

fundraisers, and being with his American Legion Riders Chapter 509. He volunteered his time handing out blankets to veterans during the holidays and participated in many funeral ceremonies in the Honor Guard, specifically during the pandemic. Mary was always by his side at the events, with a smile on her face and chatting with veterans and their families. They were both friendly and helpful to everyone and ready to assist when needed.

Jim is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mary; his son; daughter-in-law, his son-in-law, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Jim's wonderful daughter, Vickie, passed away in 2020. He leaves behind many friends including his brothers and sisters of the Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the life of Jim Leyser. I join his family and friends in the veteran community in celebrating his life and continuous service to others.

MARIA PROCOPIO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, recently, I had the pleasure of attending Maria Procopio's 100th birthday party. Maria has been a Vineland resident for 62 years. She was born in November of 1921 in the town of Montauro, Italy. In 1938, Maria married Giovanni Procopio and they immigrated to the United States in March of 1959. Maria and Giovanni have eight children, eleven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. On November 22, 2021, the Mayor of Vineland, Anthony Fanucci, recognized and celebrated the 100th birthday and longevity of Maria's life. I hope that Maria had a great birthday and it was an honor to be able to attend her birthday party. God Bless Maria, and God Bless our America.

RECOGNITION OF THE COTULLA-LA SALLE COUNTY AIRPORT'S NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL GRAND OPENING

HON. TONY GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the leadership and community of La Salle County and the city of Cotulla on the grand opening of the new airport terminal, which is happening today in my district. I especially want to recognize County Judge Joel Rodriguez Jr., Cotulla Mayor Jose Javier Garcia, Airport Manager E.T. Page, and members of the La Salle County Commissioners Court and Cotulla City Council for all the work that has gone into bringing today to fruition.

The Airport has a rich history since its beginning in 1947, when it was constructed to serve as an emergency airfield for military training aircraft in the area. The airport has truly become an area magnet for economic

growth and in 2016, the Cotulla airport was even recognized as the TxDOT-Aviation Airport of the Year.

With today's ribbon cutting, Cotulla-La Salle County Airport (KCOT) has been set up for many years of success in the future. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the airport's success and thank them for all the work they do every day in south Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PAM MARPHIS

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Pam Marphis, a selfless public servant and one of the longest-serving staffers in my office.

Pam's 22 years working in Congress began with then-Representative David Vitter in 1999, then with Bobby Jindal, and then with my office when I won a special election in 2008.

Pam Marphis has helped thousands of constituents with their casework over the course of her career and she has been a rock star in so many ways.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Pam tirelessly helped Louisiana families navigate the FEMA bureaucracy so that they could get the help they needed to rebuild their homes and communities that were devastated.

When there was a child in Honduras needing heart surgery, Pam worked with the State Department to get that child to a hospital in Louisiana.

And as the world began to shut down in the beginning of this pandemic, Pam worked round-the-clock to get U.S. citizens back home.

I thank Pam, for her faithful service to our country. Her decades of experience will be sorely missed. Jennifer and I wish Pam and Gary the best in this next chapter of their lives.

HONORING HEARD, McELROY AND VESTAL'S 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friends and community leaders who have been serving my hometown of Shreveport for a remarkable 75 years.

The CPA firm—Heard, McElroy and Vestal—has been an integral part of our community since 1946. In fact, founding partner Charles McElroy served as one of the first Chairmen of the Louisiana Certified Public Accountants. From the very beginning, the firm has established itself as a "pillar of trust, integrity and competence." Their firm is now one of the largest public accounting firms in Northwest Louisiana.

This firm and its over 100 employees have worked faithfully for the people of Louisiana every day and have continued to be a cornerstone for our region. We are blessed to have

their mission of accounting excellence and commitment to integrity as a part of our community.

I thank my friends for serving so well for all these years, and happy 75th anniversary.

HONORING GARY MANN ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Hoosier, Gary Mann, as he celebrates his 80th birthday on December 13, 2021. Truly a giant in Elkhart, Indiana, Gary has demonstrated great leadership, excellence, and service throughout this life.

