

Smoke BBQ Cooking Contest, the True Aussie Lamb Contest and the Nation's Best BBQ Sauce Contest.

In honor of the event, I also want to recognize the participants, who represent some of the District's and the Nation's best BBQ talent, cooking in the spirit of competitive barbecue. Its participants have the honor of representing the District wherever other State Barbecue Cooking Championship winners are welcomed.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle as "The Official National Barbecue Championship and the official kick-off of summer in our Nation's Capital" and in wishing its participants the best of luck.

IN HONOR OF DEARBORN, MICHIGAN'S 95TH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the sacrifice of our nation's servicemembers at Dearborn's 95th Memorial Day Parade. On this day of remembrance, we recognize our veterans for their selflessness and courage.

Organized by the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council and the City of Dearborn, the city's Memorial Day Parade is one of the largest in the United States and the oldest continuous parade in the state of Michigan. The ceremony draws the Dearborn community together to honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. This year, the event recognizes Gold Star families and honors the many nameless soldiers who have died in service of this country. This tribute serves as an important reminder of the patriotic sacrifice of the families of our servicemembers.

The contributions of our veterans embody the duty we have to our community through tireless work, compassion, and leadership. On Memorial Day, we honor their selfless public service, and remember those who have given their lives in service of our country. On this day we reaffirm our commitment to supporting our veterans as they continue to protect our nation and commend their families for their sacrifice. We thank our brave servicemembers for their selflessness and sacrifice, and we are grateful for their commitment to serving the American people abroad and at home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the many servicemen and women of our nation for their distinguished service. I wish the Dearborn 95th Memorial Day Parade a successful celebration to mark this special occasion.

CONGRATULATING AMBER PATCH-TROXELL ON WINNING THE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD THROUGH THE KEWANEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amber Patch-Troxell for winning the Meritorious Service Award through the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Patch-Troxell's dedication to the Kewanee community is admirable, and I commend her for winning this award.

Ms. Patch-Troxell graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1999 and went on to pursue a career in insurance. She has been with Farmers Insurance for 11 years, and is an asset to the Kewanee community. So much so that she has been recognized in the community already by receiving the Elks Club Citizen of the Year award and the Kewanee Park District's Child's Best Friend award. Ms. Patch-Troxell also started Patchy's Toy Drive and has provided Christmas gifts to children and teenagers in need in the community, while also providing a helping hand to families who are faced with loss due to fire or a medical emergency. Her fundraising events have become community happenings where her kindness and generosity have not gone unnoticed. I admire Mr. Whitcher's service to Kewanee and thank her for her many contributions to the community.

It is because of community leaders like Ms. Patch-Troxell that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Amber Patch-Troxell for winning the Meritorious Service Award given by the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce.

2019 NAVAL ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan Mitchell and John Moroney, Naval Academy Appointees from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I believe America's greatest assets are our brave men and women in uniform. These individuals are making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserve our utmost support for their service. It is with great pleasure that I give Nathan and John my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend these young people and their families for their commitment. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, it is an honor to recognize Nathan Mitchell and John Moroney as appointees to the United States Naval Academy for their commitment to protect and serve our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF THE TOLEDO ZOO'S PROMEDICA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize Jeff Sailer, the Executive Director of the Toledo Zoo, and his team for the opening of the ProMedica Museum of Natural History. After years of renovation, this beautiful museum is now open to the public.

An academic at heart, Jeff Sailer has made his mark on the city of Toledo with his visionary and unique approach to zoo management. Thanks to his work, Toledo is home to more than 9,000 animals that inspire and remind us of the importance of conservation. Families like mine have so many wonderful memories at the Toledo Zoo, and now the thoughtful exhibits and impressive building of this new museum offer a striking way to appreciate the past while looking forward to the future.

It's an incredible museum, and something Toledo can be proud of for generations to come. Congratulations to Jeff Sailer and his team.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALTIMORE MINE TUNNEL DISASTER

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Baltimore Mine Tunnel Disaster, one of the deadliest mining accidents in Pennsylvania's history.

On June 5, 1919, more than a hundred miners entered the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company's Baltimore Mine Tunnel No. 2 in Wilkes-Barre. Disaster struck when 12 barrels of blasting powder ignited, killing 92 miners and injuring dozens. Historians believe the blast was caused by a loose power cable that came into contact with the trolley, causing the powder from the rear cart to ignite. Unfortunately, only seven miners escaped unscathed.

Following the disaster, legislators questioned the official procedures and safety regulations in mining plants. They believed regulations were not followed entirely, and many blamed the Baltimore Mine Tunnel Disaster on an ambiguous and lax mining code. Historians believe the incident could have been avoided if the Pennsylvania mining code had explicitly prohibited the transportation of powder in the same trolley cart as miners. As a result, legislators passed sensible protections that restricted the access and distribution of blasting powder by employees. To this day, the Baltimore Mine Tunnel Disaster remains one of the deadliest industrial accidents in Pennsylvania's history.

