

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.

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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

and organizations, including throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. These contributions will be recognized by Wheat Ridge Mayor Bud Starker during the awards reception.

Congratulations to Dominick Breton for his contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF HATE
CRIMES AFTER THE TERRORIST
ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, 20 years ago, our country was shaken to its core during the terrorist attacks of September 11th.

9/11 was an attack on the very idea of America—on our freedoms, on our beliefs, and on our very way life. The response required courage, strength, and a sense of togetherness, and President Bush displayed that by going to a Mosque after these attacks as a message of peace and tolerance.

Sadly, these attacks also led to a new type of terror for thousands of Arabs, South Asians, Muslims, Sikhs, and individuals from other regions and religions. These individuals were targeted by violence and hatred because they were Muslim, or perceived to be Muslim. Twenty years ago, shortly after the attacks, a gas station in my district was the site of one of these hate crimes. A white supremacist walked into a Texaco Gas Station in Pleasant Grove, asked the clerk where he was from, and shot him in the face.

Rais Bhuiyan survived the attack but was left sightless in one eye. Unlike his attacker,

Mr. Bhuiyan showed courage following the attack. He forgave his attacker and did all he could to prevent his execution, he even sued the state of Texas to prevent the loss of another life.

While we remember our friends, family, and neighbors who lost their lives on 9/11, we must also not forget the victims of hate crimes that also resulted from that attack.

This is why I introduced a resolution yesterday recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and honoring the victims of the hate crimes that followed. If we ever want to live in a world without hate, we must show tolerance, courage, and understanding rather than blind discrimination. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring these victims so that we can look forward to a more peaceful and tolerant world.