

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SEMPER FI AND AMERICA'S FUND FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable achievements of Semper Fi & America's Fund as it celebrates 20 years of unwavering service to our Nation's critically wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, and military families.

For two decades, Semper Fi & America's Fund has stood as a pillar of hope and support, providing critical assistance, resources, and care to those who have bravely served our country. Through their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment, they have made an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals, empowering them to navigate the challenges they face and to recover, transition, and thrive with independence and grace.

Their comprehensive programs and services, including the Service Member and Family Support, Integrative Wellness, and Transition programs have been instrumental in addressing the unique needs of our veterans and their families, offering them hope, healing, and renewed purpose.

I am deeply grateful for the invaluable contributions Semper Fi & America's Fund has made to our communities and our country. Their selfless commitment to our service members, veterans, and military families embodies the very essence of patriotism and compassion, and it serves as an example for us all.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Semper Fi & America's Fund, its dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters on this significant milestone. May they continue to inspire hope, foster healing, and honor the sacrifices of our veterans for years to come.

RECOGNIZING CHESTER MONROE

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chester Monroe for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Chester has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Chester, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Chester's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Chester Monroe on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW VRIESMAN

**HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and commitment of my constituent Matthew Vriesman as an educator shaping the lives of high schoolers at East Kentwood High School. As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to commend him for his outstanding contributions to our community as an Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies, AP United States History, and AP World Studies teacher. I would also like to congratulate him for being named the National History Teacher of the Year.

Every year for the past two decades, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History has chosen one history teacher out of thousands across the nation for this prestigious award. The institute's selection committee chose Mr. Vriesman in recognition of his extraordinary ability to tell history through the lens of his community while also cultivating students' passions for storytelling, learning, and American history. It was an honor to celebrate this recognition by inviting Mr. Vriesman as my guest to the 2024 State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C.

Matthew Vriesman serves as an inspiration to us all, particularly in West Michigan. He has gone above and beyond by working with the Grand Rapids Museum to teach students through historical archives, primary source documents, and a historical virtual tour of the area that he helped create. He has also emphasized teaching about the Great Migration from the perspective of Black migrants to Grand Rapids. I admire his efforts to make American history accessible to all students, especially those from underserved communities. On behalf of myself and West Michigan, I applaud Matthew Vriesman for the impact his leadership has had on the student population and community as he strives to ensure our students' historical education is reflective of the accuracy and fullness of our Nation's history.

HONORING WGAL NEWS 8 ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate WGAL News 8 for 75 years on the air.

For more than seven decades, the WGAL News 8 team has dedicated themselves to covering the news and providing entertainment to millions of people across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WGAL has proven itself a staple in the homes of Pennsylvanians. They have provided coverage on a variety of topics from the most endearing segments like the old Percy the Platypus, to Pennsylvanian traditions like the Farm Show, and keeping residents informed on breaking news,

WGAL has paved the way for news coverage in the modern age. They were the first station in the Susquehanna Valley to provide live news coverage via a mobile news truck, allowing them to begin broadcasting from anywhere in the region.

Over the last 75 years, the news industry and the world have drastically changed, but the devotion of WGAL to provide essential news coverage and local entertainment has not. The news delivered by the WGAL team marks the beginning and end of the day for many people, and their impact on the community cannot be understated.

The team at WGAL News 8 has been there through moments of jubilation and national tragedy. Through it all, the community could count on receiving the news from this trusted source.

Congratulations to WGAL News 8 as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. I wish them all the best in their next 75 years.

RECOGNIZING JAZMIN SALAZAR

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jazmin Salazar for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Jazmin has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Jazmin, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Jazmin's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Jazmin Salazar on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT KRIS COREY

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Kris Corey, upon her retirement as Superintendent of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District after 38 years of

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service as an educator. Ms. Corey's steadfast advocacy for Solano County students and critical leadership have undeniably improved the lives of the County's students and teachers for the better.

After earning her bachelor's degree from Sioux College, Ms. Corey began teaching elementary school in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District in 1986. Throughout her eleven-year tenure as a teacher, she demonstrated a genuine commitment to ensuring all students have the resources necessary to reach their full potential.

