station during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

AMM1c Daniel Griffin was born in Allendale, Illinois, and moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado as an infant with his family. While growing up, AMM1c Griffin enjoyed hunting and fishing and worked for the Gazette Telegraph Co. during his years at Colorado Springs High School where he graduated in 1928.

AMM1c Griffin enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 19 in 1930 with a desire to serve his country and see the world. As he served in the Navy, it became his dream to become a pilot. In 1937, he reported to flight school graduating as an AMM2c Naval Aviation Pilot with his Patrol Bomber Y pilot's license in 1938. Following graduation, AMM1c Griffin was transferred to Pearl Harbor and later Kaneohe Bay in March of 1941.

Kaneohe Bay sits on the east side of the Hawaiian island of Oahu. On December 7, 1941, this area was one of the first parts of Hawaii to be attacked by the Japanese Imperial Forces. During that morning, AMM1c Griffin was standing watch and was one of the first servicemen to alert others of the Japanese attack. Swimming out to his plane, AMM1c Griffin immediately jumped into action to try and save his plane from destruction as it sat in the waters of the bay.

However, his aircraft was hit by Japanese machine gun fire as it became airborne leaving the waters. His plane crashed, but he survived and was badly burned. He attempted to swim to shore, but tragically lost his life at the hands of the Japanese machine gun fire. AMM1c Griffin was the first Coloradan to die in the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II. He left behind his wife, Lucille, and two children, Danelle and Donald, and was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs.

AMM1c Griffin was issued a citation by Admiral Nimitz for his valor in combat. In 1943 the United States Navy commissioned the U.S.S. *Daniel T. Griffin* APD 38, an Escort Vessel, in recognition of AMM1c Griffin's sacrifice at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring the life and service of Aviation Machinist's Mate, First Class, Daniel T. Griffin, who faithfully served his country, community, family, and Colorado's 5th Congressional District.

HONORING THE HEROIC MILITARY  
SERVICE OF SPECIALIST 5TH  
CLASS KENNETH LEE LOCKHART

### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor SP/5 Kenneth Lee Lockhart of Mooresburg in Hawkins County, Tennessee for his valiant service in the United States Army.

SP/5 Lockhart enlisted in the U.S. Army in August of 1969, and was promptly sent to Ft. Jackson, SC, for bootcamp and Ft. Rucker, AL for helicopter school. Immediately after his training, SP/5 Lockhart left for Vietnam, where his first duty station was Vung Tau as a Helicopter Mechanic.

After 6 months, he transferred to the 1st Cavalry Division at Fire Support Base Buttons with the A1/9 1st Cavalry, where he was assigned as a Crew Chief-Door Gunner to a UH-1 D Huey helicopter. Their flights operating as hunter-killer teams, where they provided critical reconnaissance to areas after enemy activity was located. SP/5 Lockhart accumulated a total of 185 hours of flying time, 180 of which were combat assaults, and received the Air Medal and Bronze star for his meritorious achievements.

Please join me in recognizing SP/5 Kenneth Lee Lockhart for his courage and bravery in service of our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING VICKIE MCCURDY'S  
50 YEARS IN BANKING

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vickie McCurdy as she celebrates 50 years in the banking industry with Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Vickie was born on January 19, 1955. She married her husband, Gary McCurdy, on June 15, 1973. Her first day at work was October 1, 1973.

Vickie and Gary were blessed with one son, Dr. Matthew McCurdy. Matthew is married to Elisha, and they are expecting Vickie's first grandchild early next year. Vickie attends Lebanon Church of Christ in Piedmont, Alabama, where her husband, Gary, serves as pastor.

Vickie has worked to raise money for the American Cancer Society for a number of years and helped with the Spring Garden Education Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone for Vickie McCurdy. Congratulations to her on 50 years of service.

HONORING JOE DELEON "LITTLE  
JOE" HERNANDEZ

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate Temple, Texas music

legend Joe DeLeon "Little Joe" Hernandez, an NEA National Heritage Fellowship honoree for 2023. The "King of the Brown Sound," he helped pioneer Tejano music, a uniquely American synthesis of Mexican and European styles that reflects the resilient spirit of the people and the land in which they live.

Little Joe is a Texas-style success story. Born in poverty to a family of cotton pickers, he took up the trade as a child before finding success as a musician. Joe built his reputation on his live performances in the neon-and-smoke wonderland of bailes grandes, the big public dances that are the essence of Chicano social life throughout the Southwest. With many classic albums and beloved songs in his catalogue, he continues touring the world, trailblazing, looking forward to new challenges, breaking down cultural and musical barriers, and innovating his musical style.

