

Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, and Combat Action Badge.

I am grateful for LTC Dennis K. Williams II's service to protect our Nation and defend democracy. On behalf of Pennsylvania 13th Congressional District, I thank LTC Williams for his leadership at Letterkenny Munitions Center and I wish him every continued success in the chapters to come.

HONORING THE 2021 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY-BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to come before my colleagues today to recognize those young men and women from Texas' Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies. I am honored to have this opportunity to congratulate these young patriots and wish them success as they strive to fulfill their maximum potential in defending our nation.

The United States Services Academies have a long-standing tradition of offering its students the highest caliber education and officer military training in the world. Each of the individuals recognized today began their journey of service by applying through their Member of Congress or qualified source via a highly competitive process. However, only a select few are found to meet the necessary standards set forth by the Academies.

These outstanding students have proven they are the gold standard by demonstrating their excellence in academics, athletics, and commitment to their community both inside and outside of the classroom. I am confident these young men and women will achieve great success while further developing the qualities of leadership, honor, and self-sacrifice as they prepare to lead our Nation's Armed Forces.

As one who has worn the uniform, I thank these young patriots for their courage, conviction, and commitment to our Nation, and it is my privilege to congratulate these leaders as they embark on this new mission of service.

CLASS OF 2025 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Tylan Hines, Plano Senior High School*
Arjun Kersten, Plano West Senior High School
Rushaan Mahajan, Plano East Senior High School
Christopher Park, Spring Creek Academy
Dylan Rogers, McKinney North High School
Chase Spencer, Plano West Senior High School
Autumn Thill, John Paul II High School

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Owen Archer, Liberty High School
Matteo Bianchi, McKinney Boyd High School*
Charles Flanigen III, Allen High School*
Jonah Johnson, Lebanon Trail High School*

Inaki Romero-Garza, John Paul II High School

Zeta Williamson, Allen High School*

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Katherine Beeler, Plano West Senior High School

Quynh-Tien Kerri Do, Plano East Senior High School

Madeline Graham, Melissa High School*

Timothy Johnson, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School

Aiden Kim, Independence High School

Cade Patton, Allen High School

Haden Ray, Plano Senior High School

Orion Rolater, Plano East Senior High School

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

William Boese, New Mexico Military Institute

Sheridan Harvey, Lone Star High School

Eric Jiang, Plano West Senior High School

Margaret Ripperger, McKinney Boyd High School

*Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools

INTRODUCTION OF THE TOTAL RECALL ACT OF 2021

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Total Recall Act of 2021, which would require businesses to strengthen and streamline notifications for product recalls to consumers.

Every year, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recalls at least 400 products, but due to poor notification practices by manufacturers and producers, the average response rate of consumers for most recalls is only between 4 and 18 percent. Consumers are purchasing or failing to stop using products because they are unaware of recall notifications.

As a mom myself, I know that parents cannot be expected to check the CPSC website every time they purchase a product for their families. If a company sells a dangerous item, that company should be expected to market the recall as aggressively as they marketed the sale of the product.

That is why I am introducing the Total Recall Act, legislation which will implement much needed reforms to increase the effectiveness of products recalled by the CPSC. This bill will increase requirements for companies to post recall notices on their websites and social media, and require or encourage companies to use parts of the original marketing budgets of the product in question on notifying consumers of the recall.

The numbers don't lie; if consumers are not participating in recalls, then companies need to work harder to let their consumers know about any dangers that they face from continued use of these products. Companies know how to market products, it is time for them to apply those same skills to marketing recalls.

2021 PA18 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young high school student from my Congressional District, Makenzie Sing from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School.

Ms. Sing is the winner of the 2021 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Ms. Sing's artwork, a mixed media collage with pen and ink entitled "Portrait of Truths," was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition. In fact, 20 works from 4 different schools in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to Ms. Sing's skill and vision that their work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition.

Ms. Sing's artwork will represent the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues, as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill, to view Ms. Sing's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Lillian Spencer from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded second place for their color pencil composition "Seeing Eye to Eye." Nathan Weaver from CAPA received third place for their acrylic painting entitled "Miners." Bina Guo from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded fourth place for their watercolor and pencil composition entitled "Organic Ruin," and Margaret Tracht from CAPA received the fifth-place award for their pen on paper composition "Overgrown."

For the first time this year, we posted all of the entries online and allowed people to vote for their favorite one. Over the course of several weeks, more than 400 people voted for their favorite entry. "Unclear," a watercolor by Zoe McCoy from South Fayette High School, was the overwhelming favorite with just under 20 percent of the votes cast, and so Zoe was the winner of our first "People's Choice" award.

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Yutaka Tomokio from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, Zoe McCoy from South Fayette High School, and Annika Vaughan from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery:" from Allderdice High School, Sean Folan; from East Allegheny High School, Marley Green, Samantha Hallick, Casey Kopa, and Mandy Ruffing; from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, Brynn Campbell, Anya Frazier, Ruby Frazier, Bina

Guo, Sofia Montelibano, Polina Novikova, Makenzie Sing, Lillian Spencer, Melaina Thompson, Margaret Tracht, Yutaka Tomokio, Annika Vaughan, Colleen Vine, and Nathan Weaver; and from South Fayette High School, Zoe McCoy.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING WARD TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ward Transport & Logistics for its longstanding dedication to our central Pennsylvania community as it celebrates 90 years of service. For decades, this nationally recognized trucking company has been instrumental in supplying and sustaining our local economy.