Gary, who graduated from Elkhart High School in the Class of 1959, was an exceptional student athlete. During his high school career, he earned two varsity letters each in football, baseball, and basketball. As a basketball player, Gary helped the Blazers reach the IHSAA state finals and, as a senior, was part of the Elkhart High School team that reached the sectional championship.

While he was a tremendous athlete across the board, Gary truly excelled on the football field. He rarely left the field during his football career, playing punter, tight end on offense, and safety on defense. Gary led the Blue Blazers in interceptions as a senior and was named MVP that year.

Following his storied high school sports career, Gary earned a full-ride scholarship to play football at Arizona State. Later, he earned a teaching degree from Ball State University and returned home to Elkhart County to teach and coach.

In the classroom, Gary taught generations of students as a history teacher at West Side Middle School. Additionally, he served as a longtime coach across the county. His tenures spanned ten years as Elkhart Memorial High School varsity football assistant, twelve years as Elkhart Central High School varsity football assistant, two years as Elkhart High School varsity wrestling assistant, nine years as West Side Middle School freshman football coach, and five years as the West Side Middle School seventh grade football, wrestling, and track coach.

For decades, Gary has been a respected mentor, coach, community leader, and role model to hundreds of young adults—both on and off the field. In recognition of his amazing legacy, Gary was inducted into the Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

At home and across Elkhart County, he is well known for his support, guidance, encouragement, and work ethic that has motivated his family and so many other Hoosiers. Gary and his wife, Ann, were married in 1962 and have been blessed with two children, five grandchildren, and three great-granddaughters.

As Gary celebrates this incredible milestone, it is my privilege to honor him for his many accomplishments and—most importantly—his devoted service to the Hoosiers of Elkhart County. I wish Gary a happy birthday, and continued health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JEAN
M. ROUSSEAU

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Jean M. Rousseau. Since 2015, Jean served as the County Administrative Office for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

Jean has been a citizen of the San Joaquin Valley his entire life. He has spent his marriage and his time raising his three children in the Central Valley. Jean attended California State University, Fresno where he received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting in 1986. Prior to attending college, he graduated from San Joaquin Memorial High School, my own alma mater. Jean has been with high school sweetheart, Andria for 38 years.

Before working for Fresno County, Jean was County Administrative Officer for Tulare County, and he held various other accounting-related positions throughout the Valley. His experience as a Certified Public Accountant has been an essential asset to the Central Valley for more than 30 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Jean M. Rousseau. His service and contributions to the Central Valley will be missed. I join his family, friends, and the community in celebrating Jean's successful career and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 250-YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE
OF ALAMANCE

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, as we close out the calendar year, I rise today to commemorate the 250-year anniversary of the Battle of Alamance.

In 1771, a group of North Carolinians took a stand for their rights, raising their voices in opposition to the unjust overreach and abuses they were subjected to under the watch of royal governor William Tryon. These colonists branded themselves as the Regulators—seeking to protect individual liberties that had been encroached upon by a government more interested in serving itself than its people. Of primary concern to the Regulators were issues of unfair taxation, corruption, and illegally assessed fines, penalties, and fees.

Governor Tryon caught wind of the Regulators' revolt and moved swiftly to silence them. Assembling a militia at New Bern, Tryon and his forces headed west. The conflict reached its height when armed Regulators were met by the Governor's militiamen in modern-day Alamance County. Refusing to be subdued, the Regulators defied Tryon's call for their surrender and the Governor charged his militia to open fire. Many Regulators were killed, injured, or taken prisoner; but their cause was not forgotten and their bravery not wasted.

Preceding the onset of the Revolutionary War, the Regulator Movement gave public face to the frustrations of colonists who recognized they were toyed with like pawns at the hands of a power-hungry British Empire and its corrupt regime of abusive officials. Surely, it was the righteous anger, bold indignation, and strong resolve of these early North Carolinians that set flame to the hearts of their fellow American patriots who would declare their independence with resounding authority in 1776, affirming:

... That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved."

