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RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BRYAN MCNEAL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bryan McNeal of Rockwall, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Bryan has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Bryan was born in Dallas, Texas, and grew up near White Rock Lake. His passion for sports and leading his team to victory inspired him to pursue an opportunity to serve our country. After attending college for one year, Bryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1991. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune, where he helped develop a program to track the status of military investigations and court martials. In recognition of his important work and efforts, Bryan was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. Moreover, Bryan served as a volunteer firefighter in Hubert, North Carolina. During this time, he helped save a family from a house fire and assisted the North Carolina Forest Service in protecting a neighborhood from wildfire. As a result, Bryan became one of the first Marines to receive the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his dedication to service beyond the Marine Corps.

When he retired from the Marines as a Gun-nery Sergeant, Bryan continued to be an active member of our community. He helped raised over \$500,000 for veterans' causes to help disabled veterans purchase prosthetics. With his help, one disabled Marine was even able to complete a 5k run with a new pair of motorized legs. Additionally, Bryan served as the Toys for Tots Coordinator for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where he led efforts to provide gifts to underprivileged children during the holiday season. I am proud of the work Bryan has accomplished, and I am certain he will continue to make a positive impact on our community for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Bryan with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING KAYLA COOLEY

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

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

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELAY FOR LIFE OF CANTON AND PLYMOUTH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Relay for Life event of Canton and Plymouth on the 25th anniversary of their efforts in the fight against cancer. The contributions that it has made to the Canton and Plymouth communities and in support of cancer research are worthy of commendation.

Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt decided to raise money for the American Cancer Society (ACS) by walking around a track for 24 hours. Since then, Relay for Life has grown to over 5,000 annual events across the globe, raising over \$5 billion in support of the ACS and cancer research, including in Canton and Plymouth, Michigan. Relay for Life brings together survivors, caregivers, and other community members to celebrate survivors, honor those who have lost the battle against cancer, and fight back against cancer as a united community. Today, Relay for Life is the largest annual not-for-profit fundraising event in the world, thanks in part to the efforts of the Canton and Plymouth Relay for Life.

Since 1999, the Canton and Plymouth communities have been participating in the ACS Relay for Life event, and they have helped the ACS fund over \$80.52 million in cancer research in Michigan and support more than 3.2 million cancer patients and their families. The success of Relay for Life would not be possible without the many community members and organizations that support it. The Relay for Life hosts numerous fundraising events a year at community institutions, and many community businesses support the Relay for Life of Plymouth and Canton. Along with dozens of fundraising teams and hundreds of participants, the Relay for Life of Plymouth and Canton has become a staple of support and service for the community.

Dedicated to ending cancer as we know it and fighting for all who have been touched by cancer, Relay for Life of Canton and Plymouth has shown its commitment to supporting the community throughout the past 25 years. By funding 147 cancer researchers, aiding in resources for patients and caregivers, and bringing together a community of those touched by cancer, this event has commendably united

and served the community. Relay for Life knows that everyone deserves to live a life without cancer and fights daily to make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Relay for Life of Canton and Plymouth and the contributions it has made to the fight against cancer. For the last 25 years, the event has brought together the Canton and Plymouth communities in support of the common goal to end cancer. Thanks to the efforts of all participants and volunteers, millions of dollars have been raised to fund cancer research in Michigan and support countless patients and families during their battles with cancer. We thank Relay for Life of Canton and Plymouth for its service to Michigan and are excited to see how the event continues serving the community.

HONORING THE RADCLIFF CENTER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the Radcliff Center, Garden City's recreation hub, as they celebrate the grand opening of their newly renovated space and newest facilities, the Teen Tech Room and the E-Sports Arena.

The Radcliff Center is a place where a community can thrive with no bounds. The extensive resources the Center offers, along with the events it hosts, cater to all ages and numerous interests, making for an incredible place where residents can come together socially. Additionally, the center houses community support resources such as the Food Pantry, Tax Assistance, and Veteran Services. These services are the backbone of the community. But, most importantly, they ensure that our residents feel comfortable and cared for.