Inspired by her experience in the classroom, Ms. Corey began serving as an assistant principal and, ultimately, as Superintendent of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. Over the course of her eleven years of service as Superintendent, Ms. Corey played a pivotal role in forming lasting partnerships with local community members and leaders throughout Solano County.

As Superintendent, Ms. Corey spearheaded efforts to break the cycle of poverty and ensure every student is career and college-ready upon graduation. She founded the Early College High School Program, expanded District Career Technical Education Programs, and introduced Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Recruitment Fairs.

Ms. Corey's critical efforts to support the students and teachers of Solano County earned her widespread recognition. She is a recipient of the 2022 National Green Ribbon School Award and in 2023, the Association of California School Administrators named her "Superintendent of the Year."

While her leadership as Superintendent will surely be missed, Ms. Corey's decades of service to the students of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District have left an indelible legacy. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms. Corey and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHANE FAIRFIELD

### HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Shane Fairfield, an incredible leader and educator from Michigan's Third Congressional District. I commend Shane Fairfield for his dedication and commitment to his players on the Muskegon High School football team. I would also like to congratulate him for being named the 2023 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year. His approach to coaching is inspiring and sets a wonderful example of what being an educator should look like.

The Detroit Lions Coach of the Year program selects its recipient from the large number of high school football coaches across Michigan. Due to the success of Coach Fairfield, Muskegon High School will receive a \$3,000 grant from the Detroit Lions and NFL Foundation. There is no doubt that Coach Fairfield is more than deserving of this recognition; he has secured a record of 154–29 as Muskegon's head coach during his 14 years of leadership to the team.

Beyond collecting an impressive number of wins, Coach Fairfield has also dedicated his

life to mentoring his players. Fairfield strives to serve as a role model and shape players' successes both on and off the field. His commitment to improving these young people's physical, mental, and emotional health has enacted long-lasting benefits in their lives. On behalf of myself and our proud West Michigan community, I applaud Shane Fairfield for the impact his leadership has had on the Muskegon student population and community.

#### RECOGNIZING EVAN YANG

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Evan Yang for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Evan has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Evan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Evan's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Evan Yang on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

#### CONGRATULATING THE ELIZABETHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM ON THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Elizabethtown High School Bowling Team on winning the Pennsylvania State High School Bowling Championship.

The nail biting, back and forth matchup was a hard-fought battle of skill, technique, and determination. The final few frames ended in a series of splits that drove up the anticipation in the alley. Finally, the Elizabethtown Bears were able to seal the deal by five pins.

Bowling requires a unique set of athletic capabilities and teamwork to strike your way to a victory.

The Elizabethtown Bowling Team should be extraordinarily proud of this success and all their accomplishments throughout the season.

I congratulate them on their State Championship victory and wish them all the best of luck in the future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 15, 2024, I was absent for several

votes due to a delayed flight. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following way: NAY on Roll Call No. 120, Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider H.R. 7888, the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 121, suspending the rules and agreeing to H.R. 6408, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations; and YEA on Roll Call No. 122, suspending the rules and agreeing to H.R. 5923, the Iran-China Energy Sanctions Act.

#### RECOGNIZING HANNAH KUNTZE

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hannah Kuntze for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Hannah has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Hannah, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Hannah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Hannah Kuntze on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

#### CONGRATULATING JAYLYNNE CALDERON-MONTERROSO, RECIPIENT OF THE GATES SCHOLARSHIP

### HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work of Jaylynn Calderon-Monterroso from Michigan's Third Congressional District. Jaylynn, a senior at Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy, is one of 750 high school students from across the country to receive the prestigious Gates Scholarship, which fully covers all educational expenses throughout recipients' undergraduate careers. This highly selective scholarship is awarded to minority students from low-income households, with 48 states being represented in this year's cohort.

Graduating with a 4.35 grade point average, Jaylynn has been a shining example of academic and merit based excellence for her West Michigan friends and colleagues. Along with being valedictorian and president of the senior executive board for University Preparatory Academy, she has also served on the Mayor's Youth Council and is a member of the National Honor Society.