Folk music is the song of the people, their struggles, tragedies, and triumphs. While he's won multiple Grammys and countless civic awards, Joe remains a humble and steadfast champion of equality and justice, using his artistry to bring audiences together for a more harmonious world. His performances are crowd-pleasing showcases of his diverse influences, inspired songwriting, and stellar musicianship that transform into cultural and political celebrations.

Little Joe Hernandez is a most deserving recipient of an NEA National Heritage Fellowship, our Nation's highest honor in folk and traditional arts. He remains a vital part of our Nation's rich artistic tradition and has made indelible contributions to a music that speaks to a uniquely American experience. I proudly celebrate his life, career, and contributions and wish him nothing but the best for the future.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE OF CORPORAL WILLIAM  
THEODOR TURNER

### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Corporal William Theodor Turner of the United States Marine Corps of Johnson City in Washington County, Tennessee.

Corporal Turner enlisted, along with his friend Norris Shell, in the United States Marine Corps on May 18, 1956. He went to Boot Camp in Parris Island, South Carolina in May until September of that year. While at Parris Island, he was one of two Marines promoted to the rank of Private First Class. After leaving Parris Island, he was stationed at Camp Geiger/Camp Lejeune for advanced infantry training for approximately one month. After Camp Lejeune, he was transferred to the Sixth Marines, 2nd Division Line Company.

While he was at Camp Lejeune, a Major and a Sergeant came down from Washington, D.C. to recruit candidates for service at 8th and I. Every day, Corporal Turner and his unit drilled for at least a week. The Major and Sergeant asked a selected group of Marines if they were interested in serving at 8th and I. Corporal Turner responded Yes. A stipulation of serving at 8th and I was that whatever rank you held when you first entered that duty remained the same. While at 8th and I, Corporal

Turner was a member of the first Evening Parade. He also participated in President Eisenhower's second Inauguration Parade.

While in Washington, D.C., Corporal Turner began training as part of the Silent Drill Team. He was in the First Platoon. His platoon trained at 8th and I, and at Camp David. As part of their duties, he met foreign dignitaries flying into D.C. at the airport.

After a clearance by the FBI and Secret Service, along with 5 other Marines, Corporal Turner was selected to be in the Presidential Guard. He was assigned to guard the parameter around the President in his office, while at Camp David or anywhere else he may be. President Eisenhower gave each Marine an engraved pin knife with his name on it. Corporal Turner has kept his pin knife to this day.

Corporal Turner's first assignment was to accompany President Eisenhower to Newport, Rhode Island in October of 1957. He was reassigned at this point to the Secret Service. The Secret Service told him to forget everything the Marines had trained him for and that if anyone and they meant anyone entered the area where the President was, he was to shoot them and that they (the Secret Service) would take care of the details. Corporal Turner recalls that he would have probably shot his own grandmother.

While at 8th and I, he represented the United States at a sporting event in Bermuda called the British Tattoo Festival. He flew from Washington, D.C. to Bermuda on the Marine Commandant's private plane. On Corporal Turner's return from Bermuda, the Commandant's private plane or any form of transportation was not available to fly him back to Washington, D.C. The only transport available was a C-119. He was then given one day's parachute training. Upon departure, Corporal Turner received a parachute, shark repellent and a life preserver for the flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Thankfully, he did not have to use any of that assigned equipment.

After 2 years at 8th and I, he earned the rank of Corporal. Following his retirement from active-duty service, Corporal Turner joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves and proudly served his country for another 4 years.

Please join me in thanking Corporal William Theodor Turner for his distinguished military service to the United States of America.

#### RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER ADKISSON

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexander Adkisson, a manufacturing and construction teacher at Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, Colorado.

Mr. Adkisson is an incredible educator who was recently recognized for teaching excellence due to his experience, insights, creative approach to teaching, and commitment to student success. He draws from his own struggle in academics to workshop innovative ways to ensure that none of his students fall behind. Mr. Adkisson co-developed the Algebra 1, Manufacturing, Processes, Entrepreneurship, and Design (AMPED) program which helps students run a business that creates products

for sale while applying the mathematical principles taught in his class. He fosters a sense of entrepreneurial spirit in his students while also ensuring their grasp of mathematical concepts.

