

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ALVARADOSMITH AND FROST BROWN TODD LLC

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor AlvaradoSmith and Frost Brown Todd LLC, and to congratulate these two law firms on their recent merger. AlvaradoSmith is a community staple in my district, and I am delighted to see their growth and to welcome Frost Brown Todd LLC into the California market.

AlvaradoSmith was started by two college friends, Salinas Alvarado and Ruben Smith, a Santa Ana native. After completing their studies, both went their separate ways and took on roles for big law firms. It was not until eight years later, in the 1980s, that a phone call about their common interests brought Alvarado and Smith back together to start their new firm.

AlvaradoSmith prides itself in not only helping clients in the United States, but also extending its services to clients across the border. Their offices might have only been in Santa Ana and San Francisco prior to their merger with Frost Brown Todd LLC, but they have always made it their goal to help anyone who is in need.

Frost Brown Todd LLC was founded in Cincinnati in 1919, and now is made up of 545 attorneys spread across the country. With this merger, Frost Brown Todd LLC will now be able to offer expertise on a range of topics—from real estate, energy, and infrastructure to litigation, employment, financial institutions, and international matters—to a whole new market already familiar with AlvaradoSmith's service.

Frost Brown Todd LLC and AlvaradoSmith stand for character, diversity, equity, teamwork, and hard work. With their merging, their combined clientele now has access to 575 attorneys in 16 offices across the United States.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, please join me in congratulating AlvaradoSmith on this merger and welcoming Frost Brown Todd LLC to our Orange County community.

CHARLES PALERMO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Charles Palermo's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Charles began scouting in the first grade and eventually worked his way through the ranks to become an Eagle Scout. He is currently a sophomore at Ocean City High School and for his Eagle Scout project, he built a rock garden for the whole community to

enjoy. He enlisted members of the local Facebook group, Ocean City Rocks, along with residents of the neighborhood to come together and paint rocks for this garden. In this garden, people can choose to bring a painted rock of their own and leave it for others or they can take a rock for themselves to enjoy. Through his efforts, he has brought the community closer together and added joy and beauty to Ocean City. Charles has loved every part of his experience in Eagle Scouts, especially the outdoor and camping aspects. Last summer, he had the opportunity to travel to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, where he took part in a ten-day backpacking trip. Charles should be proud of his accomplishments in scouting, and it was my honor to attend his Eagle Scout ceremony. God Bless Charles, and God Bless our United States of America.

RYAN MALLETT

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ryan Mallett.

Mallett was a standout Quarterback at the University of Arkansas, an NFL Quarterback, and most recently a coach at Mountain Home High School and White Hall High School.

In his first season at Arkansas in 2009, he led the Razorbacks to an 8–5 record and Liberty Bowl victory.

He threw for 3,624 yards and 30 touchdowns, third all-time at Arkansas.

In 2010, he led the Razorbacks to a ten-win season and Arkansas's first BCS bowl berth. He threw for 3,869 yards and 32 touchdowns, both a school record.

He was drafted in the third round of the 2011 NFL Draft and made eight starts in his seven-year NFL career with the New England Patriots, Baltimore Ravens, and Houston Texans.

After retiring from football, he would go on to become a high school football coach.

Mallett first served as an assistant football coach at Mountain Home High School in Arkansas, recently moving to White Hall High School where he was preparing for his first season as the head football coach.

Ryan's heartbreaking loss of life far too early touched all Arkansans. His legacy will live on in Arkansas, not just through a distinguished playing career, but as a role model who impacted and improved the lives of the next generation of Arkansans.

CELEBRATING ALYSSA MILANO'S SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Alyssa Milano, an actress, producer, writer and activist who has used her platform for decades to promote social causes and provide a voice to those who are not heard. Her trailblazing work both nationally and internationally is worthy of commendation.

Alyssa's activist career started as a young woman when she made an appearance on the *The Phil Donahue Show* with Ryan White, a young man who had been diagnosed with AIDS and forced out of his public school in Indiana. A kiss on the cheek to showcase that AIDS could not be contracted from simple skin-to-skin contact was the beginning of almost 40 years of activism coinciding with her incredible career in movies, television, books, and podcasts. In 2017, a post by Alyssa relaunched the #MeToo movement, encouraging survivors of sexual harassment and assault to speak up and bring awareness to the commonality of these sex crimes to the public. To this day, Alyssa remains an active and effective voice in the #MeToo movement.

