

Wheat Ridge's Annual Business of the Year Award.

Poor Boy Rods is an example of what makes Wheat Ridge great. The team at Poor Boy Rods earned the Business of the Year award because of their outstanding performance and contribution to our community. Poor Boy Rods is known for fixing up classic cars and helping to restore them to their former glory. Preserving such classic symbols of Americana is important and will allow future generations to enjoy these vehicles just as much as the generations before us. Located in Wheat Ridge, the work done by Poor Boy Rods can be seen on roads throughout our beautiful community and state.

Congratulations to Poor Boy Rods for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING EUGENE GUTIERREZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Eugene Gutierrez of Edinburg, Texas for his incredible commitment to the community of South Texas, his service for our country, and to celebrate his 100th birthday.

Mr. Gutierrez was born on September 14, 1921 and grew up in South Texas. He attended Harlingen High School and, after graduation, enlisted in the United States Army to pursue a career in engineering. However, after Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Mr. Gutierrez's military career took a quick turn.

Mr. Gutierrez began rigorous training with the First Special Service Force, an elite group of 1,800 troops from both American and Canadian armies at Fort William Henry Harrison in Montana. They were later dubbed as "the Devil's Brigade" by German opposition, in July of 1942. During his time fighting in World War II, Mr. Gutierrez was honored with numerous awards, including: two Bronze Stars, one for valor and the other for infantry combat, a Liberation of France medal, a Good Conduct medal, a World War Two Victory medal, a First Special Service Force medal, and the Congressional Gold medal.

Upon returning home from the war, Mr. Gutierrez went on to pursue a degree from Oklahoma State University and graduated in 1950. He then settled in McAllen, Texas where he served as an educator, principal, and superintendent at McAllen Independent School District for 30 years until he retired in 1980. Mr. Gutierrez continues to serve as an active member of the McAllen community through his work in the Sierra Club and as a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to acknowledge the countless achievements of Eugene Gutierrez. He dedicated his life to the betterment of his community and his legacy will no doubt inspire future generations to do the same. His military service, devotion to the community, and general love for life is admirable. I thank Mr. Gutierrez, and wish him a happy 100th birthday.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
MARTIAL ARTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Personal Achievement Martial Arts of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the City of Wheat Ridge's 17th Annual Business of the Year Award.

Led by a persevering team, Personal Achievement Martial Arts was able to have an impactful year of education and training for local youth in the field of martial arts, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. They offer a wide array of programs spanning from preschool-aged children all the way up to adulthood. Personal Achievement Martial Arts strives to make an inclusive environment for every one of their students, and pass on their skills of self-defense on to eager learners.

Congratulations to Personal Achievement Martial Arts for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

RECOGNIZING THE 234TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 234th anniversary of the United States Constitution, and to commend the Daughters of the American Revolution for their diligence in promoting this period of civic education known as Constitution Week.

The United States Constitution is more than just an outline for good governance. It is a product of the greatest minds of its time. It stands as a written testament to our values as a nation; and, while many countries around the world have a constitution that establishes and organizes their government, our Constitution is different. Its predominate purpose is to limit the power of the federal government, and it encapsulates the most sacred of American values: that our government is, and will always be, accountable to the American people.

I am reminded that our nation's formative years were not without internal strife. Much like today, our founders were at a crossroad, and many wondered what form of government our fledgling nation would take. On September 17, 1787, crowds gathered outside Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the Constitutional Convention had convened to decide the future of the country. As the delegates left the Hall that day, someone called out from the crowd, asking what kind of government we would have. Among the men leaving the building was Benjamin Franklin, one of the most esteemed figures in our nation's founding. There, on the steps of Independence Hall, Mr. Franklin turned to face the inquiring voice and replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it."

Today we find our country again at a crossroad. We must decide whether to maintain our foundational principles, or to tread down the path of authoritarianism. We can choose to

hold fast to the values enshrined in our Constitution, or to ignore them and risk losing our Republic. I am confident that our Constitutional values and obligations will prevail in time. Through divine providence and the tireless efforts of organizations like the Daughters of the American Revolution, our obligation to the people has already survived over two centuries, and will not easily be abandoned.

On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I earnestly commend the Daughters of the American Revolution for their efforts in preserving the legacy of our founders, and the values enshrined in our United States Constitution.

VICKIE CORDER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vickie Corder of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2021 Special Recognition City Award.

The Special Recognition City Award is given to a person or organization in Wheat Ridge who exemplifies outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community. Vickie's bakery, Grammy's Goodies, has been a staple in Wheat Ridge for years, and has brought smiles to guests' faces for as long as they have been open. The COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges for and the local bakery but Vickie continued to serve local residents, even providing meals for front-line workers during some of the worst days of the pandemic.

Congratulations to Vickie Corder of Grammy's Goodies for her contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICHARD DINGLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 98

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Richard Dingle American Legion Post 98 in Saint Paul Park, Minnesota. Just as it has since 1921, Post 98 welcomes veterans into its membership ranks from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Members are committed to fulfilling the Post 98 mission of implementing the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace, and blessings for their country, friends, and families.

On August 20, 1919, seventeen local veterans gathered in Saint Paul Park to apply for a temporary charter in the American Legion, the fledgling national Veteran's Service Organization which at the time was just one year old. Two years later, on July 2, 1921, Post 98 applied for a permanent charter for the Richard Dingle American Legion Post 98 in honor

of World War I veteran Richard W. Dingle, a private in the U.S. Marine Corps, 5th Regiment, 2nd Division who died during the Battle of Belleau Wood in France. To this day, Post 98 upholds the important work of the American Legion to assist veterans and their families finding careers, expanding their education, applying for health care and other benefits, and providing a supportive community for Saint Paul Park veterans.

