

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.

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, 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.

Madam Speaker, I hope these women, such as Governor Noem, 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.

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

Action Center as they celebrate 40 years of service to the communities of Central Washington.

The Northwest Community Action Center first opened in 1982 to help expand on the mission of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, helping families weatherize their homes, pay their bills, navigate the healthcare system, and provide them with after-care school services.

Since its opening, the Northwest Community Action Center has expanded its service programs to meet the needs of families across Washington and Oregon.

Today, community members can take advantage of the variety of services they now offer, which include adult education classes, English language classes, homelessness services, citizenship classes, and so much more.

I extend my congratulations and gratitude to the Northwest Community Action Center for its leadership and many years of service to our Central Washington communities.

**HOMETOWN HERO—DONNA CRANSTON**

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donna Cranston of Coppell, Texas as this week's Texas-24 Hometown Hero. Donna's commitment to supporting our veterans has made a great impact on our community.

Donna started an organization called Defenders of Freedom when her son Matt served in Iraq. Matt experienced a lot of action and trauma while serving and came home with severe PTSD, which many veterans across the nation also face. Donna and Defenders of Freedom were able to partner with members of the medical community to treat veterans with brain treatment.

Defenders of Freedom provides donors with the organization they need to support post 9/11 Veterans in their transition to civilian life through emergency financial assistance, morale building programs, and traumatic brain injury treatment.

I thank Donna for the support and care she is sharing with our veterans who have fought to protect us and our Nation. Her contributions and sacrifices do not go unnoticed and the impact she is making on the lives of Texas-24 veterans is immensely appreciated.

**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, Elsa Prince Broekhuizen, has inspired many with her time, talent, and treasure. Elsa was born in Holland, Michigan, the beloved daughter of hard-working greenhouse owners. Elsa, along with her late husband, Ed, started Prince Corporation. With their giving spirit, they branched into community responsibility, investing deeply of their time and resources to create partnerships and revitalize their own downtown Holland. Their principled investment continued to grow nationally and globally. Elsa's unwavering convictions and deeply loving heart have helped many successful people and organizations grow at home, across the nation, and around the world.

Madam Speaker, I hope these women, such as Elsa, 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 REVEREND DR. JOHN DUCKWORTH**

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize Reverend Dr. John Duckworth of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as he celebrates his twentieth pastoral anniversary.

Reverend Dr. Duckworth began his career in ministry at Samaritan Missionary Baptist of Detroit, where he faithfully served until 2002 when he accepted the Call from Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church of Westland. Dr. Duckworth has incorporated his holistic view of the ministry into his spiritual leadership of the flock at Gethsemane. He has executed that vision through the implementation of numerous ministries that integrate church and community, including the Body & Soul Health and Well Being and the senior-focused Sage Ministry. Dr. Duckworth's commitment to the community involves annual events. He also serves the community through his leadership to the various boards: Wholistic Living Community Corporation, Henry Ford Health Systems, Interfaith Health & Hope Coalition, and Authority Health.

Reverend Dr. Duckworth holds dual Bachelor Degrees in Business Administration and Marketing & Management from Northwood University in Midland, Michigan. He also earned an Associates of Arts Degree in Adver-

tising while attending Northwood University. He has also earned a Master of Divinity Degree at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. His education includes international study of Biblical Geography and Archeology in Israel and Trans-Cultural Ministry in Ghana, West Africa. He has earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Ecumenical Theological Seminar in Detroit. In addition to his duties at Gethsemane, Reverend Dr. Duckworth serves as an instructor at the Heritage Center for Religious Studies and as an adjunct Professor at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary. He currently serves on the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit & Vicinity, Inc, as well as the Inkster Ministerial Alliance.

Please join me in celebrating Reverend Dr. John Duckworth's 20 years of service to Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church and the community of Westland.

**RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF KATOM RESTAURANT SUPPLY**

**HON. TIM BURCHETT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the success story of a fantastic company in East Tennessee and the family that runs it.

Back in 2003, a company called KaTom Restaurant Supply was operating out of a garage. It had fewer than 20 employees and brought in about 3.5 million dollars per year.

This year, that company will bring in almost half a billion dollars. In less than twenty years, it boomed into one of the nation's largest restaurant equipment suppliers that ships thousands of products to food service industries all across the country.

This company's amazing success is due to the hard work and dedication of the family that runs it.

Patricia Bible is the founder, president, and CEO of KaTom, and she runs the company with her two kids, Paula and Charley. The company is actually named after the kids, whose middle names are Katherine and Tom.

Patricia is also a breast cancer survivor, and she funded a mobile mammogram that travels to rural counties across East Tennessee. This mammogram catches cancer and saves lives of women who otherwise wouldn't have access to these services.

I want to congratulate this family and everyone at KaTom for all their success. Our economy is built on companies like this, and these kinds of accomplishments only happen with a LOT of hard work and dedication. It's especially wonderful to see a family building something like this together.

**HONORING WILLIAM TEBO'S 75 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William Tebo and his 78 years of service to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Since age 16, the WW2 veteran has