

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MACKENZI DURANT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mackenzi Durant for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Mackenzi 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 Mackenzi, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Mackenzi's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT SHANNAN SORRELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Shannan Sorrell of Highland Village, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Shannan served as my Chief of Staff, and she has dedicated herself to faithfully serving our community.

Shannan was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and grew up in San Diego, California. She graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in public relations, where she played college volleyball. Shannan later earned her master's degree in public policy from San Diego State University. She began her professional career as a staff assistant for her local health and human services department and worked her way up to become the Chief of Staff for the County of San Diego. In July 1996, Shannan married the love of her life, Greg. Together, they raised two wonderful kids, Haley and Cade.

For over 25 years, Shannan worked in politics and helped fundraise for campaigns, elect candidates, and encourage community members to be more involved in the political process. She served as the Executive Director for the Denton County Republican Party while teaching American Government at North Central Texas College. From 2014 to 2021, Shannan served as my Chief of Staff during my tenure in the Texas House and Senate. I witnessed firsthand her hard work and commitment to serve all Texans. As such, I asked Shannan to continue her public service under my leadership when I was first elected to Congress. Thankfully, she accepted, and I couldn't

have made a better decision. Shannan has been a fantastic leader who is passionate about civic engagement, community service, and delivering results for the people of Texas's 4th congressional district. In her free time, she enjoys long distance running and traveling to Cabo San Lucas and Catalina Island. I know Shannan will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us, and I wish her all the best.

It is an honor to bestow Shannan with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

TRIBUTE TO FRED DAVIS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend, colleague, and former student, the gentleman Fred Davis. I have known Fred since he was a teenager at the school where both my wife and I taught and where Fred attended. Fred was a gentleman then and remained a gentleman until a few days ago when the Lord came and called him home to be at peace and at rest.

Coming into contact with Fred after many years, I was delighted to know he was a church-going businessman, a doting father, a loving son who visited with his mother almost every day, and one who was always advocating for something or trying to help somebody with a problem.

Fred, along with a group of retired individuals, adopted Wallace's Catfish Restaurant as their meeting place, and it became their social center where they ate lunch, talked politics, and gossiped. Harry Reese, who had worked with me forever, decided to quit, retire, or no longer work. He was certainly old enough. Fred approached me and stated that Reese was retiring, and Fred would like to have his job. I said OK, and Fred worked with me since.

Fred was as solid as a rock—never late, always ready to roll. Rain or shine, sleet or snow, Fred was already ready to go. Sometimes, Fred would get a telephone call as we pulled off. He would say, "that's Momma. She wants to know how you're doing." I'd respond, "Tell her that I am doing fine." Then we'd be on our way together.

Good day to Fred. We're still on our way.

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in favor of the Senate Amendment to H.R.

3935—the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024—because in addition to creating a safer, cleaner, greener, and more accessible U.S. aviation system, it addresses our country's dire air traffic controller staffing situation and still allows a ban on the sale of harmful leaded aviation fuel (avgas) to remain in effect for Santa Clara County-owned airports.

I have been working with local leaders to protect East San Jose families from lead poisoning and, at times, we have run into obstacles. For example, in prior years and iterations of the FAA reauthorization legislation, more stringent requirements to sell leaded avgas have unfortunately been included in bill text. I am pleased this year is different. Additionally, this year's bill directs the FAA to plan for the safe elimination of leaded avgas by 2030 in the continental United States and gives airports throughout the country an opportunity to begin their transitions to an unleaded fuel future. While I would prefer a full national leaded avgas ban, I can in good conscience vote for this reauthorization bill because it takes steps in the right direction when it comes to the dangerous pollutant impacting children and families living near small airports.

RECOGNIZING ELISABETH EVANS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elisabeth Evans for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Elisabeth 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 Elisabeth, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Elisabeth's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today marks a significant milestone in our Nation's history as we gather to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. This historic Supreme Court decision was the first step towards ending segregation in our education system, opening doors long closed to Black Americans.

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In my hometown of Bolton, Mississippi, I witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of desegregation. Yet, our journey toward equality did not end there. Cases like *Norwood v. Harrison* in 1973 highlighted the ongoing struggle for equal access to quality education, underscoring the disparities that persisted even after legal segregation was supposedly outlawed.

As we reflect on this anniversary, let us not forget the continuing effort towards true integration and equality. Despite the Court's ruling, many southern schools stubbornly resisted desegregation. To push for change, we had to push for changes in the law, and legal battles still had to be fought. I will never forget the courageous acts around the country, like from the students of Leland High School in Leland, Mississippi.

Even today, the fight for equal education continues. In 2017, the battle for equality in Mississippi was exemplified by the struggles of East Side High School, formally known as Cleveland Colored Consolidated High and Cleveland Central High School, illustrating that the journey toward educational equity is far from over.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the 70th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, let us recommit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and equality in education. Let's work together to build a future where every child, regardless of race or background, has the opportunity to fulfill their potential through education.

**HONORING CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER LEE R. BOWDEN**

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible warfighter and patriot, Chief Warrant Officer Lee R. Bowden of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, who recently was recognized as the 2023 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician of the Year. Officer Bowden has been a faithful servant to the Marine Corps and this Nation for nearly 20 years since enlisting as a recruit in 2004 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina.

Officer Bowden has had a distinguished military career that is second to none. He achieved the distinction of being the honor graduate in many of his military education courses, including Maintenance Management, EOD Basic School, EOD Supervisor Course, EOD Officer Course, and Warrant Officer Basic Course. In 2011, Officer Bowden was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and helped protect our warfighters from improvised explosive devices, unexploded explosive ordnance, and other war relics. He was also deployed to Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base in Romania to provide EOD force protection to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, and partner nations during warfighting exercises.