The Radcliff Center is proud to debut these new spaces to the public to increase community engagement and social reach. The Teen Tech Room serves as a gateway for teens to come together and establish peer-to-peer connections. Likewise, the E-Sports Arena strives to accomplish the same goals within the bounds of electronic sports.

Please join me and the 12th Congressional District in celebrating the opening of Garden City's revamped Radcliff Center and its two newest resources.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT CHRIS DORWARD

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Chris Dorward of Rockwall,

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Chris has dedicated himself to faithfully serving and protecting our community and country.

From 2000 to 2004, Chris served in the United States Marine Corps as a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defense Specialist and deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Along with his unit, Chris received the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in action. Upon returning home, he joined the Dallas Police Department and served with its Narcotics Division as a detective. During the execution of a search warrant, Chris stepped into the line of fire to suppress an assailant and protect two fallen detectives until they could be extracted. For his outstanding actions, he was awarded the Medal of Valor, one of the highest awards a police officer can receive.

In 2016, Chris began a career in real estate with a focus on his clients and helping fellow agents succeed. In his first year, he was named the Keller Williams Rookie of the Year for his exceptional performance and has continued to be a Top Producer. In addition to his real estate career, Chris is passionate about helping fellow veterans with PTSD and undiagnosed traumatic brain injuries. He co-founded the Texas Valor Project, a nonprofit that works to fund treatments for veterans and first responders who are affected by TBI. In only two years, it raised over \$500,000 to support the men and women who served our country. I am proud of the work Chris has accomplished, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on our community for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Chris with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING JAXON CARLSON

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

Jaxon 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 Jaxon, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Jaxon's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

COMMEMORATING ARMED FORCES DAY AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of our brave men and women for Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024. Armed Forces Day is a seventy-four-year tradition to thank all of those who are currently serving, as well as those who have served and sacrificed to defend our freedom. It is because of their duty, honor, and courage that the United States of America remains free today.

This Saturday, the Western New York Armed Forces Committee will honor twelve service men and women at its 61st Military Ball, and it is my honor to include in the RECORD their names as a tribute to their service, and the service of their brothers and sisters in arms:

Staff Sergeant Martin Gutierrez—U.S. ARMY

Staff Sergeant Richard Hy—U.S. ARMY RESERVE

Technical Sergeant Andrew D. Lindaman—U.S. AIR FORCE

Technical Sergeant Brian P. Nosbisch—U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE

Sergeant Ruby D. Wingo—NEW YORK ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Master Sergeant Seth D. Sampson—NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD

Specialist Jazon Krauze—NEW YORK GUARD

Sergeant Tiffany Nowicki—U.S. MARINE CORPS

Staff Sergeant Landon Suber—U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Petty Officer First Class Pierce Schrengast—U.S. COAST GUARD

Petty Officer First Class Nolan M. Kinne—U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVES

Lance Corporal James J. Ward—NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA

Western New York and the Southern Tier are home to many proud service members and veterans, and our community has a long and proud tradition of military service. It is my honor to recognize their bravery. On behalf of the United States Congress and the constituents of New York's 23rd Congressional District, I thank these men and women for their service and all those who continue to serve with them.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN TOM CRAMBLETT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Captain Tom Cramblett for his 41 years of service on the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler and designate May 30th as Captain Tom Day in Cascade Locks.

Tom has been part of the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler community from the beginning.

As a young man, Tom first saw the Sternwheeler as she was being constructed by the Nichols Brothers in Hood River. He was aboard on her maiden voyage in 1983, serving as a deckhand. Before long, Tom was promoted to engineer and within a couple years became captain.

With Captain Tom at the tiller, generations of guests have delighted at the Columbia River Gorge from the deck of the Sternwheeler, learning about the Gorge's history from Captain Tom.

Tom's understanding of the region is steeped in his reverence for its history and its people. A noted expert on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Tom addressed a room full of historians at the Corps of Discovery's 200-year anniversary celebration as it passed through Cascade Locks in 2004.