Throughout its history, Post 98 has been steadfast in service, not only to veterans, but to the entire community. You may find yourself at a baseball game where the American Legion team is sponsored by Post 98, or at the Legion for dinner at the 328 Grill where you are likely to find families enjoying fun and games on the patio. You can also enjoy the Minnesota tradition of “booya” a rich stew cooked over an open fire, at the Legion’s annual Booya fundraiser event, or stop by their Lenten Fish Fry each spring. Their long list of service work extends to all corners of the community, through donations to veteran’s organizations like the Veterans Camp and Hastings Veterans Home, sending monthly care packages to active service members overseas, purchasing three fire trucks for the local fire department, donating school supplies, band uniforms and sports equipment to local students, and even helping to build city parks. Post 98 is also home to the only Honor Guard in South Washington County, leading them to perform at 11 ceremonies each year on Memorial Day along with their service at veteran’s funerals and other ceremonies.

During the past year, Post 98 demonstrated true Minnesota hospitality and solidarity by extending a hand to union workers who were locked out of their jobs at the neighboring Marathon Refinery for more than six months during a contract dispute. Post 98 opened its doors to keep workers warm during bitter winter months and hosted food drives for all members of the community.

Led today by Commander John Dingle, Post 98 continues to be a prominent member of the community as well as a leader in service. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the members of the Richard Dingle American Legion Post 98 on its 100 years of service to veterans and the community.

HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. BENTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Korean War veterans and Vietnam War veterans from Oregon’s Second Congressional District who are visiting their memorials on the National Mall through Honor Flight of Oregon. When I have the opportunity to meet these heroes, I am reminded of the enduring words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who affirmed that “The history of free men is never really written by chance—but by choice—their choice.”

The words he spoke then, Madam Speaker, still ring true today. Those who value liberty are indebted to these heroes, for each one made the choice to defend freedom through acts of extraordinary service and incredible sacrifice and bravery on behalf of our country.

It is my privilege to include in the Record their names.

The veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: William Baker, Air Force; Wendell Bayse, Navy; Harold Busch, Coast Guard; Charles Cruikshank, Army; Richard Bluehosh, Marine Corps; Roy Drago, Army; David Driggers, Navy; Garey Fritz, Army; Billy Gentry, Army; Richard Harley, Navy; Harl Hawkins, Jr., Marine Corps; Edmund Larios, Army; William Nunn, Army; John Pavlicek, Army; JeJy Peter, Army; James Prevatt, Army; Terrel Roberson, Army; Douglas Roberts, Army; Richard Thommen, Army; Gusravo Tovar, Army; Gregory Turnbow, Army; Gary Wishart, Navy; and Franklin Yates, Army.

These heroes join over 240,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

I would also like to recognize the volunteers and guardians traveling on this trip who have served our country: Donald Deland, Navy; Brian Driggers, Navy; Rodney Edwards, Army; James Hawkins, Army; Clinton McAuliffe, Navy; Dane Prevatt, USMC; Earl Schroeder, USAF; and Colben Keith Sime, USMC;

Madam Speaker, in his 1796 farewell address, General George Washington said, “You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together. The independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels and joint efforts; of common dangers, sufferings, and successes.” As a nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our veterans. Each member in this chamber and citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of the brave veterans who voluntarily underwent ‘common dangers, sufferings, and successes’ in order to preserve our country and way of life.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

LYNN TRAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lynn Tran of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association’s 2021 Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award is given to a member of the Wheat Ridge business community who has made significant strides in their ability to lead and grow as a business leader and who shows great potential for the future. Lynn Tran is a chiropractor in Wheat Ridge at Wild and Precious Optimal Living. She has continued to grow her business and become a leader in the community for her exceptional service and work.

Congratulations to Lynn Tran for her contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
GLORIA SMITH

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to remember the life of the wonderful Gloria Smith of New Orleans.

Or as she was affectionately known, Granny.

Though we weren’t related by blood, she was still family to me.

And to Granny, her family—her children, grandkids, and great-grandkids—were her world.

She was born on February 28, 1935 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Willie Godfrey and Genevieve Francis. Gloria was the youngest of two girls.

In 1953, Gloria married her sweetheart, the late Frank Charles Smith, II. Together, they had nine children.

My siblings and I grew up one block away from Granny, and her home was always a welcoming place bustling with people.

Granny was witty and could always make you laugh.

She brought a special type of charm and humor that was magnetic.

She pulled you in and always knew how to lift you up if you were down.

She radiated love.

Granny never turned down an opportunity to dance. She knew how to have a good time and cherish every moment.

She was a godly woman, and was very involved in church and served in her children’s schools.

Holidays, birthdays, and family gatherings will not be the same without her, or without her delicious homemade fried chicken and French fries, or gumbo, gravy and rice.

Madam Speaker, please share a prayer for Granny and the entire family in this difficult time.

Her favorite Bible verse was Psalm 118:24: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

She lived this truth every day of her eighty-six years, living life to the fullest.

Everyone who knew her is blessed to have had her in their lives.

I am lucky to count myself among them.

We love Granny.

DOMINICK BRETON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dominick Breton of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the City of Wheat Ridge’s Annual Mayor’s Partnership Award.

The Annual Mayor’s Partnership Award is given to a member of the Wheat Ridge community that has demonstrated exemplary service and leadership to the local community. As a member of the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Directors, Dominick has dedicated time and resources to his community and to local businesses. He has personally engaged with several local businesses