After a few deployments, Officer Bowden used his talents and expertise to teach young soldiers about the importance of EOD. In June 2015, Officer Bowden reported to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in 29 Palms, California, and served as the primary instruc-

tor for the EOD Supervisors Course. He was recognized as the 2016 Air Control Training Squadron Basic Instructor of the Year. Officer Bowden, in his last deployment in 2021 to Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, helped protect American citizens and innocent Afghan civilians from the harmful remnants of war.

Officer Bowden has received many awards for his excellent service, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Master EOD Breast Insignia, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. I have no doubt that his dedication to the EOD field has saved countless lives here and around the world. In an increasingly bellicose and belligerent world, we desperately need leaders like Officer Bowden, who are experts in their fields. I am confident that the next generation of EOD technicians and warfighters will be well prepared with Officer Bowden at the helm. I am honored to have the opportunity to extend this chamber's recognition of this admirable defender of our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM KREIDER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Kreider for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

William 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 William, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to William's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

**HONORING CBP'S FALLEN AGENTS,
OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES**

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the personnel of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). CBP's mission is broad and diverse. The more than 60,000 men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between the ports of entry. They protect Americans against terrorists and the instruments of terror. They enforce our laws and help boost our economic security and prosperity by facilitating trade and travel. While the roles they play each day may differ, the men and women of CBP share one common goal: to keep our country a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive. In this role, CBP employees provide selfless service to our country, and they do so with honor and distinction. They put their uniforms on every day and kiss their

families goodbye, not sure of what the next shift will bring. Sadly, some do not return home. Today, I wish to pay tribute to the agents, officers, and employees who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation. Today, we commemorate these brave men and women, celebrate their lives, and offer their families and loved ones our continued support. They have earned the respect and appreciation of a grateful Nation. I include in the RECORD a list of fallen agents, officers, and employees:

James P. Epling, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/16/2003.

Travis W. Attaway, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/19/2004.

Jeremy M. Wilson, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/19/2004.

George B. DeBates, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/19/2004.

Nicholas D. Greenig, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/14/2006.

David N. Webb, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/3/2006.

Ramon Nevarez, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/15/2007.

David J. Tourscher, Border Patrol Agent Trainee, End of Watch: 3/16/2007.

Clinton B. Thrasher, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 4/25/2007.

Richard M. Goldstein, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/11/2007.

Robert F. Smith, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 5/22/2007.

Eric N. Cabral, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/26/2007.

Julio E. Baray, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 9/24/2007.

Luis A. Aguilar, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 1/19/2008.

Jarod C. Dittman, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/30/2008.

Nathaniel A. Afolayan, Border Patrol Agent Intern, End of Watch: 5/1/2009.

Cruz C. McGuire, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/21/2009.

Robert W. Rosas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/23/2009.

Mark F. Van Doren, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/24/2010.

Charles F. Collins, II, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/15/2010.

Michael V. Gallagher, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/2/2010.

John R. Zykas, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 9/8/2010.

Brian A. Terry, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/15/2010.

Hector W. Clark, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/12/2011.

Eduardo Rojas, Jr., Lead Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/12/2011.

Leopoldo Cavazos, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/6/2012.

James R. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/19/2012.

James S. Litz, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 9/7/2012.

Jeffrey Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/15/2012.

Nicholas J. Ivie, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 10/2/2012.

David R. Delaney, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/2/2012.

Darrell J. Windhaus, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/29/2013.

Alexander I. Giannini, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/28/2014.

Javier Vega, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/3/2014.
 Tyler R. Robledo, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/12/2014.
 Jose D. Barraza, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 4/18/2016.
 Manuel A. Alvarez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/11/2016.
 David Gomez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/16/2016.
 Edgard Garcia, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/5/2017.
 Isaac Morales, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/24/2017.
 Rogelio Martinez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/19/2017.
 Christopher T. Bacon, Collections Operations Manager, End of Watch: 6/7/2018.
 Donna M. Doss, Border Patrol Resident Agent, End of Watch: 2/2/2019.
 Robert M. Hotten, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 10/6/2019.
 Wolf Valmond, CBP Officer Trainee, End of Watch: 12/15/2019.
 Luis O. Peña, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/23/2019.
 Van M. Dong, CBP Technician, End of Watch: 4/1/2020.
 Richard G. McCoy, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/2/2020.
 Omar E. Palmer, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/4/2020.
 James Taylor, CBP Field Technology Officer, End of Watch: 5/8/2020.
 Ching Kok Yan, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/16/2020.
 Johan S. Mordan, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 6/12/2020.
 Alfonso Murrieta, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 7/9/2020.
 Enrique J. Rositas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/11/2020.
 Roel De La Fuente, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 7/13/2020.
 Agustin Aguilar, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/25/2020.
 Marco A. Gonzales, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/5/2020.
 Lucas Saucedo, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/21/2020.
 Carlo Cayabyab, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 9/16/2020.
 Domingo Jasso, III, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 11/5/2020.
 Christopher D. Carney, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 11/16/2020.
 Richard Rios, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/2/2020.
 Jose A. Santana, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/2/2020.
 Juan Ollervidez, III, CBP Agriculture Specialist, End of Watch: 12/16/2020.
 Denis Jasper Wells, Facility Operations Specialist, End of Watch: 12/17/2020.
 Andrew R. Bouchard, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/19/2020.
 Troy A. Adkins, CBP Canine Enforcement Officer, End of Watch: 12/31/2020.
 Byron D. Shields, Supervisory CBP Officer, End of Watch: 1/20/2021.
 Beverly Good, Director of Field Operations, End of Watch: 1/28/2021.
 Robert Allan Mayer, Jr., Special Agent, End of Watch: 1/30/2021.
 Rodolfo Morales, Jr., Maintenance Mechanic, End of Watch: 2/5/2021.
 Cesar Sibonga, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 2/7/2021.

