

family continued success and happiness in the chapters to come.

HONORING BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK
& PLANETARIUM ON THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium located in the City of Kingsport, in our First Congressional District in Tennessee, that is celebrating their golden anniversary of 50 years. Since 1971, Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium has been a continuing resource to the citizens of Kingsport.

Since the region's humble beginnings in the late 1700s, Bays Mountain provided for the families who settled there with land to farm and wood to build houses, a church, and a school. From the early 1800s to the early 1900s, Bays Mountain was the source of life for settlers and citizens. In 1914, one of Kingsport's founders, J. Fred Johnson, began buying up land on the mountain in order to create a lake. The next year, work began on a dam with much of that work being done by family members of those living on and around the mountain. The lake created by the dam served the city until 1944 when the city outgrew the capacity. Over the next two decades, the Mountain segued into a source of sustenance for its citizens to a resource to be recognized for its history and contribution to the livelihood of Kingsport. It was this transition that in 1965 led to the appointment of a committee to study ways to develop the mountain into a park by then Kingsport Mayor, Hugh Rule. After completion of the study, the City of Kingsport hired the National Audubon Society to help in the design of a park. The National Audubon Society's recommendations were to designate the area as a nature preserve to also allow hiking, naturalist-led activities, natural history studies, research, and leisure activities such as photography, painting wildlife observation and school day-use. They also recommended building a maintenance shed, a residence for a caretaker and an interpretive nature center. In short, the park was to be of great service to the public, including schools, while also serving to preserve the natural habitat it featured.

Development of these plans began in 1968 and, with assistance from Tennessee Eastman Company, as well as a bond referendum voted on by the citizens, the work culminated on May 24, 1971, with the opening of what our citizens know today as Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium.

Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium is the largest city owned park in the State of Tennessee with its 3,650-acre nature preserve, 40 miles of recreational trails, an adventure ropes course, and the original 44-acre lake.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium as a jewel and part of the rich history of Tennessee's First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MONICA BABINE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monica Babine. On May 26, 2021, Monica was presented with the 2021 Digital Equity Champion Award for her outstanding work in the field of digital equity. For more than 30 years, she has worked on this issue that is so critical to Washington's 5th Congressional District.

Currently, Monica is the Senior Associate of the Program for Digital Initiatives at Washington State University's Division of Governmental Studies & Services. In this role, she works with business, government, economic, and community development organizations to increase broadband awareness, access, and use across the state of Washington.

Monica has a keen understanding that access to reliable, affordable broadband is basic infrastructure in our 21st Century digital economy. Her work to help close the digital divide and expand access to broadband in Eastern Washington's most rural communities cannot be overstated.

Monica has proven time and again to be a true leader in her field, creating the Broadband Action Team model and serving as a valuable resource for local leaders interested in broadband planning. As a result of her work, more people than ever are engaging to identify local broadband needs and make plans to address them.

Monica's focus on rural communities has made her an incredible partner, and I am grateful for her efforts as we continue working together to address this issue in Congress. Her tireless work to bring together members of our Eastern Washington community, including policymakers at every level, is so important to help close the digital divide once and for all.

Madam Speaker, for her commitment to expanding access to broadband, her exceptional leadership, and her ongoing work to improve the lives of people around her, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Monica Babine.

IN RECOGNITION OF FUSA
TAKAHASHI

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with delight that I rise to honor a remarkable woman, Fusa Takahashi, for her outstanding advocacy for the Go for Broke Japanese American Soldiers of WWII Stamp.

In 2005, three Nisei women from California, Fusa Takahashi, Aiko King and Chiz Ohira, began a fifteen-year campaign for a commemorative stamp that would honor and share the story of the brave Nisei men and women who served our country during World War II, despite the forced relation and incarceration they and their loved ones faced. This important history was deeply personal for Fusa and her co-chairs, as each were survivors of the forced incarceration. Fusa's late husband,

Kazuo Takahashi, was an Army veteran of World War II. He bravely served as a Military Intelligence Service officer.

