

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. GLENDA BASKIN GLOVER AS PRESIDENT OF TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover as the 8th and first woman President of Tennessee State University. Dr. Glover is retiring after 11 exemplary years of service to her alma mater and the surrounding community.

Dr. Glover obtained her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Tennessee State University and her Master of Business Administration in Accounting at Clark Atlanta University. She continued her education at George Washington University to obtain her doctorate in Philosophy in Economics and Business and she received her juris doctorate from Georgetown University. Due to her extensive educational achievement, Dr. Glover is one of two African American women to hold the combination of Ph.D.—CPA—JD nationwide.

Before taking the helm of Tennessee State University, Dr. Glover had already been successful in academia and business. At Howard University, she served as the Chairperson of the Department of Accounting and Assistant Professor in the School of Business from 1990 to 1994 before joining the faculty of Jackson State University. From 1994 to 2012, Dr. Glover led the JSU College of Business as the dean, spearheading the implementation of the first Ph.D. program in business at an HBCU. She has also held numerous high-profile positions in the business arena, including Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of an engineering firm, tax manager at a major public utility company, and accountant for a Big-Four CPA firm.

Dr. Glover made history as the first woman to serve as President of Tennessee State University on January 2, 2013. Her acclaimed five-point vision has served as the foundation of her tenure—focusing on academic progress and customer service; fundraising and partnerships; diversity and inclusion; shared governance; and community outreach.

Under her direction, Tennessee State University's academic offerings have increased to 45 bachelor degrees, 24 master degrees, and seven doctorate degrees. Most notably TSU added a Professional Science Master's Degree in Applied Geospatial Sciences and a Master of Computer Science degree. She proudly led the institution to receive its first accreditation and reaffirmation of public health. She is also proud of creating two new colleges: the College of Physical and Life Sciences and the Honors College. As a result of her leadership, research, sponsored programs, and alumni contributions have reached record highs, elevating the University to new heights. Her efforts received the recognition of President Joe Biden in 2022, earning her the

appointment to serve as the Vice Chair of the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs.

Dr. Glover's civic affiliations include serving as a board member of several companies, including The Student Loan Corporation—a publicly traded subsidiary of Citigroup; First Guaranty Bankshares; and The Lenox Group, Inc.

She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the prestigious Thurgood Marshall College Fund Education Leadership Award as the 2018 HBCU President of the Year and Essence Magazine's 2019 "Woke 100" List of influential African American women change agents. She also had the honor to be named to the Diverse Issues in Higher Education's "Top 25 Women in Higher Education" list in 2013.

Dr. Glover serves as the immediate past International President and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) from 2018 to 2022. She joined our beloved sorority in November of 1971 at Tennessee State University's Alpha Psi Chapter, where she served as Chapter President and Vice President. She also has served as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Beta Delta Omega Chapter in Jackson, Mississippi.

Prior to serving as International President and CEO, Dr. Glover held a number of other national offices in AKA, including International Vice-President; Treasurer; and Treasurer to the Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF). Dr. Glover is a lifetime member of AKA and her leadership and service to the sorority has been impactful and will far outlast her tenure.

On a personal note, I know Dr. Glover as Soror Glenda, my beloved sorority sister. My mother, the late Nancy Gardner Sewell, was a proud mentor and advisor of Dr. Glover. She was so proud of her ascension to the highest office in our sorority in 2018, becoming the International President and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. My mother was also thrilled when she became the first woman to serve as the President of Tennessee State University. Soror Glenda has always been a trailblazer who lifts and elevates others as she climbs. Her service and life stand as an inspiration to young ladies and girls, irrespective of race. Her legacy at TSU and her leadership of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will have a lasting impact on so many. We are grateful for her service and wish her well in her future endeavors.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary leadership and service of Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover and her contributions as President of Tennessee State University.

RECOGNIZING LYON COUNTY BASKETBALL

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lyon County High School basketball team for achieving their first-ever state championship.

The Lyon County basketball team was the first state championship game to feature a county school since 2011. Lyon County finished their season with a school record of 36 wins.

The Lyon County basketball team is the fifth team from the Second Region to win the state title. I am honored to stand with the community of Lyon County to celebrate their state basketball championship.

I am proud to recognize this tremendous achievement by the Lyon County basketball team as they add this trophy to their case.

RECOGNIZING MS. DORINDA "DORI" NICHOLSON, MARCH 2024 CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dorinda "Dori" Nicholson, an outstanding citizen and reproductive rights advocate who serves our community, both as a health care worker and a volunteer of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest.

Dori is being honored for her efforts to provide high-quality reproductive health care necessities to constituents and educate our community about women's health issues. She is a long-time resident of City Heights and works as an X-ray technologist in the South Bay, providing care for those in need. Dori was moved to join the fight for reproductive rights after Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022, an impactful decision that changed the lives of many.

From a young age, she received educational and health resources from Planned Parenthood and is proud to work alongside the organization she has since admired on projects and initiatives that benefit residents throughout our community. As a volunteer of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, Dori provides care kits for patients, an important basic need that may be non-existent or disregarded in regular health care facilities. She has also helped Planned Parenthood with several important events, including the San Diego Pride Parade and the Planned Parenthood 60th Anniversary Annual Dinner.

I am proud to honor Dori Nicholson as the 52nd Congressional District Constituent of the Month for March 2024. Her dedication, commitment, and advocacy have made our community a better place, and I can't think of a

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better person to have recognized during Women's History Month.

