

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

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

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

country and his passion for being a positive and thoughtful force throughout his long and colorful life, including his work as a councilmember, his 33-year career with CalTrans, and his service in the United States Air Force. I join the people of Morro Bay in thanking Red Davis for his service to his community, his state, and his Nation.

Prior to being elected to the Morro Bay City Council, Red served on a variety of City ad hoc committees, including the General Plan Advisory Committee, and volunteered for numerous community organizations including the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Morro Bay Library and Bike SLO County. Red began his service as Councilmember in 2017 and won a second four-year term in November 2020. Councilmember Davis was instrumental, along with his Council colleagues, in moving forward the Water Reclamation Facility, stabilizing and improving the City's financial condition, offshore wind energy, and enhancing communication with the community. I know from personal experience how important local leaders are in our nation, and Red was instrumental in helping guide his community and region through our recent difficult times.

Red retired from CalTrans in 1996 as a project manager, after 33 years of service, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as Senior Master Sergeant.

Those who knew Red well have commented on how he worked tirelessly to advance and improve the quality of life for the entire Morro Bay community. Red's strong work ethic, his clear style of communication, and his genuine care for the environment and the people of Morro Bay's citizens, businesses, and environment allowed him to make a positive and lasting impact on the City. Many have commented on Red's kindness, compassion, and his generosity. It is clear Red will be missed as well as remembered for many years to come.

As passionate cyclists, Red and his wife Gail found the time and energy to share their enthusiasm with the community. Red served as president of the San Luis Obispo Bike Club for eight years, chaired the Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee and the County Bicycle Advisory Committee, and was a founding member and vice president of Bike SLO County. In 2015 the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors honored Red for service to the local bicycling community by designating the Los Osos Valley Road bike lanes between Foothill Boulevard and South Bay Boulevard as the "Red Davis Bikeway."

Madam Speaker, I ask you, and our colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives, to join me in recognizing Red for his service to his community and our Nation, and in offering our condolences to Red's wife Gail, his daughter Catherine Sullivan, son-in-law Pat, and Red's granddaughters, and to all those in Morro Bay and beyond who know and love Red. I thank Red.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL
ACHIEVEMENT OF FIVE BLACK
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historical achieve-

ment of the five black commissioners serving on the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners.

For the first time in its 185-year history, the citizens of Miami-Dade County are being represented by five black County Commissioners. This achievement is held by Vice Chairman Oliver Gilbert, III, Commissioners Jean Monestime, Keon Hardemon, Danielle Cohen Higgins, and Kionne McGhee.

Vice-Chairman Oliver Gilbert III representing District 1 is a seasoned attorney that comes to the Board of County Commissioners after serving his hometown of Miami Gardens as its two-term mayor. He is a true advocate for the youth and the economic development of his community. He served formerly as the president of the African American mayors Association, and also held a seat on the board of directors of several boards, including the National League of Cities.

Commissioner Jean Monestime representing District 2 is the first Haitian American to represent the Board of County Commissioners after being elected in 2010. In 2014, he was unanimously chosen to serve as Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for two years. He is a former City of North Miami Councilman and Vice-Mayor. Commissioner Monestime is an advocate for equal justice.

Commissioner Keon Hardemon representing District 3 is a Miami native. He holds tight the values that his family instilled in him: education, integrity, and most importantly service to the community. Prior to joining the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Hardemon served as a City of Miami Commissioner. In addition, he served as the Chairman of the Southeast Overtown and Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He also served as a Miami-Dade County Assistant Public Defender where he represented hundreds of clients from the Miami-Dade County Community.

Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins representing District 8 is the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, an attorney, and a small business owner. She is the first of her family to graduate from college and went on to graduate from law school. Commissioner Higgins is dedicated to serving small businesses and environmental sustainability measures.

Commissioner Kionne McGhee representing District 9 is a South Dade native coming to the Board of County Commissioners from the Florida House of Representatives where he recently served as the Minority Leader. Commissioner McGhee is also an accomplished attorney and author.

This historic group of commissioners bring with them experience, political and governmental acumen, passion, and an abundance of commitment towards improving the lives of Miami-Dade County residents. The foundation laid by their predecessors Earl Caroll (1968–1972), Edward T. Graham (1972–1975), Neal F. Adams (1975–1979), Barbara Carey-Shuler (1979–1990 & 1996–2005), Arthur E. Teele, Jr. (1990–1996), James Burke (1990–1998), Betty T. Ferguson (1993–2000), Dorrin D. Rolle (1998–2006), Dennis C. Moss (1993–2020), Barbara J. Jordan (2004–2020), and Audrey M. Edmonson (2005–2020) ensures a brighter future for all of Miami-Dade County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing

these Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for their contributions and for their commitment to the diverse citizens of our community, state and country.

HONORING AIDAN O'BRIEN CHINN

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aidan O'Brien Chinn for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 268 of Clermont, FL. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn and only four percent achieve it. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service, and outdoor skills. To earn it, Aidan organized a team of 12 volunteers to restore a hurricane-damaged greenhouse that provides community food assistance. The leadership skills he has learned through the Boy Scouts already benefit our community and will continue to help in countless ways. Aidan began scouting as a Cub Scout in 2012 and recently served his troop as Senior Patrol leader. This fall, Aidan plans to continue his education at Rollins College.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of Florida, congratulations again to Aidan O'Brien Chinn for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Formed in 1921, the division is based at Fort Hood, Texas, which I am proud to represent in Congress.

This 1st Cavalry division is unique in that they have worn many hats over the years—they have served in cavalry, infantry, assault, and armored capacities.

The honorable men and women of the 1st Cav have served in many of our nation's wars; World War II, the Korean War, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and in Afghanistan—and they have exhibited extraordinary grit and an unwavering commitment to duty above self.

In all that they do, they have honorably answered the call to serve our country and defend freedom and liberty around the world.

It is my great honor to recognize their contributions and thank them for their 100 years of enduring service, duty, patriotism, and bravery.

In God we trust.