Genato Guerrero, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 2/15/2021.
 Carlos C. Mendoza, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 2/24/2021.
 Crispin San Jose, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 3/9/2021.
 Alejandro Flores-Bañuelos, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/15/2021.
 Christopher Shane Simpkins, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 4/12/2021.
 Mario C. Di Chiara, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 4/28/2021.
 Freddie Vasquez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/8/2021.
 Juan M. Urrutia, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/28/2021.
 Ruben Facio, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 7/17/2021.
 Daniel P. Cox, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/31/2021.
 Edgardo Acosta-Feliciano, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/31/2021.
 Ricardo Zarate, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/16/2021.
 Yokemia L. Conyers, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/18/2021.
 Monica J. Riola, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/20/2021.
 Erik J. Skelton, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/24/2021.
 Chad E. McBroom, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/29/2021.
 Francisco V. Tomas, CBP Technician, End of Watch: 9/1/2021.
 David B. Saavedra, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 9/2/2021.
 Luis H. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/23/2021.
 David B. Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent—Intelligence, End of Watch: 9/26/2021.
 Alfredo M. Ibarra, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/27/2021.
 Victor J. Donate, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 10/7/2021.
 David H. Gray, Enforcement Analysis Specialist, End of Watch: 10/8/2021.
 Scott D. Ritchey, Deputy Director, Air Operations, End of Watch: 10/9/2021.
 Rafael G. Sanchez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 10/24/2021.
 Matthew L. Lyons, Port Director, End of Watch: 10/28/2021.
 Anibal A. Perez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/5/2021.
 Kenneth MacCallum, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 11/26/2021.
 Martin Barrios, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/29/2021.
 Salvador Martinez Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/30/2021.
 Jeffrey P. DeLa Cruz, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/23/2021.
 Brian L. Vogel, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/30/2021.
 Bruce R. Eckhoff, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 1/5/2022.
 Daniel H. Salazar, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/13/2022.
 Cody A. Olafson, CBP Officer Trainee, End of Watch: 5/20/2022.
 Jorge A. Arias, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 10/19/2022.
 Michel O. Maceda, Marine Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 11/17/2022.
 Raul H. Gonzalez Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/7/2022.
 Jacqueline M. Montanaro, Supervisory CBP Officer, End of Watch: 1/14/2023.

Esteban G. Peña, Aviation Enforcement Agent, End of Watch: 4/15/2023.

Anna M. Burakowski, CBP Agriculture Specialist, End of Watch: 7/24/2023.

Freddy Ortiz, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/14/2023.

RECOGNIZING MR. RAY MISH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Ray Mish, who passed away on April 3, 2024. Mr. Mish was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on April 24, 1924. He was raised by his grandmother and two aunts, who became his caregivers after being separated from his parents. He received his first ten years of education in a parochial school and finished high school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Mish's passion for the funeral industry started at a young age, when he worked as a sidewalk sweeper for a funeral home. At the age of 15, Mr. Mish began working for the funeral home until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, when he was 17. He served in World War II and was later honorably discharged in Fort Devens, Massachusetts, due to an injury he sustained during his service.

After his service, Mr. Mish moved to California to further his education. He earned a business degree with a minor in advertising, and later obtained a degree in Mortuary Science from the California Mortuary Science College in Los Angeles. After receiving his degree, he became a Licensed Funeral Director in the state of California. In 1947, Mr. Mish settled in Bakersfield and began working for two local mortuaries. He married Betty, his high school sweetheart, in 1951, and together they raised two children. In 1960, Mr. Mish and his family purchased a vacant building in Oildale. They used this space to open their own funeral business, Mish Funeral Home—Oildale. His mission was to ensure that every family who visited the funeral home was treated with compassion, respect, and honesty—making sure that financial constraints did not hinder a family's ability to honor their loved ones. Today, Mish Funeral Home—Oildale remains dedicated to this mission.

In addition to managing the family funeral home, Mr. Mish made many significant contributions to the Kern County community. As a veteran of World War II, Mr. Mish helped form an Honor Guard through the American Legion, which he was also a proud member of. He led the first volunteer Veterans Honor Guard in Kern County along with the Legion Secretary and twelve other legion members. Additionally, Mr. Mish was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Church, as well as numerous clubs including Kiwanis Club of Oildale, Lions Club of Bakersfield, Elks No. 266, and North Bakersfield Rotary. Mr. Mish's service to our country and commitment to the Kern County community will always be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mr. Ray Mish.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF 2024 BROWARD LEAGUE OF
CITIES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
MAYA GORDON

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Maya Gordon, a recipient of the prestigious 2024 Broward League of Cities Scholarship. This honor is awarded to Broward County's most ambitious and accoladed students who aspire to attain a career contributing to municipal government.

Maya plans to attend Florida State University to pursue a degree in political science after she graduates from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. She has worked diligently to serve her community, completing over 2,190 documented service hours. She served as Vice Chair of the Broward County Public Schools Human Relations Committee, and her dedication to her community can also be seen through her nomination for the Miami Herald Silver Knight Award, an honor reserved for high school seniors who are not only academically adept but also notable contributors towards their community.

Maya's intellectual prowess has been demonstrated through her achievements, including being a National Speech and Debate Association Academic All-American qualifier and receiving the AP Scholar Award. Her dedication to the field of science is evident from her title as an Experimental Science Honors Student of Excellence. Maya's future plans are equally impressive. She aspires to a career in public office, where she can use her talents and energy to implement policies and programs that promote equity and justice.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you to join me in acknowledging Ms. Maya Gordon's outstanding achievements and significant contributions to her community.

RECOGNIZING ZACHARY COCHRAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zachary Cochran for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Zachary 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 Zachary, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Zachary's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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HONORING NORA KHALIL'S
SERVICE TO AMERICA

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Nora Khalil, who is retiring from government service, having served our country in both the public and private sectors for more than 30 years.

Nora's departure from the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee is a bittersweet one. Although I have only had the privilege to work with Nora for a little over a year, I can confidently say we would not have been as successful, particularly on civil nuclear and the nuclear weapons program, without the expertise and determination Nora brought to the team every day.