The women's grassroots letter writing campaign began as a small but mighty effort, encouraged by friends and community members. However, through their hard work, the campaign quickly received support from national organizations, state leaders and Congressmembers. Fusa and her friends persevered through setbacks and delays, never giving up. In November 2020, the U.S. Postal Service announced a Go for Broke Soldiers commemorative postage stamp will be issued. The stamp was officially issued on June 3rd, 2021.

Today, the forced relocation and incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans through Executive Order 9066 is now considered one of the most atrocious violations of American civil rights in the 20th century. The Go for Broke Stamp is an important reminder of our history and a symbol of the tireless advocacy and efforts of Fusa, Aiko and Chiz, and all who supported them.

Madam Speaker, today we honor Fusa, Aiko and Chiz's outstanding efforts to honor the brave Nisei Soldiers of World War II. I thank Fusa and her partners for their dedication and successful efforts.

RECOGNIZING JIMMY UKEGAWA
AS MY CONSTITUENTS OF THE
MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Jimmy Ukegawa for my May Constituent of the Month. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed numerous burdens on constituents in my district, including a troubling rise in food insecurity. As a third-generation farmer who has been in business for more than three decades, Jimmy is no stranger to the stress of business ups and downs. Last March, after witnessing so many neighbors and friends struggling to make ends meet during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jimmy, his staff, and partners donated more than 500,000 pounds of food to those affected by food insecurity.

His effort began when the pandemic first hit, partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Senior Center to ensure children and those most vulnerable had something to eat. Since then, Jimmy's food donation efforts have grown to include Head Start programs, North County Lifeline, schools, and affordable living residences throughout Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista. Additionally, as the course of the pandemic played out, Jimmy wanted to make sure vulnerable and at-risk people in the district could still shop for nutritious fresh food, so he created an open-air market in his warehouse.

Over the course of this pandemic, I witnessed first-hand, residents lining up for food just to place a nourishing meal on the table for their families. I am incredibly grateful for constituents like Jimmy who stepped up to help the most vulnerable and in need families in CA-49. Our community is brighter and better because of Jimmy and his staffs generosity. I

thank him from the bottom of my heart for his leadership and compassion in supporting our community, and I'm honored to recognize him as my May Constituent of the Month.

CELEBRATING ALBERTA JUNE
LEWIS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate fellow Hoosier and my constituent, Alberta June Ochs-Lewis for turning 99 years young on June 9, 2021.

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Alberta is a dedicated servant to God and a patriot who fervently loves our great Nation. Happy 99th Birthday Alberta.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COR-
PORAL WILLIAM JAMES MCCOL-
LUM

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Corporal William James McCollum, who was killed in action during the Korean War on December 2, 1950.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina on June 19, 1931, Corporal McCollum was affectionately known by his friends and family as "Billy." At the age of 17, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC and subsequently to the battlegrounds when the Korean War began. After enduring repeated enemy attacks at the Chosin Reservoir, Corporal McCollum was declared missing in action on December 2, 1950. It was not until December 3, 1953, that Corporal McCollum was officially declared dead, still with no knowledge of the location of his body.

Following the summit between President Donald J. Trump and the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea Kim Jong-Un in July of 2018, an agreement was reached to return 55 boxes of remains to the USA. The remains were believed to be those of U.S. soldiers who had been killed at the Chosin Reservoir in 1950. Due to the tremendous leadership of President Donald J. Trump, the body of Corporal McCollum's body was accounted for on September 11, 2019. After 71 years, Corporal McCollum can return home and rest in his home city of Anderson. His funeral service, with military honors, will be held on June 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

Reflecting on the life of Corporal McCollum, I am reminded strongly of the verse John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." From a young age, Corporal McCollum selflessly and nobly served his country. The United States is

blessed to have the finest troops in the world, where so many heroes like Corporal McCollum are willing to put on our country's uniform in defense of our freedoms.

