

of the Central New York community and has received numerous awards for corporate citizenship. SRCTec received the Partners for Education & Business Special Recognition Award for its work to engage local students and encourage them to pursue STEM field studies. SRCTec has also received the United Way of Central New York's Spirit of Caring Awards several times for its charitable giving and leadership development programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the 15th Anniversary of SRCTec. Since its founding, the company has made tremendous contributions to Central New York and worked to improve our country's defenses through its visionary manufacturing products.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHEAST WISCONSIN'S 2021 VETERAN OF THE YEAR, RYAN LONERGAN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northeast Wisconsin's 2021 Veteran of the Year, Ryan Lonergan. His service on and off the battlefield, his dedication to fellow veterans, and his devotion to Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District makes him well-deserving of this recognition.

The Northeast Wisconsin Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of members from the veteran and civilian community. It recognizes veterans in Northeast Wisconsin who continue to demonstrate service, excellence, and dedication in all that they do.

A native of Southeastern Wisconsin, Ryan served 6 years in the Army National Guard including a 2009 deployment to Iraq. During Ryan's service he received numerous medals and achievements, including but not limited to, the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star.

Ryan's service to his fellow veterans and dedication to our country did not stop upon returning home. Ryan has been a tireless advocate and ally for veterans in the Fox Valley and Northeast Wisconsin. Every day he helps veterans transition to civilian life by providing crucial job and career preparation. Two incredible examples of Ryan's continued support of the veteran community include working with the Outagamie County Veteran Service Officer to find a home for a World War II veteran's Purple Heart and connecting the next of kin of a local Navy Seal with his ribbons and medals which included a Silver Star with Valor and Navy Seal Trident.

Ryan has remained dedicated to creating and cultivating a strong veteran community in the Fox Valley. He plays a key role in organizing an annual archery event and has partnered with numerous local businesses to coordinate extraordinary experiences for our veterans. From his help with Wheels for Warriors to his Fragout Podcast, Ryan continues to advocate for his fellow veterans.

Madam Speaker, I once again congratulate Ryan Lonergan for his service to Northeast

Wisconsin and the veteran community, and on being the 2021 Northeast Wisconsin Veteran of the Year. Northeast Wisconsin can be proud of the many great veterans who call the 8th Congressional District home, and I urge all colleagues to join me in recognizing these outstanding men and women.

HONORING JAN FAKER FOR HER SERVICE TO HOOSIERS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jan Faker for her service to Indiana's 2nd District as Constituent Liaison in my Rochester, Indiana, office and congratulate her on a remarkable 27-year career in service to Hoosiers. As Jan retires and begins the next chapter in her life, it is my great privilege to honor her many achievements and to express my sincerest appreciation for all she has done for our community, our State, and our country.

Jan specializes in senior issues and has helped more than 1,500 individual constituents throughout her time as a congressional staffer. Her career began in 1994 as Staff Assistant for Rep. Steve Buyer (IN-04), and she has proved to be an invaluable asset in every role since. When Rep. Buyer retired in 2011, she took her talents to the Senate where she served as Sen. Dan Coats' Director of Constituent Services for Indiana until becoming Constituent Liaison in my office in 2015.

I cannot thank Jan enough for going above and beyond for 2nd District Hoosiers. Her vast knowledge of bureaucracy and her ample network of contacts equipped her to answer almost any question, cut through miles of red tape, and provide solutions to individuals and families who felt boxed into a corner. For Members of Congress, our caseworkers are often considered our miracle workers. Jan's compassion, dedication, and tenacity make her one of the best, and I could always count on her to take on challenges and be pragmatic, effective, and supportive.

Jan's expertise and dedication will surely be missed. I'm certain Hoosiers across the State are grateful for her help in stewarding them through the complexities of Medicare enrollment during her 15 years of teaching "Medicare 101" in partnership with the Indiana State Health Insurance Assistance Program. From healthcare to Social Security and pensions, Jan has helped so many Indiana families navigate complex challenges with grace and poise.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jan Faker on her retirement and thanking her for her decades of service to the 2nd District and the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING THE ZUNI CROSS-COUNTRY BOYS TEAM

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to send my congratulations to

the Zuni Cross-Country Boys Team who won the New Mexico State Cross Country Championships for 2021. Their win is even more impressive during a pandemic that made it impossible to train last year. They make us all proud.

Zuni's cross-country program is in a class of its own. I am so impressed with its leadership in the running world especially in hosting one of the largest meets with more than 30 schools in attendance. It is an honor to represent a community where the running culture is so strong.

I extend my warmest wishes for the future. I have no doubt Zuni will continue to impress us all through the ages.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. BILL BRADLEY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bill Bradley for his service to LaGrange County, Indiana. Residents of LaGrange County owe Bill a debt of gratitude for his role in making the region a better place to live and do business.

The LaGrange County EDC works to attract new investment to, and strengthen local business in, the county. They do so quite successfully. LaGrange County's unemployment rate is roughly half that of the national average, and future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 47.4 percent, considerably higher than the U.S. average of 33.5 percent.

At the helm of the LaGrange County EDC for the last three years has been Bill, a stalwart champion of business in northern Indiana for nearly three decades. He also led the Jay County Development Corporation; helped in the creation of the New Allen Alliance, the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, and the Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County; and served the Logansport-Cass County Economic Development Foundation and the Wabash Economic Development Corporation. Additionally, he has served as a board member of the Indiana Economic Development Association, several workforce developments boards, and has been an active Rotarian most of his career. His career is remarkable, and our region is more prosperous because of him.

As Bill prepares to retire, let this document serve as a testament to Bill and his life's work, for which LaGrange County, and the whole of northeast Indiana, is grateful.

IN HONOR OF MR. EDDIE L. PEARCE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a lifetime of dedication and expertise by Mr. Eddie Pearce of Hamilton, Alabama for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award that recognizes 60 years of service as a National Weather Service Cooperative Observer.

Mr. Pearce was born in Pecos County, Texas and moved to Alabama when he was only 14 years old. From a very young age he had a strong interest in the weather and began taking and observing daily temperature readings in November of 1961.

Since then, his passion and dedication has led him to aiding the daily operations of meteorologists across the state. His expertise in topography has proven essential to understanding and communicating to the public the importance of elevation temperature changes on our climate in Alabama.

During his time observing the weather in Hamilton, he saw the many ways our weather

can reach the extremes. Back in January of 1966, he recorded his record low temperature of -19 degrees. This was the same day the state of Alabama set its record low temperature of -27 degrees recorded at New Market in Madison County. On the other end of the meteorological spectrum, Mr. Pearce recorded his record high temperature in August of 2007. His recording station hit 109 degrees during a record setting heat and drought that impacted all of Alabama.

The National Weather Service is honored to have an observer such as Mr. Pearce on their side and presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award on November 2, 2021.

Mr. Pearce was married to Rosemary Ritchie Pearce for more than six decades. She passed away in 2019.

They had two children, son Eddie Pearce III and daughter Shawn Armstrong.

I want to congratulate Mr. Pearce on this well-deserved achievement as he portrays a great example of the genuine, hard-working people who make up Alabama's 4th District. I want to wish him all the best and thank him for his service to his community, Marion County, and all of Alabama.