Nora's extensive career started in the House where she worked her way up to serve as Legislative Director to former Chairman Ron Packard of the Energy and Water Subcommittee as well as the Chairwoman Emeritus KAY GRANGER. After nearly a decade in the House, Nora transitioned to the private sector before working on the Executive Branch side. Over the course of a decade, Nora worked on nearly every nuclear-related function in government, including Naval Reactors, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and the National Nuclear Security Administration. In 2020, Nora returned to Congress, this time serving on Senate Energy and Water Appropriations, where she rose to become its clerk. Then last year, Nora brought her deep expertise and experience to my subcommittee. She was an incredible asset to the team and an essential contributor to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill that was passed just a couple of months ago.

I feel very lucky to have been able to work with Nora and I am proud of what we accomplished together. I am happy Nora will be rewarded with some much-deserved free time with her family.

I know I am speaking for myself, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the entire nuclear enterprise when I express my utmost appreciation for Nora's dedicated service to the American people.

RECOGNIZING MARIE SILVESTRI'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marie Silvestri, a remarkable person who is about to celebrate her 100th birthday. Marie was born on May 17, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York, to Maria and Leonardo Restivo, immigrants from Sicily, Italy.

Marie met her husband, Maurice, who was best friends with her brother, in her mother's kitchen. Maurice served in Europe during World War II, and he joined the NYPD upon his return. Marie and Maurice were married in 1949 until he passed away in 2009, just short of their 60th anniversary. They had 3 daughters.

In 1962, Marie and Maurice moved their family from Brooklyn to Mahopac, New York, where, together, they opened a successful real estate and insurance brokerage firm, Fawn Agency, serving Putnam and Westchester counties in New York. She went on to serve as a sales director for Robert Martin Corporation, a large land and housing developer, in White Plains, New York. After retirement in the 1970s, they resided in New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Englewood, Florida.

In addition to her 3 daughters, Marie is the proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. They are the light of her life, and they adore her. Marie also likes to read and play cards, and she lives an independent lifestyle despite her age. She is an inspiration to all who know her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations, sincere well-wishes, and all of God's Blessings to Marie Silvestri on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

HONORING THE NATIONAL NURSES
HONOR GUARD COALITION AND
ITS FOUNDER MS. JULIA GODBY-
MURRAY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition and its visionary founder and president, Julia Godby-Murray, RN.

Since its inception in 2011, the Coalition has emerged as a pillar of compassion, dedicated to honoring the memory of nurses who have passed away and providing solace to grieving families in Michigan and across the country.

The organization takes its inspiration from the military honor guards that pay respects at funerals for military members and veterans, police officers or firefighters. In traditional white nursing uniforms with blue and red capes, they attend funerals of their nursing colleagues, pay homage and offer comfort to families in their time of deepest sorrow.

Julia, a native of East Lansing, Michigan, who now lives in nearby Dimondale, was inspired by groups in Kansas and the Detroit area that attended the funerals of nurses, and saw the need to bring the idea to the entire country. Under her leadership, the Coalition has flourished, growing to over 250 groups nationwide. With each ceremony, they reaffirm a profession defined by kindness and empathy, and acknowledge those who have devoted their lives to caring for others.

These ceremonies also serve as a restorative experience for the members of Nurses Honor Guard themselves. In the face of the immense challenges and demands of their profession, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic when nurses risked then lives to continue caring for their patients, these services remind nurses and their communities of their courage and determination.

As we reflect on the profound impact of the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition, let us commit to honoring the memory of fallen nurses, supporting grieving families, and protecting the pride and dignity of the nursing

profession. With abiding gratitude, it is my honor to recognize Ms. Godby-Murray's leadership and the exemplary service of the Coalition and its members here in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING SABRINA JENNINGS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sabrina Jennings for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Sabrina 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 Sabrina, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Sabrina's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

ISRAEL AT 76

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

At its 76th anniversary, the State of Israel, the Middle East's only democracy and America's staunch ally, has been plunged into a national trauma given the unfathomable October 7th massacres by Hamas, Iran's radical proxy, rivaling Nazis, al-Qaida, ISIS and the likes' inhuman conduct with revolting sexual violence aimed at enraging and destabilizing Israel's psychological well-being. In 2006 Gaza's population callously elected terrorist Hamas, America's avowed adversary, rejecting international norms and Judeo-Christian values. Those were the last elections held in Gaza. Hamas triggered the current Gaza War bringing much suffering on their own oppressed Palestinians as well as the Israeli neighbors who benefitted them. Incredulously, majority of Palestinians yet uphold Hamas and the October 7th vile assaults.

The ensuing existential threats to Israel's very security and essential deterrence, followed years of rockets' bombardments that no nation would have tolerated. The world's only Jewish entity and ironically a nuclear power, experienced a described 9/11 tragedy, the darkest day since its 1948 establishment, a second Independence War, and a page taken from the Holocaust's unsettling lexicon. Israel was forced to mobilize 350,000 civilian reservists while handling the trying dislocation of thousands of Israelis from the country's invaded south as well as the heated up north where Hezbollah, the other Iranian and even more toxic proxy, disallows normal living with its constant shelling from Lebanon.

Uprooting unrelenting Hamas from ruling Gaza which Israel is rightfully insisting

upon, is exacerbated by dense urban terrain and a system of unparalleled tunnels, all shielding an enemy with hellish treatment of torturing and murdering hostages of all ages, including American citizens, with many still captive without Red Cross visitation. The terrorists use hospitals, schools and mosques as launching pads with shocking impunity and a duplicitous United Nations. This mega eruption affecting the entire region and beyond is directly tied to the growing relationship between Israel and the Sunni Arab world with the near historic alliance between Israel and Saudi Arabia that belligerent Iran is seeking to forestall. A game changer is the April 14th massive air onslaught including over 100 ballistic missiles, though thwarted, exposing Iran's intent to destroy the Jewish state. Israel's limited response did however send a powerful message of penetrating so close to Iran's threatening nuclear facilities. The essential American support for Israel benefits both allies, protecting the entire world.