When asked about Jaylynn, Principal Kenyatta Hill-Hall said, "I know that she's impacted our community and the Grand Rapids community, but I'm telling people they need to watch out, because this girl is going to impact

this world". And impact the world, she will. Jaylynn has been a fearless leader and advocate for her fellow students, initiating the creation of a mental health room at her high school that allows students and faculty to have a safe space to de-stress from school.

On behalf of myself and our proud West Michigan community, I applaud Jaylynn for her hard work and cheer her on as she embarks on her college career at the University of Notre Dame, studying pre-law and economics as a first-generation college student. There is no doubt that her future is bright and that she will go on to become an influential changemaker, making West Michigan proud.

RECOGNIZING HAILEY ALTOREI

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hailey Altorei for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Hailey has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Hailey, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Hailey's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Hailey Altorei on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CONGRATULATING TOM FANNING ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SOUTHERN COMPANY

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Tom Fanning on his retirement after more than four decades of service to Southern Company and its customers in my region.

Tom Fanning was named President of Southern Company in August of 2010, and assumed the additional roles of Chairman and CEO four months later. During his time at Southern Company, Tom held executive roles across various business disciplines, including finance, strategy, international business development, and technology. As President, Chairman, and CEO, he received numerous awards and accolades, including being named one of the most influential leaders in the energy industry in the past 25 years.

Under Tom's visionary leadership, Southern Company led the way in providing clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy to its customers. Tom's tenure was characterized by his boundless energy and his strong commitment to innovation and the development of new energy technologies to meet the challenges of the future. During his tenure, Southern achieved a number of remarkable milestones, most notably completion of the first new nu-

clear generation unit in the United States in three decades at Plant Vogtle in Georgia's 12th District.

Tom also became one of our country's leading voices in the area of cybersecurity. For nearly a decade, he served as co-chair of the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, which is the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power sector protecting the electric grid from threats. Fanning's leadership was recognized by the U.S. Senate in 2019 with an appointment to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, a group charged with developing a strategy to protect the cyberspace interests of the U.S. He was also appointed by the White House to serve as chairman of the advisory board to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with protecting the Nation's critical infrastructure from both cyber and physical threats.

Although he is stepping down from his role at Southern Company, I know Tom will continue to be active on the many issues about which he is passionate. I salute him for his extraordinary service, and I wish him and his family all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING NEVAEH CASTANEDA-HURTADO

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nevaeh Castaneda-Hurtado for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Nevaeh has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Nevaeh, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Nevaeh's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Nevaeh Castaneda-Hurtado on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEO WEEK

**HON. ERIN HOUCHIN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National PEO Week, which starts May 19 and ends May 25, 2024.

National PEO Week will celebrate the important contributions of the professional employer organization (PEO) industry, which provides payroll, employee benefits, compliance assistance, and HR services to hundreds of thousands of small and mid-sized businesses that employ more than 4.5 million people.

PEOs play a critical role in helping businesses grow and thrive, during good times

and bad. PEOs help their small business clients grow 7-9 percent faster, have employee turnover that is 10-14 percent lower, and are 50 percent less likely to go out of business than businesses that do not use a PEO.

PEOs help small businesses improve productivity and profitability and focus on their core mission. Through a PEO, the employees of small businesses gain access to important employee benefits such as: 401(k) plans; health, dental, life, and other insurance; dependent care; and other benefits they might not typically receive as employees of a small company.

I know the value that PEOs provide. Before coming to Congress, I worked for a PEO and witnessed the positive impact they had on small businesses in my home state of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the PEO industry for all they do to help our Nation's small businesses and their employees prosper.

RECOGNIZING VERLA THOMAS GETTING HER FATHER A PURPLE HEART MEDAL 100 YEARS AFTER HE WAS WOUNDED IN WWI

**HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commitment of my constituent Verla Thomas in getting her father, the late Corporal George Wills of Spring Lake, a Purple Heart medal over 100 years after he was shot and wounded in World War I. I also commend Dr. Chris Petras for his continued research and efforts to help West Michiganders secure such medals from the Army.

