

2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, which was first established in 1923 to support teenage artists and writers.

Congratulations to Emma on this remarkable achievement, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her love of art.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NAPOLEON HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school basketball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young women of the Napoleon High School girls' basketball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division II State Girls Basketball Title. In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division II State Basketball Playoffs, the Napoleon Wildcats overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Napoleon Lady Wildcats defeated the Vinton County Vikings to win their first state basketball championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the court, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Napoleon High School girls basketball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the women of our nation and my home state of Hawaii past, present and future as we again celebrate Women's History Month.

Each year during the month of March, we remember and honor the extraordinary American women who have made such lasting contributions to our culture, history and society. Long before they finally gained the right to vote in elections and before they broke through glass ceilings throughout our society, generations of women worked to expand the rights and opportunities previously denied to them. Women from all across America revolutionized their respective fields, setting the stage for the next generation, and the next, to pursue and attain equality.

It is my honor to share with you today the stories of three remarkable women from Hawaii who made indelible contributions in education, science and politics.

When Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop was born in 1831, the Native Hawaiian population

in the islands numbered about 124,000. By the time she wrote her will in 1883, only 44,000 Native Hawaiians remained. In response to these dramatic changes facing Hawaii, she committed her life to those who were suffering and struggling in her homeland. She saw that education would allow her people to adapt to a changing world while preserving their language, culture and identity, so she dedicated her royal inheritance to establish Kamehameha Schools, with the mission of educating the children of Hawaii. Today, Kamehameha Schools is the largest independent school system in the U.S., with a current enrollment of 6,900 students within its Pre-K-12th grade program, and countless alumni who have bettered Hawai'i and our nation in countless ways.

Born in remote Hāna, Maui in 1919, Dr. Isabella Kauakea Tau Yung Aiona Abbott was the first Native Hawaiian woman to receive a PhD in science. Abbot spent much of her childhood at the seashore with her mother, collecting seaweed and algae. From her mother, as her mother from hers and on back, she learned to distinguish the different types of edible seaweed and how to use them in traditional Hawaiian cooking. These practices, passed from mother to daughter over generations, catalyzed Abbott's career in natural science. She went on to get her PhD in botany from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1960, she became a lecturer in the Biology Department at Stanford, and in 1971 she became the first woman on Stanford's biological sciences faculty. Abbot made unparalleled contributions to marine science, authoring eight books and over 150 research papers. She is credited with discovering over 200 different species of algae, many of which have been named after her, including a genus of the red algae family, which is called *Abbottella*, or "little Abbott."

Patsy Mink was the first Asian-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Although her list of accomplishments is extensive, Mink faced many obstacles early in her career from those who did not believe in gender equality. After earning her bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii, Mink applied to 12 medical schools and was rejected by all of them. She pivoted to study law at the University of Chicago. After graduating, she was denied the opportunity to take the bar examination in Hawaii due to her gender and marital status. She challenged the statute, won her case, and later passed the bar only to find that she could not get a job because she was married and had a child. She opened her own practice and focused on ending discriminatory laws. During her political career over the subsequent years, she broke many glass ceilings, winning positions in the State House of Representatives, the State Senate and eventually the U.S. House of Representatives, where she served for 12 terms. During her 24 years in Congress, she introduced and won passage of many impactful initiatives, most notably the Title IX amendment that ended discrimination in education due to gender, religion or race. In recognition of the tremendous impact Title IX has had for millions of girls and women over the past four decades, Congress renamed Title IX the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act following her passing.

I could tell countless other stories of other women of Hawaii as we celebrate Women's

History Month, stories that serve as an inspiration as we look to honor the tremendous contributions of the women who challenged the status quo and courageously fought for equality in every state of our nation. They truly paved the way for the equally inspiring women that we are privileged to witness advancing gender equity today.

There is still so much work to be done for women in the U.S. and around the world. With the rest of my colleagues in Congress, I am inspired this month to continue the work that brings us closer each day to our nation's highest ideals of freedom and equality for all.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO'S LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard-working Coloradans who form the bedrock of my state's livestock industry. In Colorado's 4th District, the livestock and agriculture industries account for more than 11,000 jobs, which contributes to the \$41 billion economic impact these industries have statewide. During last fiscal year, 82 percent of Colorado's agriculture sales came from Colorado's 4th District. Meat and poultry suppliers, as well as other agricultural producers, are essential to the communities across the Eastern Plains and are foundational to Colorado's economy. Despite the many supply chain disruptions imposed on Coloradans by the pandemic, the agriculture community has come together to focus on feeding Americans during these challenging times.