The provoked Gaza War increased Israel's familial bonding with American Jewry, the largest Jewish diaspora, which Jews at large have faced since October 7th an alarming rise of antisemitism, repugnantly visible on American campuses. Dr. Rabbi Daniel Gordis' recent book, *Impossible Takes Longer* (New York: HarperCollins Publishers 2023), written for Israel's 75th anniversary, lays bare Israel's astonishing progress along with challenges in light of promises and premises of Israel's May 14, 1948, Declaration of Independence.

The author asserts, "Today, one needs to exert considerable effort to recall the world as it was only recently precisely because Israel's mere existence not only has fulfilled the promise to afford Jews security and an end to heartbreak but has been successful far beyond what Herzl (Israel's founding visionary) and his compatriots could have dared imagine." Thus, reflecting Israel's foremost asset as a safe haven to a long-suffering people at the mercy of others, finally seizing an historic opportunity to radically alter as treacherous trajectory. Notwithstanding October 7th shaking aberration catching Israel so agonizingly off guard, just as the 1973 Yom Kippur War did fifty years earlier.

Gordis ponders since a "new Jew" arose with Israel's establishment, will Israeli society be one "based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel," so stated its Declaration of Independence. I believe that Israel's under duress remarkable accomplishments, along with world's leader in non-profits, are admirable though lofty Jewish aspirations face a regressive Middle East, and an Israel with unresolved core issues of Judaism's intersection with democracy, calling for a needed guiding constitution. Clearly, Israel spearheads the indispensable defense of the West and its civilization which the Jewish people mightily gifted.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach, and son of Polish Holocaust survivors. He is Kazakhstan's only born Rabbi (1945) and grew up in Haifa, Israel.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who

traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 15, 2024, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 15 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

Vincent M. Alcalá, John J. Alongi, Richard G. Barberio, Michael I. Barbour, Francis J. Bomher, Robert L. Booker, William J. Campbell, Robert Carnagey, Louis A. Cella, George R. Clifton, Frank R. Coleman, Jerome P. Cooney, Larry Cowherd, Billy M. Crowe, Thomas J. Cushing, Thomas W. Davidson, Willie J. Davis, Robert P. Dean, Donald A. DeFrance, John DeMarte, Gregory J. Dittmore, Lawrence R. Dittoe, Michael F. Donovan, David A. Downey, Robert R. Doyle, James R. Duhig, Glenn J. Dunkel, Jack L. Gallaway, Edward W.P. Garner, Robert W. Gatenby, Rodney R. Gatenby, Joseph Hanek, Steven F. Hardenbergh, Ronald R. Hartman, John A. Heatley, John W. Hodgson, William J. Holic, Jr., Joseph M. Hook, Richard A. Howes, James J. Ervin, Edward S. Janka, John E. Janssen, Robert C. Jensen, Gregory L. Johns, Terrance L. Kauffman, James H. Kelley, Paul E. Kincaid, Paul J. Kraskiewicz, Donald F. Kraus, Frank S. Kresica, Lawrence S. Kuzlik, Francis J. Labayen, Alex J. Labelle, Martin L. Labelle, Gilberto Lassus, Bobby Ray Lathan, Sr., Joseph L. Legenza, David R. LeVally, Robert J. Lindsay, Stephen W. MacCabe, Charles A. Major, Thomas M. Malec, Timothy K. McNulty, Robert A. Mika, Dennis J. Mitzner, Roger D. Morrison, Richard B. Narug, William I. Naughton, Donald Neri, Thomas P. O'Keefe, Jose E. Olvera, Candelaro G. Olvera, Donald L. Packard, John V. Palmisano, Diana L. Payne, Vincenzo Picciola, Lawrence E. Pike, Thomas E. Pinner, Adam R. Plunge, Joseph D. Porcelli, Lynn R. Powell, Robert L. Pryde, Robert W. Reichert, Richard J. Rickey, John R. Ryan, Jr., James W. Sandstrom, Thomas M. Santoro, James R. Schafer, Bradley A. Schroeder, David W. Senneke, Richard J. Shannon, Thomas R. Sieloff, John T. Sillitti, Paul W. Soukup, Harold D. Stacy, Kenneth H. Stahl, Dennis K. Sullivan, Dwayne A. Sullivan, Arthur C. Talbot, Donald R. Tenclinger, Mark D. Teune, Charles E. Toberman, Robert T. Toth, Stephen A. Triplett, Sr., Kenneth A. Tucker, James J. Vertucci, Ronald E. Vlcek, Andrew J. Vlietstra, Terry L. Vogt, Jeffery A. Waldrop, Michael D. Washington, Joseph D. West, David R. Wilson III, Richard S. Zidrich, Thomas J. Zito.

HONORING FRANK SETNICKY'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, Jr.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Setnick's 40 years of service.

Frank Setnick is a well-respected professional who has dedicated his life to serving his community and educating peers in patient cares for decades. Frank has been a volunteer with the South Branch Emergency Services as an emergency medical technician for 40 years, and as a chief for more than 30 of those years. In the fall of 2021, Frank retired from his full-time position, but continued his volunteer service in Clinton.

Congratulations to Frank. I thank him for serving the Clinton community and wish him continued success.

RECOGNIZING DEVANZO "DE" BAILEY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Devanzo "De" Bailey for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

De 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 De, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to De's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Devanzo "De" Bailey on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present to vote on May 14, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YES on Roll Call No. 196, and YES on Roll Call No. 197.

