

Women have been historically underrepresented in our memorials, particularly the memorials on federal land in the nation's capital. It is fitting to authorize a memorial that would allow millions of visitors to D.C. to understand and honor the heroic efforts of these women and their lasting impact on the fabric of our society.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING MR. RAVINDER
SINGH SHERGILL

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Mr. Ravinder Singh Shergill, who passed away on April 22, 2021.

Mr. Shergill was born on September 12, 1956, in Punjab, India. At the age of seventeen, he immigrated to the United States and later graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He went on to work for National Semiconductor for more than three decades. As an engineer, Mr. Shergill held patents involving disk storage and helped create the USB specifications. As a manager, he admired and respected as a mentor to his colleagues. His story is truly an embodiment of the American Dream.

Mr. Shergill had a great appreciation for America, but he never forgot his roots. He was committed to bridging the Sikh and American communities together and was a founding member of the Sikh Youth of California and America.

Mr. Shergill is remembered as a caring husband, father, and grandfather with a love for books, history, music, and film. He is survived by his wife, Grace Rosa; his children, Simren, Kiren, and Kevan; and his grandchildren Leena, Mary, Samuel, and Briya.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Ravinder Singh Shergill. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING NEW YORK'S BRAVE
FIRST RESPONDERS, PARA-
MEDICS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TECHNICIANS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor New York's brave First Responders, Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Technicians as we celebrate National Emergency Medical Services Week. I recognize the great impact and sacrifice our EMS providers make to keep our communities safe.

EMS systems provide lifesaving care and are an integral part of our communities'

wellbeing. Emergency medical responders are first on the scene of what is often the worst days of people's lives. Despite the great physical and mental toll, EMS providers continuously put the care of others before themselves. Their selfless perseverance and rigorous training allow them to be prepared for any situation. I am profoundly grateful for all those who choose to serve our community in this way.

The 21st Congressional District of New York is home to the oldest continuously run commercial ambulance service in the country. Guilfoyle Ambulance was established in 1907 and is currently owned and operated by Bruce G. Wright. The first ambulance was a horse drawn carriage and the business now boasts 16 ambulances. Today, Guilfoyle is certified at the Paramedic level and provides basic and advanced life support transportation as well as Paramedic service for over 8,500 requests and over 600 transports each year. The company operates in the majority of Jefferson County, including Fort Drum, as well as in some neighboring towns in St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Oswego Counties. Guilfoyle is just one of the many critical components of our EMS systems in the 21st District.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am proud to represent thousands of hardworking EMS providers and I am honored to recognize them on this National Emergency Medical Services Week. I thank them for safeguarding our community.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF
COLORADO'S SENIOR STRATEGIC
ADVISOR AND FORMER VICE
CHANCELLOR, FRANCES DRAPER,
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor and thank a Boulder Colorado trailblazer: Frances Draper. It's hard to distill such a luminous human into a few short paragraphs. Frances is equal parts tough and kind; cooperative and indomitable; pragmatic and optimistic. "There's a pony in here for everyone," is Frances's way of pointing out that by working together—by seeking to collaborate rather than divide—we can almost always get to win-win outcomes.

In her role at the University of Colorado-Boulder, Frances reimagined and transformed the way that the city and the University collaborate, and ushered in a spirit of teamwork in town-and-gown relations that serves as a model for our Nation. She has served as a beacon of opportunity and decency in our community, representing the university and the city with honor, integrity and humanity.

Prior to joining the university, Frances was Executive Director of the Boulder Economic Council, manager of the Sun Microsystems business and finance line for General Electric, and a legislative aide to Harrison Schmidt, U.S. Senator from New Mexico. Frances has lived in Boulder for close to 40 years, during which time she served on crucial local boards such as Foothills United Way, Naturally Boul-

der, I Have a Dream, and Boulder Rotary. She was also instrumental in establishing CO-Labs, a consortium of Colorado-based research laboratories.