I am proud of the leadership demonstrated by President Donald J. Trump, and it brings me comfort knowing that families were able to be reunited with their loved ones after so many years, especially in the Third District of South Carolina. Corporal McCollum's funeral service will be held on the anniversary of his 90th birthday.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor the lives of those lost in conflict, like Corporal McCollum. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

HONORING WALTER RADCLIFFE'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Walter Radcliffe's 100th birthday.

Mr. Radcliffe is a proud veteran who is beloved by his community. It is clear to everyone that knows Mr. Radcliffe, that he has made the most of each of his one-hundred years.

I wish him the best at achieving this milestone and hope he enjoys a wonderful celebration.

RECOGNIZING EUGENE DOLLARD

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of Mr. Eugene Dollard of Hamlin, New York. On June 9, 2021, Mr. Dollard was presented with the Legion of Honor Medal, an honor given to those who demonstrate unparalleled courage and patriotism in the face of mortal danger and France's highest accolade conferred for military bravery and service. In 1943, when he turned eighteen, Mr. Dollard enlisted in the United States Navy. A year later, on June 4, 1944, Mr. Dollard participated in the largest naval invasion in history, D-day. On that fateful morning, Mr. Dollard sailed with the U.S.S. *Henrico* under the command of Rear Admiral John Hall. Departing from Portland, England, the *Henrico* crossed the English Channel transporting the 16th Regiment of the First Infantry Division. Under heavy fire, the *Henrico* delivered the infantry to Omaha Beach. During the fighting, Mr. Dollard manned twenty-millimeter machine guns while under attack from German artillery and aircraft. Then, under continued fire, he landed on the beach and administered first aid to the wounded. As the fighting raged on, Mr. Dollard did what he could to assist the wounded soldiers who were taken back to the *Henrico*. After D-day, he moved on to the Mediterranean theatre serving his country honorably in Morocco, Algeria, and Italy. Mr. Dollard was then transferred to

the U.S.S. *Chilton* in the Pacific where he fought in the Battle of Okinawa. During a Japanese bombing raid, he was sheltering in a bunker when he spotted shadowy figures moving on the beach. Crawling out into the darkness, he tackled a Japanese General. Although unarmed, Mr. Dollard was able to overpower the General and capture him, eventually turning the Japanese General over to the Military Police. After three years of service, Mr. Dollard was honorably discharged from the United States Navy in 1945. Returning to Hamlin, he has lived a full life: running a business, raising a family, and leaving his mark on the world for generations to come. Mr. Dollard is an extraordinary example of commitment and selfless service.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Eugene Dollard.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATU-
LATING REAR ADMIRAL JOHN
MENONI

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rear Admiral John Menoni on his exemplary leadership as Commander of Joint Region Marianas.

As the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command representative for our region, Rear Admiral Menoni has embodied a leadership that truly speaks to the best of our human qualities and is critical to efforts made in overcoming the present global pandemic, facing future adversity, and effectively moving our communities and Nation forward.

Over the course of his 18-month assignment to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau, he and his team transcended in their greatest responsibility to preserve the mission of ensuring our Nation's security. Alongside their dedication to defending our Constitution, preserving human rights, and encouraging opportunities for our allies and partners around the world, they embedded a revitalized relationship between military and civilian populations across the region.

Rear Admiral John Menoni collaborated closely with the Government of Guam and other important community members for a comprehensive COVID-19 response, which greatly contributed to the health, safety, and recovery of the crew of the U.S.S. *Theodore Roosevelt*. He worked tirelessly to cement an open forum for locals to identify their concerns and work together with the defense administration to address them. From establishing open lines of communication with local leaders to introducing a cultural sensitivity training program for all incoming Department of Defense parties, he has been a formidable force in cultivating greater understanding among all those who call our islands home and elevating our collective quality of life.

With recognitions such as three Legions of Merit, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Strike-Flight Medals, a Guam Commendation Medal, and various other campaign and unit awards, Rear Admiral Menoni's service in numerous positions as support personnel and Commander of operations demonstrates an impressive capacity for excellence in any role he achieves subsequent to