In 2013, Alyssa created the comic book series *Hackivist*, which explored the modern world of hacking and global activism. In 2019, she released a children's book *Hope: Project Middle School Book* which is part of her 'Hope' book series which she co-authors with Debbie Rigaud. Alyssa also hosts the podcast *Alyssa Milano: Sorry Not Sorry* which deals with social and political commentary and frequently features fellow actors, activists, and political luminaries. Following the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in 2018, Alyssa co-founded #NoRA, a coalition of artists, activists, and survivors of gun violence in an effort to reduce the influence of the National Rifle Association in American government. In her current role as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for the United States of America, she continues to champion civil rights and charitable causes around the world.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Alyssa Milano has been kind enough to share with us. Wildly successful in her long professional career, Alyssa could have rested on her laurels and had an easy life. Instead, she has taken her platform at every stage in her career and used it to fight for good and what is right. I thank Alyssa, and we excited to see what more she can accomplish in the coming decades.

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MICHAEL SCHENCK

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this month, it was my absolute honor to attend the retirement party of Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael Schenck. Born a South Jersey native, Schenck embarked on his remarkable Marine Corps journey in 1995. From early days at Parris Island, he rose through the ranks with fierce dedication. While deployed to Okinawa as his first duty station, he quickly excelled and earned promotions. After transferring to Camp Lejeune, he became Corporal and served in the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit across Europe and Africa. His journey continued as he joined G Battery, achieved Staff Sergeant, and served as a Civil Affairs Team Leader during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He further contributed to logistics planning and earned Gunnery Sergeant rank in 2006. His roles expanded, leading as the military-to-military chief for operations across Europe and Africa. Mastering logistics, he became Master Sergeant in 2011 and was promoted to Master Gunnery Sergeant in 2015. His awards, including the Legion of Merit and Navy Commendation Medal, testify to his exceptional service and commitment. Michael Schenck's journey epitomizes Marine Corps values and excellence and I hope he enjoys his retirement with his wife and two daughters. God Bless Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael Schenck and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING WE ARE THE 22

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor "We Are The 22", an Arkansas-based veteran suicide intervention group.

"We Are The 22" was founded in 2017 by Mikel Brooks, a Little Rock resident and decorated Army veteran with two tours in Afghanistan.

Brooks, who had become addicted to pain medications in 2009 while recovering from injuries sustained in combat, founded the group following his own suicide attempt.

In just six years, "We Are The 22" has successfully responded to more than 430 calls from troubled veterans, has over 130 highly trained volunteers, and has become a trusted resource for local and state authorities.

I am proud to recognize the work of this dedicated organization and hope that they continue to serve as a symbol of hope for all veterans who may be struggling.

I thank Mr. Brooks for his service to our Nation and state.

RECOGNIZING SAFE SCHOOLS
WEEK**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to acknowledge the annual Safe Schools Week. Safe Schools Week is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the importance of school safety and promote strategies for keeping students, teachers, and staff safe. This year for Safe Schools Week, I am proud to see so many schools in my district in Pennsylvania prioritize advocating for school safety policies.

As a member of the Bipartisan School Safety Caucus, I work with my colleagues to advocate for common-sense policies which center on improving the environment where our students learn and grow. We owe it to our students, educators, and school communities to prioritize their safety. Recent tragedies across our nation highlight the need to invest in substantive solutions to make our schools more secure, and I am proud of what is being done on the local, state, and federal level to ensure our schools are places of growth.

This week, it is also important to acknowledge the dedicated school officials, such as School Resource Officers, who protect our children. SROs are essential to crime prevention in schools and ensure that schools have a first responder already on campus in the event of an emergency. Beyond law enforcement, many SROs also serve as mentors in fostering relationships and reinforcing positive behaviors with students. Alongside my School Safety Caucus peers, I introduced the Strengthening Our Schools Act of 2023. This legislation would increase funding for SROs and ensure they have the resources required to support and protect students and school staff. I am grateful to the many School Resource Officers across Bucks and Montgomery counties for all they do to support our schools and communities.

In Bucks County, we are fortunate to have several school districts that have invested heavily in having SROs in their schools and we have many others that are in the process of laying the groundwork for an SRO program. The Bucks County school districts that have an existing SRO program include the following: Quakertown, Central Bucks, Council Rock, Neshaminy, Bensalem, and Bristol Borough.

