As allied forces fought to reclaim the town of Bastogne, the Germans mounted a last-ditch counteroffensive known as the ''Battle of the Bulge.'' In response, all troops were being mustered to come to the rescue of encircled troops near the Belgian town of Bastogne. In a dangerous mission, Louis and his Captain had to search and find the lost armored element. They suffered frostbite, but their effort was successful. After, Louis returned to Reims to recover.

Among the buildings in Reims, there was a ''Little Red Schoolhouse'' where General Eisenhower had his headquarters. It was there that the unconditional surrender of Germany was signed in the early morning hours of Monday, May 7, 1945. Louis was there, in the room, as General Yodl of the German Army signed the articles of surrender.

Madam Speaker, Louis has served our Nation with integrity, excellence, and courage, and we, as Americans, owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for his incredible sacrifices to serve and protect our country at home and abroad. He not only has earned the admiration of his fellow Americans but that of our allies as well. On April 6, 2021, French President Emmanuel Macron approved awarding him the French Legion d'honneur, which is the highest French order of merit that can be bestowed upon an individual. For these reasons, I am honored to represent him in Congress, and it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Master Sergeant Luciano ''Louis'' C. Graziano.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF CLAYTON ON THE COMPLETION OF THE CEROW RECREATION PARK ARENA RENOVATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Town of Clayton on the completion of the Cerow Recreation Park Arena addition and renovation project. Additionally, I rise to recognize Leonard ''Obie'' O'Brien as the new wing is dedicated in his honor.

The renovation and addition were made possible through funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program. The Town of Clayton also received grants from Empire State Development and the state Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation through the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative. I am grateful that these sources of funding are available to support infrastructure updates and economic development projects in rural areas such as our district. Community gathering spaces are the foundation of our North Country community and foster a sense of neighborly spirit. This renovation will also increase the economic impact made by the park arena, attracting more visitors and events to the space, promising prosperity for the Town. Local businesses truly are the backbone of the North Country and I will continue working in Congress to support them.

The newly named Leonard ''Obie'' O'Brien wing is aptly dedicated in recognition of the many years of service Obie gave to the Clayton sports community. Obie operated the girls' basketball program for 25 years, Clayton Minor Hockey for 14 years, and the Clayton Youth Commission for 4 years. He founded the local Maverick Ski Club and was selected as Clayton's Citizen of the Year in 2003. Regrettably, Obie passed away in June 2020 after a battle with cancer before the completion of the renovation. With the many years Obie had spent in this complex, I believe he would be honored to be remembered so fondly.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Town of Clayton on the successful completion of this project. I hope that every person who walks through these doors looks to the example that Obie left and embodies his love for the game and above all his kindness to everyone he encountered.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YOUNG AMERICANS FINANCIAL LITERACY ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to re-introduce the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. Financial literacy is critical to ensuring future financial responsibility. Studies have shown that 88 percent of Americans believe finance education should be taught in schools and 92 percent of K–12 teachers believe that financial education should be taught in school, but only 12 percent of teachers actually teach the subject. Yet, according to a 2020 survey, less than half of States require high school students to take a personal finance course, and less than 17 percent of high school students were required to take a semester-long personal finance course.

I believe that Congress has an opportunity and a responsibility to address the pressing needs of individuals faced with the loss of their financial stability and the challenges of economic uncertainty. This should include financial literacy education reform and long-term solutions to prevent future personal financial disasters. Research-based financial literacy education programs are needed to reach individuals at all ages and socio-economic levels, particularly those facing unique and challenging financial situations, such as high school graduates entering the workforce, soon-to-be and recent college graduates and young families, and to address the unique needs of military personnel and their families. High school and college students who are exposed to cumulative financial education show an increase in financial knowledge, which in turn drives increasingly responsible behavior as they become young adults.

According to the Government Accountability Office, giving Americans the information they need to make effective financial decisions can be key to their well-being and to the country's economic health. The global financial crisis, when many borrowers failed to fully understand the risks associated with certain financial products, and currently, the economic hardships presented by the sudden disruptions caused by the spread of COVID–19, underscore the need to improve individuals' financial literacy and empower all Americans to make informed financial decisions. This is especially true for young people as they are earning their first paychecks, securing student aid, and establishing their financial independence. Therefore, focusing economic education and financial literacy efforts and best practices for young people between the ages of 8 to 24 is of utmost importance.

