

HONORING THE ARIZONA
INFORMANT

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Arizona Informant on 50 years of excellence in reporting on our state's most important issues. Since its start, the paper's motto has been: "98% of Our News You Won't Find in Any Other News Media in Arizona," and it's delivered on that, shining a light on members of our community. For five decades, the paper has chronicled stories of Black Americans. It has reported on the importance of African American representation in Arizona politics, racial disparities in the criminal justice system, the need to improve policing in communities of color, and the stories of resilience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. But most importantly, it has documented the history, successes, and leadership of African Americans in our community.

The newspaper was founded by Cloves Campbell, Sr., Arizona's first Black state senator, and his brother Charles Campbell, a respected and accomplished educator. They knew firsthand that the press of the '50s and '60s rarely told the full story on any issue affecting communities of color that seldom came across the newswire. Too often, mainstream media coverage of Black Americans focused mostly on large Civil Rights demonstrations. Those stories usually covered the events themselves and rarely took the time to tell what happened after these influential demonstrations, nor the work of Black Americans whose brave and courageous actions made those events possible. As they lived through this history, Cloves and Charles realized they could tell these stories better themselves—and so they did.

In 1971, with just \$1, Charles and Cloves bought the Arizona Informant and transformed it into the paper we know now. Today, as much of Arizona and national media suffer from shrinking readership, the paper is seeing growth, boasting 100,000 weekly readers. The Arizona Informant remains Arizona's only Black-owned weekly newspaper. The paper also uses the influence of its non-profit foundation, the Arizona Informant Foundation, to provide and develop valuable resources and opportunities to help build and bolster Black and African American communities in Arizona.

For 50 years, the paper has successfully captured the history of our community—bringing important issues and voices into the spotlight. As our country continues to see disparities in the Black community and communities of color, we are reminded that we need outlets that see and embrace their identity, as members of the community they cover, not as a "bias" but as an asset to report the truth. Journalism needs more outlets like the Arizona Informant who not only do quality journalism but do so with newsrooms that reflect and empathize with the communities and issues they carefully cover.

The Campbell brothers and the Informant remind us that diversity is essential, not only to the success of journalism, but to the success and vibrancy of our community. Their spirit lives on with Cloves' son, Cloves Camp-

bell, Jr., who has followed in his father's footsteps and continued his legacy of journalistic excellence as publisher of the newspaper.

I thank the Arizona Informant for being a pillar of our community. Congratulations on 50 years of reporting with integrity and diligence on the issues that matter most to Arizona. Here's to the next 50 years and beyond.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
COLONEL RONNIE B. DELFIN ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Colonel Ronnie B. Delfin on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard after 31 years of service to our island and nation.

Colonel Delfin enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1990 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Headquarters as a medical specialist after completing his Basic Training and Combat Medic Advanced Individual Training. In August 1993, he enrolled in the University of Guam ROTC program and reported to active duty as a commissioned officer in May of 1996. He attended the Armor Officer Basic Course from August 1996 to January 1997, and his first duty assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as an Assistant S-2, Tank Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer. He was later reassigned to the 1st Brigade 25th Infantry Division (Light) in Fort Lewis, Washington, as an Assistant BDE S-3.

Colonel Delfin joined the Guam Army National Guard and was assigned as the Security and Intelligence Officer in October 2000. He then joined the Active Guard and Reserve program in September of 2001. His assignments in the AGR include Counterdrug Coordinator; Commander 1224th Engineer Detachment (Utilities); S3, 105th Troop Command; Secretary of the General Staff; Commander, 203d RTI; and Commander, 94th Civil Support Team (WMD). Colonel Delfin mobilized and deployed with the 1224th Engineer Detachment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Delfin is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Engineer Captain's Career Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, and the United States Command and General Staff College Intermediate Level Education, and the United States Army War College. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, a Master of Management, and a Master in Strategic Studies from the War College.

Colonel Delfin received a number of awards, such as the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Guam Army ROTC and a recipient of the General George C. Marshall Award.