Dr. Chris Petras has dedicated much of his time to researching Company F Grand Haven WWI soldiers. His work has led to 20 Purple Hearts being awarded to veterans, a feat that deserves recognition and applause. As a member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 28 Grand Haven, Dr. Petras got his start in 2019 when he sought out to learn more about a significant figure in the post, Charles A. Conklin. After digging through National Archives documents, military documents, and numerous publications, he sent over the information he found for review to the U.S. Army who then affirmed Conklin's eligibility for the Purple Heart. Dr. Chris Petras' determination in ensuring these soldiers are recognized for their sacrifice and service is truly admirable.

I had the great honor of working alongside Dr. Petras to help Verla Thomas acquire the posthumous Purple Heart medal and WWI Victory medal for her father's service. Several members of the military, veterans, and local residents attended the award ceremony in honor of her father's legacy. It was a truly touching moment to present Verla with these awards. She serves as an inspiration for my team and our district as we seek to give others the recognition they deserve.

RECOGNIZING NOAH COX

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Noah Cox for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Noah has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Noah, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Noah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Noah Cox on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call No. 116 on April 12, 2024. Had I been present, my vote would have been Nay.

COMMEMORATING GRAND RIVER PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR WINNING AP PROGRAM AWARDS

**HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the excellence of Grand River Preparatory, a High School of Michigan's Third Congressional District. I commend the faculty at this high school for their dedication, perseverance, and performance. They were recently awarded with the 2023 AP Honor Roll Platinum Award and the 2023 AP Access Award for their ability to go above and beyond in making college preparatory resources accessible to students.

These awards are given to schools in which the percentage of underrepresented and low-income students involved with the school's AP Program is the same or greater than the percentage of underrepresented students in the school's graduating class. In 2023, over 4,000 schools participated in the consideration of this award. On behalf of myself and our West Michigan community, I applaud Grand River Preparatory for becoming the only high school in Michigan to achieve this major accomplishment.

The Grand River Preparatory High School has been a constant example of excellence by outperforming peers in surrounding schools by 3.5 months each year, according to research done by Stanford University. The school's teachers, students and employees have worked tirelessly to assure that all students can pursue their dreams in an equitable way.

Mr. Speaker, once more I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Grand River Preparatory High School. There is no doubt that these young students have a prosperous future ahead of them.

RECOGNIZING GABRIEL SANCHEZ

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabriel Sanchez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Gabriel has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Gabriel, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Gabriel's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Gabriel Sanchez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

OPPOSING H.R. 6603 AND H.R. 5826

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise concerning my votes on H.R. 6603 and H.R. 5826 on April 16, 2024.

With regard to H.R. 6603, I fully support the use of the Foreign Direct Product Rule to restrict Iran's ability to develop weapons technologies, especially technologies used by Iran for its April 2024 attack on Israel. However, H.R. 6603 would represent a counterproductive restriction of the flexibility that has enabled the Commerce Department to effectively restrict Iran's access to materials and technology that can be used to produce drones and missiles. While I have no concerns about expanding the application of the Foreign Direct Product Rule to include the additional categories enumerated within the bill, I believe this expansion must be done in coordination with U.S. partners to avoid creating an outcome that hurts our allies without addressing Iranian proliferation. This bill would threaten relationships with key partners, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and others that have allowed the United States to effectively counter malign actions by the Iranian government and I voted no as a result.

With regard to H.R. 5826, I voted no out of concern that Section 8 of the bill could result in reciprocal actions from Iran to restrict the travel of Iranians to the United States—preventing asylum-seekers and others from escaping Iran's authoritarian government. The bill would additionally prevent thousands of Iranian Americans from being able to visit family in Iran and similarly restrict visas by journalists, educators, and other visitors who contribute to positive connections between the people of Iran and the outside world. I also

oppose provisions in Section 6 of H.R. 5826 that would break with decades of diplomatic precedent and undermine U.S. capacity to negotiate with Iran by restricting how Iranian government officials can travel to the United States to attend meetings at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

HONORING KARL KREISER FOR 28 YEARS OF COACHING AT COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Karl Kreiser on his retirement after serving as a coach to Columbia High School Basketball for 28 years.