TRIBUTE TO LUPE MARTINEZ

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great respect and admiration to honor the extraordinary life and contributions of Lupe Martinez, President and Chief Executive Officer of UMOs, as he transitions into the esteemed newly created title and role of President Emeritus.

For an impressive fifty-four years, forty-nine of which he served as President and Chief Executive Officer, Lupe Martinez dedicated his boundless energy, unwavering commitment, and visionary leadership to UMOs, a non-profit advocacy organization tirelessly working to improve the lives of under-served populations across Wisconsin and beyond.

Under his steadfast guidance, UMOs has evolved from its humble origins in Milwaukee to become one of the largest Hispanic-managed non-profits in Wisconsin and one of the most expansive multi-state nonprofit corporations in the United States. Through his strategic vision and tireless advocacy, Lupe has overseen the expansion of UMOs's reach into seven states, securing over \$100 million in contracts and ensuring vital programs and services are accessible to those in need. Lupe served as a unifying force, reaching out to fellow citizens regardless of their ethnic backgrounds and mobilizing them toward a shared purpose that transcended personal boundaries and influenced all involved groups.

Lupe Martinez's dedication to empowering others and fostering long-term sustainability for UMOs exemplifies his decision to step back from day-to-day management, which provides opportunities for others to step up into leadership positions. As he assumes the role of President Emeritus, Lupe remains steadfast in his commitment to the organization, focusing on long-range planning, strategic partnerships, securing funding, and assisting with the transition to new leadership.

Throughout his illustrious career, Lupe Martinez has been a tireless champion for migrant and seasonal farm workers and other marginalized communities, locally and nationally. His advocacy efforts have extended to the highest levels of government, where he has served on numerous boards and councils, including the National Farmworker Alliance, Farmworker Justice, and the Wisconsin Council on Migrant Labor.

Lupe's impact transcends organizational boundaries, as evidenced by his involvement in community events and organizations such as the Mexican Fiesta and the Employ Milwaukee Workforce Investment Board. His relentless pursuit of social justice and equity has garnered widespread recognition, earning him prestigious awards such as the Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award from the Green Bay Packers Foundation and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to have this opportunity to pay tribute to Lupe Martinez for his impeccable service to

Milwaukeeans, Wisconsinites, and Americans everywhere. May his legacy inspire us all to continue building a more just and equitable society for generations.

CONGRATULATING THE WINNING STUDENTS AND THEIR APPS FROM THE 2023 CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my fellow Congressional App Challenge Co-Chair, Representative ZACH NUNN (IA-3), I rise to congratulate the winning students and their apps from the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

The 2023 Congressional App Challenge saw 11,334 students from all 50 states and the U.S. territories submit applications. Collectively, these students created 3,645 fully functioning apps. In the nine years since its inception, the Congressional App Challenge has helped motivate 58,262 students to create 16,589 applications. With 374 Members of Congress, nearly 84 percent of the House of Representatives, hosting an App Challenge in their district, this year marks tremendous success and growth of the program. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the successes of these students here in Washington, D.C. at "House of Code" later this month.

The 2024 Congressional App Challenge launches on May 1, 2024, and concludes on October 24, 2024. I am thrilled to continue to support this terrific program and its students at this milestone moment. Please join us in celebrating the program, and all our student alumni on September 17, 2024 for National App Challenge Day.

To learn more about the winning apps and the student winners, visit [www.congressionalappchallenge.us/2023-winners/](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/2023-winners/).

CELEBRATING DR. GLENDA GLOVER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Dr. Glenda Glover, Ph.D., JD, CPA, as President of Tennessee State University upon the celebration of her retirement following this academic year. After 11 years of service successfully leading her alma mater, Dr. Glover will turn her voice to a national platform, and all Americans will be better off for the privilege of Dr. Glover's voice playing a greater role in our country.

Dr. Glover was born in Memphis, Tennessee, the daughter of a civil rights activist and raised in the Civil Rights Movement. She graduated from Tennessee State University, an illustrious Historically Black College and University, before getting her MBA at another incomparable HBCU, Clark Atlanta University, proving that, truly, Atlanta Influences Every-

thing. Not yet satisfied, she moved to Washington, D.C. and obtained a Ph.D. in Economics from George Washington University and a law degree from Georgetown University.

Professionally, Dr. Glover is a star. She spearheaded the creation of the country's first HBCU-based Ph.D. program in business at Jackson State University, and chaired the Department of Accounting at Howard University's School of Business. She has been a leader in the private sector, and has served as the President of her beloved alma mater since 2013. Dr. Glover is not just the President either: she was the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's HBCU President of the Year in 2018, and HBCU Digest's 2019 Female President of the Year.

During her time as President, Dr. Glover has elevated the brand, the reputation, and the legacy of TSU, put TSU on a national platform, and attracted a broader array of students than ever before, including the Fall 2022 largest freshman enrollment among HBCUs. She has more than doubled TSU's endowment and more than doubled research grant funding received. She has tripled the number of employers recruiting TSU students, and made TSU a more competitive place to work. She established new degree programs and raised TSU into the R2-high research category, one of only 11 HBCUs in that level, with a plan to move up to R1. TSU became the first HBCU to establish a national technology and innovation center, and the first student-operated physical therapy and occupational therapy clinic. They have the No. 1 HBCU forensic and debate champions three years running, and their marching band became the first collegiate marching band to win a Grammy.