Madam Speaker, as we reflect on the Regulators' courage, may we in this Congress vow to preserve the fundamental rights to life and liberty that undergird our American prosperity. Please join me in tribute to the spirit of the American Revolution as displayed in 1771 at the Battle of Alamance, in a county I have the high privilege of representing within North Carolina's 13th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ITALY ALBERT
"I.A." GREENE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an educator, a veteran, and a fellow South Carolina State University alumnus as he celebrates his 100th birthday. Dr. Italy Albert "I.A." Greene was born on the auspicious day of December 25, 1921 and has been blessed with longevity and a full life.

I.A. Greene was born in Williamsburg County, South Carolina and graduated from Wilson High School in Florence, South Carolina in 1941. After high school, he matriculated at South Carolina State College (now University), but World War II disrupted his plans. In 1942, he felt called to serve and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He received an honorable discharge in 1945 after three years of service.

After leaving the Air Force, Dr. Greene returned to South Carolina State and graduated in 1948 with a degree in agriculture. Upon graduation, he began teaching at Rosemary High School in Andrews, South Carolina, where he taught agriculture, biology, chemistry, and general science for five years.

In 1953, Dr. Greene was hired as the Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Mayo High School in Darlington, South Carolina, where he established the school's first Agriculture Department. While teaching in Darlington, he continued his higher education earning a master's degree in education in 1957 at South Carolina State and completing an additional 30 hours of post graduate work in Secondary Administrative Education.

During the 1968–1969 school year, Dr. Greene became Mayo High School's Assistant Principal. That year he oversaw the school's Accreditation Committee for the Southern Association of Secondary Schools. After just one year as Assistant Principal, Dr. Green was elevated to serve as Mayo High School's Principal.

His first year as Principal in 1969 through 1970 was historic. That was the year the courts ordered schools in Darlington County to integrate. Dr. Greene referred to his experience as "baptism by fire." He often recalls that no college classroom or textbook could prepare an educator to oversee such a significant change. Yet, Dr. Greene says, "it was the most dramatic and exciting period of my career."

Dr. Greene spent the rest of his career as Mayo High School's Principal and retired in 1983. In retirement, he has been active in the community; working with Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, United Way, the Community Action Agency, the Lord Cares Ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, St. John's Heritage Foundation, and Billie Hardee Home for Boys.

His faith is the foundation of his life. He and his wife co-founded Comfort Ministries to offer Christian counseling and Bible study for the community. They also own two mobile home parks in Darlington County to support families in need of housing. St. James the Elder Theological Seminary of the Holy Catholic Church International awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 2012.

Dr. Greene is an active member of Bethel AME Church in Darlington, where he taught Bible study, Sunday school, and new member classes. He has also been a member of the Men's Choir and served as a class leader and as steward pro-tem. Dr. Greene is married to the former Effie Bacote of Darlington, and they are the parents of two children, grandparents of six, and great-grandparents of six.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in wishing centenarian I.A. Greene a heartfelt happy birthday. He has led a remarkable life and has had a tremendous impact on the lives of countless students and many others in his community. I offer sincere congratulations to Dr. Greene on reaching this significant milestone and extend best wishes for many more happy and healthy days.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOSSAM
MAKSOD, PHARMD

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Hossam Maksoud for his outstanding career and dedication to creating accessible health services. For over twenty-five years, Dr. Maksoud has been at the forefront of providing affordable medication and healthcare.

When Dr. Maksoud received his pharmaceutical degree in 1990 from St. John's University's School of Pharmacy, he already had an established family business and chain of pharmacies in Egypt. Dr. Maksoud used this entrepreneurial experience in the United States to establish Maksoud Pharm, Inc in 1993.

Maksoud Pharm grew into a chain of independent retail pharmacies in the New York tri-state area. With the revenues generated from Maksoud Pharm, Dr. Maksoud was able to launch his long-term care pharmacy company, Community Care Rx.

Dr. Maksoud currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Community Care Rx. As a