It is our responsibility to commemorate this day in Northeastern Pennsylvania's history, remember our region's roots in anthracite coal, and honor the legacy of those who lost their lives in the mines.

IN RECOGNITION OF GUS GARCIA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Gus Garcia, Austin, TX's first Hispanic mayor and the first Hispanic to serve on the Austin school board.

Mr. Garcia was born in Zapata, TX and moved to Laredo when he was ten years old. After serving in the Army, he utilized the GI bill to afford college and graduate from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in accounting. Later, he would become a Certified Public Accountant and eventually start his own firm. While searching for housing in Austin, he and his wife, Marina, were subject to discrimination in neighborhoods around the university. He also faced professional challenges from those still reluctant to hire a Hispanic accountant. These experiences led Mr. Garcia into the realm of politics and shaped his commitment to representing Hispanics in Austin, TX.

Mr. Garcia served as a member of the Austin School Board, city council, and, eventually, as the Mayor of Austin. His colleagues remember him as a dedicated and industrious civil servant who always inspired those around him through his tireless efforts. The Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy, a middle school in East Austin, was named in honor of his groundbreaking career.

Mr. Garcia is survived by his three sons, five grandchildren, and wife, Marina. However, he will be remembered by countless others for his commitment to civil rights and a career that changed the face of politics in Austin.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAKAMATSU FARM

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary festival of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony. As staff, families, and community members gather to celebrate this momentous occasion, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding historic landmark and all the Japanese cultural history it has represented over the past 150 years.

Wakamatsu Farm was established by a Japanese colonist in California in June 1869. Today, the Wakamatsu Farm represents rich Japanese-American history and is home to several organic farming projects and historic features. The Farm, now owned by the American River Conservancy, hosts two farming businesses that lease land and buildings on the property and provide sustainably grown produce and goods to the community.

I have seen firsthand the incredible impact the Wakamatsu Farm has had on their surrounding community. For 150 years, the Wakamatsu Farm has built a community space that cultivates an appreciation for natural resources, sustainable agriculture, and cultural history. The volunteers and partners have helped preserve the land and create a

beautiful space for visitors to learn about the Colony's roots.

Madam Speaker, as the Wakamatsu Farm and the community it serves gather to celebrate the Farm's 150th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their commitment to the preservation of such a rich site for cultural history and to maintain a biologically diverse landscape for the benefit of the community.

HONORING PAM DUBOIS AND HER 31 YEAR CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pam Dubois on her 31 years of service in Cabarrus County, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Over the last 31 years, Pam has made countless contributions to our area. She started her civic service career in September of 1988 as an accountant and retires today as Senior Deputy County Manager.

Pam has experienced a very successful career and rose through the ranks of the Cabarrus County Finance Department to become the Finance Director and Deputy County Manager. Through her leadership, Cabarrus County has earned the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 16 consecutive years and the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for 29 consecutive years.

Pam serves on a distinguished North Carolina Association of County Commissioners committee, where she advises other counties with sound fiscal advice, and also on the North Carolina Finance Certification Program, from which she received her certification in 1994. She obtained her GFOA of the United States and Canada Certified Finance Officers Certificate in June 2001. Pam has also served for years on the Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

In addition to her career, Pam is heavily involved with her church—she's served as an Elder for Orphan Care, as a parking lot attendant and on the Building and Grounds Committee. Pam also volunteers in numerous ways to help veterans, animals and special-needs children.

Pam is married to Steve Dubois and has two cats, Brooklyn and Isabell. A graduate from the University of South Carolina, Pam is also known as one of the most passionate Gamecock fans around, despite residing in the Tar Heel State. I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say she will be missed but is well deserving of a long and happy retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Pam Dubois on her decades of service to our community.

2019 MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katie McGillicuddy, Kurt Voll and Owen Voll, Merchant Marine Academy Appointees from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I believe America's greatest assets are our brave men and women in uniform. These individuals are making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserve our utmost support for their service. It is with great pleasure that I give Katie, Kurt and Owen my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend these young people and their families for their commitment. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, it is an honor to recognize Katie McGillicuddy, Kurt Voll and Owen Voll as appointees to the United States Merchant Marine Academy for their commitment to protect and serve our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was unexpectedly delayed and absent from the House Chamber on June 3, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call No. 232.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2019 OCONTO COUNTY BREAKFAST ON THE FARM HOSTED BY PETERSON'S DAIRY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Breakfast on the Farm in Oconto County.

Breakfast on the Farm is an iconic Wisconsin tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates and learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy a delicious meal prepared on the farm.

The Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm Committee has been organizing the breakfast since 2010, recruiting host farms, sponsors, and volunteers to support this terrific event. In addition, the Committee offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors to further promote the strong agriculture industry in the community.

I am grateful to Peterson's Dairy for hosting the 2019 Oconto County Breakfast on the