Mr. Adkisson is helping pave the way for the next generation of Coloradans looking to make a difference in STEM fields. On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I thank Mr. Adkisson for his dedicated service to his students and to our education system.

#### CONGRATULATING MR. GREG KESTER ON RECEIVING THE 2024 MISSOURI TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Potosi High School's Mr. Greg Kester on receiving the 2024 Missouri Teacher of the Year Award.

Throughout his nearly three decades as a teacher at Potosi High School, Mr. Kester has played a significant role in shaping generations of Missourians. Countless families in my district share an immense appreciation for Mr. Kester's dedication to our children's education and community's success. His decades of public service have made him an invaluable member of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Greg Kester for being named the 2024 Missouri Teacher of the Year.

#### HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE OF SPECIALIST DONALD W. SCALF

#### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Specialist Donald W. Scalf of Bluff City in Sullivan County, Tennessee for his honorable military service in the United States Army from 1963 to 1965. SPC Scalf proudly served with the 37th Field Artillery Unit in Schwäbisch Hall, Germany in support of the 24th Infantry Division following the construction of the Berlin Wall.

As a member of the Communications Section, he managed the switchboard to coordinate phone lines between the 8in Howitzer Batteries and protect from interception by the enemy. SPC Scalf often collects the memorable experiences he had in Germany, including digging trenches in the deep snow of Southern Germany to maintain switchboard operations or going ahead of the Howitzer guns to prepare for the next position.

Please join me in recognizing Specialist Donald W. Scalf for his distinguished military service to our great Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING SERGEANT ALTON RUSSEL HEIMBACH

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Mr. Alton Russel Heimbach on the auspicious occasion of his 100th Birthday on August 7, 2023.

Mr. Heimbach enlisted in the U.S. Army at 19 years old. Earning the rank of Sergeant (SGT), he served in Company C, 157th Combat Engineers and fought with "The Greatest Generation" on the Atlantic front. He served in General George Patton's 3rd U.S. Army, which marched across Northern France.

SGT Heimbach's platoon landed on Utah Beach in Normandy on June 25, 1944. He was instrumental in keeping the 3rd Army moving by building bridges and repairing roads that were destroyed by the Germans. Most significantly, he helped to build the first Bailey Bridge, implemented primarily to help our Troops cross the Seine River, but served many thereafter, these bridges were critical to our mission of pursuing the retreating Axis forces. When Patton's 3rd Army moved into Paris, the 157th Engineers were among the first Soldiers to enter the city. SGT Heimbach went on to serve in Rhineland, Germany, Austria, and other areas in Central Europe, until his return to the United States upon the end of World War II in December 1945.

After military service, Mr Heimbach had a successful and varied career ranging from heavy machine equipment operator to superintendent. He remains dedicated to the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren, and his wife, Maria and their 3 children, Alton, Mary, and Brian.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate Alton Russel Heimbach on his 100th Birthday, but also for his distinguished, tireless, and selfless service to our Nation. He sets the standard by which we all should be judged. I wish him Godspeed, and many more years of great health, prosperity, and happiness.

#### HONORING THE STEVE AND NANCY FOX CANCER CENTER

#### HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Fox Family Foundation for their transformative investment to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso to help launch the "Steve and Nancy Fox Cancer Center," the first comprehensive cancer center in West Texas.

Steve Fox, who has called El Paso home for the past 45 years, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Fox Auto Team, a group of car dealerships based in El Paso. He is a cancer warrior, who battled stage 4 tongue and neck cancer over two decades ago. Steve Fox has tirelessly advocated for comprehensive cancer care in our community and has served on the board of the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation and MD Anderson's Board of Visitors and Advance Team. For 20 years, it has

been his dream to bring comprehensive cancer care to El Paso, and this year, that dream came true when the Texas legislature approved a historic \$65 million plan to build a cancer center. The Fox Family's investment will support clinical trials, research and recruitment of world-class physicians, nurses, and researchers to the center.

With Cancer being one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Hispanic population and El Paso having an 83 percent Hispanic population and 395 cancer cases per every 100,000 Hispanics, the Steve and Nancy Fox Cancer Center is expected to help close gaps and increase Hispanic participation in cancer research and clinical trials.

Today, it is my privilege to honor Steve and Nancy Fox, and their two daughters, Paige, and Ashley, for the magic they have produced through their several community initiatives and thank them for helping bring a center that will serve as a beacon of progress in the fight against cancer.

