

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 DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. 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

dedicated his time to the historic shipyard, from his first job to his role as secretary, treasurer, vice executive director, executive director, and tour guide.

In 1945, Bill enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 and was assigned as a submariner to the USS *Sea Owl*, a ship he was familiar with as he had worked on the *Sea Owl's* construction in Portsmouth. Bill continued his service in Key West, Florida operating a recommissioned U-2513 German U-boat, an experience that made him one of the few members of the U.S. Navy qualified to operate both U.S. submarines and German U-boats.

Bill's continued service to the oldest active shipyard in the Nation has ensured that it both functions as an effective repair station for our military's submarines as well as a historic landmark in Portsmouth. The shipyard's Heritage Center contains many pieces of naval history, including the launching cage used to christen the 1938 USS *Squalus*, a piece that Bill tracked down himself.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Bill for 78 years of service and thank him for his outstanding contributions to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and our Nation.

HONORING CORY SMITH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cory Smith, a Firefighter Paramedic with South Lake County Fire and CAL FIRE in Cobb, California. I have named Mr. Smith as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Smith has dedicated years of faithful service to his community, both as a paramedic and Fire Marshal with Lake County Fire as well as a volunteer Fire Captain with the South Lake County Fire Protection District.

In August 2021, Mr. Smith showed great initiative and assisted in the safe evacuation of multiple civilians as a member of Prevention 715 (Lake County Fire Protection District). Arriving at the Cache Fire in Clearlake, Mr. Smith and his team worked with two engine companies from CALFIRE to remove fences and clear paths. During this assignment, they discovered two individuals in immediate danger from nearby flames. Upon safe evacuation to their engine, the firefighters found severe burns on one woman and radioed for a medical unit to transport her to a nearby hospital.

When Mr. Smith is not fighting fires, he is a dedicated husband and father who enjoys spending time with his wife and three kids.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Smith is an exemplary civil servant who represents the very best of our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

VISIT AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of my legislation to strengthen the U.S. travel and tourism industry at a time when it is needed most.

Las Vegas welcomes nearly 43 million visitors annually from around the world. My Visit America Act will ensure tourism is at the table when we consider national economic policy.

Currently, the United States is the only member of the G20 that does not have a Cabinet-level or equivalent position focused on tourism.

My bill creates an Assistant Secretary position at the Department of Commerce specifically charged with strengthening the United States travel and tourism industry. This department will work with other agencies to coordinate a comprehensive tourism strategy and help position cities like Las Vegas to serve as hosts for large meetings, conferences, and exhibitions.

Having a position at the Department of Commerce to oversee travel and tourism will not only help insulate Southern Nevada's regional economy from future economic shocks but also better position the U.S. travel economy in the age of global competitiveness.

I look forward to working with the new Assistant Secretary to bolster our hospitality industry and let the world know the U.S. is a great place to visit, to work, and to play.

HONORING THE COMMODORE SLOAT CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Commodore Sloat Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, as it celebrates a century of dedication to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for our children.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded on October 11, 1890, during a time marked by a renewed sense of patriotism and intense interest in the beginnings of the United States of America. It was founded by women wanting to express their patriotic feelings and perpetuate the memory of our ancestors who fought to make this country free and independent.

The Commodore Sloat Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was organized on September 29, 1922, in the city of Pacific Grove, California. Originally named the Pacific Grove Chapter, it was renamed the Commodore Sloat Chapter on September 19, 1934, to commemorate the contributions of Commodore John Drake Sloat, who led the Battle of Monterey and established California as part of the United States of America.

The Commodore Sloat Chapter's 117 members actively support the national objective of historic preservation, education, and patriotism through national, state, and local activities. Their educational efforts include the hosting of an American history essay contest, the Good Citizen awards, and youth luncheons. Understanding the importance of patriotism, the chapter supports the Central Coast's veterans, active-duty military members, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, as well as participates in Monterey's Fourth of July Parade. The Chapter routinely recognizes and honors local members of our community for their contributions to the preservation of American history. Notably, "Sloat's Landing" is celebrated annually in Monterey, where Sloat's Proclamation is read.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the century-long efforts of the Commodore Sloat Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution and their invaluable contributions to the Central Coast. It is therefore fitting and proper we honor them here today.

RECOGNIZING MS. GERALDINE S. KILSDONK

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to rise in recognition of Ms. Geri Kilsdonk, a spirited resident of Plymouth, Michigan, who has dedicated herself to numerous causes that benefit Michigan's 11th District. Ms. Kilsdonk has made an immense impact on the lives of those around her, and I am thrilled to join the community in celebrating Ms. Kilsdonk for her many contributions to her fellow Americans.

In 1943, Ms. Geri Kilsdonk was born to Mr. Joseph Flinn and Ms. Loretta Flinn. Her father was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, as a "milk man" in Illinois, while her mother worked hard raising Geri and her two brothers and two sisters at their home in Evanston, Illinois. Geri was prepared for her life of service through her Catholic School education, instilling in her values that guided her through her adult life and activism.

In 1968, Geri Kilsdonk married John Kilsdonk, beginning their 33-year marriage. The couple made Southeast Michigan their home after departing Illinois. Taking advantage of an FHA loan, the Kilsdonks submitted a \$2,000 down payment on their first Michigan house, making Dearborn Heights, Michigan their new community. Like many in Metropolitan Detroit, the family made their living by working in the automotive industry. Ms. Kilsdonk was proud of her husband's 33-year career at Ford Motor Company, eventually earning him an executive-level position. In 1974, the family chose the Northville/Plymouth area as their permanent residence. Because Their daughter, Susanne, began kindergarten in the Northville public schools and graduated from Madonna University.

A new chapter began with the passing of Geri's husband, John, in September of 2001. Geri bravely delivered her husband's eulogy before returning to what she did best, advocating for a better society. As a member of an