

repay this debt, I will do everything in my power to honor SFC Johnson's life and ensure that his legacy lives on forever.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Sergeant First Class Jeremiah Johnson on the occasion of his induction as an honorary Green Beret.

IN HONOR OF LEE KIEFER

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 2021*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a special Kentuckian and a member of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team, Lee Kiefer, from Lexington, Kentucky.

At the age of 5, Ms. Kiefer began the sport of fencing. She participated in World Championships beginning in 2009, earning a team gold medal in 2018, a team silver medal in 2017, a team bronze medal in 2019, and an individual bronze medal in 2011. Ms. Kiefer competed in the Pan-American Games in 2011, earning gold team and individual medals, and in 2015, earning gold individual medal and a silver team medal. Ms. Kiefer was the youngest member of the 2009 U.S. Senior World Foil Team. In 2011, she was the only athlete in the world to have earned individual podium finishes at the senior, junior, and cadet world championships.

Representing the United States of America, Ms. Kiefer competed in the London Olympic Games in 2012, the Rio Olympic Games in 2016, and is currently on the team that will compete in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Ms. Kiefer is the daughter of Steve and Teresa Kiefer. Her husband is also a member of Team USA, fellow fencer, Gerek Meinhardt. She is a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, the University of Notre Dame, and is currently a student at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

I wish all the best to this accomplished Kentucky athlete as she competes in Tokyo representing the United States. It is my honor to recognize Lee Kiefer before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE CAREER OF NANCY COWSER

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 2021*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate another chapter of the remarkable career of local business leader, community role model, and true friend to my office, Nancy Cowser. A long-established pillar within the social services and economic development sectors in the eastern Connecticut community, Nancy will now take her wisdom and experiences to the world of academia as the chief advancement and alumni relations officer for Mitchell College. I cannot think of a better hire for one of our top local colleges than Nancy, as she truly rep-

resents the best and brightest in business leadership and community partnership in Connecticut.

Having received an undergraduate degree in finance from Boston College and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Nancy began her career in the banking industry as a mortgage auditor and excelled with her natural leadership and organizational skills. However, Nancy eventually found herself drawn to social services, which led her to United Community and Family Services (UCFS) in Norwich. As the senior vice president of strategy, Nancy worked tirelessly to ensure that constituents across eastern Connecticut had access to services such as healthcare and mental and substance abuse treatment to ensure each individual could experience a better quality of life.

It was during her tenure with UCFS that my office had the first opportunity to work with Nancy. I believe one of the major highlights from both of our careers is when UCFS finally received designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center in 2015, after attempting to do so for eight long years. This critical designation enabled UCFS to receive significant federal funding and in turn allowed UCFS to enhance their primary care services and offer specialty care services, and Nancy was an essential part of this impactful achievement.

Nancy is someone who knows that true community development happens when partnerships are developed and organizations work together to meet a common goal. In her work, Nancy became known as a master networker and someone who brought everyone to the table regardless of background or politics. Nancy's reputation and skillset brought her enormous respect and admiration from community coalitions and armed her with tools needed to take the helm of the Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer) in 2016.

Nancy hit the ground running as seCTer's executive director. Due to her years of collaboration with community partners, Nancy knew the lay of the land and quickly got to work solidifying relationships and creating pipelines to bring economic stakeholders together. Bolstered by a series of successes within the seCTer loan program, PTAC, and the CEDS' 2017 recognition by the National Association of Development Organizations as a national best practice model, Nancy aided one of the district's largest employers, General Dynamic Electric Boat, in developing an extensive pipeline of subcontractors to fuel the top submarine production force in our nation. In 2019, with Nancy leading the way, seCTer organized our region's largest business networking event, "Leading the Way", to connect General Dynamic procurement personnel with potential suppliers from across Connecticut and throughout New England. The tremendous success of this event exemplified Nancy's ability to bring a multitude of diverse companies under one roof to create new business opportunities and relationships that continue to flourish to this day.

