

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
VALOR OF DEPUTY SHERIFF
JASON LOPEZ

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and valor of law enforcement hero, Deputy Sheriff Jason Lopez upon the 20th anniversary of his passing. As a part of the Pinal County Sheriff's Department for six years, Lopez used his talent to valiantly serve and protect Arizonans and their communities. Deputy Sheriff Lopez emulated all the traits of a selfless public servant as he fought to ensure the safety and security we take for granted.

While on duty and serving a lawfully issued warrant, Officer Lopez was brutally murdered by a suspect who pulled out a weapon unexpectedly. The suspect then fled and took a hostage and engaged in a gunfight with pursuing officers before being arrested, convicted and jailed. Deputy Lopez faced the risk all law enforcement officers face—the constant threat of a dangerous encounter. Deputy Lopez was only 26 when he was killed and left behind a then 3 year old and a one month old child. I continue to be deeply inspired and moved by his deep commitment to our nation and its laws. May his sacrifice in the face of danger serve as a consistent reminder of our law enforcement officers' service to this nation.

Madam Speaker, I am here to express my deepest condolences to the family of Deputy Sheriff Lopez and recognize the sacrifices made as we approach the 20th anniversary of his death. His brave sacrifice will never be forgotten by the people of Pinal County, Arizona.

SHEEA SAU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sheea Sau for earning the "Best in Show" Award and second place finish for her creative and unique drawing as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition.

As a first-time participant in this art show, this student from Golden Senior High School created a work of art "Lost in the Madness of Uncertainty". This artwork is a portrait using acrylic paint, prisma color pencil, and gel pen, marker.

Sheea spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her drawing skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teacher at Golden Senior High School.

Congratulations to Sheea Sau for her hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

HONORING LIN JEFFREY RILEY,
SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Lin Jeffrey Riley, Sr.

Raised in Senatobia, Mississippi (Tate County), Lin Jeffrey Riley, became the seventh child of Daisy Mae Riley and L.V. Coppage, born July 29, 1966. He found his calling late in life as the founder and organizer of the Marks Youth Outreach, Inc. Season after season, he lends his muscle to the Marks 49ers Athletic Programs.

"Coach Riley", as he is known, has always been athletic, lively, outgoing, and creative. He was an outstanding student/athlete during his high school years. Coach Riley currently holds the top record for "Most Quarterback Sacks" in a single game at Senatobia High School. For three years consecutively, he received the Hawks Award for most forced and recovered fumbles, quarterback sacks, and pass interceptions.

After relocating to Quitman County in 1997, Riley worked several jobs. He operated Riley's Hand Car Wash and Detail Shop and coached football at the Quitman County Middle School and Madison Shannon Palmer High School. It was during those times when he got an eyeeful and earful of recreational activities needed for the youth of this area. Because of Riley's initiative, enthusiasm, willingness and time for these youth, the Marks Youth Outreach Program, Inc. was founded and organized.

Having healthy, educated youth with Christian values is very vital for this county. Likewise, Coach Riley is at the top of the game working daily to ensure that these values are instilled in the youth of this community. But make no mistake he says, "Success was anything but instant".

A community baseball team was the initial beginning and from that other sports programs emerged—football, basketball, tee ball, cheerleading, and now kickball and flag football have been added. Riley credits the program's success to God and lives by the scripture: "With God all things are possible . . ." (Matthew 19:26).

Surviving 3 major strokes, Riley stills coaches and mentors countless of youth and has no plans on stopping anytime soon. On November 7, 2020, a field dedication ceremony was held in his honor. The football field is named Lin Riley Field, located in Marks, MS.

On February 28, 2015, Lin married his wife Tracey Hankins-Riley and is the father of Lindez Wright, Terrell Wright, Travis McAdory, Kevon Taylor, Trinity Taylor, Lance Johnson, King Lin Jeffery Riley, Jr., Lakendrick Ware and Tommy Ware. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Marks, MS.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Lin Jeffrey Riley for he is the epitome of an unsung hero.

HONORING THE TX03 CONGRES-
SIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUN-
CIL

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2020–2021 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) as the fifteenth year of the program draws to a close.

Over the past year, students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9th through 12th across Texas' Third Congressional District participated in my youth program as they learned more about our democracy, engaged in policy discussions, and offered innovative solutions to issues of the day. From student governments, athletics, fine arts, honor societies, and a multitude of community and civic organizations, these servant leaders proved to be engaged members of our community both inside and outside of the program.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID–19, students assembled virtually during interactive sessions to discuss topics of importance to their generation in a constructive and thoughtful way. These young leaders also capitalized on their experience by completing various assignments and offering feedback on current events which corresponded with our meetings.

This year's students impressed me with their knowledge and willingness to engage in thoughtful dialogue, even when their opinions differed from one another. Now as we conclude this year's Congressional Youth Advisory Council, I am certain this next generation of leaders will work towards solutions to better our Nation.

I thank every member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, for their commitment to this program even amidst the uncertainty of the world around us. It has been an honor to know them and serve them in Congress, and I look forward to seeing what each of them accomplishes as they go forward.

Hannah Abraham, Sahithi Alla, Ian Bensley, Carlos Betancourt, Kody Blackwood, Bishop Curry, David David, William Davidson, Krutin Devesh, Madilyn Eckenrode, Ariel Feldman, Karis Fulks, Stephanie Gallagher.

Rithvik Ganesh, Jai Gupta, Devon Jackson, Harrison Karicher, Mysha Khan, Isabelle Ma, Tanya Magesh, Connor McSorley, Campbell Morrow, Kaylie Mowell, Param Naik, Ryan Oltmann, Ethan Ong.