I am a proud third generation HBCU grad, and I know first-hand what HBCUs mean for economic mobility for the Black Community. And so does Dr. Glover. She is the Vice-Chair of President Biden's HBCU Initiative, and has been out loud and on purpose demanding that our illustrious HBCUs get the funding they so deeply deserve, including playing a leading role in the record \$2.7 billion investment in HBCUs in the American Rescue Plan and holding Tennessee accountable for long-term underpayment.

Congratulations to Dr. Glover on her well-deserved retirement. The Tennessee State University community is so privileged to have had her at their helm for the last 11 years, as is the entire HBCU community. I know that Dr. Glover's next chapter will have her remaining as one of our country's foremost Conspirators for Justice. I look forward to joining her wherever that fight may be.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 3250.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 109.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR BILL  
SOMERVILLE

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Bill Somerville, an extraordinary philanthropist, maverick grant-maker, advisor and a generous, creative, and devoted advocate for those in need. He retired as President of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation (PVF) on December 31, 2023 and is being honored for his work on April 12, 2024.

Bill Somerville served for 17 years as the highly regarded Executive Director of the Peninsula Community Foundation. Eager to exercise his creativity he established PVF in 1990, with funding by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Since that time PVF has given nearly \$250 million in grants, and in 2023 made grants totaling \$23.6 million, with a lean staff of 8 people. PVF gives grants of \$500 to \$10,000, without requiring the usual proposals or paperwork.

Among his many accomplishments, Bill Somerville proposed placing Stanford graduates in a year-long fellowship to bring more young people into philanthropy. He created the Parent Involvement Worker Program which places recent ESL graduates into classrooms to ease the transition for students. He wrote Grassroots Philanthropy with Fred Setterberg to show other foundations how to use wealth to improve the world. He is a consultant and advisor at Stanford and other area universities and has shared his approach to philanthropy with more than 400 community and family foundations.

Larry Purcell, the beloved Director of the Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, said recently that, "everywhere I look as a Catholic Worker in Redwood City, I see the footprints of Bill Somerville. He organized entire communities by targeted grants to the poor." Somerville funded the first truck that the Catholic Worker House used to pick up and distribute free fresh food to the poor. Bill helped establish a food bank which is now the San Mateo County Second Harvest Food Bank which serves tens of thousands of families a month.

Mr. Speaker, as I did on August 2, 2019, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the transformational work of an extraordinary man, Bill Somerville, and thank him for his unique leadership. He has strengthened our communities and bettered our Nation through his vision/ passion, and integrity, and he stands as a role model of what a citizen can do to create change in the lives of so many.

HONORING SPECIALIST JUSTIN  
MEDINA, CLEMENTON TOWN  
HALL HOMETOWN HERO

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Specialist Justin Medina, Clementon Town Hall Hometown Hero.

Born and raised in Blackwood, New Jersey, Specialist Justin Medina has shown dedication

and commitment throughout his life. During his time at Highland Regional High School, he was involved in sports. Immediately after graduating from Highland Regional High School Specialist Justin Medina enlisted in the United States Army.

Specialist Justin Medina enlisted in February of 2021 and served for two years achieving the rank of PSE E-4 before he was honorably discharged in 2023. Specialist Medina served as a paratrooper during his enlistment, and he was stationed at Fort Bragg, now known as Fort Liberty.

During his tenure in the United States Armed Forces, he served with distinction. Specialist Justin Medina was the recipient of multiple Army Commendation Medals which are granted for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service.

Following his military service, Specialist Justin Medina began working as a security officer and is presently employed at a local smoke shop. Throughout his career he has shown a willingness to learn in different environments.

Today, Specialist Justin Medina is determined to further his education and pursue a college degree and he desires to earn a Real Estate License. Specialist Justin Medina has a strong work ethic, and there is no doubt that he will continue to make significant contributions to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Specialist Justin Medina for his service to his community, the United States Army, and to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MRS. NICOLE VAN  
HELDEN

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary leadership and contributions of Nicole Van Helden in safeguarding the land and water resources of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District.

Throughout her career, Nicole has excelled at bringing partners together to produce results through shared conservation efforts. She played a key role in the growth of Save the Bay, an initiative to reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients leaving rural landscapes and entering tributaries. By facilitating conversations with leaders in a variety of sectors, Save the Bay hosted conversations on solutions to improve water quality and improve soil health. Nicole's leadership, vision, and ability to engage diverse groups were key to expanding Save the Bay's scope and objectives, identifying needs and gaps, and applying strategies to improve and expand conservation farming practices. Since 2015, Nicole has volunteered numerous hours planning and facilitating meetings for Save the Bay.