RECOGNIZING IgA NEPHROPATHY AWARENESS DAY

HON. MICHELLE STEEL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

IgA Nephropathy is a condition in which an abnormal build-up of a protein called

immunoglobulin A (IgA) causes the immune system to attack the kidneys, often leading to kidney damage and failure. The deposits of IgA cause a breakdown of the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidney, known as the glomeruli. Genetic factors play a role in this condition, and unfortunately it usually affects people in their 20s and 30s—often right when they want to make decisions on starting a family.

Tragically, according to the IgA Nephropathy Foundation, as many as half of those affected by IgA Nephropathy will develop end-stage kidney disease and eventually require dialysis or a kidney transplant. Sadly, IgA Nephropathy can recur in the transplanted kidney, and after a period of increased quality of life, families find themselves in yet another familiar battle.

IgAN is the most common form of glomerulonephritis, which is the leading cause of kidney disease after diabetes and hypertension. Unfortunately, there are usually little or no immediate signs and symptoms of IgAN and patients are often not diagnosed until their kidneys are already damaged, or they "crash into dialysis" in an emergency room. About half of those affected by IgAN will go on to develop end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) which leads to dialysis, transplant, or death.

In the U.S. there are about 150,000 people living with IgAN, and almost 40–50 percent of those cases affect Asian Americans. Last year, a Congressional briefing took place among Asian American members and staff regarding the impact of IgAN. At that time, Dr. Fahmeeda Kamal from Stanford Medicine, Holly Bode from the American Kidney Fund, and Dr. Eric Sid from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) briefed about 30 staff on the current and future new era of kidney health. It is my understanding that a broad cross-section of stakeholders recently urged the Biden Administration to take action on rare kidney diseases, including IgAN, to raise awareness and improve outcomes. I look forward to hearing their plans, as to date, I have not seen any.

Current treatments, even one which is non-immunosuppressive, are having an enormous impact on patients who can get access to them and given new hope patients are taking new approaches to their health. We saw one study which shows one novel therapy could delay the time from diagnosis to dialysis by almost 11 years. Imagine a couple trying to start a family which has 11 more years of improved quality of life, rather than slowing sliding into dialysis or transplant. With over 60 new therapies under development for a range of rare kidney diseases, including more IgAN treatments, the future is bright for families which are facing this challenge.

I once again want to thank the IgA Nephropathy Foundation for all their work and note that 2024 marks their 20th anniversary. It all began, like so many rare disease patients' groups, when a mom (Bonnie Schneider) wanted to make sure her son (Eddie) had a better life than the one she was told he would have.

Congratulations to Bonnie, Eddie, and everyone at the IgAN Foundation on this special occasion during a celebratory year. That is why we honor all families facing this challenging rare kidney disease and recognize IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

RECOGNIZING MS. MARLENE MITCHELL

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual, Marlene Mitchell, whose dedication to her family, her work, and to our great Nation continues to inspire and impact our community. Marlene was born in a small town in southern Illinois, raised by her grandmother, who instilled honesty, hard work, perseverance, and love of God, family, and country in her. Her commitment to these values can be seen in her own life, and the lives of those around her, still today.

Marlene married the love of her life, Gary Mitchell in January 1969. They moved throughout the East Coast while Gary served in the Navy. I want to thank both Marlene and Gary for their sacrifice in service to this Nation. She is also the loving mother to two daughters, Stephanie and Stacy, and grandmother to three grandchildren, Victoria, Alexandria, and Mitchell. Reverend Billy Graham said, "only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of her children. Most of the noble characters and fine leaders of history have had good, God-fearing mothers. The influence of a mother upon the lives of children cannot be measured." Marlene is a living example of the value of having a strong, God-fearing mother. The power of her influence can be seen in the success of her children and grandchildren.

Marlene started out her career as a receptionist in an insurance agency and soon after discovered that she had a strong passion for insurance. In 1982, she opened an independent agency before opening her own independent agency in a partnership, and then became the sole owner in November of 1986. She retired in October of 2016 after years of successful, award-winning years of service. Marlene was regarded by her clients as one of the most honest and knowledgeable agents around.

Marlene has also served as the President of the York County South Carolina Republican Women's Party. Over the years, she has chaired and advocated for many important fundraisers, projects, and charities. Marlene has displayed great perseverance and courage in her work for what is right and beneficial to all Americans.

RECOGNIZING CARMEN GONZALEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carmen Gonzalez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Carmen 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 Carmen, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Carmen's

hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays, I was unable to vote on May 14, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196.

RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICE OF DEPUTY ELTON C. STOVER

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Berrien County Sheriff Deputy Elton C. Stover. Deputy Stover was born November 21, 1910, in Berrien County and pursued a career in law enforcement, serving in the Berrien Springs Police Department, Comstock Police Department, and served as the Constable of Lincoln Township.

On December 3, 1965, armed gunmen targeted the Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Benton Township. Berrien County Sheriff Deputies Elton Stover and Gary Mitchell responded to the call for help. Upon arrival to the scene, Deputies Stover and Mitchell were immediately met with an array of gunfire with both men being struck.

As Deputy Stover laid on the bank floor he was hit with two bullets, smashing through his chest and right leg. He and Deputy Mitchell were rushed to Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, where he underwent what was thought to be a successful surgery. Unfortunately, Deputy Stover's condition deteriorated, and he passed away during surgery at 2.55 p.m. on December 10, 1965, making the ultimate sacrifice in service to the people of Berrien County. To this day, Deputy Elton C. Stover remains the only Deputy in the history of the Benton County Sheriff's Department to be killed in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, each day, law enforcement officials like Deputy Stover help to keep our communities safe, rush into dangerous situations, and lay down their lives to protect their fellow citizens. It is my solemn honor to remember Deputy Elton Stover and all fallen law enforcement officers from Michigan's 4th Congressional District, the state, and throughout the country.

SUPPORT OF HOUSE AMENDMENT TO S. 870

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Assistance to Fire Grants (AFG) and Staffing for

Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants provide essential resources to fire departments around the country. Since their authorization in 2000, these grant programs have provided more than \$15 billion in funding nationwide to community fire departments, ensuring that they are prepared for whatever challenges they might face. It is essential Congress fund these programs as local governments often lack the resources to invest in new firefighting equipment and to cover the costs of hiring and training new firefighters.

