

in 2004. He was also a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow in Tutelo Lodge 161.

Al was preceded in death by his wife Lucy, to whom he had been married for 69 years. He is survived by his son Steve, two grandsons, and a great-granddaughter. I would like to offer them my condolences. Many young men who participated in the Boy Scouts benefited from his tireless and committed contributions.

HONORING MS. KATHRYN JANSKY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Kathryn Jansky, MHS, CRNA, APRN, USA LTC (ret). A resident of Lone Tree, Colorado, Ms. Jansky will soon complete her tenure as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). I commend Ms. Jansky for her service to our community and our country during her time as president of this important organization.

As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) for more than 30 years, Ms. Jansky has offered many contributions to the health care community. She is a retired U.S. Army veteran and has long been active in advocating for the nurse anesthetist profession at both the state and national levels. During her AANA presidency, Ms. Jansky advocated for advancing patient care and expanding nurse anesthetists' scope of practice before federal agencies and members of Congress. She has worked tirelessly to eliminate burdensome regulations on CRNAs, to have CRNAs recognized as full practice providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), to maintain provider non-discrimination, and to achieve full scope of practice for CRNAs. Ms. Jansky graduated from the U.S. Army School of Anesthesia for Nurse Corps Officers, obtained her master's degree from Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth; and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

I extend my sincere thanks to Ms. Jansky today. Her service to her country, the AANA, and her patients, combined with her commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Jansky's outstanding achievements and career of service.

HONORING MAUREEN STOVER AS THE 2020 BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND NORIH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Maureen Stover for being named the 2020 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Stover is a science teacher at Cumberland International Early College High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

A former intelligence officer with the United States Air Force, Mrs. Stover began teaching in 2009 through the Troops to Teachers program. For over a decade, her tireless commitment has exemplified the important contributions educators make each day in service to our children and community.

Known in the classroom as the Science Mom, Mrs. Stover's dedication to students extends far beyond brief lectures in biology or environmental science. Her leadership has provided countless students with not only the resources needed to develop academically, but socially and emotionally as well.

The title of North Carolina Teacher of the Year is awarded by the Department of Public Instruction to dedicated and highly skilled educators who inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. I am proud that Mrs. Stover will travel the state as an ambassador for the teaching profession, serve as an advisor to the State Board of Education, and serve as a board member for the Public School Forum.

As the son of a retired public school teacher, I extend my most sincere appreciation to Mrs. Stover for her extraordinary service to our nation, state, and community. She is more than deserving of this honor and I look forward to all she will accomplish on behalf of our children in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Maureen Stover for being named the 2020 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

HONORING RACHELLE LONG AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Rachelle Long, the owner of Chellie's Sugar Shack in Des Moines, as this week's Iowan of the Week.

Whether it's cakes, cookies, cobblers, or pies, Chellie's Sugar Shack has been satisfying sweet tooths in Des Moines for nearly a decade. After a thirty-year career—one she began straight out of high school—Rachelle took the leap and opened her own home bakery at the suggestion of her children. Chellie's Sugar Shack was the result of years of baking sugar cookies for her kids and family, including sugar cookie trays that became a much-anticipated present each year at Christmas.

Chellie's Sugar Shack opened for business on April Fool's Day in 2011—with Rachelle clarifying on Facebook that the business was indeed no joke. For the first two years, sugar cookies were the only thing on the menu. After requests from satisfied customers, however, the menu has since grown to include best sellers like the southern caramel cake and strawberry cake. And yesterday, on National Sugar Cookie Day, Rachelle found a way to reward one loyal customer with a gift of a dozen sugar cookies.

I am deeply impressed by Rachelle's strong entrepreneurial spirit, dedication, and engagement with the local community—like baking dozens of mini southern caramel cakes as a sweet treat for students. I know the community appreciates her hard work. I know Rachelle

and other small business owners have been working hard during this global pandemic. Like all small business owners, Rachelle must have been worried about what might happen to her business. But Iowans have a proud tradition of supporting our small businesses and Chellie's Sugar Shack has seen an uptick in orders. With 8 to 10 orders to bake each day now, Rachelle's been busy giving Iowans delicious cakes, cookies, and other treats to brighten their day.