Nicole has been involved in land conservation for her entire professional career. Shortly after receiving her Bachelor of Science in Zoology and Biological Aspects of Conservation from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she joined The Nature Conservancy. Over the past 25 years, she has continued to rise in the ranks at The Nature Conservancy (TNC) starting as assistant of land stewardship and land

protection all the way to her current role as TNC's Director of Land Conservation. In this role, she leads conservation staff, projects, and partnerships focused on conserving and improving Wisconsin's resilient landscapes. This includes overseeing TNC's land protection and management work in Wisconsin and forging cooperative relationships with partners from various backgrounds. Her most recent projects include the evaluation of natural lands for inclusion as a National Estuarine Research Reserve, constructed treatment wetlands to capture agricultural runoff, stream and wetland restorations, improved fish passage for migratory Great Lakes fish, and priority-setting tools for conservation actions in the Green Bay watershed. During her career she also played a key role in the protection of St. Martin Island, which is now part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Nicole has clearly been a leader in multiple facets of her career. From being a founding co-chair of the Green Bay Conservation Partners to chairing the Site Evaluation Committee for the Bay of Green Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. She is also active in her sons' Boy Scouts troop and volunteers on the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Committee for the Town of Ledgeview.

Highly respected throughout the conservation community in my district and across Wisconsin, Nicole's extensive institutional knowledge has been an invaluable resource to me during my term in office, and her can-do spirit is an inspiration to all who know her.

It has been my great privilege to work with Nicole during my term in Congress. I thank her for giving generously of her time and talents to advance the Save the Bay initiative, and I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding her unfailing dedication as a champion of conservation.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge was a national tragedy that impacts all Americans.

I continue to pray for the families of the bridge workers who were lost in this catastrophe. While our hearts are with them, and with Maryland, the impacts of this disaster have a national and global reach.

The Port of Baltimore is one of the most critical pieces of maritime infrastructure in the United States, directly and indirectly employing thousands of hardworking Americans far beyond the Chesapeake Bay. Small businesses up and down the East Coast and across the country will feel the impacts of this disruption, and we must do all we can to minimize the economic toll they will bear, and to protect the workers they employ.

While the focus remains on clearing the channel and returning port operations to their full capacity, I stand with President Biden along with Maryland's state and local leaders and Congressional delegation—we will do all we can to assist those impacted by the loss of this thoroughfare and the closure of the Port of Baltimore.

I will continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to provide the resources needed to rebuild and recover.

CELEBRATING THE 248TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HALIFAX RESOLVES

**HON. DONALD G. DAVIS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize history and a momentous occasion that shaped the very fabric of our Nation. Two hundred and forty-eight years ago, on April 12, 1776, in the politically eminent town of Halifax, North Carolina, a gathering of visionary leaders took an audacious step toward freedom and self-determination.

Imagine the scene: 83 delegates assembled, their hearts filled with determination and their minds resolute in purpose. These courageous men, representing the people of North Carolina, dared to challenge the oppressive grip of tyranny imposed by the King of England. In bold defiance, they authorized their delegates to the Continental Congress to vote for independence. But it was more than just a vote; it was an affirmation of our unyielding resolve to break free from the chains of colonial subjugation.

The Halifax Resolves were not merely a symbolic gesture but a beacon of hope for all who yearned for liberty and justice. The words echoed the sentiments of a nation yearning to breathe free. They laid bare the injustices inflicted upon a young country by a distant monarch and enumerated the usurpations and acts of violence perpetrated against the people and land.

However, the significance of the Halifax Resolves extends far beyond the borders of North Carolina. It catalyzed the cause of independence, igniting a flame of rebellion that spread like wildfire throughout the colonies. Inspired by the courage and determination of our forebears, other colonies followed suit, echoing the call for freedom and self-governance.

The Halifax Resolves were not crafted in isolation. They culminated a year of vigorous discussions and deliberations at the grassroots level, reflecting the will of the people who had long suffered under British oppression. The legacy of the Halifax Resolves endures to this day, a testament to the indomitable spirit of the American people. It reminds us that sometimes freedom is earned through sacrifice, perseverance, and unwavering dedication to the principles of liberty and justice for all.

As the community commemorates the 248th anniversary of this historic event, let us not only celebrate the bravery and foresight of those who came before us but also reaffirm our commitment to upholding the ideals enshrined in the Halifax Resolves. May we always cherish the precious gift of freedom and never forget the sacrifices made by those who dared to defy tyranny.

In the words of the Resolves, let us remember one of the first calls for American freedom: "Resolved that the delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress be empowered to concur with the delegates of the other Colonies in declaring Independency . . ."

I look forward to the next two years of events and preparations for what I know will be the magnificent Semiquincentennial in 2026. Happy anniversary to the Halifax Resolves.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDFLOWER LUNCHEON

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Frisco Garden Club's Wildflower Luncheon in Frisco, Texas.

In 2002, the City of Frisco established a memorial composed of wildflowers in honor of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our Nation. In the following year, Frisco Garden Club member Edna Willits proposed the addition of a native plant garden and monument at the memorial. Through her passionate advocacy and dedication, the Freedom Meadow memorial was constructed. In benefit of Freedom Meadow, the Club held its first "Wildflower Tea and Silent Auction" on April 29, 2004. This successful luncheon yielded the Club over \$4,500 and allowed Freedom Meadow to expand into the beautiful and moving monument it is today.

Since then, the Club has hosted the Wildflower Luncheon every year to raise funds in support of gardens throughout Frisco and conservation initiatives for Texas bluebirds. Additionally, the Club has annually awarded two high school seniors with scholarships thanks to funds raised from this event. I am proud to recognize the Frisco Garden Club's incredible efforts to support and uplift our community. Their important work represents American strength, hope, and resolve against those who would harm us.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of this historic occasion. I wish the Frisco Garden Club and the Wildflower Luncheon continued success for many more years to come.