As we acknowledge School Safety Week across the country, and raise awareness about the importance of strategies for keeping students and educators safe, I urge my colleagues to continue to focus on key policies to ensure schools have the necessary resources.

**HONORING "HOOKS & NEEDLES
FOR CHARITY" AND "THE GOLD-
EN YEARS KNITTING CLUB"****HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the ex-

ceptional efforts of two remarkable clubs in Southern California that have dedicated their time, talents, and compassion to support their community: "Hooks & Needles for Charity" and "The Golden Years Knitting Club".

For years, these two clubs have crafted a legacy of love, warmth, and care through the art of crochet and knitting. They have created a multitude of beautifully knitted and crocheted items that have touched the lives of so many. Their mission is to aid local hospitals, towns, and residents by creating and donating products like baby blankets, lap robes, head coverings, and many others. Their lovely and heartfelt creations continue to warm and comfort a variety of people, from hospital patients and veterans to children in abuse shelters. In doing so, they bring a little bit of home and hope to those who need it the most.

The women of these groups make blankets for families through the Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for families with hospitalized children, and the Orange-wood Children's Home, which houses children in foster care. These families, who are going through a difficult time in their lives, have received solace and support in the shape of warm and comfortable knitted presents. They also spend the month of July collecting goods for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary to send in care packages to troops overseas.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the tremendous contributions made by "Hooks & Needles for Charity" and "The Golden Years Knitting Club", as well as the love of country they display using their knitting needles and crochet hooks.

EDUCATIONAL AWARD PROGRAM**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, each year, I recognize outstanding young community leaders in the Second Congressional District that are high school juniors and seniors. Today, I rise to acknowledge the 37 honorees from this year's Educational Award Program.

I am proud to celebrate the character and accomplishments of this year's group of students and look forward to seeing all they do in the future. This year's honorees are: Skylar Hoyt, Layla Patrick, Trevor Tucker, Brandt Tip-ton, Zoe Wilson, Murtadha Malik, Reeves Bethel, Nicholas Tarini, Avery Ferguson, Lexi Aikman, Fiona Wolter, Tyler Browning, Nathan Mishra, Sydney Massey, Liam Johnson, Samantha Brookman, Tristan Hogan, Shelby Kiker, Malachi Robinson, Jerry Igweh, Clara Bozzay, Kerrigan Quast, Chyanne Cossey, Andrew Pittman, Kayla Tolliver, Chloe McNabb, Kristopher Wilson, Madeline McNeil, Anna Patterson, Zane Ussery, Eva Reaper, Shiloh Seward, Allie Thomas, Calyn Hemphill, Addison Zimmerman, Kameron Mason, Muskan Pirani.

This group has received accolades such as first and second in their class, induction into honor societies, and attendees of Governor's School, Boys State, and Girls State.

They are National Merit Finalists, AP Scholars, and Presidential Service Award recipients.

Their schedules are incredibly busy at school with tutoring other students and leading clubs like National Honor Society, student council, FBLA, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Mock Trial, debate, Model UN, Quiz Bowl, and more.

Outside of school, these students' interests range from the arts and music to almost every sport.

And their service is exemplary, as these students have volunteered with numerous organizations that are making a difference in central Arkansas including: Arkansas Blood Institute, School for the Deaf, Salvation Army, AR Kids Read, and several other local and national nonprofits.

Counselors and principals gave these students glowing recommendations, describing them as: hardworking, honest, dependable, ambitious, and resilient among other notable qualities.

I am always pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of those in my district, and these are certainly some of the best and brightest among our young people.

Congratulations to this talented group of students.

CHIEF FONG

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I want to honor Chief Petty Officer Philip Fong Jr., a remarkable individual who has led an impressive life and career. Chief Fong's career in the Navy began in 2002 where he immediately excelled in his training. His first assignment was on the USS *Reuben James* where he advanced all the way from the rank of E-2 to Second-Class Petty Officer. Shortly after, he was transferred to Italy where continued to rise through the ranks. His unit completed important work, directly supporting Presidential Missions, Joint Task Force, and much more. In 2008, he contracted Cerebral Malaria and encephalitis during a deployment to Monrovia, Liberia, leading to a long hospitalization and rehabilitation. After battling the long rehab, Chief Fong pushed on and continued his impressive career. In 2009, Chief Fong was selected for orders at the Naval Special Warfare schoolhouse where he achieved remarkable milestones, including being selected as the Command Sailor of the Year and promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 2012. Chief Fong's dedication continued as he served in various roles, including as Operations and Training Chief at the Navy Operational Support Center in Tampa, where he managed over 600 Navy Reservists' travel and orders. His final tour of duty saw him handpicked to work for the United States Special Operations Command, Warrior Care Program, where he made significant contributions. Chief Fong has also proven himself to be an incredible athlete as he had the opportunity to represent Team USA for the 2018 Invictus Games in Australia and 2022 Invictus Games in the Netherlands earning gold and bronze medals for rugby and rowing. In addition to his outstanding career, Chief Fong is a devoted husband to Sylvia and a proud father of three sons, Phill, Will, and Dill. I applaud Chief Fong