As Commander of Joint Task Force 671 and Chief of Joint Staff for the Guam National Guard, Colonel Delfin played a critical role in executing missions to support the Government of Guam with an efficient and comprehensive COVID-19 response. In addition to promoting an educational campaign, he facilitated the staffing of quarantine, community testing and food distribution sites, the full operation of emergency rooms and COVID-19 wards, the implementation of vital engineering projects, and much more. He tirelessly collaborated with local authorities to ensure the health and safety of our people, and it is with the support of his leadership that our island's response efforts have yielded the achievement of a largely vaccinated population.

Colonel Delfin has and continues to serve as a fine example of leadership and dedicated his skills, knowledge, and training to elevating the quality of life for Americans in Guam and across the world. In addition to advancing our national objectives both at home and overseas, Colonel Delfin has further emphasized the importance of ensuring our communities are empowered with the tools to overcome challenges in the days that follow a completed military mission.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Colonel Ronnie B. Delfin for his devotion to our island and nation. I sincerely thank him for his many years of service and sacrifice, congratulate him on his well-earned retirement, and wish him and his family all the best in this new chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING QUINN CAROLINE
FLAHERTY OF CHEEKTOWAGA,
ON BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Quinn Caroline Flaherty of Cheektowaga, and her tremendous achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout.

In 2019, Scouts BSA officially started accepting young women into its ranks. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a difficult and involved process and necessitates being a Life Scout for at least six months, earning at least 21 merit badges, demonstrating Scout Spirit and troop leadership, and creating an Eagle Project. The first young women to become Eagle Scouts were accepted in 2020.

Quinn is a hard worker, dedicated to Scouting. She earned more than 40 merit badges, and was chosen by her peers to hold the position of Senior Patrol Leader. She splits her time between three different units, including a BSA Troop, Sea Scout Ship, and a Venture Crew.

Quinn's Eagle Project was largely centered around the COVID-19 Pandemic. While taking a COVID test, she remarked to her family that the hardworking staff looked like they needed a good meal. In a combination of looking to support frontline workers and the suffering restaurant industry, Quinn raised more than \$10,000 to support local restaurants, providing more than 1,000 meals to essential workers and first responders. For her dedication to Scouting and her efforts to support the community, Quinn was nominated for Eagle Scout

of the Year by the Allegheny Highlands Council.

Quinn's education never suffered despite her dedication to the Scouts BSA program. She remains a straight-A student, a class officer at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, and earned the service award for her class with more than 100 hours of volunteer work over the past year.

I am proud to know Quinn personally and can speak to her sterling character. Quinn has loving and supportive parents, Michael Flaherty and Summer Przybylak, and a doting stepfather, Tom Przybylak, who himself earned his Eagle Scout in 1994. I am confident that their proud guidance and support helped Quinn earn this remarkable achievement.

In her Eagle Scout Letter of Ambition, after noting her family history in Scouting, Quinn stated, "I joined Scouting because I wanted to do something different, and a girl joining a century-old all-boy program was about as different as you could get." Quinn closed her letter by saying, "I am a girl with dreams, a girl with plans. I am a girl with hope for the future. Now I get to add Eagle Scout to that list."

Madam Speaker, Quinn certainly does get to add that to the list. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Quinn Caroline Flaherty of Cheektowaga on her achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout, and thanking her for her service to our community.

RECOGNIZING MAY RANCH FOR
BEING AWARDED THE 2021
LEOPOLD CONSERVATION
AWARD

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May Ranch of Lamar, Colorado for receiving the 2021 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program, named after conservationist Aldo Leopold, recognizes and celebrates voluntary land conservation by private agricultural landowners. Each year, only one landowner in each of the participating states is given this award. Owned and operated by the Dallas and Brenda May family, the May Ranch of Lamar was given this award for 2021.

The May Ranch exemplifies how livestock and wildlife can thrive together. Through collaborations with various wildlife and conservation organizations, the Mays have planted native trees, installed wildlife-friendly fences, and managed grazing on the ranch's grasslands. With the wetlands on the ranch serving as an oasis for birds, their grass-fed beef is marketed as "Raised on Bird Friendly Land." The Mays have shown commitment to not only the conservation of the ecosystem on May Ranch, but to the agricultural way of life that is so important to Eastern Colorado.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am honored to celebrate this special recognition of the May Ranch as the 2021 Leopold Conservation Award recipient.