Karl served a total of seventeen years as the Girls Varsity Head Coach, while also coaching the varsity boys' team for four years and acting as the skipper for the boys' junior high team for an additional seven years.

Karl followed in the footsteps of his father, Elmer Kreiser, the Columbia Boys Basketball Coaching legend who established the program's legacy across the Commonwealth.

Respected on and off the court, Karl's coaching was defined by his mentorship. The focal point of his leadership was ensuring his players knew the importance of giving back to the people in the community.

The legacy of Coach Karl Kreiser is displayed all around the Crimson Tide gymnasium in the form of banners and trophies adorning the walls. Over his nearly three decades of coaching, Karl won 431 games. In his last four seasons with the Girls Varsity Team, Columbia won three section crowns, a league title, while making it to four district championships, and three state playoffs.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Coach Karl Kreiser on a remarkable career and wish him well as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING ADRIIONNA HIGUERA MARTINEZ

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adrionna Higuera Martinez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Adrionna has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Adrionna, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Adrionna's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Adrionna Higuera Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TENNYSON CENTER FOR CHILDREN

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the Tennyson Center for Children in Denver, Colorado.

Established in 1904, Tennyson Center for Children has been committed to serving Colorado's most neglected and abused children.

Their high-quality programs have changed lives and led to successful outcomes for many of those who use their services. Supporting at-risk youth and keeping families together helps to secure bright futures for children and puts them on a path to success, and Tennyson has worked to support families across Colorado.

Ninety-one percent of the children who rely on Tennyson services have experienced trauma, neglect, or abuse. To address the complex needs of this population, Tennyson offers a breadth of services, including child and family therapy, parenting support, behavior management, education support, and childcare.

Thanks to these services, 98 percent of families who sought assistance at Tennyson stayed together.

In 2023, I worked with Tennyson to secure federal funding to assist in the construction of the mental health residential treatment center.

This center focuses on the urgent and unmet mental health needs of vulnerable, low-income children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The new center will help Tennyson better serve vulnerable youth in our communities by increasing access to essential mental health treatment.

I look forward to our continued partnership to ensure Tennyson can continue to provide life-changing care to those most at risk of abuse and trauma.

One hundred and twenty-nine years of service to Colorado is a tremendous accomplishment, and I congratulate the entire staff at Tennyson on achieving this milestone. Tennyson Center for Children is a fixture of our community, and I am honored to recognize its 120th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL "EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY"

**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the significance and importance of Education

and Sharing Day, a commemoration in honor of The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, and the values of education and moral cultivation for which he stood.

The Rebbe emphasized the significance of moral and ethical education as the foundation of humanity and an essential characteristic of a thriving society. Throughout his lifetime, his work cultivated hope for a brighter future through the establishment of more than 6,000 educational and social institutions across all 50 states and in 100 countries spanning six continents.

Over the last four decades, the U.S. Congress has set aside "Education and Sharing Day," and the recognition is proclaimed annually by presiding U.S. presidents on the anniversary of the Rebbe's birth, in honor of his commitment to teaching the next generation of Americans the values that make our country strong. Remembering the Rebbe's message of education and contribution to society, Education and Sharing Day provides the opportunity to recognize our responsibility in ensuring that our Nation's youth have the tools to live a life of purpose and fulfillment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating April 19, 2024 as Education and Sharing Day, to honor the birthday of Rabbi Schneerson.

RECOGNIZING KIMO BULL

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kimo Bull for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Kimo has overcome many challenges along their journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Kimo, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kimo's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Kimo Bull on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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 com-

mittees, 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, April 18, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 1

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 616, to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act to provide for the transfer of additional Federal land to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, S. 2868, to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community, S. 3022, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow Indian Health Service scholarship and loan recipients to fulfill service obligations through half-time clinical practice, H.R. 1240, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 465, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and S. 2695, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities.

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MAY 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of the Interior.

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