Like many small businesses, including my own, Chellie's Sugar Shack is a family business. A grandmother of 9, Rachelle recounted her early days as a business owner of having her grandchildren—then ages 1 to 10—help her with baking, decorating, and packaging orders. As they helped, Rachelle sought to instill in them the value of being an entrepreneur—in her words, to be an "employer and not an employee." With Chellie's Sugar Shack, Rachelle says that she's planted a seed that she hopes her grandchildren will continue to nourish and grow across generations.

As a mom myself, I know the importance of providing our children with experiences that will build not just lifelong skills, but also lifelong memories. I am proud to know that we have family business owners like Rachelle in our community fostering tomorrow's entrepreneurs. It is my honor to share Rachelle's story, and recognize her as the Iowan of the Week.

LYNN SHELTON

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, May 16, 2020, Seattle unexpectedly lost the kind-hearted, luminous filmmaker Lynn Shelton. Shelton made her first film in 2006—*We Go Way Back*—adding seven more films to her oeuvre in the ensuing years, including *Your Sister's Sister* and *Sword of Trust*. All but the last film showcased the essence of the Pacific Northwest in environment and feeling, but the themes and directorial treatments were always uniquely her own.

Most recently, she focused her directing skills on episodes of well-known television series, living in Los Angeles to be close to this work. However, she remained tied to the northwest, notably participating in *The Stranger's* daily "Message to the City" column. In her video, she shared how she discovered that singing out loud lifted her mood and to illustrate the point, she produced a medley of friends singing songs, having learned how to edit the video on her phone along the way.

Ms. Shelton leaves behind a deep impression on the local artistic community. Even beyond the success of her films, she will be remembered for the kindness with which she treated those around her, for her enjoyment of life, and for her prodigious talent.

Ms. Shelton is survived by her son Milo Seal, her husband of many years Kevin Seal, her parents, three siblings, as well as Marc Maron, with whom she spent the last year of her life.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROHIBITION ON
MINING IN THE RAINY RIVER
WATERSHED

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, last week the House Appropriations Committee passed the Fiscal Year 2021 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, which I proudly authored as the Chair of the Subcommittee. This bill makes many critical investments in protecting our natural resources and contains several provisions designed to stop the Trump Administration from moving forward on disastrous environmental policies. Unfortunately, one of those provisions is being grossly mischaracterized by some of my colleagues across the aisle, and I claim this time to set the record straight.

I included language within the Interior Appropriations bill that prohibits funds from the bill, for the 2021 fiscal year only, from being spent on reviewing or approving a mine plan within the Rainy River Watershed in Minnesota's Superior National Forest.

First, let me be perfectly clear that this language does not impact the traditional taconite mining that takes place on Minnesota's Iron Range. Mines currently operating under an approved plan would not be affected by this language. Furthermore, there is no iron ore project with a mine plan under review within the entire Superior National Forest.

A search of the Federal Register and the Bureau of Land Management's National NEPA Register show that there is only one mine plan under review within the Rainy River Watershed: the Twin Metals sulfide-ore copper mine. This proposed mine would be on the doorstep of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA), putting our nation's most visited wilderness at risk of toxic acid mine drainage.

Anyone suggesting that taconite mining in the iron range is at risk because of this language is either misinformed or misleading their constituents. I crafted this language for one purpose: to stop the Trump Administration from rushing through a deeply flawed plan for a toxic sulfide-ore mine before they are voted out of office this November.

Second, I want to emphasize again that this prohibition is for a single year of funding. Some of my colleagues have suggested that this prohibition would stop all future mine operations. That is simply untrue and suggests a misunderstanding of the way that federal appropriations bills work.

This language protects the BWCA until we are able to work with a more trustworthy administration next year. Multiple Trump Cabinet Members pledged during Congressional hearings to complete the mineral withdrawal study in this watershed. Instead, they abandoned the environmental review after 20 months and have refused to release its results. So clearly, the Trump administration cannot be trusted to review the plans for a mine that could devastate the Boundary Waters wilderness.

Third, some of my colleagues have claimed that stopping this mine plan from moving forward is depriving America of critical mineral resources. I can only assume that those colleagues are unaware of the fact that none of the minerals extracted at the Twin Metals

mine will stay in the United States. Twin Metals is wholly owned by the foreign mining conglomerate Antofagasta, who will ship the copper they extract overseas. Earlier this month, in fact, Reuters reported that for the second year in a row Antofagasta has signed contracts to send the copper they mine to China. The Twin Metals mine will not support U.S. national security interests. The copper will be gone, and all Minnesota will be left with millions of tons of waste rock and acid drainage.