ADDRESSING THE CRIMES OF CHILD RAPE

**HON. ANNA PAULINA LUNA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the horrific crimes of child rape.

A fundamental principle of justice: the punishment of those who commit the most egregious crimes against the innocence of our children. It is a matter that strikes at the very core of our values and demands our unwavering attention and action.

There will be those who argue that the death penalty is unconstitutional. But let me be unequivocal: when it comes to protecting our children from the horrors of child rape, the death penalty is not only constitutional, it is a moral imperative.

Our Constitution stands as a beacon of freedom and justice, crafted to safeguard the

rights and liberties of every American. Yet, what greater violation of those rights could there be than the brutal and unforgivable abuse of our most vulnerable—our children? The federal minimum for child rape must be upgraded to the death penalty, and a minimum of life behind bars. For it is not merely a matter of punishment, but of deterrence and justice.

We must send a resounding message to those who would prey upon our children: such heinous crimes will not be tolerated in our society, and those who commit them will face the most severe consequences, a life for a life. Protecting our children is not just a duty, it is our sacred obligation as a Nation. We cannot turn a blind eye to the suffering of innocent victims or allow such predators to roam freely among us. We must hold these monsters accountable.

It is our responsibility to ensure that our children are safe from harm, and that those who would seek to harm them are swiftly and decisively punished. Upgrading the federal minimum for child rape to the death penalty is not about vengeance—it is about justice. It is about standing up for the most vulnerable members of our society and sending a clear message that their safety and well-being are paramount.

The time has come to reaffirm our commitment to protecting our children from harm. Let us stand together, united in our resolve, and demand that those who commit such heinous acts face the full force of the law.

RECOGNIZING STAN LYFORD'S 50 YEARS WITH PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL'S TRACK PROGRAM

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Stan Lyford's more than fifty years of outstanding contributions to the Portsmouth High School Track Program. Since 1975, Stan has been a committed coach and mentor for the Portsmouth High School girls track and cross-country teams where he works to motivate his athletes to succeed not just on the track, but also in their academic and personal lives. With a lifelong passion for giving back to his community and ensuring that every student can succeed, Stan embodies the value of service above self and has had an immeasurable effect on strengthening the Portsmouth community.

In addition to his profound impact on the Portsmouth High School Track Program, Stan was also a math teacher at Portsmouth High School where he worked to engage with students and equip them to reach their highest academic potential. Although he retired from teaching in 2007, his continued role as head coach showcases his lifelong commitment to his students.

On behalf of New Hampshire's First District, I commend Stan for reaching this remarkable fifty-year milestone in his continued service to his community. The amount of trust placed in Stan for over half a century is a testament to his efficacy and compassion as a teacher, coach, and leader. I look forward to seeing what he will continue to achieve as he carries

on his commitment to the Portsmouth Track Program.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAVID CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. GREG CASAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Mr. CASAR. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church's celebration of its 100th anniversary this year.

In 1924, 28 African American members founded the Church out of a former blacksmith's shop in Austin, Texas. David Chapel would move twice, landing in its current site at MLK and Chestnut in 1958. Its membership continued to expand, and the need for larger accommodations became clear. At the height of racial segregation in the American South, White-owned banks refused to provide the loans necessary for the building of a new space of worship.

Undeterred, David Chapel pursued the funds, development, and construction they needed for the structure, becoming a truly community-driven project. Additionally, the building was designed by John Chase, the first Black graduate of the University of Texas at Austin's School of Architecture. Through the commitment and dedication of many, the construction of the current David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church building was finished only a year after it started.

Since 1992, David Chapel has been led by its Senior Pastor, Rev. Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Esq., D. Min. Under Rev. Parker's leadership, David Chapel has increased its community involvement by developing and implementing the Chestnut Neighborhood Plan, and co-founding the Texas Congregations United for Empowerment (TCUE), an organization of Black churches in Central Texas working to increase their economic and community empowerment.

As the Congressman representing the 35th District of Texas, I am honored to congratulate Rev. Packer and David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on its 100th anniversary of providing spiritual guidance and serving the needs of our community in East Austin and beyond.

PROTECTING OUR WILD HORSES

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement from Josselyn Wolf, a young woman from Rhode Island, who appears with me in the documentary film "Wild Beauty: Mustang Spirit of the West" about the plight of America's wild horses. She is an advocate for H.R. 3656, the Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act, of which I am an original cosponsor, and has some insightful thoughts to share about how the Wild Horse and Burro Program is being run by the Bureau of Land Management. This is her statement:

"We need the tonic of wildness." This powerful sentiment, articulated by Henry David Thoreau in his reflective piece Walden, was embodied when millions of children sent letters to Congress—more letters than any non-war-related movement has generated in American history—begging for the protection of one of our nation's most treasured species: the wild horse.

Harnessing the power of our democratic republic, these voices inspired the unanimous passage of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. The Act reserved roughly 47 million acres of Western rangelands for the unbridled existence of wild horses and burros and promised the dwindling numbers of mustangs—then at extinction level—protection from "capture, branding, harassment, or death."

Over fifty years since the passage of that vital legislation, half of designated herd management areas have been eliminated and the protections promised by the Act continue to be grossly and sometimes violently violated under a system that misleads and misinforms Congress, the media, and the American people.