Tom's own family history stretches back five generations in Cascade Locks. His great-grandfather operated a wood scow, supplying sternwheelers with fuelwood cut from local forests.

Earlier this year, Captain Tom and his crew-member George valiantly saved the Sternwheeler after it broke from its moorings during a winter storm. They boarded the ship from a footbridge over the old locks where the boat had drifted and become lodged. Facing almost certain destruction, Tom piloted the ship away from hazard and downriver through the wind and roiling swell to safety below the Bonneville Locks.

Broader than the Sternwheeler, Tom's commitment to the town of Cascade Locks is legendary. A man of many hats, Tom served as town mayor for eight years, coached youth sports, led the Boy Scouts, acted as the town's Santa Claus, and volunteered at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum.

Tom and his wife Brenda married in 1982, and have two sons, Jared and Scott, who are both in the National Guard. Scott has his captain's license and serves as engineer on the Portland Spirit.

Tom has also trained a number of captains now operating on the Columbia River, and currently works part time on the Port of Cascade Locks' maintenance crew, working to keep Marine Park beautiful and available to the public.

A true living legend, we designate May 30th as Captain Tom Day, in light of his contributions and decades of service to the Cascade Locks community.

CONGRATULATING PATRICIA "PATTI CAKES" BALDI ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE WEIRS DRIVE-IN THEATER

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Patricia "Patti Cakes" Baldi, who is being honored today for her retirement from running the iconic Weirs Drive-in Theater in Laconia, NH. While the Drive-in has been in operation since 1949, Patti Cakes purchased the property in 1974 and has since played an active part in continuing the theater's success. Throughout her career, Patti Cakes has been essential in adding three additional screens to

the theater as well as guiding her business through a global pandemic.

Since purchasing the Weirs Drive-in Theater, Patti Cakes and her team have cemented the theater's status as a staple attraction of the Lakes Region. Whether they came to see a summer blockbuster or participate in a community event, countless families from across the Granite State and beyond will forever cherish the memories they made at Weirs Drive-in Theater.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Patti Cakes for the decades of entertainment and memories that she has provided to our community. I congratulate her again on her incredible career and I thank her for all that she has done to make our state such a wonderful place to live.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BOB AMICK

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Bob Amick of Rockwall, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Bob has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Bob was born on August 21, 1939, in Gauley Bridge, West Virginia. He attended Gordon Military College and graduated from Marshall University with a BBA in banking and finance. Afterwards, Bob commissioned into the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he served as the Commander of the Special Forces A Detachment and a company of Army Patrol Boats. He was also the Military Police Battalion Commander at Fort McClellan and held numerous leadership positions. For his outstanding service, Bob received numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and two Gallantry Crosses with Palm from the former South Vietnamese government.

After he retired from the military in 1984, Bob served as the Director of Security, Director of Ethics, and Director of Plant Management for Raytheon for many years. In September 1999, Bob co-founded ComCept and served as its Vice President of Operations until his retirement in 2002. Along with his beloved wife Sandy, he co-founded Band of Brothers, Sisters, & Friends to support veterans and their families. The group currently has over 290 team members who are committed to uplifting the men and women who served our country. Bob credits much of his success and guidance in life to Sandy. Together, they raised two wonderful children and have one grandchild. I am proud to call Bob a good friend of mine, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on our community for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Bob with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING ANNETTE ALAZAE REYES

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

It is my honor to congratulate Annette Alazae Reyes on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on May 15, 2024, I missed Roll Call votes No. 198, No. 199, No. 200, No. 201, No. 202, No. 203, No. 204, No. 205, No. 206, No. 207, No. 208, No. 209, No. 210, No. 211, and No. 212 on the floor of the House of Representatives. I was temporarily ill and unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call votes No. 200, No. 203, No. 204, No. 205, No. 206, No. 207, No. 208, No. 209, No. 210, No. 211, and No. 212. I would have voted NO on Roll Call votes No. 198, No. 199, No. 201, and No. 202.