Finally, I want to address the claim that I somehow tried to "sneak" this language into my bill. Nothing could be further from the truth. I proudly highlighted this provision in my statements during our subcommittee and full committee markup. I have also repeatedly and publicly informed the Trump Administration during hearings in the Appropriations Committee that their refusal to release the results of the taxpayer-funded study examining the environmental impacts of sulfide-ore copper mining in the Rainy River Watershed was unacceptable, and that any mining plans should not proceed until the study results were released.

If I am trying to be sneaky about this provision, I am doing a very poor job, Madam Speaker.

The people of Minnesota and America deserve a president and representatives that operate with transparency, respect science, and follow our environmental laws. I have done my best to uphold those values in crafting my legislation, and I look forward to working with a new Administration that shares those values and can be trusted with our natural resources.

CELEBRATING NELL LONG'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Nell Long on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Nell Hill was born in Alabama's Oak Grove community on July 12, 1920. Her family settled in Alabama long before that. Nell grew up during the Great Depression, so she possesses a toughness and tenacity that only true hardship can produce. Nell worked hard to help her family as a girl. She harvested cotton with her father and preserved food with her mother. Nell went on to finish high school, most notably, in the light of an oil lamp—electricity did not come to Oak Grove until 1935.

At nineteen, Nell married James Long and started a family. They had three beautiful children. As an active mother, Nell volunteered as a substitute teacher, a 4-H Club leader, in the PTA, and on local campaigns. She worked in her children's school lunchroom. She did all this in addition to helping James on their farm. Nell and James were committed to conservation in Madison County and the fruits of their labor can still be seen in our community today. In 1986, Nell was named Madison County Woman of the Year for dedicated service in the community and church.

After James' passing, Nell has remained active in the community. She is a member of the local Homemaker's Club, Hunt Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

(DAR), and of Owens Cross Roads Church of Christ. She has inspired scores with her dedication to improving the lives of others.

Madam Speaker, the Tennessee Valley is fortunate to have such an exemplary citizen for 100 years. Nell Long's unwavering hard work, strong family values, and unshakable faith embody the best of our community.

I wish Nell and her entire family the very best as they celebrate Nell's centennial birthday.

HONORING FRANCIE COMBS IOWAN
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Mrs. Francine Combs for her decades of hard work in her community and her 100th birthday this month by naming her our Iowan of the Week.

Francine started working as a waitress when she was only 18. She worked at The Joy Ann, a restaurant of the northwest side of the square in Greenfield, Iowa whose local claim to fame was being the first eatery in town to have a juke box. From those first table at The Joy Ann, Francine's tenacity and dedication to her work and the community took off.

Over the course of her 65 years as a waitress; Francine worked at several other eateries—all the while raising four sons—John, Dan, David and Dennis—with her husband Frank.

Francine's son John Combs and his wife Phyllis recalled that, "Every restaurant there ever was in Greenfield, she was a waitress there." Diners and patrons in Greenfield came to know and love Francine as a staple of their community.

A significant portion of Francine's decades of waitressing were at the Maid-Rite Café—an Iowa community staple for nearly three generations and a venerated home to our famous loose meat sandwiches. In all her years, if Francine ever learned the secrets behind the Maid-Rite's incredible rendition of this classic Iowa sandwich, she still hasn't told.

In honoring Francine today, I want to underscore the values of hard work, attentiveness, and interpersonal skills that serving Iowa's hungry families teaches to everyone working in the hospitality industry. As a former waitress myself, I know how much I learned from the long hours on my feet and the diligent yet delicate work that is required of any food service professional—and I am so proud to recognize one who embodies that Iowa work ethic through decades of service to her thousands of patrons.

In 2004, Francine hung up her apron at the age of 84 for a well-earned retirement. And as she reaches another incredible milestone—100 years old this month—I can only imagine how she has seen the world change.

As we all know, the restaurant industry is evolving. From meal delivery services to contactless ordering through kiosks; some of the personal touches that Francine gave to her customers are becoming rarer. But it's my hope that as restaurants and other food services continue to weather this pandemic and