I voted in support of the House Amendment to S. 870, the Fire Grants and Safety Act of 2023 because we must continue to deliver these vital funds to our communities. However, I am disappointed that House Republicans amended this legislation to add an unrelated bill, S. 1111—the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act. The reauthorization of the AFG and SAFER grants should not have been packaged with a bill to accelerate nuclear energy deployment, which is a complex issue that deserves its own debate and vote. I would have preferred to vote on these two unrelated issues separately.

I will continue to support our local fire departments and ensure that they have access to the federal resources they need to keep our communities safe.

RECOGNIZING ADAHYLA ATENCIO-MUNIZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adahlyla Atencio-Muniz for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Adahlyla 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 Adahlyla, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Adahlyla's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Adahlyla Atencio-Muniz on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING MARY ELLEN CHAVEZ AS THE 2024 PLANADA COMMUNITY DAY PARADE MARSHAL

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ellen Chavez, as the Parade Marshal for the Town of Planada's 2024 Community Day Parade.

The daughter of migrant farm workers, Mary Ellen was born in Brawley, California and is a proud graduate of Le Grand High School (LGHS). While an LGHS student, and eventual Manzanita Queen, she was encouraged by

her peers to go to college. Eventually Mary Ellen became the first high school and college graduate in her family. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of the Holy Names, an all-women's Catholic college in Oakland, on a full academic scholarship. Then she completed a teaching credential at Fresno State University.

At age 21, Mary Ellen began a 55-year long career as a catechist, teaching three generations of Planada children how to love the Lord. A parishioner of Planada's Sacred Heart Catholic Church for over 80 years, Mary Ellen (and her family) regularly volunteered to help clean the church. She was also a regular reader, eucharistic minister, and choir singer, as well as a founding member of the English rosary group. Around Planada, she spent the rest of her hours cooking the best chile verde, coaching softball, helping her husband run the Planada Recreation Program, or attending baseball and softball games all over the area, where you could hear her distinctive two-fingered, celebratory whistle from a mile away.

Mary Ellen taught in Fresno, Merced and Kern counties during her teaching career. In 1999, she was named the Vineland School District Educator of the Year while teaching an innovative curriculum on the Dust Bowl Days at Sunset Middle School near Lamont. She retired from teaching in 2000, having already served several terms on the Le Grand Union High School District Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1991. After her retirement, she was appointed to the Merced County Board of Education and served from 2005 to 2014.

Mary Ellen and her husband, John, married in 1963, and while dancing weekends at every wedding, church event or fundraiser, produced eight children plus one walk-on. Those eight gave them 20 grandchildren, who have so far produced 26 great-grandchildren. Nothing pleases Mary Ellen and John more than to be surrounded by the chaos of their big family.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mary Ellen as the Parade Marshal for the Town of Planada's 2024 Community Day Parade.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss yesterday's vote series due to having to attend matters in the district. During that time, I was unable to make Roll Call votes No. 196 and No. 197. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

YEA on Roll Call No. 196, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Recruit and Retain Act; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 197, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended the Coast Guard Authorization Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my

vote for Senate Amendment 546 and H.R. 7659. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196, and YEA on Roll Call No. 197.

APPLAUDING PASSAGE OF THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FED- ERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA- TION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House took decisive action today to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration—or FAA—by advancing H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act. Upon enactment, this critically-important legislation will better protect the health and safety of air travelers, improve conditions for both the current and future aviation workforce, and make significant investments in our Nation's aviation infrastructure and air traffic control technologies.

I am proud to have cast my vote in favor of H.R. 3935. This long-overdue, bipartisan measure will modernize America's aviation system, advance consumer safety and protections, and prepare the next generation of highly qualified and diverse aviation professionals.

For years, I have advocated for enhanced federal funding to better recruit, retain, and advance underrepresented populations in the aviation industry. To that end, I applaud the bill's inclusion of \$60 million in annual funding to the FAA to bolster the pool of pilots, aviation maintenance professionals, and manufacturing workers in the talent pipeline. Of the \$60 million provided, H.R. 3935 requires that 20 percent of this annual funding be designated for the Willa Brown Aviation Program, which introduces and trains underserved communities in various aviation careers. I thank my colleague, Rep. HANK JOHNSON, for his leadership on this provision. I'm also pleased to see that the reauthorization bill directs the FAA to engage and partner with Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions to advance awareness of aviation-related education programs and careers, a recommendation I made in my testimony before the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The bill's historic investment in our country's airports with, \$4 billion in annual funding for the Airport Improvement Program, will help modernize public-use airports, such as Midway and O'Hare airports in Chicago, while simultaneously spurring economic growth and employment opportunities for many Chicagoland residents and businesses. I praise the host of policy reforms and robust protections for air travelers and consumers, like the Section 503 requirement that airlines refund passengers on significantly delayed or cancelled flights and a new mandate that airlines permit passengers to sit next to their young child when practical and at no cost. Inclusion of these important and long-overdue consumer protections in the FAA reauthorization bill further explains why the measure enjoys such widespread bi-partisan support in Congress and beyond.

I commend House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman GRAVES and

Ranking Member LARSEN for their hard work to deliver this comprehensive and bicameral bill to reauthorize the FAA, helping ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in aviation safety and innovation.

RECOGNIZING LILLY LOUDERBACK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lilly Louderback for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Lilly 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 Lilly, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Lilly's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING FARIA LAND AND CATTLE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Faria Land and Cattle as they are awarded the 63rd Annual Farmers of the Year award by the Kiwanis Club of Tulare. The Faria Cousins—Steve, Rick, Mike, and Danny Jr.—were born into a family of farmers in Tulare. From early on in their lives they learned their craft from their fathers, Manuel Faria Jr. and Danny Faria Sr., who like them, learned from his father—Manuel Faria Sr.