These dedicated men and women serve our communities in countless ways every day. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize their hard work and determination.

IN RECOGNITION OF KARL PIETRZAK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Karl Pietrzak on his new role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Destination Gettysburg.

Mr. Pietrzak was raised in Adams County and is returning to the region to assume this new position. Before joining Destination Gettysburg, he served as Vice President of Visit Pittsburgh. In that role, he helped Pittsburgh to generate over one \$1 billion in direct spending revenue. Mr. Pietrzak has immense experience in the tourism and hospitality industries, and he will be a great addition to the Adams County community.

As visitors travel to Gettysburg and the Adams County region, Mr. Pietrzak will be an incredible partner to small businesses and the tourism community. I congratulate Karl Pietrzak on his new role and look forward to working alongside him to serve Adams County.

HONORING THE LIFE OF UTE TRIBAL ELDER, THOMAS HOUSE, SENIOR

HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, last month Colorado said farewell to Ute Tribal Elder, Thomas House, Senior. Mr. House was the remaining son of Chief Jack House, the last traditional chief of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe in Southwestern Colorado.

Mr. House served as a tribal elder in the Ute Mountain Ute tribe who lived his life with honor and dedicated his life to representing his community and preserving traditional Ute values.

A man of many roles and responsibilities, Mr. House served as a natural resources director, rancher, respected spiritual leader, and even organized horse races at the Ute Mountain rodeo grounds. His exceptional, lifelong dedication to his community and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will live on through those he served and the remarkable family he left behind.

People don't have to look farther than his home to see Mr. House's love for his community. Mr. House and his wife were known for taking in foster children who had no place to go.

Thomas House never hesitated when called upon to serve, and many of his children and grandchildren have taken on leadership positions themselves, continuing his legacy and replicating his commitment to traditional Ute values.

He will surely be missed as a valued and respected tribal member, father, grandfather, and leader.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
BAHRAIN'S PEACEFUL PROTESTS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, last month marked the tenth anniversary of peaceful protests that spurred great hope for change in Bahrain, only to have those hopes dashed.

On February 14, 2011, thousands of Bahrainis took to the streets in peaceful protests throughout the country to call for democratization and social and economic reform.

Bahraini security forces attacked the peaceful protesters, first with pepper spray and flash-bangs, then with rubber bullets and finally with shotguns.

The protesters remained peaceful, and in the days that followed, the protests grew.

The Pearl Roundabout in the capital city, Manama, became the hub with hundreds camping there and sharing food.

Then came "Bahrain Bloody Thursday."

At about 4:00 a.m. on February 17, 2011, while protesters including women and children were sleeping, security forces stormed the area with tear gas. They threw stun grenades and fired shotguns at the terrified people.

Bahraini and international media were attacked.

Paramedics and ambulance drivers who responded were also reportedly attacked and did not to help injured protesters.

Four protesters were killed and as many as 300 were injured.

Hundreds were detained, including medical personnel, and the police pursued others to nearby villages to arrest them as well.

Following "Bahrain Bloody Thursday," Nicholas Kristof wrote in the New York Times, "When a king opens fire on his people, he no longer deserves to be ruler."

As leaders from around the world condemned the violence, it seemed at first that the door to reform had been opened. The King's acceptance of the recommendations of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry kept hope alive for quite some time.

But ten years later little has changed for the Bahraini people.

I welcomed the release of Nabeel Rajab in June 2020, who spent nearly eight of the past nine years imprisoned for peaceful protest and criticizing government policies.

But many prisoners of conscience remain behind bars, and it is well past time to release everyone else imprisoned for exercising their fundamental rights. These include human rights defenders Dr. Abduljalil Al-Singace, Abdulhadi Alkhawaja, Ahmed Humaidan, and Naji Fateel, and Sheikh Ali Salman.

Brave human rights and opposition leaders continue to call for the release of prisoners, accountability for grave human rights violations, and political reform.

Madam Speaker, the people of Bahrain have been waiting ten long years for a sign that the arc of justice is bending toward them.

I am tremendously heartened by statements made by Biden Administration officials confirming that the U.S. commitment to human rights will be reflected in our foreign policy. We cannot serve as a beacon of hope while turning a blind eye to human rights violations.

What should that mean when it comes to Bahrain? Here are some ideas.

The U.S. should pause arms sales to Bahrain.