for his dedication, resilience, and remarkable accomplishments throughout his career and I thank him for his service. God Bless Chief Fong, and God Bless the United States of America.

REMEMBERING RICHARD E. SANTSPREE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor and remember the life of United States Army veteran Richard Edward Santspree.

Richard was born in Troy, New York on July 28, 1950. After graduating from Cohoes High School, Richard enlisted with the United States Army in October 1967. He served in the Army for three years, rising to the rank of Specialist Fourth Class, before he was honorably discharged in October 1970. For his service, Richard was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and M16 Expert and M14 Sharpshooter badges. Richard remained with the Army Reserves until 1973.

Returning to civilian life, Richard married the love of his life Christine Hogan Santspree in April 1971. They moved to Cohoes and started their family together, raising three children: Kimberly, Richard Jr., and Thomas. Richard spent his professional career with General Electric in Schenectady, working as a machinist for four decades before retiring in August 2010.

Richard was a well-rounded member of the Cohoes and Troy communities, participating in his local church, veterans' organizations, and recreational activities. He was a member of the Cohoes Moose Club, the Cohoes-Waterford Elk's Lodge 1317, and the American Legion Ruane Post 476. Richard competed in a league at the Cohoes Bowling Arena, along with the Cohoes Rod and Gun Club's Dart and Horseshoe League. Richard assisted with St. Rita's Church's annual bazaar, as well as the Rod and Gun Club's kids' fishing contest at the Van Schaick Island pond. More than anything, he was a proud family man who enjoyed travelling and spending time with his wife, children, and four grandchildren.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the life of Mr. Richard E. Santspree, defined by exemplary service to his community and his country.

LAST SALUTE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I want to honor the mission and dedication of the Last Salute. Last Salute, a nonprofit veteran's organization, is dedicated to providing profound and dignified funeral ceremonies that pay homage to the honor and dedication of military service. Their services adhere to the high standards expected by both

families and deserving service members. These ceremonies encompass various elements, including the dignified transfer of remains through military transport, a Civil War cannon artillery salute, the solemn tolling of a memorial bell three times, a three-volley rifle salute, the rendition of Taps, and the meticulous folding and presentation of a memorial flag. Furthermore, Last Salute commemorates fallen individuals by placing their prayer card or image into their Memorial Prayer Box, signifying their enduring membership within the honor guard. Last Salute provides its services at no cost and relies solely on donations to sustain its vital mission of honoring the fallen and upholding the values of military service. Their services help honor the sacrifice of our fallen soldiers in the most commendable way, and I thank them for their dedication to their mission. God Bless Last Salute and God Bless the United States of America.

IN MEMORY OF ROY KIDD

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor a legendary Kentuckian, Roy Kidd. He was a renowned football coach at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky and he passed away on September 12, 2023.

Coach Kidd was born in Corbin, Kentucky on December 4, 1931. He was a star athlete at Corbin High School, playing 3 sports. He attended Eastern Kentucky University, where he was an outstanding quarterback and also played center fielder. His coaching career began at the high school level where he coached from 1955 to 1961. He entered the college coaching ranks at Morehead State University and moved to ECU one year later. Coach Kidd served as head football coach for thirty-nine years, retiring in 2002. He amassed an outstanding record, winning over 300 games, with two I-AA national titles and two runner-up titles. Coach Kidd's teams had 25 consecutive winning seasons. He was twice named the NCAA Division I-AA National Coach of the Year and received the prestigious American Football Coaches Association's Amos Alonzo Stagg Award.

Coach Kidd was well respected and beloved by his former players. He was a staunch ambassador for his alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University. His impact on the university was significant, resulting in the football stadium being renamed Roy Kidd Stadium in his honor and the street in front of the stadium named Roy and Sue Kidd Way. He was a member of the ECU Hall of Distinguished Alumni, the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame, the OVC Hall of Fame, and the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association's highest football award is named the Roy Kidd Award.