CELEBRATING DR. RACHAEL MAHMOOD, THE 2024 ILLINOIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate an educator from Aurora, Illinois. Dr. Rachael Mahmood, a fifth-grade teacher in Indian Prairie School District 204 at Georgetown Elementary School, was named the 2024 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Mahmood has taught in her district since 2005 and came to Georgetown Elementary School in 2015. Dr. Mahmood was selected from a group of 13 finalists from across the state and is the first person from Indian Prairie School District 204 to be chosen as Illinois Teacher of the Year.

As the daughter of a Russian mother and an Indian father, Dr. Mahmood found her passion for teaching by overcoming obstacles she faced as a mixed-race student. Her dedication to service, education, and equity has allowed her to make a lasting impact on the lives of her students—whether it be helping them suc-

ceed in their studies or achieve their extracurricular goals.

Dr. Mahmood has also become an indispensable leader beyond the classroom, pioneering various cultural and social initiatives to create an inclusive environment where students can connect with their peers. As one administrator notes, she "embodies the qualities of an exceptional educator and inspiring leader."

At the end of the 2023–2024 school year, Dr. Mahmood will go on sabbatical, touring schools around the state of Illinois and sharing some of her valuable insight with her fellow educators.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Rachael Mahmood on being named Illinois Teacher of the Year and thank her for her commitment to improving education for young people in the Aurora community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOOD

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the second series on May 15.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 201; YEA on Roll Call No. 202; YEA on Roll Call No. 203; YEA on Roll Call No. 204; NAY on Roll Call No. 205; NAY on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; NAY on Roll Call No. 209; NAY on Roll Call No. 210; NAY on Roll Call No. 211; and NAY on Roll Call No. 212.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT JEFF SKINNER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Charles "Jeff" Skinner, Jr., of Rockwall, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Jeff has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Jeff was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1981. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1999, where he served as a Field Radio Operator during the Global War on Terrorism. Along with his unit, Jeff was involved in numerous successful combat missions. Most notably, he participated in the longest amphibious airfield seizure in Marine Corps history at Camp Rhino, Afghanistan, and was one of the first Marines to enter Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his service, Jeff received numerous awards, including the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze campaign stars, and Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars.

In September 2003, Jeff was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps. He currently operates Black Level AV, a small business that specializes in delivering elite audio and visual technology for North Texans. Jeff is

also actively involved in our community and is passionate about youth mentorship. He currently serves as the Public Affairs Officer for the CWO2 James Randolph Marine Corps League and is the Public Relations Officer for the Lake Ray Hubbard Young Marines. Jeff also led the charge to bring Toys for Tots to Rockwall and is involved with the Youth Leadership Symposium. As such, the Marine Corps League has recognized him as Marine of the Year for his contributions to the League and our community. I am proud of the work Jeff has accomplished, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Jeff with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING CAMI WILLIAMS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, 2024, I was attending to matters outside of DC and could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 218.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROSE M. SCHWARTZ

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rose M. Schwartz, an exceptional woman whose contributions during World War II exemplify the resilience and dedication of the Greatest Generation. Rose was born on April 13, 1923, in Italy, and although she made her home in Philadelphia, her frequent visits to Pittsfield to see her children have connected her indelibly to our community.

During the war, while her husband, Adam James Schwartz, served bravely as a Staff

Sergeant in the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, earning a Purple Heart, Rose contributed to the war effort on the home front. She worked at the Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia, one of the key facilities producing munitions for the Allies. The Arsenal was instrumental in manufacturing critical supplies, and the women who worked there played a vital role in ensuring our military had the resources needed to fight and win the war.

Rose's commitment to supporting her family and her country during one of the most challenging periods in our history is a testament to her strength and patriotism. Women like Rose, who took on roles in factories and other essential industries, were the backbone of the wartime workforce. Their efforts not only supported the immediate needs of the military but also paved the way for future generations of women in the workforce.