HONORING HERMAN KLEINER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and birthday wishes to one of my constituents, Herman Kleiner, who is celebrating his 100th birthday on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Herman was born into a Jewish family to Pauline and Morris Kleiner, in Tacoma, Washington, August 24th, 1921. A proud product of the Tacoma Public School system, Herman attended Bryant, Jason Lee, and Stadium High School and went on to attend the College of Puget Sound where he majored in sociology and became a member of the Delta Kappa Psi fraternity. During World War II, Herman served in the United States Air Force and, upon his return, went into business with his father, Morris, at Model Lumber Company.

Mr. Kleiner recalls working with his father for many years—including his school age years—as the two had a wonderful relationship. He would work at the lumberyard during the year and then go to Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) summer youth camp at the end of every summer. He became a member of the AZA and was presented with an opportunity to attend a national AZA Convention with the debate team, which he really enjoyed doing. Mr. Kleiner and many friends formed the first Aleph Zadik Aleph chapter in Tacoma.

After his retirement in the early 1990's, Mr. Kleiner and his spouse Barbara had the pleasure of welcoming Russian Jews from the Soviet Union who were coming to the United States. Through their work and service, they were able to aid in the resettlement of about 33 Jewish families from the Soviet Union, helping to secure apartments before they arrived, assisting with furnishings and household goods, and transporting them from the airport to their new homes. Recounting his experience Mr. Kleiner recalled, "It was absolutely one of the most wonderful parts of our life."

In addition to his work welcoming Russian Jews into our community, Mr. Kleiner's passion for serving his community and giving back can be seen in his active engagement with numerous civic organizations throughout Tacoma, including: Temple Beth El, United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Cemetery Board, and the Stadium Alumni Association.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor today to celebrate Mr. Herman Kleiner on his 100th birthday, whose love for his community has never wavered and whose service to his country and community is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I was not in attendance to cast my vote on consideration of S. 272—Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of 2021.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 256.

HONORING PAM CARMICHAEL AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pam Carmichael, a tireless advocate for stable, affordable, and quality housing, as Iowan of the Week.

Pam's passion for housing advocacy started while she was studying political science, sociology, and social work at the University of Iowa. In her time as a student, Pam counseled renters at a tenants' rights organization and worked on housing ordinances that later became law. In 1980, she started working as a housing counselor at HOME Inc., a nonprofit housing organization in Des Moines.

Pam served as the executive director of HOME Inc. from 1984 until her upcoming retirement this year, and she has participated in various advocacy efforts through this role. She has worked on multiple legislative projects, from pushing for infrastructure improvements, to creating Iowa's Shelter Assistance Fund. Pam also helped create the Polk County Housing Trust Fund and the Des Moines and Iowa Coalitions for the Homeless. Those are just a couple of examples of all the work Pam has done.

Her breadth of knowledge in housing issues spans from home buyer education to counseling, revitalization programs, landlord education and more. Pam's expertise has been incredibly valuable and helpful to thousands of people in Des Moines, and she said she feels very blessed to see the number of people she's helped.

Pam mentioned she's most proud of having worked with so many incredible colleagues who also believe everyone has a right to safe, affordable housing. She also appreciates the caring people in Des Moines, and the way that the community comes together in a crisis.

As for her post-retirement plans, Pam is taking at least one year to work on her own house for a change. After a year, she'll get back into helping people, whether that be in housing or mental health services.

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate Pam on her retirement and thank her for all the work she has done to help our families in Des Moines. Pam said: "Home is a place we all need, and without it, we won't flourish," and I completely agree with her. That's why I will continue to fight in Congress to support affordable housing initiatives, just as Pam has done her whole career. It is my pleasure to recognize Pam Carmichael as Iowan of the Week.

COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT "RED"
DAVIS OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Councilmember Robert "Red" Davis of Morro Bay, California, who passed away peacefully on July 24th. We honor Red's exemplary commitment to our