Since W. W. Ward founded the company in 1931, Ward Transport & Logistics has grown substantially and now operates 20 locations across the northeastern United States. This success is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Ward family. Ninety years later, Ward Transport & Logistics is now led by the fourth generation of the Ward family and it employs more than 1,400 workers in Pennsylvania and beyond.

As the company has expanded, its community outreach also has grown. Ward Hearts & Hands is a volunteer program overseen by employees with a heart for service. Their work to support critical community projects includes setting up charity events, serving meals and partnering with local food banks, delivering supplies to elderly members of the Blair County community, and fostering a children's mentoring program to grow the next generation of talent in our community.

Throughout their work to provide essential services, Ward Transport & Logistics has gone above and beyond in support of the Blair County community. As the Ward family and their entire team celebrate 90 years of service, I congratulate Ward Transport & Logistics on this outstanding legacy and wish them continued success.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE CONNIE LAWSON ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate former Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson on her recent retirement and to thank her for many years of dedicated service to Hoosiers.

Throughout her years of public service, Connie has dedicated herself to moving Indiana forward. She was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1996, and, in 2006, she became the first woman to serve as Senate Majority Floor Leader. In 2012, she was appointed to serve as Indiana's 61st Secretary of State. In these roles, she worked tirelessly to strengthen our communities and advance opportunities for future generations. Connie truly made our state a better place for Hoosiers to live, work, and thrive.

I am grateful to have worked with Connie on behalf of our state's businesses, workers, families, and voters. Her strong conservative values and Hoosier common sense have helped bring Indiana's businesses into the 21st century and ensured our elections remained free, fair, and secure. Her unmatched leadership, tenacity, and integrity, both in the Indiana Senate and as Secretary of State, have helped secure Indiana's status as an economic powerhouse. With a AAA credit rating, fiscally responsible budget, and low unemployment rate, our state is among the best places in the country to start and grow a business.

Governor Eric Holcomb has dubbed Connie "Indiana's own Iron Lady," and I couldn't agree more. She is a true patriot with a servant's heart, and her passion for helping her fellow Hoosiers has always been clear. I have no doubt her legacy will last far into the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Indiana's 61st Secretary of State Connie Lawson for her lifelong commitment to serving our communities. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I wish her the best as she embarks on this next chapter in life.

COMMEMORATING THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION WHO SAVED FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, tomorrow, June 6, marks the 77th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied Forces' audacious amphibious landing at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

This joint undertaking to liberate the continent of Europe from the clutches of an evil aggressor enemy was the first and most emphatic demonstration of the invincible strength of democratic nations when acting collectively.

For more than 70 years, peace in Europe has been secured and no adversary, not the old Soviet Union or the contemporary Russian Federation, has dared to risk war by attacking a European ally of the United States because every American president has made clear that the United States is committed to Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty which holds that an attack on any NATO member is regarded as an attack on all of them.

Madam Speaker, Operation Overlord, as D-Day was formally known, was the largest single amphibious assault in the history of warfare.

The success of D-Day, which was far from certain at the outset, led to the liberation of

Western Europe, signaled the death knell of the German Wehrmacht, and paved the way to unconditional victory by the Allied Forces over the evils of Nazism, fascism, and Japanese imperialism.

It is no exaggeration to say that D-Day changed the course of human history.

The aim of the meticulously planned D-Day operation was to open a second front in the European war theater from which the Allied Forces could attack the German army and push east to capture Berlin.

With the Russian Army advancing from the east, coupled with the southern front opened by the Allied invasion of Italy from North Africa in 1942, the opening of a western front would set in motion the pincer movement that would catch the German Army in a trap from which there would be no escape.

The formidable German Army expected that the Allied Forces would try to launch an invasion from the western beaches of France.

They just did not know when or where. So, in anticipation of an Allied invasion, the Nazis constructed the infamous Atlantic Wall, an extensive system of coastal fortifications built along the western coast of Europe and Scandinavia.

Under the direction of Field Marshal Rommel, the Atlantic Wall was reinforced by the addition of concrete pillboxes built along the beaches to house machine guns, antitank guns and light artillery.

Mines and antitank obstacles were planted on the beaches themselves and underwater obstacles and mines were placed in waters just offshore.

By the time of the D-Day landing, the Nazis had laid almost six million mines in northern France.

And awaiting Allied soldiers who made their way onto and away from the beaches were gun emplacements and minefields extended inland.

"War is hell," said General William Tecumseh Sherman during the Civil War.

And that is an apt description of what awaited the brave Allied warriors who set sail from England to the beaches of Normandy in the early morning of June 6, 1944, at the beginning of what has rightly been called "The Longest Day."

But they were buoyed in their resolve by the millions of prayers from Americans and others back home, of all races, religions, and creeds, invoking the Lord's blessing, mercy, and grace.

With the outcome in doubt, President Franklin Roosevelt asked the nation to join him in this solemn prayer:

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

"They will need Thy blessings.

"For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace.

"They fight not for the lust of conquest.

"They fight to end conquest.

"They fight to liberate.

"They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people.

"They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home."