Coach Kidd is survived by his wife Sue. They were married for 62 years and have 3 children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Richmond.

Roy Kidd was highly respected as a coach and a leader throughout the Commonwealth of

Kentucky. He was a man who of integrity who contributed greatly to his players by the lessons he taught both on and off the football field. I am honored to lift up his contributions to Kentucky before the United States Congress.

JAMES COUCH

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to congratulate James Couch, who is one of only two students from Arkansas to receive a Horatio Alger scholarship this year.

The scholarship program is one of the largest in the country, providing educational funding to exceptional students who have overcome significant adversity.

Mr. Couch just finished his junior year at North Little Rock High School where he certainly proved to be an exceptional student.

His involvements include Student Council President, Little Rock Kappa League President, and member of Beta Club, Math Honors Society, Key Club, and National Honor Society. He also placed third in the state wrestling competition.

In an interview with Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Mr. Couch talked about the application process. He wrote about his definition of the American dream and losing a loved one, his aunt. I commend his dedication to write about these important moments of his life.

He commented that his guidance counselor motivated him to apply for the scholarship. This kind of mentorship and encouragement truly makes a difference in schools across our state.

Mr. Couch hopes to attend college in Washington, D.C. and ultimately become a surgeon. What an exceptional goal to dedicate one's life to caring for others.

Congratulations again to Mr. Couch.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I want to shine a spotlight on an issue that tugs at our hearts and demands our attention—Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. It's a time when we unite to acknowledge the brave young souls and their families who face an unimaginable battle against this devastating disease. But in the face of adversity, we witness incredible courage, strength, and resilience. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month serves as a call to action. It reminds us that while we cannot control the occurrence of this disease, we have the power to change its outcome. We can support research to find new treatments, increase awareness to foster early detection, and provide emotional and financial support to families in need. In this battle, I want to particularly commend South Jersey natives Carey Italiano and June Sieber for their tireless efforts and dedication for this

cause. It is because of good people like them that we stand a chance in this fight. It is important we shift our focus to this important cause, and together, let's stand up for the brave children fighting this battle and strive for a brighter, cancer-free future for all our children. God Bless those fighting to bring awareness to this disease and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN "KATHY" M. DAVIS

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in recognition of Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt.) Kathleen Davis, who passed away earlier this month. An Air Force veteran, a loving wife and mother, and a strong, determined woman, Kathy Davis embodies the values of personal perseverance and pure patriotism. Her selfless dedication to her family, our state, and our nation speaks to the courage and conviction she brought to the uniform and to our community. Today, we honor the life of Kathy Davis, recognizing her spirit of service and sacrifice.

Born and raised in Dover, New Hampshire, Kathy spent her life in service to others. After starting her career at the Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, Kathy made her return to the Granite State, working at Pease Air National Guard Base in Portsmouth. For 30 years, Kathy served as a member of the United States Air Force, continuously challenging herself to improve, encouraging others to work hard, and offering support to members of her own community. After retiring from the military, Kathy and her husband Michael moved down south to the Carolinas. Persistent and hard-working, Kathy used her retirement to go back to school and earn her certificate as a personal trainer. In her final days, Kathy returned home to New Hampshire, spending her time in the Lakes Region of Meredith.

Kathy will be fondly remembered for her strength and support by all those who knew her across the state and around the country. I want to commend Kathy on her legacy of service, and I want to offer my sincere condolences to her husband, children, parents, and the large network of family and loved ones that will continue to uphold her memory. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Kathy for her many years of service to our state and Nation.

CONGRATULATING SENIORS FROM RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to congratulate 21 rising and graduated seniors from Riverview High School in Searcy.

Each of these gifted students have taken and passed a dual-credit history course from their high school in partnership with Arkansas State University-Beebe.

With this complete, they will already be ahead in their college education and be set for success wherever they may go.

I was delighted to welcome these talented students to our Nation's Capital just a few weeks ago and show them the history of the United States firsthand.

To make the trip, these young men and women tirelessly raised the funds themselves by working concession stands and hosting car washes.

Their hard work inside and outside of the classroom will ensure that they achieve excellence in their future endeavors.

It's wonderful to see the hard work of our students and I wish them continued success in their future education.

