

been on improving the quality of life for citizens, while building resiliency through infrastructure improvements. Another major priority in her life is her faith and her family.

Madam Speaker, I hope these women, such as Mayor Broome, know full well the impact they have had on countless lives. These women are trailblazers, and the example they have set will be followed by people of my district, and many other Americans, for years to come. I thank each of them for their passion and commitment. This honor is well-deserved.

HONORING MAJOR N. CODY RUSH

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Cody Rush for his exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow and the Army House Liaison Division. Major Rush is transitioning to the Army Reserves, where he will serve as a Legislative Liaison in the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserves.

Hailing from Christiansburg, Virginia, Major Rush was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets as an Armor Officer. He later transitioned to the Signal Corps. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Virginia Tech, a Master's Degree in Information Technology Management from Webster University, and a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from The George Washington University.

Major Rush has served in wide-ranging assignments during his 11 years as an Army officer including Tank and Scout Platoon Leader and Battalion S6 in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, Battalion S6 and Company Commander in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Legislative Liaison in Washington, D.C. He served one combat deployment to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division and served in the first Regionally Aligned Combined Arms Battalion in the Korean Peninsula.

I had the privilege of working directly with Major Rush, who first served as a fellow in my office during the challenging year of 2020 and during his succeeding assignment as an Army Liaison until 2022. His professionalism, performance and commitment to the mission, as both a fellow and liaison, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and made a lasting impression with Members and staff of the United States Congress.

Throughout his career, Major Rush has positively impacted soldiers, peers and superiors alike. Our country has benefited from his leadership, judgment and passion for the Army profession.

The foundation of Cody's success is his family. His wife, Tiffany, his daughter, Abigail, and son, Jackson, are the lights of his life. I thank Tiffany, Abigail and Jackson for their sacrifices in supporting Major Rush's service to our country.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Major Rush since the second session of the 116th Congress. It is with great appreciation that I recognize and commend Major Rush for his service to our country and wish him all the best as he

continues his service in the United States Army.

RECOGNITION OF TONY GIACOMAZZI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony Giacomazzi, affectionately known as "Tony G.", for his commitment to the town of Hillsborough and in particular its children. Tony G. has positively impacted thousands of Hillsborough students as both a teacher and now recreation leader. For his outstanding contribution, he has been awarded the Community Care Award for 2022 by the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough.

Tony came to Hillsborough as a teacher in 2003 and quickly gained the admiration of students and parents. Originally hired as a substitute, he soon joined the staff in a full-time position, teaching 3rd and 4th graders for eight years. As a remarkable leader at West School, he quickly gained more responsibility as he became president of the Hillsborough Teacher Association. Although he wanted to become a principal, and earned his master's degree in administration, he was drawn to sports and coaching.

Ultimately, Tony couldn't stay away from the sports fields, and he transitioned to the Hillsborough Recreation Department, formed through a joint powers agreement between the town and school district. For the past 12 years, he has overseen preschool programming, elementary after school class offerings, sports programs at Crocker Middle School, and classes for the greater Hillsborough community.

Tony has the remarkable ability to remember the names of every child in the school district along with the names of their siblings and parents. With that kind of memory, the man would obviously be competitive running against any member of Congress, including this one. He's an employee of the district but he is also a parent. He volunteers to coach soccer, baseball, and basketball, referees flag football, and does master scheduling. There's often grass beneath his feet, but it sure doesn't grow there because this is a guy who is always on the move.

The pandemic played havoc with recreation as well as learning. Tony was instrumental in bringing students back to campus during the pandemic. He worked closely with the board of education, faculty and the superintendent to find ways to keep the kids active yet safe. Teachers had childcare support because Tony arranged for it. He oversaw COVID testing at preschools and ensured that providers felt safe returning to schools.

Tony attended both Serra High School and Mills High School. It was at Mills that he met his wife, Jackie. They have two sons—Max (13) and Zach (10). Max and Zach, in turn, have a dog named Haze that they graciously agree to share with their parents. When not planning the next recreation event or working with the students, Tony enjoys playing golf, basketball and cheering for his favorite teams. He selected three great champions—the Gi-

ants, the Warriors and the Niners. Regrettably, from my personal point of view, he also roots for the Chiefs.

In the documents describing his nomination for this year's Community Care Award, Tony Giacomazzi was described as the perfect mix of teacher, coach, friend and mentor, and it was noted that he inspires the children to be their best selves both on and off the court. This is how American is built: one character at a time across generations. Congratulations to Tony Giacomazzi. His career will touch generations, and we are grateful that he is in public service in the wonderful community of Hillsborough, California.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR SUPER- INTENDENT WILLIAM R. EPHRIAM FOR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the members of the New Vision Christian Center Church of God In Christ to celebrate Pastor Superintendent William R. Ephriam. At 87 years old, Supt. Ephriam is the longest-serving superintendent of the jurisdiction of Colorado CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC., and a pillar of the Colorado Springs community. He has been pastoring this congregation for a remarkable 50 years, and this year marks 60 years of dedicated service in the Colorado district.

As Senior Pastor, Supt. Ephriam founded and served as Executive Director of the New Hope Home for Girls in Colorado Springs. This organization provides a safe Christian environment for as many as 600 girls who have been abused and are runaways. Many of these young ladies are now leading prosperous lives and remain in contact with Supt. Ephriam.