Ariana Palomo, Christian Pressler, Pranavraj Prithviraju, Sophia Rahim, Jacob Reed, Sean Reyes, Micah Sanchez, Rhea Sood, Ella Streber, Kevin Sun, Avery Van Scoy, Pranav Varanasi, Alexandra Vincent.

RECOGNIZING DONNA KALEZ AND
GISELE ANDERSON AS MY CON-
STITUENTS OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Donna Kalez and Gisele Anderson for my April Constituents of the

Month. My district is home to more than 30 miles of beautiful California coastline, which includes some of the most incredible marine and sea life. Sightings of whales and dolphins off the beach and marina have brought tourists and locals alike to Dana Point for decades. Making this local phenomenon more accessible, Donna and Gisele collaborated as co-directors of the Dana Point Whale Watching Company for sightseers to experience the magic up-close.

Their advocacy for local cetacean brought joy to all who frequent the city, but Donna and Gisele thought bigger, believing the world also deserved to know just how special the marine life experience in Dana Point is. With their combined effort to put the city's name on the map by showcasing the exceptional 450,000 "dolphin stampede" and year-round sightings of rare whales, Donna and Gisele worked together to earn Dana Point well-deserved international recognition.

In order to make that happen, the women formed a steering committee composed of civic, scientific, academic, business and community leaders, overcame challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and competed internationally to achieve the title that honors Dana Point's tradition as a pioneer in marine conservation. Due to their diligent work with the World Cetacean Alliance (WCA), Dana Point is officially recognized as the first and only Whale Heritage Site in the Americas and one of only four in the world. Better yet, they took the extra step to legally trademark Dana Point as the Dolphin and Whale Capital of the World.

As a native Southern Californian, I know first-hand how incredibly special our coastline and marine life are to the community. I'm grateful to Donna and Gisele for leading the charge in also letting the world know just how blessed we are to have these incredible creatures right here in our backyards. As leaders in the community, I thank them both for their advocacy and trail blazing efforts of bringing global attention to the United States of America being home to the most amazing populations of dolphins and whales like nowhere else in the world, especially in Dana Point. I'm honored to recognize them both as my April Constituents of the Month.

DAMION SCOTT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Damion Scott for earning the Top Mixed Media Award for his creative and unique artwork as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition.

As a first-time participant in the art show and a student at Westminster High School, Damion created a work of art entitled, "Extinction: A Crisis". This artwork used mixed media including watercolor, pen and acrylic, and it depicts the Puerto Rican parrot and hibiscus running down the page hinting at their existence while also addressing the issue of extinction.

Damion spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine his mixed media drawing skills and edu-

cation in the arts. I appreciate his participation in the competition and the support provided by his teacher at Westminster High School.

Congratulations to Damion Scott for his hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING PRIVATE SECOND
CLASS ROBERT HAROLD
SUDBRINK

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of an extraordinary man and hero, Private Second Class Robert Harold Sudbrink of Youngstown, New York.

Robert was born and raised in Astoria, New York, the son of William Sudbrink, an electrician who worked on the World Trade Center, and Mary Normoyle Sudbrink, a homemaker. He is the sixth of seven children. Two of his older brothers, William and Thomas, worked as New York City firefighters.

Robert was named after his uncle, Robert J. Sudbrink, who also had a decorated military career—he received the Silver Star from General John "Blackjack" Pershing for his service in World War I.

Continuing his family's history of decorated military service, Robert enlisted in the Army after graduating from Valley Stream South High School in 1968 at age seventeen. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He went on to complete his Airborne infantry training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Special Forces training at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

On July 4, 1969, Robert was deployed to the Central Highlands of Vietnam as part of the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade. There, he worked closely with the South Vietnamese Army.

On March 13, 1970, Robert distinguished himself in the village of Loc Thai. There, he encountered a home in flames and acted on his instincts to assist the family inside. Instead of waiting for help, he entered the home multiple times to save a child's life, the family's food supply, and their personal belongings. He also helped the village extinguish the fire before it could spread to the rest of the village. For his heroic efforts, Robert was awarded the Soldier's Medal two months later.

After the war, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and returned home to New York City. In 1982, he met his wife, Bonnie Sudbrink. Together, they moved to Western New York and eventually built a home in Alden, New York.

In Alden, Robert worked as a mail handler for the United States Postal Service for twenty-two years. Now retired, Robert enjoys traveling, playing the banjo, and creating artwork in his free time.

He and his wife Bonnie have two daughters, both residing in New York: Courtney Lennon, an author and historian; and Maggie Matullo, an artisan. He also has two granddaughters: Gia and Olivia.

Our country could not be prouder of Private Second Class Robert Harold Sudbrink, a fellow New Yorker and true American hero. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Robert for his heroism, in thanking him for service, and recognizing him as the New York 27th Congressional District's Veteran of the Month of May 2021.

HONORING THE 2020 TEEN MISS
AGRICULTURE USA, SAMANTHA
HARPER

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Miss Samantha Harper, 2020 National Teen Miss Agriculture USA of Florahome, Florida. Miss Harper is a 2021–22 Florida State Fair Ambassador where she demonstrates her love for Florida's strong agricultural traditions. She also serves as president of the Putnam County 4-H County Counsel and is a proud FFA student and student government participant at Q.I. Roberts Jr./Sr. High School. Congratulations to Samantha on all of her accomplishments.

EVITA CARRASCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Evita Carrasco for earning the First Place Award for her creative and unique digital drawing as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am thrilled that this artwork will be on display in the United States Capitol for one year.

As a first-time participant in this art show, this student from Wheat Ridge High School created a work of art "A Blinded Goat". This artwork used a digital drawing of a red woman, blue background, lots of hands and a goat.

Evita spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her drawing skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teacher at Wheat Ridge High School.

Congratulations to Carrasco for her hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVE
PEOPLES

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Dave Peoples for his