HONORING JOANNE EPPS,  
PRESIDENT, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of JoAnne Epps who passed away unexpectedly on September 19, 2023, while serving as President of Temple University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. JoAnne Epps was an exceptional leader who left an indelible impact on Temple University and the Philadelphia community at large.

JoAnne Epps was a true embodiment of everything that is great about Temple University. She exemplified grace, passion, humor, humility, empathy, energy, intelligence and so many of the values and ideals that Temple University holds dear.

JoAnne dedicated so much of herself to Temple, as a professor and administrator. Her journey from working in the bookstore over 40 years ago to holding the esteemed position of University President was an inspiration to all.

During her tenure as the Dean of Temple Law School, JoAnne proved to be a strong partner in our judicial education efforts. She relentlessly worked towards preparing the next generation of legal professionals, ensuring that they would become active members of the organized bar.

JoAnne is credited for so much more than her legal expertise and academic administration. Many acknowledge her passion for people, especially African American women, their relationships, and opportunities, and how she could help them advance social justice and equality. During an interview in 2014, she is quoted as saying, "Too often it doesn't even occur to women that they can run the world."

Her professional accomplishments are numerous and include being the first African-American woman to serve as President of Temple University. JoAnne was among those considered for the U.S. Supreme Court by President Barack Obama. She was named one of the 100 most influential Black lawyers in the country by several publications and won the 2014 Justice Sonia Sotomayor Diversity Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association.

JoAnne's legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts, and her contributions will continue to inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP THOMAS  
SCOTT AND HIS LIFETIME OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a faithful and impactful leader for the Tampa Bay community and our country, Bishop Thomas Scott. Bishop Scott has made an extraordinary contribution to the lives of our neighbors as a pastor, public servant and community activist. We celebrate his lifetime achievements with immense gratitude and call to others to learn from his example in public service. Bishop Scott continues to serve as pastor for the 34th Street Church of God, a role which he has held since April of 1980, demonstrating that he is grounded in humility and committed to his faith mission.

Bishop Scott was born in Macon, Georgia to the late William and Jessie Lee Scott. He received a calling and started preaching in August of 1971 at the Community Church of God in Macon, under the ministry of Rev. G. H. Williams. Through his time at the Community Church of God, Bishop Scott was encouraged and called to church leadership.

During the latter part of the 1970's, Bishop Scott relocated to Jacksonville, Florida to work in ministry with his spiritual Father, the late Rev. Dr. Richard Harry Patrick Cleaveland, at the 4th Street Church of God, where he served as the pastor of youth and young adults.

For over 40 years, Bishop Scott has served as the senior pastor for the 34th Street Church of God. Under his leadership, the church has experienced significant growth. His support and commitment to education directed him to open the King's Kids Christian Academy, one of the premier schools in Tampa, Florida. Bishop Scott's work with the community motivated him to initiate the Tampa Bay Family and Community Development Corporation, as well as many other ministries that are far reaching and touching the lives of my Tampa Bay neighbors.

His commitment to the community did not stop at the church leadership. Bishop Scott was elected in 1996 to serve on the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioner until 2006, in which I had the honor to work alongside him for four years. After just one year in the job, his colleagues on the Board elected him chairman. Furthermore, he was elected in 2007 to the Tampa City Council, serving for three terms as chairman. Bishop Scott has a long reputation of building bridges across the community through his work as a public servant and church leader, gaining the trust of colleagues and members of the community. In his public roles, Bishop Scott was an outspoken advocate for affordable housing, health care and care of elders.

The commitment to his values and his family are demonstrated by his 41 years of marriage to his wife, Marva. Bishop Scott and

Mrs. Marva have two sons, Marcus and Marlon, one daughter, Marla, and two daughters-in-law, Tanya Y. Scott and Tiese N. Scott. Their growing family is completed by twelve grandchildren.

Bishop Scott is a role model to my neighbors. His extensive educational background is composed of B.A. in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Sociology from the University of North Florida. Additionally, he earned a M.A. in Biblical Studies from the Assembly of God Theological Seminary. Later, in 1995 he earned a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Southern California School of Ministry. To complete his education, Bishop Scott was conferred a Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the Florida Metropolitan University.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I am honored to celebrate Bishop Thomas Scott for his lifelong dedication to service—to his church, his family, and his community. His story is one that embodies the best of American values and spirit, guided by faith and compassion.

