

"We knew that we had to pick him up, because he's supported us all this time," said Ouellette, who threw two touchdown passes in the win. "We knew that we had to come through and support him. It was great to see him here. We all came together, and we all played hard for him."

Each Bulldog helmet had a "GM" decal in memory of Gary Mazzone. Valley Regional/Old Lyme also wore the decals on their helmets.

Tim King, head coach of the Warriors who opposed the Bulldogs on Saturday, is a long-time friend of Brian Mazzone, and understands what he was going through Saturday. In 2015, King coached two days after his father, George Sr., passed away at age 92.

"It's a football family," King said. "For 48 minutes, you battle on the field. But reality is this type of stuff. When I heard about it, it's the first thing I told our kids. You can worry about grades, you can worry about whatever, but when something happens as horrible as what happened to Brian's dad, that's reality. The game of football means absolutely nothing. All respect in the world, I know exactly what he was going through."

A handful of former Stafford players were in attendance, standing behind the Bulldogs' sideline, many wearing team gear. Mazzone greeted each with a hug following the end of the first quarter.

#### HONORING AUSTIN MCCOY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Austin McCoy. Austin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 393, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Austin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Austin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Austin has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and become a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. Austin has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Austin worked with the Platte Land Trust to build a sign for their new Charlotte Sawyers Nature Area located in Parkville, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Austin McCoy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING LEGAL SERVICES FOR SENIORS

#### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Legal Services for Seniors on the occasion of their 35th Anniversary. Beginning in 1985, Legal Services for Seniors

has been dedicated to facilitating attorneys and legal advocates for senior residents of the 20th Congressional District of California. More specifically, Legal Services for Seniors has a history of providing no-cost legal representation to elderly low-income individuals residing in Monterey County who would otherwise not have access to the resources necessary for protecting their legal rights.

Legal Services for Seniors has made it their goal to address and correct legal harm done to Monterey County seniors. They have offices and outreach locations in Seaside, Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove, King City, Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, Castroville and Monterey. Legal Services for Seniors' attorneys and advocates provide free legal advice and complete legal representation to local seniors in order to address legal problems including physical, financial, and emotional abuse. More than 90,000 seniors have benefited from no-cost legal support over the past 35 years. Many of the issues are very dramatic or life-threatening, and include abuse, Medicare, landlord-tenant conflicts, medical and private insurance issues, Social Security problems, consumer fraud, scams, identity theft, probate guardianships, wills and advance health care directives. Thankfully, approximately 3,000 citizens are assisted with these issues each year by Legal Services for Seniors. In 2018 alone, Legal Services for Seniors restored one million dollars in property fraudulently appropriated by the individuals which prey upon our seniors on the central coast of California.

In addition to direct client representation, Legal Services for Seniors provides community-wide presentations to approximately 2,000 seniors and their family members annually. These presentations provide information regarding issues which are vital to seniors' wellbeing, including recognizing and preventing elder abuse, scams, and consumer fraud as well as providing resources for affordable housing and end of life healthcare and decision-making. These services are crucial to informing citizens of their rights and resources. Additionally, the agency presents information on challenges faced by local seniors through public service announcements, newspaper articles, resource fairs, workshops, and other public venues.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication and commitment to compassion and justice that Legal Services for Seniors provides to the 20th Congressional District. We are fortunate to have this non-profit establishment call the Central Coast home as the only nonprofit agency in Monterey County providing no-cost legal services to our elderly residents. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Legal Services for Seniors.

#### HONORING MR. CEDRIC FLOUNORY

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Mr. Cedric Flounory for his many years of federal service to the Internal Revenue Service, on the occasion of his retirement.

During his forty years of public service, Mr. Cedric Flounory has worked tirelessly within both the United States Air Force and the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Flounory rose through the ranks ultimately becoming an Air Force Major. Throughout his military service, Mr. Flounory garnered awards for his steadfast dedication, earning the Air Force Good Conduct Award, the Marksmanship Award, and the Meritorious Service Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. After eight years in the Air Force, Mr. Flounory continued serving the public with a career that has stretched more than thirty years at the Internal Revenue Service. A caring professional, Mr. Flounory has been praised for his work at the IRS, receiving awards like Employee of the Month and a Performance Award. His service both on the ground through military service and in the office through the Internal Revenue Service, portrays his dedication to the nation.

In short, Mr. Cedric Flounory has honorably served our country and the people of the 13th Congressional District. Please join me in honoring him for his forty years of federal service as we wish him well on his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BALLET WEST'S THE NUTCRACKER

#### HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, this December, Utahns and visitors to my state are breathlessly waiting for the curtain to go up on the 75th anniversary of a beloved holiday tradition—Ballet West's performance of "The Nutcracker". This season's \$3 million production restores the original choreography by Ballet West's founder William Christensen—or Mr. C—as he was fondly known to dancers and audience members alike. He passed away in 2001 at the age of 99.

William Christensen was known as a champion of American ballet, who headed important companies in Portland, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. He was born in 1902, in Brigham City, Utah. In San Francisco, in 1944, Christensen staged the first complete American production of "The Nutcracker." In 1951, Mr. C. moved with his ailing wife to Salt Lake, seeking a better climate for her health. He began teaching ballet at the University of Utah and founded what would become Ballet West in 1968. His production of "The Nutcracker" soon became a Utah holiday sensation. Many an aspiring young Utah male or female dancer traces the start of a career from being on stage in "The Nutcracker" party scene, where the story unfolds of young Clara's dream journey into the magical land of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Thousands of Utah children and their parents and grandparents have been transported from their seats in a darkened theatre to a place with waltzing snowflakes and a marvelous dancing bear.

