

continues to be willing to evolve based on community needs.

Bernie, along with her fellow staff at Southwest Iowa Families, has been leading the way for the construction of a new base of operations for the non-profit. The new center in Clarinda is in the final stages of planning and will increase the number of available counseling rooms as well as provide a larger waiting room to effectively manage adult clients and their children. With this development, Bernie looks forward to being able to expand their staff and providing more services needed in the community.

Bernie tells us that 1 in 5 individuals will have a mental health issue that needs professional attention at some point in their lives. Reliable mental health services in rural areas are critical to ensure that anyone who needs help has access to treatment. Mental health services such as Southwest Iowa Families ensure that rural communities remain great places to live and work. Bernie Wagoner's extensive work for the Southwest Iowa community has been incredibly valuable, and I am proud to name her Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS MELVIN J. LITTLE BEAR

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, honor, and welcome home Private First Class Melvin J. Little Bear of Standing Rock, South Dakota.

PFC Little Bear entered the U.S. Army from South Dakota and served with Battery A, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division in the Korean War. He was captured by Chinese Communist Forces on February 13, 1951, as his unit made a fighting withdrawal from Changbong-ni to Wonju, South Korea. PFC Little Bear was marched to POW Camp 1 at Changsong, where he died of malnutrition, exhaustion, and pneumonia on July 21, 1951. During Operation GLORY, the United Nations Command and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea exchanged the remains of war dead, including those who had died in captivity. In September of 1954, as part of this operation, the D.P.R.K. returned to the United States a box containing PFC Little Bear's remains from Changsong. PFC Little Bear could not be identified at the time and his remains, designated X-14251, were interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Honolulu, Hawaii on February 16, 1956. In 2020, his remains were disinterred from the NMCP and sent to the DPAA Laboratory for scientific testing. Laboratory analysis led to the identification of PFC Little Bear from among these remains.

PFC Little Bear was posthumously awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. PFC Little Bear will be laid to rest on September 30th, in Little Eagle, South Dakota.

Madam Speaker, PFC Little Bear made the ultimate sacrifice for this Nation. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his memory

and his service. Currently over 80,000 Americans are listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. It is a blessing that by reuniting PFC Little Bear with his family and his people, today that number is smaller by one.

HONORING DEPUTY SHERIFF
JOSEPH SCHIAVONI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Schiavoni, a Deputy Sheriff II with the Napa County Sheriffs Office. I have named Mr. Schiavoni as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Schiavoni graduated from Vacaville Christian High School in 2012 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Justice Studies from Humboldt State University in 2016. In March 2020, he joined the Napa County Sheriffs Office as a Deputy Sheriff Trainee. Following successful completion of Basic Academy at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Center, he was designated a Deputy Sheriff I in October 2020. Five months later, Mr. Schiavoni was promoted to Deputy Sheriff II and assigned to the Marine Patrol Division at Lake Berryessa.

On June 17, 2022, Mr. Schiavoni was informed of numerous 911 calls regarding a pregnant woman whose legs had been severely injured by a prop blade. Joined by Deputy Brian Ringo, he quickly arrived on scene and found the victim in critical condition aboard the involved vessel. Observing that the vessel, a two-story pontoon boat, did not offer easy access for connection, Mr. Schiavoni guided the boat towards him and secured a connection via the patrol vessel's gunwale. After he received critical medical aid from Deputy Ringo, the two men carried the victim aboard their vessel and brought her to the shoreline where a California Highway Patrol helicopter was standing by. The flight medic later reported that the careful and rapid extraction of the victim saved both her life and the life of her unborn child.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Schiavoni is an exemplary civil servant whose determination and skill in the face of an extremely stressful incident is emblematic of his dedication to others. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today:

HONORING BORICUACTIVATED

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate BoricuActivatEd on 5 years of training the next generation of advocates.