The Department of Defense should develop a contingency plan for relocating the U.S. 5th Fleet out of Bahrain.

The Administration should make full use of Global Magnitsky authorities to sanction Bahraini officials who are known to have committed terrible human rights abuses and have suffered no consequences for their actions. Accountability must return to the bilateral agenda.

The State Department should work for the release of all prisoners of conscience. And the State Department should put reforms back on the bilateral agenda. What reforms are we talking about?

To start with, the Bahraini government should: end the prohibition on political societies, decriminalize all speech, allow national and international press to operate without state intervention, stop rendering its citizens stateless, strip the National Security Agency of its power to arrest, bring its anti-terrorism legislation into line with international human rights standards, integrate its security forces, and end discrimination against the majority Shi'a population everywhere it exists.

Taking these steps would not transform Bahrain into a democracy. But they would go some way toward improving the country's domestic human rights situation.

I look forward to working with the Biden Administration on these and other ideas to make sure that U.S. policy toward Bahrain truly protects the human rights of the Bahraini people—and therefore truly contributes to America's security.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are: Denise Thingelstad, Tiffany Ann Thiry, Hailey Jo Thompson, Alexius Rose Thorpe, Kristi Karen Timm, Arien Lea Tingle, Amanda Kay Tinker, Patricia Titze, Christine Ann Torborg, Rosalind Torres, Sydney Lee Tschetter, Cindy Tullis, Belinda K Twite, Dawn Andrea Tysdal, Jennifer Marie Utne, Courtney Renna Van Aarde, Karla Marie Van Court, Tamera Elizabeth Merie Van Scoy, Antoinette Lynn Vandenberg, Carlene VanEgdom, Stacey VanGenderen, Kristen Lynn VanMaanen, Heather Marie Vanoverschelde, Jessie VanWyk, Angela Vaughn, Penny Sue Vaughn, Patricia Kay Veatch, Janine Carol Verschoor, Shari Viereck, Ann Marie Voorhees, Stacie Jeanne Waagmeester, Tammy Lee Waddell, Chelsea Lynn Wagaman, Alisha Selina Wager, Katie Lynn Wagner, Susan Waldman, Maria Estrella Walk Valenzuela, Elissa Walz, Jesse James Walz Jr, Valerie E. Wantoch, Laura Anine Warnock, Rita Marie Watkins, Brittany LeAnn Webb, Kerry Ann Weeldreyer, Evangeline Weingartz, Susan Weir, Kimberly Welch, Dawn Wells, LeAnn Wenger, Jennifer Jeanne Wesley, Kelly Ann West, Kathleen Weyen, Kayla Dawn Weyh, Katherine Weyh-Jurgens, Mary Catherine Wheaton, Emily Ruth Whitcomb, Bobbi Jo White, Tara Wiest, Erin Elizabeth Williams, Caitlan Louise Williams, Ja'kale Diane Williams, Candace L Wilson, Lori Wipf, Stephanie Marie Wodzinski, Gala Woitte, Elizabeth S. Wright, Yolene Marie Wullstein, Bethany Nichelle Yeaton, Amy Zobel, Michael Aanderud, Benjamin Curtiss Abbey, Julia Agnes Abraham, Bradley E. Adams, Amanda Lynn Adams, Jaime Aguilar, Lisa Marie Alban, Melissa M. Alexander, Brian Richard Alexander, Tyson David Allen, Nicholas Rene Alonzo, Trisha Marie Anderson, Danielle Rae Anderson, Seth Joel Anderson, Corey Lee Anderson, Amy Anderson, Sommer Anstine, Ashley Marie Anziano, Megan Lynn Arens, Cassandra Rae Arens, Sarah Jane Arens, Carol Lynn Arne, Lee Arnold, Mary Colette Aschenbrener, Steven Atkinson, Ashley Louise Attig, Kaitlin Marie Atwater, James Awuah, David D. Axtman, Brittany Rachel Ayers, Timothy James Aylward, Karmela Lynn Bachman, Alexandra Leora Bachman-Williams, Ryan Don Bailey, Stephen Baker, Laura Amelia Bakke, Amy Louise Bakker, Karen Banken, Eric Andrew Bannwarth, John P. Barnett, Christopher Paul Barrozo, Jacqueline Bartlett, Brett A. Bastian, Danette Rae Baumann, Billie Jo Baxa, Allison Marie Becker, Jason Michael Becker, Teresa Behl, Chase