However, we must not forget, our region's defense industry is only one of many sectors that Nancy took under her tutelage to grow. From breweries to manufacturers, and even local gyms—Nancy was always a phone call away to help guide any business in driving its

potential for growth. It was this niche ability to work with so many diverse companies and understand each of their needs that makes Nancy such a pivotal business leader in our district. With Nancy's departure from seCTer, we see the before and after of her time at the organization, and know that her impact that will continue to propel seCTer forward for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I am truly proud to call Nancy a colleague and most importantly a friend. I have witnessed first-hand her professional growth and her ability to spur significant economic growth within the 2nd district. Now taking her talents to Mitchell College, our paths will continue to cross as we tackle the issues facing the academic sector. One cannot really quantify the influence Nancy has had on our region, from her work at UCFS to seCTer, but I know that she has moved mountains for our communities, and her trajectory of success will only continue upward.

I ask everyone in the Chamber to please rise and applaud Nancy for her outstanding career and thank her for all that she has done to help Connecticut businesses and residents. Nancy is a true pillar of Connecticut. We wish her continued happiness and success.

HONORING CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS FROM JANUARY 6

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 2021*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of our Capitol Police Officers and Firefighters, including the heroes from Arlington County, who defended the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. The attack on the Capitol was an attempt to overturn an election through violence and fear, and our Capitol Police and Firefighters stood firm to protect our democracy and uphold our Constitution.

These brave men and women risked their lives in their protection of those trapped in the Capitol. We must honor these officers who sustained injuries in the line of duty, including Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department Officer Jeffrey Smith, two of my own constituents who passed away due to injuries from the January 6 attack.

The United States Capitol Police protect the U.S. Capitol every day. They protect our legislators, they protect our staff, and they protect journalists and other visitors. Their presence is imperative to the democracy that the United States takes pride in, and it is only fitting that Congress honor their courage and ideals.

January 6, 2021 will be remembered as one of the darkest days of our democracy, yet that day will also commemorate the heroism and selfless bravery of the Capitol Police, D.C. Firefighters, and other law enforcement officers.

HONORING SERGEANT PETER KOEPP, SERGEANT MARK LAINO, OFFICER CHRISTOPHER WATKINS, AND OFFICER BOBBY MEIS UPON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF BRAVERY

**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 2021*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Peter Koepp, Sergeant Mark Laino, Officer Christopher Watkins, and Officer Bobby Meis of the Virginia Beach Police Department upon receiving the Congressional Medal of Bravery for their heroic actions on May 31, 2019.

Like many in our community and around the nation, I was shocked and horrified to hear about the active shooter situation in Virginia Beach's municipal building that day. The four officers arrived separately at the hectic scene before converging toward the sound of gunfire. Together, they approached the assailant and bravely exchanged gunfire, during which Sergeant Koepp was struck by a bullet, receiving blunt trauma to his abdomen. The officers' positioning allowed city employees and citizens to evacuate the premises until SWAT officers arrived. Sadly, 12 individuals in the building lost their lives that day. Still, the heroism that Officers Koepp, Laino, Watkins, and Meis exhibited may have saved countless more.

Knowing that they would enter a high-risk situation, each of these officers swiftly responded to the call to action. Our community is eternally grateful for their courage, and it is my privilege to celebrate these heroes as they receive this well-deserved honor.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR  
HOWARD H. MILES

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 2021*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a longstanding stalwart from Fort Worth, Texas, Howard Henry Miles. It's his birthday today, and I'd like to share how Howard's contributions to our community have helped shape us for the better.

Howard Henry Miles committed much of his life to his family and his community, when the family of seven were forced to relocate to the city after an unfortunate event by an angry White mob. The family went on to become influential pillars in the African-American community as they opened various businesses in which Howard took ample pride.

Howard is a graduate of the historic I.M. Terrell High School. As a student, Howard ran track, and played the clarinet in multiple bands at the school before graduating in 1951. Howard then earned a science degree in chemistry in 1958 from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, where he was also a cherished member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Amidst his educational journey, Howard served as a supply clerk for the U.S. Army in the United Kingdom from 1954 to 1956 due to the Korean War.

Howard Henry Miles returned to his high school, I.M. Terrell, as a Science teacher and beloved coach while he simultaneously earned a master of science degree in biochemistry from Syracuse University. Howard continued his teaching and coaching career at Amon Carter-Riverside High School in 1970 and Polytechnic High School in 1975 where he spent more than 20 years doing what he loved most: teaching AP science courses and coaching sports teams. He is respectfully remembered and admired by many students as "Coach Miles," one who helped break down racial barriers for them between the 60's and 70's.