I believe America should be leading the world with the best-educated students who will drive our economic innovation and success, so please join me in cosponsoring the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. This act:

Establishes a grant program in the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to develop and implement financial literacy programs for young people ages 8 to 24,

Incentivizes the development of partnerships between institutions of higher education, local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations, and financial institutions to develop programs aimed at young Americans in different phases of their life;

Ensures the development of evidence-based instructional material that is geared towards targeted groups and addresses unique life situations, including bankruptcy, foreclosure, student loans, credit card misuse; and

Conducts ongoing assessment and accountability of the program over the short- and long-term to ensure that grant money achieves the greatest impact.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act.

HONORING DR. DIANE CULPEPPER FOR HER SERVICE TO LAKE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize Dr. Diane Culpepper for her leadership and service as Executive Director of Lake Technical College. After more than a decade of service, Dr. Culpepper will retire from Lake Technical College this August.

Dr. Culpepper earned both her bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing and her master's degree in Vocation Administration from the University of Central Florida. She earned her Ph.D. in Workforce Education from the University of South Florida. Dr. Culpepper has taught at all levels of education from elementary to university. Before coming to Lake Technical College, Dr. Culpepper served for twenty-three years in the Career and Technical Education Department for Orange County Schools at both the school and district levels.

In 2010, Dr. Culpepper's passion for education led her to Lake Technical College. Under Dr. Culpepper's leadership, Lake Tech has increased enrollment, fostered new partnerships with business and industry, and enhanced the quality of academic offerings. Most recently, at the direction of Dr. Culpepper, in 2016, Lake Tech entered a partnership with Lake Sumter State College (LSSC) and began offering Practical Nursing, Nursing Assistant,

Paramedic, GED and ESOL programs on the LSSC South Lake and Sumter campuses. And, in the Fall of 2017, Lake Technical College opened the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to meet the growing need to prepare skilled technicians in machining, welding, fabrication, and other manufacturing careers.

Dr. Culpepper has been a dedicated servant to our community throughout her education career. She also volunteers on several boards including CareerSource Central Florida, the Manufacturing Association of Central Florida, Florida Leaders for Career and Technical Education, and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

It has been a personal honor to work with Dr. Culpepper. Her attitude of servant leadership and her dedication to quality education for Lake Tech's students has been a testimony to her personal modesty and humility.

I am honored to recognize Dr. Culpepper and thank her for her dedication and many contributions to the Central Florida community. Her commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in her footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to Dr. Diane Culpepper and her family on her retirement.

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE ANNE ''CATHY'' GOVAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Cathy battled with breast cancer over the years but was in remission when she succumbed to complications due to Covid–19.

Beloved daughter of the late Edmund Joseph and Lorraine Govan.

Dear sister of the late Phillip Govan, Marge Govan, Michael (Gretchen) Govan, Anne (Dr. Soumi Eachempati) Govan Dickerson, Jim (Dorothy) Govan and Char (Brian) Bond.

A Cherished aunt of Phillip (Dr, Jamie Aprile) Gordon, Ellie (Jake and Reagan Rose) Berkey, Michael Govan, Brandon (Lezane) and Dawn Dickerson; Harrison, Carter and Gracen Govan; Kenneth, David and Alexis Bond.

Cathy was raised in Detroit and dedicated her later years to consulting Detroit mayors and serving as the executive director and founder of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation.

Donations can be made in Cathy's honor to the Detroit Public Safety Foundation.

Online condolences can be left at http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com/. A ceremony honoring Cathy's life will be organized this summer when COVID restrictions are eased. On behalf of the Govan family, we thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEEF 'N' BARREL RESTAURANT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Beef 'N' Barrel Restaurant in Olean, New York, and congratulate the owners, Jim, Mike, and PJ McAfee for reaching this milestone.

The Beef 'N' Barrel is a family-owned beef and steakhouse restaurant located at 146 North Union Street in the Olean area that has been celebrated for years. During our visits to this establishment, we have been impressed by the ownership and staff, as well as the quality of service and products they provide. For fifty years, the restaurant has kept its doors open and satisfied customers, whether they were area visitors or life-long residents.