CELEBRATING BARBARA L. MCQUADE'S SERVICE TO HER STATE AND HER NATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Barbara L. McQuade, currently a professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School. Her service to her nation and the state of Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Barbara earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1987 and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1991. She began her career at the law firm of Butzel Long in Detroit before serving as a clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. From 1998 to 2010, Barbara was an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan on top of being a professor of law at Detroit Mercy School of Law from 2003 to 2009.

In 2010, Barbara was appointed by President Obama to be the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, the first woman to serve in that position and a post she held until 2017. During her tenure, she oversaw cases involving public corruption, terrorism, corporate fraud, and healthcare fraud, among others. A brilliant legal mind, Barbara has been quoted in the New York Times, Politico, Newsweek, and Time Magazine as well as serving as a legal analyst for NBC News and MSNBC. Back here in Michigan, Barbara has been a recipient of the Neal Shine Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership as well as The Detroit News Michiganian of the Year Award. Since 2017, she has served as the Law Professor from Practice at the University of Michigan Law School.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Barbara L. McQuade's service to our nation and to our great state of Michigan. No matter what position she has held, she has always been a bulwark against those who would prey on the weak from positions of power. Barbara is an incredible role model for public servants everywhere, and the future of our country is brighter with her teaching our children. I thank Barbara for her service.

JASON SMEDLEY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Jason Smedley, a native of Little Rock and decorated Marine Corps veteran, who will serve as the commandant of the brand-new Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy.

His distinguished military service includes multiple deployments, working within the Pentagon, and a Purple Heart when serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Back home in Little Rock, Colonel Smedley has continued his service in the Marine Corps Reserves. He has also strived to serve within his community, including time as a volunteer firefighter.

Colonel Smedley has proven his dedication time and time again to the United States Marine Corps, his home state of Arkansas, and the youth of our communities.

I thank him for his distinguished service, and I am confident that he will be an inspiring leader for the lucky students of the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy.

Semper Fi Colonel.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF LT.
COL. GEORGE CARRUTHERS**

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel George Carruthers. October 22, 2023, marks Lt. Col. Carruthers' 100th birthday and the awarding of the prestigious French Legion of Honor medal—the highest level of recognition awarded by the French Government for his service to the country during WWII.

Lt. Col. Carruthers began his military career by joining the Army Air Corps at nineteen years old, where he proceeded to be a 2nd Lieutenant Bombardier during WWII. During the war, his B-17 was shot down, and he spent 22 months in the German POW camp Stalag Luft 3, home of the Great Escape, the largest escape by allied Air Force personnel of the war.

After the war, he went on to have a thirty-plus year career in the United States Air Force, being awarded numerous medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, several Air Medals, and the Purple Heart in recognition of his outstanding and selfless service.

We are able to live free today because of the courage of men like Lt. Col. Carruthers, who put their lives on hold and answered their country's call when it needed them most. Love of family, country, and a life dedicated to service sum up the character of Lt. Col. Carruthers, a member of the Greatest Generation. These stories will inspire future generations of Americans to pursue a life dedicated to causes greater than themselves. I hope this testament to Lt. Col. Carruthers' life serves as an acknowledgment of the immeasurable debt

of gratitude owed to him by the American people. On behalf of Texas' 21st Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Lt. Col. Carruthers and his dedicated service to our country. Today, a grateful Nation thanks him.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize October as National Spina Bifida Awareness Month and to pay tribute to my constituents with Spina Bifida and their loved ones. Additionally, I recognize October 25th, as World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day.

There are currently an estimated 166,000 individuals in the United States living with Spina Bifida. According to the CDC, each year approximately 1,400 babies born in the United States have spina bifida. Those diagnosed with Spina Bifida can expect to spend most of their lives in a wheelchair, or walking with braces, and face the prospect of dozens of surgeries they turn 18.

I have been honored to attend numerous events in the Capital Region, including the Spina Bifida Walk and Roll and the Spina Bifida Dare to Dream Gala, both of which are held by the Spina Bifida Association (SBA) of Northeastern New York, that have raised funds for research, brought awareness to the public, and told the stories of those in our community with this disease. I am heartened to attend events like these, which do so much to honor those with spina bifida, as well as their friends, families, and caretakers.