Howard is also recognized for his tough love teaching style and "painstaking drills" which resulted in his girls track team winning two state championships for which he was recognized by the Texas State House representatives. Howard was given many opportunities to move up in his career, however his heart belonged to the city of Fort Worth where he retired in 1999.

Howard's long and varied service to Fort Worth also includes playing in the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra and Arlington Band, religiously attending St. Andrews United Methodist Church serving as a youth leader, Sunday school teacher, male chorus member and youth choir director. Therefore, I am honored to have had Howard Henry Miles as my constituent in Texas' 33rd District.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRED ROGERS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 2021*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary life of Fred Rogers, the outgoing commander of American Legion Peter J. Courcy Post 178 in Frisco, Texas. Mr. Rogers has conducted his life with distinguished service to his community and nation through his service in the U.S. Armed Forces and his subsequent volunteer efforts.

Mr. Rogers served honorably as an Air Policeman in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1964. After retiring from his decades-long civilian career as a pilot, Mr. Rogers joined the American Legion in 2008. Mr. Rogers' leadership roles at Holley-Riddle Post 21—Frisco and Bill Bryan Post 110—McKinney led to him receiving Pioneer Awards for the organization of those two posts. In 2013, he was named the Texas 4th District Adjutant.

Being a founding post member, Mr. Rogers has served as Post 178's commander since its inception in December 2013. His tireless efforts to bolster the new post's community involvement and promote its membership led to Post 178 earning the Texas Post Excellence Award from 2015 through 2019. Only three posts in Texas receive this honor yearly, and Mr. Rogers' dedicated leadership as commander merited the award for four consecutive years. From 2016 to 2018, Post 178 was also awarded the National Post Excellence award. Despite the post's recent founding, it is one of the most recognized and fastest growing in the state of Texas.

During his time as Post 178 Commander, Mr. Rogers has organized Memorial Day events, sponsored dozens of high school jun-

iors for American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, promoted the annual American Legion High School Oratorical contest, and worked alongside the Wreaths Across America organization at the Dallas-Fort Worth national cemetery. Mr. Rogers served as the Texas State Vice Commander in 2014 through 2015. In 2019, he received a third Pioneer Award for the organization of Post 268—Sanger.

I join Post 178 and the Frisco community in thanking Mr. Rogers for his devoted service to our veterans and his fellow citizens. He is truly an outstanding model of selfless civic service.

IN HONOR OF GEREK MEINHARDT

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a special Kentuckian and a member of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team, Gerek Meinhardt, from Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. Meinhardt began the sport of fencing when he was 9 years old. In 2007, he qualified for the cadet, junior, and senior world teams all in the same year, becoming the first U.S. men's fencer ever to do so. In 2008, he was the youngest athlete ever to compete on a U.S. Fencing Team and was the youngest member of the 2008 Olympic Team in any sport. Mr. Meinhardt was a four-time NCAA All-American and was a two-time individual NCAA Champion in 2011 and 2014. Mr. Meinhardt was a member of the first U.S. Men's Foil Team to win a Senior World Championship title in 2019. He competed in the Pan-American Games in 2011, earning a gold team medal, and in 2015, earning another gold team medal and silver individual medal.

Representing the United States of America, Mr. Meinhardt competed in the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, the London Olympic Games in 2012, the Rio Olympic Games in 2016, and is currently on the team that will compete in the Tokyo Olympic Games. He earned a bronze medal in 2016.

Mr. Meinhardt is the son of Kurt and Jane Meinhardt. His wife is also a member of Team USA, fellow fencer Lee Kiefer. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and is currently a student at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

I wish all the best to this accomplished Kentucky athlete as he competes in Tokyo representing the United States. It is my honor to recognize Gerek Meinhardt before the United States Congress.

THANKING THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE TEAM FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE FOLLOWING THE JANUARY 6, 2021 CAPITOL ATTACK

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 2021*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and thank the immediate and extended staff of the Office of Employee Assistance (OEA) at the United States