The restaurant opened in May of 1965 under the ownership of Neil and Denis Goodemote but was later sold to Jim McAfee in 1971. The restaurant has expanded over the years, from seating for fifty patrons to room for over three hundred in its current location.

The McAfee family has operated the Beef 'N' Barrel with hard work, dedication, and great effort over the years. We congratulate them on their extraordinary efforts to keep this restaurant growing and thriving, providing a delicious meal to all who visit. Whether it be a daily special, item from the beef bar, burger or other specialty, the quality of food and service received is outstanding.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body join me to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Beef 'N' Barrel Restaurant in Olean, New York, and congratulate the owners, Jim, Mike, and PJ McAfee for reaching this milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DOROTHY ANN MROWKA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life of the late Dorothy Ann Mrowka, of Colchester, Connecticut, who passed away at her home on April 29, 2021 at the age of 78. Known by everyone as Dot, her involvement in the civic and cultural communities of eastern Connecticut made her beloved by many.

Born in New London, CT on October 13, 1942, Dot spent her entire life in eastern Connecticut. Committed to education, she earned a Masters degree in Business Administration which lead to a successful career as a computer programmer at AETNA insurance. She moved to Colchester in 1973 and then married her beloved husband Lucien Mrowka a short time later. They were married for 38 years before he sadly predeceased her in 2012.

Truly, there is not an organization in Colchester that has not been touched by Dot. She was a devout parishioner at St. Andrews Church serving on the Ladies Guild and the First Friday Rosary Guild. Dot was an active member of both the St. Joseph's Polish Society and Colchester Grange No. 78. She was very involved with the Colchester Democratic Town Committee, and the Federation of Democratic Women. She was the recipient of the Ella Grasso award by Connecticut Democrats not once, but twice and selected to serve on the Democratic State Central Committee. Her service to the community did not stop there. Dot was a fierce defender of a free and fair election and served Colchester residents as the Registrar of Voter for 25 years. Many happy marriages began with her proclamation of ''I now pronounce you husband and wife'' as she served as a Justice of the Peace. Her selfless service to her community is unparalleled.

I met Dot early in my career in Congress, and her friendship over the years has been invaluable. There are few in this district that knew their community as well as Dot did. She was a tireless campaign volunteer who never shied away from all the ''nuts and bolts'' of organizing a headquarters, leading phone banks, lit drops or election day logistics. The election eve ''get out the vote'' spaghetti supper at the Colchester Polish Club was a must stop for Democratic candidates at every level—including House Speaker NANCY PELOSI in 2006. The void her passing leaves is unmeasurable. I know her memory will continue through her family—her son Jeffrey Watson; her daughter, Tammy and her husband Ricky Keller; her brother Joseph Ploszaj; her sisters Peggy Fedus and Mary Lou Johnson, and her two beloved grandchildren Tyler Kelly and Taylor Watson.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents as honorable and impactful as Dot. While we all mourn her loss, we can at least find solace that her story, memory, and purpose lives on in through countless others. I find it fitting that we, the People's House, add her name and character into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and ask that the entire House join me in recognizing the life of Dorothy Ann Mrowka, never forgetting the importance of building our connections with others.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on its 103rd anniversary of their annual Republic Day as well as its 30th anniversary of independence from the Soviet Union.

I do not want my good wishes to be seen as ignoring the issues currently going on between Azerbaijan and Armenia. I am putting my faith and confidence that the hostilities are resolved, and the appropriate borders will be restored. Independence for Azerbaijan is a time to reflect on the territorial sovereignty and right to independence for other nations as well, as liberty benefits everyone.

Azerbaijan is an important partner in the region. I find this year's occasion special because it marks 30 years since Soviet occupation. The Soviet Union and its ideas of communism subjected millions of people to authoritarian rule, stripping them of their natural, human rights. However, the people of Azerbaijan have successfully emerged from this dark period in history and continue to be a shining example of democracy and independence.

It's important that the people of the United States recognize the nations that emerge from authoritarian rule to contribute to the ever-growing push for liberty and self-governance. Azerbaijan, after being subject to centuries of