Rose and Adam raised three children: Lorraine Rayca, James Schwartz, and Deborah Miller. Deborah, who resides in Pittsfield, carries on her mother's legacy of strength and dedication. Rose's life is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many on the home front and the enduring impact of their contributions.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on Rose's life, let us also remember the countless others who, like her, answered the call of duty in their own unique ways. Their stories are woven into the fabric of our Nation's history, and it is our duty to honor and preserve their legacies.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Rose's family and express my deepest gratitude for her service and sacrifice. Rose M. Schwartz's life is a beacon of courage and commitment, and her memory will continue to inspire us all.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RUSSELL GREEN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Russell Lee Green of Savoy, Texas, who peacefully passed away on March 30, 2024.

Mr. Green was born on November 18, 1941, to Norris J. Green and Fairy Faye Green. As a young man, he wanted to serve his country and contribute to a greater cause. Mr. Green joined the United States Navy, where he attended radar school and specialized in operating sophisticated electronic equipment. After serving in the Navy, he attended the University of North Texas, where he met his beloved wife, Denise. They married in 1966 after completing their freshman year. Together, they purchased land outside of Ector and built a house. For most of his professional career, Mr. Green worked in management positions for Texas Instruments in its Government Products Division and other electronic manufacturing companies in the Dallas area.

Mr. Green was a devoted man of faith. He attended the Church of Christ in Savoy, where he led many Bible studies and served as a lay preacher. In his free time, Mr. Green was passionate about conservative politics, raising honeybees, and taking care of his Limousin cattle. He was a gardener, and he worked with Denise to grow fruits and vegetables for his

family and community. Moreover, Mr. Green enjoyed camping, travelling, and most importantly, fishing. He has requested his ashes to be scattered on his favorite fishing pond. I am saddened to hear of Mr. Green's passing, as his kindness and generosity truly made the world a brighter place.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor Mr. Green's wonderful life. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING CARLEE McDOUGAL

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

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

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my esteemed Congressional Black Caucus colleagues to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision in the Brown vs. Board of Education case. This pivotal moment in our Nation's history marked the end of state-sanctioned segregation in public schools and affirmed the Constitutional principle of equal protection under the law.

The Supreme Court's ruling in Brown vs. Board of Education laid the foundation for subsequent civil rights legislation and legal battles aimed at dismantling segregation across various spheres of society. However, despite seven decades of progress, the shadow of segregation still looms large in American education and beyond.

Even today, non-white school districts receive \$2,226 less per student on average, perpetuating an achievement gap that reduces the college attendance and lifetime earnings of Black students by 65 percent. The disparities extend to advanced education with African American women holding advanced degrees, such as a master's, earning \$7 less per hour than white men with a bachelor's degree, and \$17 less per hour than their white male peers.

Efforts to remedy these disparities by promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in education have been met with relentless resistance from conservatives. They've rolled back affirmative action and continually seek to suppress instruction of Black history and literature. This concerted effort to perpetuate inequality and silence our voices cannot go unchallenged. We must raise our voices against these regressive measures and utilize every available avenue to resist discrimination and promote equity in education and beyond.

We must continue to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in education, in the workplace, and in the marketplace, to uphold *Brown v. Board's* legacy of desegregation and equity. By doing so, we honor the promise of a just America and ensure that every individual has access to the opportunities they need to thrive.

HAITIAN FLAG DAY

HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on May 18th, we celebrate Haitian Flag Day to commemorate and celebrate the pride, strength, history, and courage the Haitian flag represents.

With over 30,000 Haitians in Central Florida, Haitians' work and passion have profoundly impacted the lives of countless people in Orlando and beyond. Their commitment to serving our community is a testament to the strength and solidarity that defines the Haitian people.

I want to express my gratitude to the Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce for all they do to contribute to Orlando's economic and cultural vibrancy.