IN MEMORY OF BRERETON C.  
JONES

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary Kentuckian, former Governor Brereton Chandler Jones. He was born in Ohio on June 27, 1939, and was raised in West Virginia. Mr. Jones passed away on September 18, 2023. He will long be remembered for his contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the thoroughbred horse industry.

Mr. Jones was raised on a West Virginia dairy farm. A star football player and class valedictorian, he went on to attend the University of Virginia, where he played football and graduated in 1961. At the age of 25, he was the youngest person ever elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates and served there until 1968. Mr. Jones met his wife Libby on a trip to Kentucky's Keeneland racetrack and they were married in 1970. They had two children, Lucy and Brereton, Jr. (Bret). The family moved to Woodford County, Kentucky in 1972 and established Airdrie Stud. The farm grew from 350 acres to its current size of over 2,500 acres and is internationally recognized for its horses. A leader in the thoroughbred industry, Mr. Jones chaired the Kentucky Thoroughbred Commission and served as treasurer of the Breeders Cup. Mr. Jones founded the Kentucky Equine Education Project in 2004 and served as KEEP's chair until 2011.

Mr. Jones was elected Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky in 1987 and in 1991 he became Kentucky's 58th governor. His administration highlights included strengthening ethics laws, streamlining state government, and passing health care reform. He advocated for an amendment to the state constitution which allowed governors to succeed themselves once, but he exempted himself from the succession provision. Other accomplishments included increasing funding for state parks and phasing out the state inheritance tax.

Governor Jones was a highly respected leader in the political realm in Frankfort and

was also well-respected in the thoroughbred industry. He was a man who led with ingenuity and integrity. Brereton C. Jones was a true leader, and I am humbled to honor his contributions to Kentucky and to the Nation before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE WORK OF  
ZACHARY ISAKOWITZ

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a valued staff member and trusted advisor, Zachary Isakowitz, as he leaves to embark on the next steps in his career. Although he will be greatly missed, I could not be happier for the impact he will continue making within the technology sector.

Zach has served as my Legislative Director for the last two and a half years. His role has been vital to the passing of some of my most important legislation, including the CHIPS for America Act.

Zach's work was, foremost, dedicated to promoting the growth of semiconductor manufacturing in America. Together, we have seen billions invested in the technology industry in Texas and across the nation. We have secured funding for dozens of projects in Texas—10, including many at institutes of higher education. And we've passed crucial legislation combatting childhood cancer.

I would like to thank Zach for a job well done. I am grateful for the dedication and support he has given to me, the staff, and the people of Texas' 10th Congressional District. I wish him all the best, both in life and throughout the remainder of his career.

While his presence in my office will certainly be missed, I know Zach will continue to leave a positive mark on D.C. and our Nation. And remember, once a member of team McCaul, always a member of team McCaul.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT  
WILLIE MANNING

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, as a partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration, I recently had the privilege to honor Master Sergeant Willie Manning of Erwin for his distinguished career of service in the United States Air Force. Throughout his multidecade career, Master Sergeant Manning received numerous accolades and awards from his superiors for his outstanding performance and countless mission accomplishments. From achieving the highest level of training in his field as an "Informational Superintendent" to his numerous AF Commendation Medals, including for his support to the 9th AF during quality inspections of the 116th Fighter Wings' operational readiness, Master Sergeant Manning proved an invaluable member of our nation's military.

Master Sergeant Manning first began his career as a Clerk Typist in 1971. Stationed at

Dobbins Air Force Base, Master Sergeant Manning employed his expertise in quality information management for both operations domestic and abroad. This included ensuring quality maintenance for all forms of information management, from simple communication letters to the most protected forms of classified documentation. And revered for his leadership and computer systems expertise, when the Air Force received new technology, the Georgia State Adjutant General personally asked Master Sergeant Manning to provide the software training to his staff.

However, Master Sergeant Manning always highlights the brotherhood he shared with his comrades as a source of joy and gratitude. In his own words, "we had each other's back . . . I could be counted on, and I knew I could count on my fellow airmen." He fondly remembers his experience flying with officers in F4 and F15 fighter jets as the second seater in appreciation of his administrative efforts; or his ability to pilot Cessna 125, the smallest two-seat single engine aircraft.

After 25 years of distinguished military service, Master Sergeant Manning retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1996 as a Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of base administration for a fighter wing in Georgia. Following his retirement, Master Sergeant Manning continued to use his skills to benefit his community, assisting the Chamber of Commerce and supporting his local church and nearby senior center. I thank him for his service and sacrifice. Interested Vietnam era veterans and their families can sign up for recognition at: <https://harshbarger.house.gov/.../honoring-vietnam-veterans>.