When Ballet West performed "The Nutcracker" at the Kennedy Center in December of 2018, the Washington Post's dance critic wrote: "This is not only a beautifully danced and gorgeously designed production. It's also historic. The result is a fine balance of textural spectacle and elegant dancing."

The dancers, musicians, stage crew and artistic directors of this marvelous company have provided many Utah audiences with priceless holiday memories. It is my honor to congratulate them on this 75th anniversary, together with a wish for 75 more years of successful performances.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019*

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes the week of November 18, 2019, due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 625; Yea on Roll Call No. 626; Nay on Roll Call No. 627; Nay on Roll Call No. 628; Nay on Roll Call No. 629; Nay on Roll Call No. 630; Nay on Roll Call No. 631; Nay on Roll Call No. 632; Nay on Roll Call No. 633; Yea on Roll Call No. 634; Yea on Roll Call No. 635; Yea on Roll Call No. 636; Yea on Roll Call No. 637; Yea on Roll Call No. 638; Yea on Roll Call No. 639; Nay on Roll Call No. 640; Nay on Roll Call No. 641; and Nay on Roll Call No. 642.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE VANECEK

### HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019*

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, today I honor the life of George Vanecek, a key leader in the development of the internet and Silicon Valley. He passed away this September at the age of 61.

Born in Prague, Czech Republic, George escaped his home country as a boy with his family during the Prague Spring of 1968 after refusing to join the Czech Communist Party. They settled in the Oregon mountains. He was proud of his adoptive home and believed deeply in its promise of opportunity.

It was this appreciation that drove George's career, but it was his brilliant mind that steered it. George was not only an award-winning programmer at a young age; he was also a talented painter. He applied this artistry to the field of computing. After completing his PhD in computer science, George helped pioneer the first http servers at the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) before bringing the world wide web to Purdue University, where he was a professor of computer science and won the Excellence in Teaching Award early in his academic tenure. Then, at AT&T Labs Internet Platforms Division in San Jose, he oversaw the development of a vast platform for internet commerce. George co-founded several companies, working in areas like telecommunications and the early internet of things (IoT). George did this work with pride in the opportunity he had been given when he came to America. He cared deeply about giving back by developing systems in which computers enhanced human capacity. With an eye to the future, George's creativity and vision allowed him to become a leader in his field.

In his final position as Vice President and Chief Architect of Technical Architecture at FICO, he worked on solutions to today's big problems, like fraud detection and algorithmic bias, designing and overseeing the construction of a data streaming platform that could derive intelligent decisions from large amounts of data in real time. Perhaps more strikingly, George was known among his peers for showing up in the office wearing full leather, having just parked the Aprilia Tuono motorcycle he rode between lanes of traffic into the Santa Clara office each morning, not far from my district office.

George was not only a scientist but was also a friend and mentor to many throughout his career and life. He volunteered his time helping small business owners get started in his community. He was a scuba diver, a glider pilot, and a world traveler. He and his family foraged for mushrooms along California's many hiking trails and explored its wineries and local breweries. Madam Speaker, George was a Bay Area man through and through, and I'm proud to recognize him today for his contributions to our community.

#### HONORING THE HOLLISTER SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACCELERATED ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY

### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work of the students, teachers, and staff at the Accelerated Achievement Academy (AAA) in the Hollister School District. AAA has been recognized in 2019 as a National Blue Ribbon School for fostering an innovative, multi-dimensional learning environment for students across the central coast of California.

The Accelerated Achievement Academy is one of the highest achieving schools in California, using evidence-based professional development and instructional practices in the classroom to engage students in transformative, real-world learning. AAA works with a Project-Based Learning (PBL) model that pushes students to develop deep content knowledge along with critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills. Through the PBL model, students interact with businesses, organizations, and their community. These interactions instill in them a sense of agency and purpose and a complex understanding of the world around them and their place in it.

The teachers and staff at Accelerated Achievement Academy are deeply committed to developing bright and high-achieving students into kind and compassionate individuals. Each classroom creates a social contract, an agreement of behavior that builds peer-instructor relational skills to raise the social and emotional capacity of each individual student. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the achievement and hard work of AAA.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICK GUILLETTE BECOMING THE CERTIFIED CROP ADVISER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Guilette of Casco, Wisconsin for receiving the Certified Crop Adviser Conservationist of the Year award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). His leadership in agriculture conservation practices contributes greatly to Wisconsin's agricultural industry and set an excellent example of stewardship to the community and the environment.

Nick has a lifelong commitment to agriculture, growing up on his family's farm where they tended over 300 acres of land. He has dedicated his professional career to conservation efforts, excelling in positions such as Advanced Nutrient Management and GPS Technician, Certified Crop Adviser and Agronomist, and Demonstration Farm Project Manager. Utilizing his background in resource management and soil health, Nick provides guidance to local farms as well as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) within the USDA.

Nick partners with NRCS through his role as Demonstration Farm Project Manager. He works with producers through the Door-Kewaunee Watershed Demonstration Farm Network striving to protect the Great Lakes from excess nutrients and sediment leaving the rural landscape. Nick participates as an educator at field days, farm tours, workshops, and demonstration events on crop and nutrient management practices that build soil health and reduce erosion.

In addition to his partnership with the USDA, Nick is vital in furthering soil and water conservation efforts throughout Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional district. He actively participates in my Save the Bay initiative by lending his expertise at Door/Kewaunee Watershed workgroup meetings. He also played a key role in planning and leading a Save the Bay Field Day, showcasing new techniques in conservation farming to more than 125 producers and members of the agricultural community.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking Nick for his commitment to land conservation and dedication to Wisconsin's agricultural industry. Northeast Wisconsin is fortunate to have citizens like Nick engaged in promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

#### RECOGNIZING KIM HERMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Kim Herman, Executive Director of the Washington State