The humanitarian crisis in Haiti weighs heavy on the hearts of countless people, especially as individuals see friends and family enduring unimaginable hardships. During these times, it is important to be mindful of the importance of community, compassion, and unity in the face of adversity.

In Congress, I am advocating for the aid and support that Haiti urgently deserves, not just deserves but needs and demands, by advocating for efforts to invest in Haiti's economy, create jobs, foster trade, and provide stability.

Especially on Haitian Flag Day, remember that pride, history, and culture will help guide us all in the fight for a better day for the people of Haiti. The work that our Central Florida Haitian community is doing is critical to these efforts. I will continue to fight for and with the Haitian people.

RECOGNIZING BORICUA COLLEGE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Boricua College on the special occasion of its 50th anniversary and in appreciation for decades of higher education. Boricua College was the first private, not-for-

profit post-secondary educational institution established in the United States specifically designed to meet the academic needs of Puerto Ricans and other Spanish-speaking people. Today, it is a diverse institution for learning and professional development.

Boricua College inspired educated and passionate advocates for the Puerto Rican *Disapora* during the 1960's and 70's in New York City. Visionaries like Dr. Antonia Pantoja, founder of Universidad Boricua and the precursor of Boricua College, founded by Dr. Victor Alicea, believed that higher education and cultural pride were crucial to addressing poverty and creating economic empowerment. The significant migration of Puerto Ricans to New York City warranted a grassroots response to navigate the socio-economic opportunities and challenges of *plantando bandera* in a new environment. Thus, Boricua College was created and became a beacon of hope for the Latino community in Brooklyn.

Since its founding in 1974, Boricua College has grown from its humble beginnings on a single-floor storefront in Williamsburg to a multi-campus institution spanning Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx. The first Boricua College class had just 26 students. When it opened its doors, it broke all barriers to higher learning with a cadre of Puerto Rican bilingual professionals in New York City. Today, Boricua College has an enrollment of thousands of students pursuing an Associate, Bachelor or Master's degree in the field of Human Services, Business, Liberal Arts, Childhood Education and inter-American Studies to list a few. It is also a designated Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education.

The growth of Boricua College exemplifies the growth of Latinos' economic and political empowerment across the country. The college may not have millions in endowments, if at all. However, it does have an unwavering commitment to educational advancement. By 2060, nearly 1 in 4 Americans are likely to be Latinos'. Thanks to vital institutions like Boricua College, we are making even greater contributions in every sector of society—education, politics, business, the arts, and sciences.

This fine institution is as successful as the administration and leadership. Therefore, I would also like to salute Founder and President Dr. Victor G. Alicea for a lifetime of public service, Board of Trustees Chair Benito R. Fernandez, the deans, faculty, staff, and graduates. Mr. Speaker, please join us in recognizing Boricua College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and offering our best wishes for another 50 years of serving the community.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT QUINT AVENETTI

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Quint Avenetti, of Rockwall, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Quint has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Quint was born in Hayden, Arizona, in 1962. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1980 and participated in active service for nearly three decades. From providing security to several U.S. Embassies around the world to being deployed during the Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism, Quint served with distinction and merit. He specialized in Joint Targeting, Geodesy, Counterfire Radar, Artillery Operations, and Fire Support. As a result of his exceptional leadership and expertise, Quint achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5.

After retiring from the military in March 2008, Quint moved to Rockwall with his family. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Combat Systems Sector for Navmar Applied Science Corp. In this role, Quint works diligently to train the next generation of Marine Joint Fire Observers, enhance security at diplomatic locations for the State Department, and develop unmanned aircraft technology. In addition to his work in protecting our national security, he serves on the Advisory Board for Veterans Mortgage of America to help veterans succeed in home ownership. Quint is the Commandant of the CWO2 James Randolph Detachment of the Marine Corps League and is involved with many veterans' advocacy organizations. He also serves as a mentor to Eagle Scouts and was the previous Scoutmaster of Rockwall Troop 989. I am proud of Quint's contributions to our community, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Quint with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING JACOB MCCULLOUGH

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

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

HONORING THE 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OLD SITE

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Shiloh Baptist Church Old Site on 170 years of service to the community.