I am so impressed with the breakthroughs in research that have helped to give those living with this disease a more fulfilling life. Thanks to the work of organizations like SBA, new medical treatments and technologies have been developed that allow most people with Spina Bifida to live a normal life span, ensuring they can have a full career, get married, and start a family—no different than those without this disease.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that organizations like the Spina Bifida Association continue to receive the funding and support they have earned. I also will continue to support federal research funding for better understanding the condition, the cause, and treatments. I hope that together we can continue to raise awareness.

JULIA BULLOCK

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor Julia Bullock, a longtime Searcy resident and the National Guard's 2023 Armed Forces Military Spouse of the Year.

Julia serves as the Soldier and Family Readiness Group coordinator for Headquarters Company, 2-153 IN, and as one of the coordinators for the overall Battalion.

In her role, Julia tirelessly works to help soldiers and their families access resources within the community that can help them through major issues, especially home and food insecurity.

She also serves as an advocate for the Guard, frequently speaking to Arkansas elected officials to advocate for long-lasting solutions to these challenges for our military families.

Julia and her husband, Michael, an Arkansas Army National Guardsman, reside in Searcy with their children. I extend my sincere gratitude to her and her family for their tremendous service.

HONORING SCHOOLSFIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union for International Credit Union Day. SchoolsFirst is a long-time community staple in my district, and I am delighted to celebrate their growth.

In 1934, a group of 126 Orange County school employees pooled together \$1,200 to found SchoolsFirst, formerly known as the Orange County Teachers Credit Union. The first branch was opened in Santa Ana. SchoolsFirst has since expanded to become the state's largest Credit Union and the 5th largest in the Nation.

SchoolsFirst serves over 350,000 school employees who live or work in Orange County and their family members. They have 22 branches in Orange County alone and 70 across California. As a member-owned credit union, SchoolsFirst has been steadfastly committed to returning excess earnings to its members. Nationwide, they have over \$25 billion in assets and over 1 million members.

I am grateful for SchoolsFirst's charitable contributions to the community. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, please join me in celebrating SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and their contributions to our Orange County community.

CONNOR HARVEY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this month, I had the opportunity to attend Connor Harvey's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Connor has been scouting for ten years, beginning as a cub scout, and then crossing over as a boy scout in 2017, quickly rising through the ranks. He has earned over thirty merit badges and has held several leadership positions in the troop including Historian, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. For Connor's

Eagle Scout project, he made enhancements to Veterans Memorial Park in Egg Harbor Township. The project involved the installation of additional pavers to expand the standing room for ceremonies conducted at the park. He is a junior at Atlantic County Institute of Technology specializing in the Computer-Aided Design and Drafting program and is a member of the school's rowing team. Connor should be proud of his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts, and it was a pleasure to attend his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. God Bless Connor, and God Bless our United States of America.

SYDNEY MASSEY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor Sydney Massey, a recent graduate of eStem High Public Charter School, and a 2023 Presidential Scholar.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars program recognizes our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

Sydney is one of only 161 students receiving the award this year, making it one of the highest honors for recent graduates.

This award serves as a well-deserved recognition of Sydney's many years of academic excellence. Her dedication and commitment should serve as an example for our nation's youth.

In addition to receiving this award, she has also been recognized for scoring a perfect 36 on the ACT.

I congratulate Sydney on being named a Presidential Scholar and her many academic achievements, and I wish her the best in what is sure to be a bright future.

RECOGNIZING REV. FREDDIE BANKS' SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Reverend Freddie Banks, the Pastor of New Testament Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement. For the last 40 years, the leadership he has displayed for his congregation and his greater community is worthy of commendation.

Reverend Banks was born in 1937 in Merigold, Mississippi. His family would later move to Ypsilanti, Michigan where he graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1957. Shortly thereafter in 1959, Reverend Banks married his wonderful wife, Evelyn. Their legacy now includes 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Reverend Banks began his journey with the St. John Missionary Church of Ypsilanti in 1965. There he served as Sunday School superintendent, President of the Usher Board, and Chairman of the Deacon Board. He would preach his first sermon in September 1977

and was ordained as Assistant Pastor in 1978. Reverend Banks attended classes at the Detroit Bible College, later the William Tyndale Bible College, where he graduated in 1984.

Reverend Banks went on to serve at St. Mary Baptist Church in 1983 as their Assistant Pastor. Later, he was called to preach at Fellowship of Believers, which was later named New Testament Missionary Baptist Church. His service to the community includes execution of marriage ceremonies, providing marriage counseling, and providing funeral services.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing and celebrating the lifetime of work that Reverend Freddie Banks has been kind enough to share with us. He has spent his entire life in the service of others, and though he may be stepping down from the pulpit, we will be sure to feel his influence for years to come.