BoricuActivatEd founded by a former Congressional staffer, Jennice Fuentes, is a civic engagement non-profit working with adults of

all ages, other non-profits and community organizations from coast to coast to help empower communities of color. In fact, what they do is very simple and straightforward: they help people know how to speak to elected officials just like us. Most of our constituents may even be intimidated at the prospect of approaching our staff, our offices and each one of us in Congress. But BoricuActivatEd, deconstructs the process for our communities. They help folks understand the ABCs of how to engage with elected officials with the respect and authority and command of the request that is needed.

BoricuActivatEd works with everyone who cares about building a better and more democratic society, from high school students to retirees. This year, for the second year in a row, BoricuActivatEd continued its series of trainings for high school students at the Esperanza Academy Charter School in Philadelphia, where my Chief of Staff was able to meet with some of these students and see firsthand how powerful the BoricuActivatEd training can be.

BoricuActivatEd is changing lives and our democracy for the better. Congratulations on 5 years. We are looking forward to many more.

COLUMBUS 2022 INDIANA
COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend my hometown of Columbus on being named 2022 Indiana Community of the Year.

A town of 50,000, our flourishing manufacturing and agriculture industry community is home to some of the top automotive, electronics and aerospace development.

From Cummins Engine Company to Columbus Regional Health, Ivy Tech and Hoosier Transport—our Midwest city is the epitome of Hoosier hospitality.

I am proud to say that to this day and all my life, I am a Columbus resident. While I may be biased, I believe it is one of the communities that makes Indiana's Sixth Congressional District so great.

Much of this can be contributed to the leadership of the city and county, and especially Mayor Lienhoop.

Congratulations to Columbus on being named 2022 Indiana Community of The Year.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF BOBBY
WELLIVER OF BOONVILLE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Missouri's finest, Police Chief Bobby Welliver. After serving for more than three decades, Chief Welliver announced his retirement from the Boonville Police Department in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District. Residents of Boonville have long benefited from Chief Welliver's selfless commitment to serve and protect, and his steady leadership will be missed.

Chief Welliver began his career with the Boonville Police Department in 1985. Throughout his years of dedicated service, Chief Welliver led his department and the city of Boonville through difficult circumstances while keeping crime rates under control. Chief Welliver was resilient, and a steady leader which his community could turn to for guidance in time of crisis.

One of Chief Welliver's most notable accomplishments include serving as hostage negotiator in 1994. He was able to talk a double homicide suspect into releasing two hostages. In 2002, Chief Welliver was also the lead investigator in a double homicide and was able to arrest two homicide suspects that were later convicted.

Chief Welliver is a resident of Boonville where his two grown children, Amanda and Robby, also reside. Chief Welliver has always been actively involved in his community. From 1991 to 2021 he facilitated the D.A.R.E. program in local schools, while serving on the Mid-Missouri Major Case Squad.

Chief Welliver represents the best of Missouri public servants and public safety officers. He has always been a strong advocate for his community through steady leadership, unwavering devotion to serving others, and a positive attitude. On behalf of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, I thank him and his family for their immense devotion to serving the Boonville community and keeping us safe. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING JOHN ANGELL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Angell, a Captain with the Crockett-Carquinez Fire Department (CCFD). I have named Mr. Angell as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Contra Costa County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Angell graduated from Crockett, California's John Swett High School in 1989. He has served as a member of CCFD for over 20 years and has responded to incidents across the state. Mr. Angell is also in charge of the maintenance of CCFD's mobile fleet and training.

This summer, Captain Angell was on his way to a mutual aid cover assignment in Vallejo California when he observed an individual standing near the edge of the Carquinez Bridge. Recognizing that this person may have been contemplating suicide, Mr. Angell immediately contacted dispatch and asked that a nearby California Highway Patrol (CHP) unit respond. However, after making the call he realized that there may not be enough time to wait and decided to approach the person. Mr. Angell spoke to the individual in crisis, provided comfort and helped convince the person in crisis to step away from the edge.