This remarkable milestone is a testament to the thousands of congregants who, through their unwavering faith and love for their neighbors, have helped build a legacy of service at the church.

For 170 years, Shiloh Old Site has been an advocate for justice, equality, and perseverance. Throughout the years, this community has been a catalyst in halting the spread of racial injustice in the city of Fredericksburg and has worked tirelessly to provide supplemental education to Black residents to offset the shortfalls of a racially segregated educational system. Through its ministries and its purpose-driven youth mission, the church works to provide families and children with programming that nurtures a community service mindset.

Shiloh Old Site is a pillar of the Fredericksburg community—always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. The community's commitment to Fredericksburg and its residents is both inspiring and humbling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking Shiloh Baptist Church Old Site on 170 years of dedicated service to the Fredericksburg community. I look forward to celebrating their continued success and contributions to Virginia in years to come.

RECOGNIZING JACK CLOUSE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

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

RECOGNIZING BERNIE RICKE'S LEADERSHIP OF UAW LOCAL 600 IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bernie Ricke, President of UAW Local 600 in Dearborn, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement. His dedication to the UAW over the last 51 years, and his leadership of Local 600 for the past 15 years, is worthy of commendation.

UAW Local 600 currently has over 30,000 active and retired members, representing a diverse membership from the Ford Rouge Complex, AK Steel, truck drivers, independent part suppliers, as well as healthcare and technical

office professionals. They currently have over 47 autonomous bargaining units throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Bernie was born into the auto industry as the son of an engineer who worked at Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler. At the age of 18, Bernie took a job in a Ford warehouse and shortly thereafter joined the UAW as a member of Local 600 in November of 1973. He quickly took on more roles within the union, holding positions of Financial Secretary, District Committee-person, Bargaining Committee-person, and Vice President of the Parts Depot Unit. From 1997 he served as the Second and First Vice President of Local 600 before being elected President in 2009. His leadership over the last 15 years has earned him the respect of not only local leaders but national leaders as well. UAW VP Chuck Browning said about Bernie "He's unselfish, He's humble. And he's a really powerful presence in our union." Rory Gamble, the former president of the UAW, said "Bernie's leadership legacy will fare well over the years as historians look back at his impact on the UAW and Ford. He was steady, fair, and successful for members in the worst of times. If the measure of a man is the dignity he brings to others, he will always be a giant in our union."

Bernie and I got to know each other through the many community projects that he has dedicated himself to. Outside of his work with the UAW, Bernie and his wife, Sue, are pillars of the Detroit community. Together they run the Bernie Ricke Charity Fund out of Trenton, MI. Bernie is a lifetime member of the NAACP, member of the Labor Advisory Board for Health Alliance Plan, and serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Bridging Communities Incorporated. Bridging Communities is a non-profit organization that serves the community of Southwest Detroit by providing a variety of services to the homebound elderly including meals on wheels, minor home repairs, transportation for doctors' appointments and medical care. In 1999 and again in 2004, Bernie was given the "Spirit of Detroit" award by the Detroit City Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bernie Ricke for all that he has done for the people of Southeastern Michigan. Together we have been through the thick and thin of life, surviving the tough times by breaking bread at his famous garage parties. We wish him all best in retirement, though we know he will still be working hard to support the UAW and his Detroit community in whatever ways he can. I thank Bernie.

RECOGNIZING CAIT OWEN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

termination, and perseverance at Ralston Valley High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING GUEST CHAPLAIN PASTOR DAVID MASON

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank our guest chaplain, Pastor David Mason, for his opening prayer on May 10th. I've had the pleasure of knowing David for quite some time, as he serves as Pastor at my home church, Walnut Valley Baptist in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

David and his wife, Aamie, who serves as a family counselor, are dear friends of mine who have a heart for sharing the gospel and ministering not only inside the church building but in the community with individuals wherever there is a need.