DANIEL COHEN

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this past August, it was my honor to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Daniel Cohen. The trail to Eagle Scout is marked by milestones and achievements, each one a testament to Daniel's unwavering determination. From those early days as a Cub Scout to rising through the ranks, to earning merit badges and honing skills, he has demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to embrace challenges. Daniel makes giving back to his community a priority and that is evident through his Eagle Scout Project. In an effort to help retire flags in a respectful way, Daniel built a flag retirement box for his local VFW. I know Daniel has a bright future ahead of him and I wish him all the best. God Bless Daniel Cohen and God Bless the United States of America.

AMELIA LISOWE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor rising 7th grade student Amelia Lisowe, a resident of Benton and congratulate her for being crowned the winner of the Royal International Miss Preteen.

In addition to her crown, she also won several well-deserved awards, prizes, and cash scholarships.

Since 2018, Amelia has overseen her own nonprofit organization, Lisowe's Lights, and has raised enough money to donate 20,000 nightlights to foster children in the United States and around the world.

She is a talented school athlete, participating in both the school dance and volleyball teams.

Amelia also dances with Dance Dynamics Company and serves as an iCan Dance buddy for special needs dancers.

She should serve as a role model for our Nation's youth.

I congratulate her on her crown, her tireless volunteer work, and her many accomplishments.

CELEBRATING ASAAD KELADA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN TELEVISION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Asaad Kelada, a director and producer of many of America's favorite sitcoms over the last 40+ years. His contribution to American cinema is worthy of commendation.

Born in Egypt, Asaad began his studies at the American University in Cairo. In 1961, he earned a student visa and he came to the United States where he studied directing at the Yale School of Drama. After years of teaching drama and directing stage plays, Asaad got his first big break in 1976 when, after spending five years working on the set of the sitcom Rhonda, he was given an opportunity to direct an episode.

Since then, Asaad has been entertaining generations of American families with shows like WKRP in Cincinnati, The Facts of Life, Family Ties, Who's the Boss, Everybody Loves Raymond, Dharma and Greg, Two and a Half Men, and The Office. Immigrants have always enriched and strengthened the fabric of our nation, and Asaad has said "I never tried to minimize who I am. For me, being an Egyptian was one of the strongest aspects of what I had."

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Asaad Kelada for his almost five decades of incredible work. As a young man, he quickly dazzled us with his humor and has been making families laugh together for decades, all while never forgetting his family and where he came from. He is exemplary of everything we highlight when we speak about the American Dream, and I am sure he will continue to make us laugh for years to come. I thank Asaad for his contributions.

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, October 19, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 24

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

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine instability in the Sahel and West Africa, focusing on implications for U.S. policy.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

SD-562

3 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine competition and consumer rights in housing markets.

SD-226

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine the precursor pipeline, focusing on techniques that drug cartels use to procure and finance precursor chemicals that are used to manufacture illicit synthetic drugs, and actions the Federal government can take to address this issue.

SD-608

OCTOBER 25

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine how climate change threatens supply chains.

SD-608

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine paid leave, focusing on policy, practice, and impact on the workforce.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Department of State, and other pending nominations.

S-116

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal

Employment Opportunity Commission, Erika L. McEntarfer, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and other pending calendar business.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

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

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, S. 2866, to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, S. 2150, to establish an Interagency Council on Service to promote and strengthen opportunities for military service, national service, and public service for all people of the United States, S. 2087, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 2414, to require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs, S. 1258, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, an original bill entitled, "Honoring Civil Servants Killed in the Line of Duty Act", an original bill entitled, "Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act", and an original bill entitled, "Facilitating Hazard Mitigation Projects Act".

SD-562

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine the Department of State's strategy for security in the Black Sea region.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 175, to codify certain public land orders relating to the revocation of certain withdrawals of public land in the State of Alaska, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1719, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fire management areas, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand

density index, S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 2855, to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, an original bill to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, an original bill to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, an original bill to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness", and H.R. 3324, to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law

To hold hearings to examine the human rights of foster children.

SD-226

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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

SR-418

OCTOBER 26

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

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

To hold hearings to examine evaluating alternative materials for single-use plastics.

SD-406

NOVEMBER 7

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

To hold hearings to examine causes of roadway safety challenges and possible interventions.

SD-406