Each year, Congress allocates over one hundred million dollars to the Bureau of Land Management to support the Wild Horse and Burro Program: a system that endangers, kills, incarcerates, and separates close-knit equine families through the use of traumatic helicopter-induced stampedes and dismal holding facilities, a system overseen by land managers who claim to restore the land while destroying it, a system that has sent thousands of wild horses—wild horses: the icons of freedom and grit that define our great nation—to the slaughter pipeline.

Why? To support millions of livestock who produce less than two percent of American beef, much of which is shipped overseas to China. Livestock who, by the Bureau of Land Management's own statistics, graze nearly six times more public land than wild horses, vastly outnumbering them on their own designated territories. Not only does public grazing of cattle and sheep degrade biodiversity, it also subsidizes billion-dollar cattle corporations at the expense of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars: a stark contrast to small ranchers who are forced to pay rising grazing fees.

As human beings, we wield unprecedented power to disrupt the thriving natural ecological balance of our planet and therefore unprecedented responsibility to sustain it. As the National Academy of Sciences along with a multitude of independent scientists and researchers have attested, our land's ecological harmony is, in its current state, fundamentally broken. As law scholars have passionately voiced, our legal compliance with the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act is fundamentally broken. As Indigenous representatives have testified, our relationship with the land is fundamentally broken.

You, Members of Congress, wield the power to defend this untamed wildness that is the history and heart of America before it reaches extinction level. Each of you, Members of Congress, are in a unique position to rectify this dysfunctional system that is compromising our environment, our economy, and the natural wonders and gifts we are collectively responsible for, to pass down to our children untarnished and undestroyed.

Therefore, I am not asking for a radical, partisan rewrite: I am asking for a conversation. It is up to you to reevaluate the priorities of our nation . . . before it's too late. As a sixteen-year-old constituent, it is of imperative importance to me that the planet of my future is managed sustainably, and that carelessness does not forever eliminate the tonic of wildness that makes our Earth a home.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR MARIELAINE MAMMON FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

**HON. MIKIE SHERRILL**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Professor Marielaine Mammon as she is honored as a recipient of the 2024 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award. This national award recognizes exemplary faculty members from America's community colleges. Through her decades of service to the County College of Morris (CCM) in New Jersey's Eleventh Congressional District, Professor Mammon continues to inspire classes of students.

Professor Mammon dedicated her education and career to the performing arts. Of her 51 years of teaching experience, she dedicated 47 years to CCM and has made a lasting impact on our community. Professor Mammon is a tremendous mentor and she inspires her students to see their full potential while honing the skills needed to reach their goals. Through her extraordinary career in the performing arts, including performances at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, Professor Mammon leads her students by example.

Outside of the classroom, Professor Mammon is deeply involved on campus, whether she is chairing Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, leading choir performances at local senior living facilities, or creating interdisciplinary opportunities for students. She has served on numerous committees, including the Pandemic Response Team, Academic Standards Committee, and Curriculum Committee. Through these extracurricular efforts, Professor Mammon hears directly from both students and faculty on their needs on campus and she brings this understanding to her work.

I am honored to recognize Professor Mammon for her exemplary career and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition.

RECOGNIZING QUIRINA OROZCO

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to Join the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the 2023 Al Geiger Memorial Award Honoree, West Sacramento City Council Member Quirina Orozco, for her ongoing exemplary public service to the Sacramento region. Council Member Orozco is an excellent leader in our community who demonstrates that the Sacramento region's approach to everything from economic development, innovation, community outreach, and advocacy can and should be a model for the rest of the country. Council Member Orozco's commitment to public service illustrates the very reason why I love my congressional district. Our leaders have always sought to innovate, to push the envelope, and—most importantly—to deliver for our constituents.

Even before her time in elected office, Council Member Orozco had demonstrated a commitment to public service, serving in the White House while crafting federal education policy and later as an advisor to then Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante on tribal community and veteran issues. To this day, Council Member Orozco continues her service to the public as a prosecutor for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, with a focus on sexual assault and child abuse cases. Council Member Orozco's commitment to our community has been an ongoing facet of her life—a commitment that the West Sacramento community is both grateful for and counting on.

As a member of the West Sacramento City Council, Council Member Orozco has continued to champion the West Sacramento chapter of the Downtown Streets Team to create opportunities for unhoused individuals who are seeking to break out of the cycle of recurring systemic trauma and incarceration. Council Member Orozco's support was critical for the West Sacramento Home Run program, which provides community members with access to high-quality early learning for young children, college savings accounts, and internships. Council Member Orozco's service continues to demonstrate how diligent and focused advocacy can create real change in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor West Sacramento City Council Member Quirina Orozco for her extraordinary service to the City of West Sacramento and the Greater Sacramento Region for many more years to come.

#### COMMEMORATING SIXTH BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Sixth Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1923, Reverend Edward D. Caffee led 25 members from Mount Carmel Baptist Church to establish a Mission, initially known as St. Luke's Mission. Despite initial challenges in obtaining recognition, on December 12, 1923, the Mission was officially recognized as St. Luke Baptist Church.

Under Reverend Caffee's guidance, the church flourished, moving to North Sixth Street in 1924, where it held its first service on December 28, 1924. In November 1927, the Reverend Joseph Arrington was appointed as pastor of Sixth Baptist Church. At Arrington's recommendation and with the congregation's consent, the church officially changed its name from St. Luke Baptist Church to Sixth Street Baptist Church.