Outside of his work with CCFD, Mr. Angell serves his community in many other ways through his job at the John Swett Unified School District. There, he manages attendance, helps disadvantaged youth who struggle

with issues like homelessness and coaches both football and baseball. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Angell coordinated testing for the district, worked with a local provider to install multiple internet hubs for long distance learning, and helped acquire Chromebooks for students.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Angell is an exemplary civil servant whose generosity and kindness is emblematic of a remarkable commitment to his community, both in and out of uniform. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING KATHY COCUS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to Kathy Cocus of Poulsbo, Washington for her decades of service and to celebrate her retirement.

As KEDA's Business Development Director, Kathy has worked closely with firms in the Business Retention and Expansion program and has provided countless hours of oversight to the office's Procurement Technical Assistance Center Program (PTAC) program. Previously she served as the KEDA Business Recruitment and Retention Manager from October of 2001 through June of 2006 and the organization's Interim Executive Director in 2006 through 2007.

Prior to her work at the KEDA, Ms. Cocus was Director of Development for the Kitsap Humane Society (KHS). She was the Executive Director of the Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce for ten years and was part of a countywide effort to work with other communities in legislative, business and tourism issues. She has always been a vocal and tenacious advocate for local businesses, and we are all better off thanks to her work.

Madam Speaker, beyond her many accomplishments, I would also like to express gratitude for Kathy's partnership. Kathy has played a vital role to communities in my district and has been a tremendous partner for the last several decades. Please join me in congratulating Kathy Cocus on her retirement. I wish her all the best in this next chapter.

HONORING AARON BLOUNT AND BENJAMIN TREVINO'S PERFORMANCE AT THE NOCHE DE GALA

HON. MAYRA FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aaron Blount and Benjamin Trevino as they performed at the Noche de Gala this week.

Aaron and Benjamin are from the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) and graduated from Harlingen South High School and Harlingen High School in 2022, respectively. Throughout their time in the RGV, they were both members of the Harlingen Performing Arts Conservatory, where their talent was refined and displayed

for their community. Despite their age, both have excelled in their careers. Earlier this year, Benjamin was awarded the Palm Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role and Aaron won Best Actress in a Leading Role. This week, they had the opportunity to bring their talent from the RGV to Washington, D.C. to perform at the 26th annual National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts' Noche de Gala.

The National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts is committed to helping elevate young talented Hispanics in the entertainment industry. This year, Aaron and Benjamin were selected to be a part of this event. Not only was this an incredible accomplishment for themselves, but also for their friends and families.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to represent these two talented individuals, and I congratulate Aaron and Benjamin on their amazing accomplishments.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT MOSES F. TATE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sergeant Moses F. Tate.

Born in Kansas, Staff Sergeant Tate served in the U.S. Army Air Forces' 415th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group during World War II. On August 1, 1943, Staff Sergeant Tate participated in Operation Tidal Wave, an Allied bombing raid of Axis oil refineries around Ploiesti, Romania. The raid was conducted in an effort to cripple the German military. Staff Sergeant Tate tragically lost his life during this mission.

Following World War II, Staff Sergeant Tate's remains were not identified, like too many others who died fighting this war. In July of this year, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified his remains, after nearly 79 years. His family will hold a funeral for him on October 27, 2022, in Branson, MO.

Madam Speaker, Staff Sergeant Tate nobly served his country during World War II, and gave his life for our freedom. Today, I wish to honor his legacy, and that of all those who fought in World War II and whose remains have yet to be identified.

RECOGNIZING AHUS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. RYAN of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call awareness to a rare disease named Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome or AHUS and recognize a constituent who is making a difference. September is recognized as AHUS awareness month. AHUS is a life-threatening, genetic disease of uncontrolled complement activation that affects adults as well as children. AHUS damages the kidneys. Without treatment, many patients will need long-term dialysis or a kidney transplant if their kidneys begin to fail. 1 in 5 adult patients experiences pulmonary symptoms, extremely