Neither the city of Boulder, nor the University of Colorado-Boulder, would be what they are today without Frances' wisdom, generosity, and tireless advocacy. Frances is the kind of person who makes the world a better place as she goes, and in doing so, inspires those around her to rise similarly to that endeavor. Boulderites and CU Buffs will forever stand on Frances' shoulders, and on the shoulders of those she inspires. On behalf of Colorado CD-2, I thank and honor Frances Draper for her countless contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS SAVE YOUR
TOOTH MONTH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Save Your Tooth Month. This month celebrates Americans saving their natural teeth and recognizes the "savers"—endodontists—who make this possible.

The more than 5,000 endodontists in the U.S. play an important role in providing oral health care throughout our country, spread awareness about practicing good oral hygiene, and emphasize the value of retaining one's natural teeth and smile.

Endodontists are dentists that specialize in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and performing root canal treatment. Following the dental school, endodontists have completed an additional 2 to 3 years of advanced training. This gives them enhanced precision, making them highly skilled in performing complex treatments.

Teeth are a gateway to nutrition, a sign of emotion, and a signal of overall good health. We all feel better when our teeth are clean and pain-free. And although dentures can work well and have improved significantly, they are never as good as a full set of natural teeth. Our natural teeth are worth saving, and endodontists focus their careers solely on doing just that.

Nothing looks, feels, or functions like your natural tooth. Regular brushing and flossing, along with 6-month check-ups from your dentist, can help you keep your teeth for a lifetime. It is worth the extra few minutes each day to maintain good oral hygiene.

If you do experience issues with your teeth, seek out proper dental care. In particular, if you have tooth pain, you can seek treatment from an endodontist. Endodontists use the most current and advanced technology to treat dental patients.

It should be noted that it is extremely safe to visit the endodontist during the COVID-19 pandemic, with endodontists practicing the utmost caution and disinfection protocol. Even at the height of America's spring 2020 shutdown, most endodontic practices remained open to safely treat dental emergencies.

Thank you to all the endodontists for your dedicated work in helping us maintain our natural teeth. Happy Save Your Tooth Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAUPACA FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Waupaca Fire Department. The Waupaca Fire Department was formed shortly after the founding of the city of Waupaca on May 11th, 1871. As the Waupaca community celebrates this milestone, we look back on the outstanding history of the department and critical role they have played in the community. Throughout their history the department has grown immensely and now provides service to approximately 150 square miles. For 150 years, the department has remained committed to serving the city of Waupaca and surrounding communities to the highest degree. In total, the Waupaca Fire Department's Fire Inspection Division works incredibly hard to keep the community safe, conducting an impressive 550 inspections for commercial business in 2019 alone. Their work demonstrates not only the amount of expertise and knowledge the department holds, but the importance the department places on keeping their communities safe.

Over the last 150 years, the department has faced many challenges, but their efforts to give back to the community have never wavered. From participating in the Annual Battle of the Badges Softball Tournament, where the Fire Department takes on the Police Department, to hosting corn roasts and raffles, the Waupaca Fire Department is a true pillar of the community and Northeast Wisconsin. Many Waupaca families have benefited from the department's thoughtfulness and generosity. When the department is not fighting fires and saving lives, their members donate their time and efforts to making Waupaca a better place. The department played a key role in countless improvements around the city, such as the playground in South Park and the construction of multiple shelter homes. I commend the department's dedication and commitment to the Waupaca community. The Waupaca Fire Department supplies the community with incredibly trained individuals who are able to handle fire and other emergencies at a moment's notice. It is evident that the knowledge, dedication, and perseverance conveyed through the men and women of this department are deserving of the highest degree of admiration.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the sesquicentennial of the Waupaca Fire Department. The Waupaca Fire Department is a true credit to the community and deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

RECOGNIZING THE WEST COAST UNIVERSITY—TEXAS HEALTHCARE HEROES APPRECIATION

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of the

U.S. House of Representatives and all of the communities that Dallas Medical Center and Dallas Regional Medical Center serve, and the West Coast University—Texas students pursuing careers in healthcare at a time when we need them more than ever, it is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to personally thank them and all of our healthcare heroes for their service and selfless acts of caregiving during this pandemic.