Despite financial struggles during the Great Depression, the church persevered, paying off its mortgage in 1944. In 1952, recognizing the changing landscape of Richmond, the congregation moved to the West End, renaming itself Sixth Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Reverend Arrington, the church's membership grew to an astounding 350 members.

After 33 years of faithful service, Reverend Arrington stepped down as pastor, paving the way for the appointment of Haywood Knight

as Sixth Baptist Church's new senior pastor. Under Reverend Knight's leadership, the church renovated its fellowship hall and established the Fellowship Club and Youth Church. Reverend Knight served as pastor until 1968, when Reverend Dr. Emmett L. Fleming Sr. became the fourth pastor of the church.

Under Reverend Dr. Fleming's tenure, the church embarked on ambitious projects, including erecting an educational building and renovating the sanctuary. His legacy of community outreach and ministry development laid a strong foundation for the future.

In 2001, Reverend Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs became the fifth pastor of Sixth Baptist Church, continuing the tradition of stewardship and community engagement. As pastor, Rev. Dr. Bibbs has overseen the church through two phases of construction and renovations to improve facilities and worship spaces for the growing congregation.

Throughout its 100 years, Sixth Baptist Church has remained a steadfast place of worship for congregants and members of the Richmond community. As we celebrate Sixth Baptist Church's centennial, we honor the past, embrace the present, and look forward to a future filled with continued growth and service.

#### HONORING SPARTA UNICO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sparta UNICO on its 25th anniversary.

As the name UNICO attests, this organization is truly unique. It combines a celebration of Italian-American culture with a passion for charitable initiatives and local community service. From awarding students in our school districts with academic scholarships, to fundraising for local food pantries and other charities, Sparta UNICO has impacted the lives of many residents in New Jersey's Seventh District. Our communities have certainly benefited from the noble efforts of Sparta UNICO, and I am grateful to have such an exemplary organization operating in our district.

I wish UNICO a wonderful 25th anniversary. I thank them again for promoting such incredible cultural diversity in our communities, and for admirable dedication to making our district a healthier, safer, and more vibrant place to live.

#### RECOGNIZING KIM HUSTON

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kim Huston on her retirement from nearly 30 years of working in local economic development in Nelson County.

As President of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency and Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation, Kim has been a tireless advocate for Nelson County

and ensuring their economic success. During her time in economic development she has overseen more than \$1,500,000,000 in investments in her area and made sure Nelson County had a seat at the table in a global economy by building relationships with business leaders worldwide.

Kim has been a champion for making Nelson County a global tourist destination. Alongside keeping Bardstown the Bourbon Capital of the World, she oversaw the city being named the most Beautiful Small Town in America by USA Today and Rand McNally in 2012. Her passion for Nelson County is felt by everyone who has met her and she captured that passion by proudly authoring three books about her hometown.

I want to thank Kim for her work in Nelson County and wish her a happy retirement as she spends more time with her family.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND DR. TOMMIE L. LEWIS AS PASTOR OF BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PRATT CITY

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of a faithful servant leader, Reverend Dr. Tommie L. Lewis, as he celebrates his retirement as senior pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Pratt City after 42 years of service to the Birmingham community.

Pastor T.L. Lewis answered the call to ministry on January 6, 1973, becoming licensed to preach at the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and was ordained by incumbent Reverend G.W. Sloan on July 29, 1973.

Pastor Lewis is an accomplished biblical scholar. He attended the Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College, earning a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Theology before earning a Master of Divinity degree at Universal Bible Institute in Brunswick, Georgia. Pastor Lewis received two honorary doctoral degrees from both his alma maters for his contributions to ministry through his public service.

Pastor Lewis accepted his first pastoral assignment at the First Baptist Church Carver in Bessemer, Alabama. He then served at the Antioch Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama. In 1982, Pastor Lewis was commissioned to his final home in Birmingham as head pastor of Bethel Baptist Church Pratt City, where he has remained for the past 42 years of his career.

During his tenure, Pastor Lewis has served "Bethel Nation," well, expanding its congregation to thousands and positioning the church to its status as a beacon of hope in the Pratt City community. Pastor Lewis' legacy has been fueled by his servant's heart, commitment to community, and passion for improving the lives of others. His position as a powerful force for good extends far beyond the sanctuary walls.

Pastor Lewis has dedicated his life to building a coalition of community servants that will far outlast him. His tutelage led to fifty-three

others heeding the call to ministry that Pastor Lewis himself answered fifty-two years ago. In 1990, the Bethel Baptist Church erected a new Worship Center, including a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1800, an office plaza, a conference room, a library, and a nursery. Pastor Lewis worked to expand Bethel's community service by commissioning a new Family Life Center. This building also became a permanent home for the Bethel Community Learning Center, which garnered thousands of state and federal dollars to support community development and education initiatives.

Tragically, in April of 2011, these buildings were destroyed by a devastating tornado. In the face of adversity, Pastor Lewis did not hesitate to spring into action, leaning on his faith to rally his community together and restore their church home. He then established the Bethel Emergency Management Agency, which led the restoration and revitalization efforts of Bethel Baptist Church Pratt City and the surrounding community. Pastor Lewis facilitated the construction of a new sanctuary beginning in April 2012, and the new home of Bethel Nation was completed and consecrated on August 24, 2014.

