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I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacob Laux for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF COOKIES FOR CAREGIVERS

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cookies for Caregivers on winning the Special Merit Award from the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to an organization that demonstrates outstanding achievement in the community.

Cookies for Caregivers is a national program that was established by Huntingdon residents in April 2020. The groups founders, Scott McKenzie and Jeremy Uhrich, began baking cookies for frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. What started a local community service project has transformed into a national movement. With more than 100 bakers joining the group, Cookies for Caregivers has made more than 10,000 cookies to share with essential workers.

It is my privilege to recognize Scott and Jeremy for their leadership and ingenuity through the development of Cookies for Caregivers. This is a remarkable service to our community and beyond, and I wish them continued success in their efforts.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY HEISLER

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest gratitude to U.S. Army Officer Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Anthony Heisler of U.S. Special Operations Command Legislative Affairs office (SOLA). He is truly a great American and has been a tremendous help to Congress in developing increased transparency and understanding into what Special Operations Forces brings to the fight regarding the National Defense Strategy.

LTC Heisler earned his commission through Georgetown University Army ROTC as a Field Artillery Officer in 2004 and was assigned 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from 2005 to 2007 before he volunteered to attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection.

After completing the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2009, LTC Heisler was assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Germany, where he served as a Special Forces detachment commander, headquarters and support company commander, and the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of Special Operations Command-Europe. He was later assigned to

10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado, where served as a Special Forces company commander, battalion executive officer, and Group operations officer. He has been serving at SOLA since May 2018.

LTC Heisler's operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom (2005 to 2006), Operation Enduring Freedom (2009, 2010), Operation Juniper Shield (Niger, 2015), and Operation Atlantic Resolve (Germany, 2017). LTC Heisler has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and others.

U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) develops and employs fully capable Special Operations Forces to conduct global special operations and activities as part of the joint force to support persistent, networked and distributed combatant command operations and campaigns against state and non-state actors to protect and advance U.S. policies and objectives. SOCOM trains, organizes and equips U.S. Special Operations Forces and provide those forces to the geographic combatant commanders on the Global Campaign Plan for Countering Violent Extremist Organizations, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction and Web-Based Military Information Support Operations.

While in the job at SOLA, LTC Heisler guided a Congressional Delegation to West Africa. His personal knowledge and experiences were priceless in making the visits to Niger, Nigeria and Mali a tremendous success in August 2019. We are very grateful for him escorting us around the continent.

He departs the SOLA office this spring after three years working with Congress and takes command of 3rd Battalion, 10th SFG. We wish Anthony and his family safe travels as they move to Colorado Springs, CO. There is a high likelihood that Congress will see LTC Heisler again as he progresses through the Army ranks. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our gratitude to LTC Heisler for his service to our country and the House of Representatives.

HONORING MCM DEVELOPMENT MALONE, LLC FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS VENTURES IN THE TOWN OF MALONE

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darren Gough and Michael Roesler of MCM Development Malone, LLC on the successful revitalization of The River Building, a historic landmark in the Town of Malone, and on the opening of their new restaurant, Hearth of Malone.

Darren and Michael knew at first sight that there was something special about The River Building, so they sought to turn their dream of renewing a portion of downtown Malone into a reality. Through perseverance and teamwork, they renovated this historic building into a multi-use space where family, friends, visitors, and tourists alike can gather and feel welcome. In that vein, the new restaurant within the building is aptly named Hearth of Malone as they hope to foster a sense of community in this new space.

The North Country would be nothing without our local businesses and entrepreneurs like Darren and Michael, who undertake enormous efforts to create positive change in our communities. Darren, and Michael, along with their partner and executive chef, Jesse Badger, and general manager, Randy Tomblin, have truly exemplified the "neighbor helping neighbor" mindset. Throughout the renovation process, they contracted locally, and at the Hearth of Malone, many ingredients will be sourced directly from local farmers. They are fully investing in our community and are committed to serving their customers to the best of their ability.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank MCM Development Malone, LLC, and their entire team for their dedication to revitalizing a historic property in our community and congratulate them on their hard-earned achievements thus far.

EDWIN FERGUSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edwin Ferguson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Edwin Ferguson is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edwin Ferguson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Edwin Ferguson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LATE VIOLA JOHNSON CLARK

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a valiant woman, the late Mrs. Viola Johnson Clark. Viola had a dedication and desire to serve others.

She was born September 14, 1934 in Cary, Mississippi to James Johnson and Katie Brown. Viola was blessed to be a wife, mother of seven and grandmother and great grandmother.

Viola's motto was "Get an education" because there is power in knowledge and no one can take it away from you, "It's your way out". She instilled this motto everywhere she went with everybody she met no matter the color, never meeting a stranger. Viola's motto led her to earn her GED certificate from Mary

Holmes Junior College as well as several college hours towards her bachelor's degree.

Because of her love for people she worked tirelessly with the Civil Rights Movement as a self-appointed Civil Rights Activist along with other notables; Unita Blackwell the first black mayor of Mayersville, MS and Fannie Lou Hammer, to coordinate voting drives, community projects, and family assistance programs in her community. Viola and her mother also opened the doors of their homes to accommodate freedom riders in the delta when no one else was willing or was afraid to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in posthumously recognizing Mrs. Viola Johnson Clark for her passion and dedication to serving Sharkey and Issaquena counties and desire to make a difference in the community.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA JUROR PAY PARITY ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the District of Columbia Juror Pay Parity Act, which would require that D.C. Superior Court jurors receive the same pay as federal jurors. The importance of jurors to our system of law is driven home by the current trial of Derek Chauvin for the death of George Floyd.