David and Aamie have been faithful servants and leaders for many years. It was a pleasure to host them in D.C. this week.

I, along with others in Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District, are grateful to Pastor Mason and his wife Aamie for their servant hearts and their obedience in serving God.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays caused by storms in my home state of Louisiana, I was unable to be present for votes on May 14, 2024.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196, and YEA Roll Call No. 197.

RECOGNIZING DALE "DOC" DOUGHERTY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the City Manager of Garden City Dale "Doc" Dougherty for his diligent service to the people of Garden City community since 2018.

Born and raised in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Dougherty has extensive experience in public administration. He carries a bachelor's degree in health care management from King's College, a master's degree in Sports Management from the United States Sports Academy, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame. Furthermore, Mr. Dougherty has obtained the highest certification in city management and the highest credential in the parks and recreation industry. He began his career as the Director of Community Affairs with the Town of

Lake Park, Florida and has since led four different organizations during times of great change. Mr. Dougherty has demonstrated his skillful leadership by creating, producing, and managing hundreds of major events, including a major national sporting event.

In Garden City, Mr. Dougherty personally managed the reconstruction and renovation of the 60-year-old city hall, the fire station, and a 78,000-square-foot community center. He has demonstrated his dedication to promoting the best quality of life for Garden City residents by implementing countless new and improved policies and City Ordinances. Doc Dougherty has worked tirelessly to uplift the people of Garden City. We are grateful for his many years of service to our community and our district. His leadership and partnership in securing critical funding for our families will never be forgotten.

Please join me and the 12th Congressional District in recognizing Doc Dougherty and his service to the people of Garden City, as we wish him well in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING KIMBERLY OLIVAS SOTO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

It is my honor to congratulate Kimberly Olivas Soto on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CELEBRATING THE 2024 UCLA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the men's volleyball team from the Uni-

versity of California, Los Angeles. They took home the 2024 NCAA Men's National Collegiate Volleyball Championship on the 4th of May. UCLA defeated the men's volleyball team from the California State University, Long Beach at Walter Pyramid on the campus of Long Beach State in Long Beach, California.

This year's championship brought home the team's 21st national title win, cementing their record as the winningest program in NCAA history. The win marks UCLA's 122nd overall NCAA title across all sports. These are truly remarkable achievements.

The men's volleyball team should be proud of their achievement in earning the distinction of being back-to-back national champions, amongst the more than half a million student-athletes who participate in NCAA events each year. With guidance from Coach John Speraw, who secured his fifth NCAA men's volleyball title as a collegiate head coach, UCLA ended their season with wins in 15 out of their last 16 matches.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the UCLA's men's volleyball team once again on winning its second consecutive national championship and wish them the best of luck next season. This win is a special moment in the collegiate athletic careers of each player and marks an exceptional accomplishment and historical achievement for the UCLA community. Go Bruins. U-C-L-A. Fight. Fight. Fight.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT MARK KIPPHUT

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark Kipphut of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Mark has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

After graduating from The Citadel with a political science degree in May 1979, Mark commissioned into the United States Air Force. He served as a Command Intelligence Officer during the Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism for many years. In his last assignment, Mark became the Director of Intelligence for the Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base. He later received a master's degree in management from Embry-Riddle University.

When he retired from the military as a Colonel, Mark served as the Director of Strategy

for Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, Arizona. In 2010, he and his family moved to Texas, where he became the Program Director of Tactical Intelligence Systems for Raytheon. In this role, Mark oversaw hundreds of millions of dollars in annual sales and government contracting. He currently works as a Senior Advisor for BCE Consulting, in which he focuses on enhancing our operational capabilities to defend against cyber and unmanned threats. In addition to protecting our national security, Mark is passionate about giving back to his community and supporting our veterans. He is the Commander of the Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post, where he created college scholarships for the children of veterans. Moreover, Mark organizes annual trips for students to attend the Youth Leadership Conferences. I am proud of Mark's contributions to our community, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Mark with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING VICTORIA QUINE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

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