These frontline caregivers demonstrate tremendous courage and put themselves on the line every day to ensure the health and safety of our community.

During the last 15 months, the effects of the Covid pandemic required a personal sacrifice from each one of them unlike any other time in our country's history. These frontline healthcare workers experienced long, long hours for months on end, caring for thousands of critical patients, and losing more life than anyone can bear to witness.

These nurses and staff provided care for others while worried about their own health and the well-being of their family. Yet, they came to work every day.

For their uncommon bravery and resilience, I say "thank you!"

To express this appreciation, these certificates commemorate the healthcare heroes at Dallas Medical Center and Dallas Regional Medical Center.

In addition, I have another certificate to recognize the students of West Coast University—Texas, which focuses on educating and training the next generation of nurses and healthcare workers. These students have chosen to pursue careers in healthcare despite witnessing one of the most challenging times in the history of their profession. I have deep respect for their courage and service to our community.

Words are not enough to express the gratitude that I feel for the healthcare workers throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the State of Texas, and across the country.

All of them deserve to be honored and celebrated.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN STELLA MELANSON

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Captain Stella Melanson for her remarkable career with the Hinesville Police Department.

Captain Melanson began working at the Hinesville Police Department in 1976 and became Hinesville's first certified female peace officer.

Over the past 43 years there has not been one area of the police department that Captain Melanson has not been involved in.

She has served on patrol, within the Detective's Division, Administrative Services Division, and was a founding member of the Tri-County Protective Agency for domestic violence victims. Captain Melanson would humbly argue that she does not play a big role within the police department, but her lifelong service proves otherwise.

During her time, she has provided the Hinesville Police Department with tremendous leadership and management.

She has dedicated her life to protecting and serving others and I thank her for her 43 years of service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AVIATION ACT OF 2021

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I join my colleagues, Rep. DON YOUNG of Alaska, Chairman Emeritus of the Transportation Committee, and Rep. RICK LARSEN, Chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee, in re-introducing the bipartisan and bicameral National Center for the Advancement of Aviation Act of 2021. Our committee has worked for years to make American skies the safest in the world, and to strengthen the industry workforce to maintain the highest standards of aviation excellence.

Our legislation, the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation (NCAA) would support and promote collaboration amongst civil, commercial, and military aviation sectors to address the demands and challenges associated with ensuring a safe and vibrant national aviation system through research, education, and training.

Too often in the past, innovation and lessons learned in various aviation sectors has not been shared in a collaboratively or timely manner, especially considering rapid developments in new technology. Our bill helps break down silos across commercial aviation, general aviation and military aviation sectors that will not only improve safety and best practices, but also expand opportunities for those interested in the aviation workforce—for the young and not so young, from those just starting out, to those with experience who want to move into other types of aviation work.

The National Center would focus on four key areas with an emphasis on aviation workforce development. First, it would support education efforts and provide resources to curriculum developers so educators at all levels have the tools and training to educate the next generation of aviation professionals.

Second, the national center would provide a forum to leverage and share expertise amongst industry sectors including the dissemination of existing high school education curriculum to develop and deploy a workforce of pilots, aerospace engineers, unmanned aircraft system operators, aviation maintenance technicians, or other aviation maintenance professionals needed in the coming decades.

Third, it would serve as a central repository for economic and safety data research and analysis allowing a comprehensive perspective of industry information that would improve safety for all stakeholders.

Finally, it would support symposiums and conferences to facilitate collaboration across the industry and develop future advancements for the aviation and aerospace community.

This legislation would also allow the FAA to focus on safety, certification, and air traffic operations.

The national center would be funded by using a small percentage of the interest accrued annually on the taxes and fees collected from users of our aviation system and deposited into the aviation trust fund. In other words,