In addition to his leadership in Birmingham, Pastor Lewis has also been the guiding force behind international missions, spreading his spiritual teachings across the globe. He has delivered sermons on different continents throughout the world. No matter how far his ministry has taken him, Pastor Lewis has always remained committed to home. He has displayed his commitment to public service through his leadership and religious affiliations, which include the Pratt City Ministerial Alliance, the Birmingham Metropolitan Baptist Ministerial Conference, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Beyond his work in the clergy, Pastor Lewis' civic affiliations include former Captain for the Bessemer Police and Fire Department Chaplaincy Corps, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Transit Authority, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Commission of Economic Opportunity, and State President for the National Rainbow Push Coalition. Pastor Lewis was honored by the Magic City in 1988 with his induction into the City of Birmingham's Gallery of Distinguished Citizens—a bust of him is displayed in the Birmingham City Hall to commemorate this achievement.

On a personal note, Pastor T.L. Lewis holds a special place in my heart as a dear friend and trusted spiritual advisor. I was honored to host Pastor Lewis at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., as one of the first pastors in our district to attend. I know I can always count on his wise words and counsel when I need inspiration. Pastor Lewis' mentorship has meant so much to me over the years and has positively impacted me as a public servant. After the devastating storms of 2011, Pastor Lewis' leadership and faith were a beacon of hope for me and so many others as we rebuilt. His deep love for his community renews my passion for public service and reminds me of why I am in Washington. I am proud to congratulate him for his 42 years of service to the Bethel Baptist Church Pratt City congregation and surrounding community. Though he is retiring, I know his service will not end here, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and exemplary service of Reverend Dr. T.L. Lewis and his contributions to the Birmingham community and the State of Alabama as the senior pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Pratt City.

HONORING PETTY OFFICER ART SCHNEIDER, CHERRY HILL HOMETOWN HERO

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Petty Officer Art Schneider, Cherry Hill Hometown Hero.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Art Schneider was born in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Following in the footsteps of both of his grandfathers and two of his uncles, Petty Officer Schneider enlisted into the United States Navy on September 5, 1990.

After joining the United States Navy, Petty Officer Schneider became a Nuclear Machinist Mate and throughout his service was stationed in Orlando, Idaho Falls, Alameda, Puget Sound, Naval Shipyard, Ballston Spa Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, and was deployed during Operation Desert Storm. Throughout his tenure in the armed services, he earned several military commendations including but not limited to the Navy Achievement Medal, two Good Conduct Awards, a Letter of Commendation, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with a Bronze Star, the Battle Effectiveness Award, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Following his active-duty service, Art pursued a career in Cryogenic Field Service, became a Mechanical Instructor, and went on to become a Welding Equipment Repair Technician. Today, Art Schneider is a member of the Cherry Hill American Legion Post 372, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8051, American Veterans Post 101, and Disabled American Veterans E J Newton Memorial Chapter 4. Petty Officer Schneider continues to serve his community assisting veterans throughout the region and specifically in his role as the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Aide-de-Camp from 2016 to 2017, and Senior Vice Commander of the Philadelphia Veterans of Foreign Wars District 1 from 2016 to 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Petty Officer 3rd Class Art Schneider of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his family, community, and country, who has intrepidly served each to the best of his ability.

CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD FOR MICHAEL WYSOCKI

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Wysocki of Dallas, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Michael is an experienced jurist and courtroom litigator who has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

Michael is a distinguished graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler and Texas Tech University School of Law. In 2006, he was admitted to the State Bar of Texas and became board-certified in Family Law in 2011. Michael is licensed to practice law in Texas, New Mexico, and before the U.S. Supreme Court. He became the Managing Shareholder of O'Neil Wysocki, P.C., with offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston. Over the years, Michael has successfully represented many clients who are experiencing family and domestic legal issues.

For his extensive work and efforts, Michael was named a Texas Rising Star lawyer three times and recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer since 2014, a prestigious title awarded to less than five percent of all lawyers statewide. Additionally, he has been honored by the Annette Stewart Family Law Inns of Court for his professionalism. In his free time, Michael volunteers on political campaigns to elect Republican candidates and helps appoint qualified Judges throughout Texas. Whether he is in the courtroom or on the campaign trail, Michael is a fierce fighter and advocate for American values.

It is an honor to bestow Michael with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas. I wish him continued success for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING ELAINA MURPHY

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2024*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elaina Murphy for her service to Kentucky's Second District. A Nicholasville, Kentucky native, Elaina obtained her Bachelors Degree from Centre College in 2015 and her Masters Degree from George Washington University in 2017.

Nearly a decade ago, I welcomed Elaina to my team as a summer intern in July 2015 before she transitioned to become my Staff Assistant until December 2015. In August 2016, I welcomed her back to my office as my Legislative Correspondent. She has since advanced to roles as Legislative Assistant, Senior Legislative Assistant, and most recently Senior Policy Advisor. Elaina has worked tirelessly in nearly every legislative area in my office with particular interests in foreign affairs, energy, and telecommunications. She has been essential to many projects in my office, including spearheading the Spectrum Caucus, and has been a passionate advocate for America's gold standard military installation, Fort Knox.

I want to thank Elaina for her work serving her home state and Kentucky's Second District as a constant, reliable member of my team. I wish her the best as she excels in this next chapter of her career on Capitol Hill expanding her work in foreign affairs as she goes to work for the House Intelligence Committee.