Currently, Superior Court jurors are paid \$40 per day, and, under the Home Rule Act, only the D.C. courts and Congress have the authority to increase Superior Court juror pay. In the fiscal year 2018 omnibus appropriations bill, Congress increased federal juror pay to \$50 per day, the first increase to federal juror pay in 28 years. My bill would give Superior Court jurors the same pay.

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–33), Congress took responsibility for paying for the D.C. courts and other state-like functions provided by D.C. The D.C. courts, however, have always been under the control of Congress, even when they were funded by the District. The Home Rule Act prohibits the District government from enacting any law relating to Title 11 of the D.C. Code. Title 11 provides that the Board of Judges of the Superior Court sets juror pay, but that the pay may not exceed the pay of federal jurors. Therefore, this bill, or action by the D.C. courts, is necessary to increase Superior Court juror pay.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERS  
AND STAFF OF CONEMAUGH  
MEYERSDALE MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the leaders and staff of Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center for

receiving the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval.

The Gold Seal of Approval recognizes the hard work that the team at Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center does every day to serve the people of southern Somerset County. The center provides outstanding treatment and care to all patients. The Joint Commission's Gold Seal is a testament to their outstanding work, and I am grateful for their service to our community.

To receive the accreditation, Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center was evaluated during a spontaneous, unannounced review late last year. Surveyors from the Joint Commission evaluated the staff's performance in a variety of areas.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the entire team at Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center on this well-deserved award. I am grateful for their work and commitment to providing outstanding medical care to the people of Pennsylvania.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE  
AND MEMORY OF EUNICE MAE  
WILKENS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart on behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District to honor and celebrate the life of Eunice Mae "Judy" "Granny" Wilkens. A lifetime resident of Concordia, Missouri, Eunice spent her 88 years on this Earth enriching her community through individual acts of service that filled her life with purpose and her neighbors' lives with blessings.

Eunice understood that one need not relocate to a big city to have a big impact, and her remarkable story attests to this simple tenet of service. In a town tucked between Sweet Springs and Odessa in the western half of Missouri, Eunice was determined to improve her small corner of the world through entrepreneurship, activism, and volunteerism. As the owner of Ye Olde Lantern Motel, she worked tirelessly to demonstrate the beauty and grace of her beloved town to those traveling through. When her community was in need, she happily volunteered to pitch in for the greater good. For twenty-four years, she was a member of the Concordia Fire Protection District, serving thousands of people across a 100-square-mile area who called her for help when they needed it most. After years of seeing veterans return home from distant battlefields still bearing the scars of war, she volunteered to be a member of the local V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary at Post 5649. Along with other dedicated volunteers, Eunice helped foster a community where veterans could share their wartime stories, bond over common experiences, honor the sacrifices of those who never made it home, and contribute to their community's future through initiatives like their annual Voice of Democracy scholarship competition.

Eunice's involvement with the V.F.W. and the Concordia Fire Protection District spurred in her a strong sense of political purpose and propelled her to become active in the Lafay-

ette County Democrat Club. When knocking on doors or making calls for local candidates, she undoubtedly carried with her the stories of those who had lost just about everything to an unexpected medical emergency, and those who had defended our country abroad but struggled to find peace back home. Perhaps closest to my heart was Eunice's work at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where she volunteered as a braille worker. She knew that salvation and jubilation is not reserved only for the able-bodied. Through her generosity, Eunice helped those without sight envision the glory of God through her eyes.

Today, as I reflect on Eunice's beautiful story—a story complete with family, faith, and love—a story in which she and her late husband, Hubie, traveled all over the world and to all fifty states—I cannot help but believe that Eunice, in her daily voyages of selflessness and service, carried with her the lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. In a Sermon described by some as the most important one ever given, Jesus preaches to a mass of followers while standing on a hilltop overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Jesus describes service to God not as strict adherence to rigid principles or unforgiving laws, but rather, as a lifetime dedicated to loving and serving God's children on Earth. At one point, Jesus exclaims that those who are compassionate, forgiving, merciful, sincere, and humble will serve as "the light that gives light to the world." He then implores his disciples not to hide their light behind closed doors, but to let their light "shine brightly before others, so that the commendable things you do will shine as light upon them." With every act of kindness to a stranger, service to a neighbor, and compassion for a fellow Concordian, Eunice shined brightly. Just like the oil lamps that lit up the pristine hilltop towns of Galilee when Jesus gave his Sermon those centuries ago, the light of Eunice's life illuminated Concordia and will continue to shine upon the people who call the town home. There is no doubt that Concordia was blessed to have Eunice, and our community will be forever grateful for her presence in our lives.

Today, my thoughts, and the thoughts of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, are with Eunice's daughter, Nancy; her grandsons, Kyle and Erik; her five great-grandchildren; and her several nieces and nephews, as they come together to celebrate Eunice's lifetime of illuminating service. We can take comfort today in our belief that she joins Hubie in perhaps the one place they never visited in their travels together. Madame Speaker, please join me in honoring Eunice's unique life and the everlasting impression that it has left on the town she so greatly impacted. Please also join me in offering heartfelt condolences to her family and dear friends. Madam Speaker, as we go forth into an uncertain future, let us learn from Eunice's example and serve as shining lights in our own communities so that we may deliver to those whom we serve the way Eunice served those whom she loved.