COMMEMORATING THE "SGT  
JAMES L. SHIPLEY MEMORIAL  
HIGHWAY"

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the naming of the portion of U.S. Highway 50 from Bahner Quarry Road to Tower Road the "SGT James L. Shipley Memorial Highway." Sergeant Shipley was a great man who served his country valiantly during the Second World War. At only 19 years of age, Mr. Shipley made the decision to go to his local recruiting station and serve his country during a time of war, which led to him becoming a crew chief and mechanic for the 332nd Fighter Group. Little did Mr. Shipley know this decision would place him in one of the most respected military organizations from World War II which would pave the way for African Americans' service in the armed forces.

After Germany's surrender, Sergeant Shipley returned home to Tipton, Missouri where he ran a farm and operated a gas station along U.S. Highway 50 with his loving wife Mildred. While working hard to support his family, Sergeant Shipley frequently made time to share his experiences with community groups and schools in the area.

Sergeant Shipley's long and storied life charts several important chapters in our state's and country's history. The "SGT James L. Shipley Memorial Highway" will stand as an

important reminder of his tremendous dedication to his community and country for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the "SGT James L. Shipley Memorial Highway."

RECOGNIZING KAMI WELCH

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kami Welch for being named an Outstanding Woman in Business by the Denver Business Journal.

Each year, Denver Business Journal chooses 34 exceptional women in the Denver metro area who are the area's top executives, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and influencers. This year, Kami was selected for this award after 14 years in the Chamber industry, including 10 years with the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. She is an outstanding leader, dedicated to the success of the Arvada community and focused on supporting women in business.

Kami's efforts to develop meaningful industry and business solutions have led to significant improvements in the city's domestic tourism, a more diversified economy, and a stronger environment for local and small businesses. Those who have had the privilege of working with Kami attest to her unwavering commitment to the Arvada community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I thank Kami Welch for her dedicated service to Arvada as well as the citizens of Colorado.

HONORING SCHUYLER FALLS'  
175TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a momentous occasion in the history of New York State, the Town of Schuyler Falls' 175th anniversary.

In the early 19th century, a group of visionaries established a settlement bordered on the north and east by the Saranac River. Through their determination and perseverance, these settlers laid foundations for what would become the prosperous town of Schuyler Falls, formally erected from the Town of Plattsburgh on April 4, 1848. Residents have preserved its unique heritage, embraced progress, and fostered a vibrant spirit of unity that continues to this day.

Schuyler Falls has beautiful rolling hills, accessible agriculture, timber, and waterpower, all of which provided early residents with key resources in the Town's founding industries. The initial successes of the Town's founders paved a way for a stalwart, close-knit community that values hard work and dedication.

Today, Schuyler Falls continues to flourish with a plethora of local farms, small businesses, and a growing commercial businesses sector. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate the



175th anniversary of Schuyler Falls, a hallmark of the North Country.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. MONICA De La CRUZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I missed these votes due to an urgent personal matter.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 407 and YEA on Roll Call No. 406.

# RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANSFIELD NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

## HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club. Members of the club gathered earlier today to kick off an extended celebration of the centennial of their organization.

Optimist Clubs date back to the early 1900s, established to support young people and encourage their development. The Mansfield club, founded in October 1923, is the second oldest in the State of Ohio. Through the years, its members have devoted countless volunteer hours to promote youth-related programming throughout Richland County, from clothing drives to college scholarship competitions and Adopt-a-Child gift drives.

To commemorate this special anniversary, this year the club has donated \$50,000 to build a children's playground at the Buckeye Imagination Museum in downtown Mansfield.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place next month.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I congratulate the members of the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club as they mark 100 years of being "Friends of Youth."

# 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 Thursday, September 28, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

# MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## OCTOBER 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband

To hold hearings to examine protecting Americans from robocalls.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine back to school with the SHOP SAFE Act, focusing on protecting our families from unsafe online counterfeits.

SD-226

## OCTOBER 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

To receive a closed briefing on United States assistance to Ukrainian Air Defenses.

SVC-217

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the BUILD Act reauthorization and Development Finance Corporation oversight.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine CHIPS and science implementation and oversight.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy

To hold hearings to examine security on the Korean Peninsula.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine VA accountability and transparency, focusing on care and benefits for veterans.

SR-418