He organized the Colorado Springs Council for Church and Social Action and served as Vice President of the Colorado Coalition for Religious Freedom. As a result of this work, God also led him to establish the New Hope Outreach Ministry and Jail Ministry at Rebound.

Through Superintendent Ephriam's labors of love and gracious patience, many people in the Fifth Congressional District have had multiple chances and restoration. His unique ability to motivate, inspire, and empower others is truly a gift of God—and has been a blessing to the Pikes Peak Region.

Superintendent Ephriam's exemplary service and strong leadership performance personify the essence of a great leader. He has led his congregation to the Word of God and the meaning of loving brotherhood, following the rule of Christ "Love thy neighbor as thyself" James 2:8.

Please join me today in celebrating the Man of God William R. Ephriam and thanking him for admirably serving our Lord and our region.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JONI DAHL

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the life of Joni Dahl from Gilbert, Minnesota, who tragically passed away in a car accident this summer.

Born and raised on the Iron Range, Joni truly embodied the spirit of Our Way of Life in northern Minnesota through her hard work, passion and service for her community.

Joni was the Executive Director of the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the Gilbert Planning and Zoning Commission, among many other local organizations.

She was also very passionate about racing and hockey.

Joni impacted countless lives, and her loss leaves a hole in the lives of many.

Let us all remember Joni's compassion, dedication, and love for northern Minnesota and her fellow Iron Rangers.

May her legacy live on.

RECOGNIZING FEMALE LEADERS WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA IS HONORING AS CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and highlight the work of some extraordinary female leaders in our country who are being honored by She Leads America as "Christian Women of Distinction."

For my constituents back in Michigan, I try and lead by example through my faith and commitment to public service. But many times, people don't look to Washington for their role models. Fortunately, it does not take long to find others guided by their strong moral compass, faith, and commitment to selfless public service. Today, I honor some of these women, who through their tireless dedication, have shattered glass ceilings and touched the lives of countless individuals around the world. For my part, I remain committed to defending religious freedom here in Congress to ensure each of these women, and all of my constituents, never have to compromise their religious beliefs in order to conform to whatever the trending culture is at the moment.

One of these women, Libia Duran, was born in Columbia, South America, and is a community leader concerned with the education of children, youth, and their families at the local and national level. Her dream is to see all minority families across the nation fully engaged and invested in their children's education. This dream was born as a result of the experience she had as an immigrant mother in the public school system in the United States. She became an advocate through serving the community in leadership roles, volunteering at the elementary school level. For this work, she received the Maryland Governor's "Volunteer of the Year" award. Libia also founded Pastors

Wives of America, an organization that focuses on empowering women with leadership potential by equipping families to become engaged in the education of their children.

Madam Speaker, I hope these women, such as Libia, know full well the impact they have had on countless lives. These women are trailblazers, and the example they have set will be followed by people of my district, and many other Americans, for years to come. I thank each of them for their passion and commitment. This honor is well-deserved.

RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL SCHLATER AND RUNNING 100,000 MILES

HON. MAYRA FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mrs. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Michael Schlater of Brownsville, Texas on his amazing accomplishment of running 100,000 miles.

Mr. Schlater is currently the Assistant Track and Cross Country coach at Saint Joseph Academy and has one of the longest consecutive day running streaks in the world. For the past 21 years, Mr. Schlater has run at least three miles every day. On October 21st, he will complete over 100,000 career miles by completing his last two laps at the SJA stadium before the Homecoming football game.

Mr. Schlater has served his community faithfully by being a role model for students in Brownsville. His commitment to his students and to the community is commendable and deserves recognition. It is only fitting that Mr. Schlater celebrates his final run amongst students, friends, and family, as he has devoted part of his career to the Brownsville community.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Schlater for his accomplishment.

HONORING JOHN DODD

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor John Dodd, an exemplary leader in North Carolina. John retired in 2020 after serving for 26 years as President of The Jesse Helms Center based in Wingate, North Carolina. As President, John organized a \$5 million campaign to fund the Center's current headquarters, museum, and archives. John dedicated the headquarters building in 2001 alongside the former British Prime Minister, Lady Margaret Thatcher, and Senator and Mrs. Helms.

John is also the Founder of The Helms Center's nationally acclaimed Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge, an educational program for high school students to further entrepreneurship and freedom. To date, the program has served more than 11,000 graduates around the world. Beyond North Carolina, John worked with government and education leaders in Mexico to introduce The John Templeton Foundation's Laws of Life char-

acter education program. He also co-authored a book, *And The World Came His Way: Jesse Helms' Contributions to Freedom*.

John also maintains another important role in his local community: lacrosse coach. He's led three teams, from both the college and high school ranks, to national and state championships. I hope John is truly able to enjoy his retirement with his wife, Teresa, and children, Katie and Mary.

I congratulate John on his successful career, and thank him for his remarkable leadership and dedication to his fellow North Carolinians. I wish him a long and happy retirement.

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One of these women, Kristi Noem, is the current, and the first, female Governor of South Dakota.

Governor Noem is a small business owner, a rancher, a farmer, and former member of the South Dakota state legislature and United States House of Representatives. As a believer that government should serve the people, she works night and day to ensure her constituents have ample opportunities given to them for a chance at a brighter future.

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NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER 40 YEAR CELEBRATION

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northwest Community