Like many family farms in the Central Valley, Faria Land and Cattle was founded by Manuel Sr. after he immigrated to the U.S. from the Azores Islands of Portugal in 1920. The Cousins are the third generation of Faria farmers, carrying on the family business that has stood for more than a century in the Central Valley. Today, the Faria Cousins work together to manage the daily operations of the farm and dairy facilities.

Faria Land and Cattle produces a variety of commodities including wheat, oats, alfalfa, and almonds, and operates two dairies, as well as a custom calf ranch operation. Their commitment to providing high-quality products and services to the Central Valley community has been unwavering for more than 100 years.

In addition to their dedication to the family business, the Faria cousins are active members of the Tulare community, having volunteered on several boards of organizations that help to serve the local agricultural community. As the recipient of this year's award, the Faria Cousins are being recognized for their commitment to Central Valley agriculture and dedication to giving back to the community. The success of Faria Land and Cattle is a true tes-

tament to the Faria family's hard work and perseverance. I am confident that their work will continue to strengthen the Tulare agricultural community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Faria Land and Cattle as they are awarded the 63rd Annual Farmers of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2024 BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANGELINA KENNEDY

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Angelina Kennedy, a recipient of the prestigious 2024 Broward League of Cities Scholarship. This honor is awarded to Broward County's most ambitious and accoladed students who aspire to attain a career contributing to municipal government.

Angelina, a current senior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, is a shining example of dedication to her community. She will be working to obtain a degree in Political Science in her collegiate career. Her contributions extend beyond her academic success. As the President of Parkland Youth Ambassadors in her junior year, she collaborated with city officials to resolve various community issues, acting as the main line of communication between her fellow students and local government. She is also the founder of the chapter project Hogar Del Nino, dedicating all four years of her time in high school to organize collections for children in the Dominican Republic and educate others on the issue of child poverty.

Her passion for public service can further be seen through her involvement in DECA, where she served as president during her senior year of a chapter with over 800 members. She also dedicated her energy to an internship with a criminal defense attorney, which further solidified and fueled her passion for providing a voice for those who have been victimized and promoting justice in the legal field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in recognizing Ms. Angelina Kennedy as an outstanding student and impactful member of her community.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 7109, the Equal Representation Act.

H.R. 7109 would mandate that the decennial Census include a citizenship question, and that the apportionment of U.S. Representatives be based solely on a count of American citizens. This is yet another attempt by House Republicans to advance their anti-immigrant political agenda by sabotaging the Census, which is required by the U.S. Constitution.

This bill would deliberately undermine the Census's ability to reach chronically undercounted populations. The resulting impact would be to make future Censuses more costly and lead to inaccurate data that will have wide-ranging implications for Minnesota and our nation.

Accurate Census data is necessary for determining the number of U.S. House of Representatives seats and Electoral College votes allocated to each state, as well as the share of trillions of dollars in federal funding each state receives. For Minnesota, an inaccurate count could result in the loss of representation in Congress and less federal funding for essential services, causing unnecessary harm to our communities. This bill threatens the accuracy of the Census and diminishes public trust. It would lead to manipulation of election maps and the hindering of the fair allocation of federal resources.

I will always fight for an accurate Census that is consistent with our American values, and I will always work to ensure Minnesotans receives the federal funding, representation in Congress, and electoral votes they deserve.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CORTEZ GROWERS ASSOCIATION

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a significant milestone in the agricultural community of Ballico, California—the centennial anniversary of the Cortez Growers Association. Established on April 18, 1924, by four visionary Japanese immigrants, the Cortez Growers Association began as a small cooperative endeavor to market fruits and vegetables effectively despite language barriers. The founders employed a bilingual agent, ensuring their enterprise's early success and sustainability.

The association thrived, even through the Great Depression, expanding its membership and operational capacity. By 1932, twenty-six additional members had joined, and Cortez Growers Association appointed its first full-time manager. However, the outbreak of World War II and the subsequent internment of Japanese Americans dealt a severe blow to the association. All members, being of Japanese descent, were either interned or enlisted in the military, many serving in the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Despite these adversities, the Cortez Growers Association's land was preserved through trust and leased to neighboring farmers, allowing the association to regain its footing post-war. The resilience and determination of the members during these trying times are a testament to their commitment to their community and country.

In the ensuing decades, the Cortez Growers Association has continued to adapt and thrive. Transitioning from a diverse crop base to focusing solely on almond production, the association has stayed at the forefront of agricultural innovation and efficiency. Today, the Cortez Growers Association is a leader in the almond industry and a pillar in agricultural advocacy, helping to found the Almond Alliance.

As we commemorate a century of enduring legacy, the Cortez Growers Association is a beacon of community resilience, adaptability, and success. The values of faith, family, and dedication to future generations are as alive today as they were a hundred years ago.

With great pride, I recognize the Cortez Growers Association for its century of service to the agricultural community and the nation. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Cortez Growers Association for 100 years of service and offer my sincerest wishes for their future.

RECOGNIZING BODHI McBEAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bodhi McBean for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Bodhi 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 Bodhi, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Bodhi's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Bodhi McBean 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 committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense space activities in review of

the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Army.

SD-192

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the opportunities, risks, and challenges associated with growth in demand for electric power in the United States.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine child savings accounts and other tax-advantaged accounts benefiting American children.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine competition in the prescription drug market, focusing on ensuring affordable and accessible medications.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of State, focusing on American diplomacy and global leadership.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of State.

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports

To hold hearings to examine the roadway safety crisis and highlighting community solutions.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine trade enforcement and entry of merchandise at U.S. ports.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security

To hold hearings to examine feeding a healthier America, focusing on current efforts and potential opportunities for Food is Medicine.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine fraud and Zelle.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine forced labor in prisons.

SD-226

SD-406