

place on March 28th at the University of Northern Iowa.

Trisha's clear leadership in her role as the Speech & Debate coach has not only produced outstanding results, but she's also notable because of the impact she makes on her students. Trisha participated in Speech & Debate when she was in high school, and it showed her that these competitions are much more than standing up and talking. She coaches her students through the performance of speech, and how every category within the competition caters to unique strengths we all have within us. Review or Spontaneous Speaking can be for students who thrive in analytical or argumentative settings, while Poetry or Prose allows students to tap into illustrations and emotions through words. Trisha helps guide these students to find the strengths they carry as people, and when students realize these strengths, she sees the impact it has on every one of them.

Trisha says the most fulfilling aspect of the work she does is seeing students try something new and come out of their shell. Speech & Debate can be a daunting activity for students to try out. It puts the student in the spotlight, especially for Individual Speech, where students perform solo. But as Trisha helps her students find their voice in an area that sparks their passion, she sees them gain more and more confidence in themselves as she coaches them through a particular piece.

The work Trisha does is not just about performing well at a competition. She genuinely cares about her students as people and wants to see them thrive after they graduate high school. Trisha teaches her students so much about themselves and the impact they can have on people using Speech & Debate. Her dedication to the students of her community is truly inspiring, and it is why I am honored to name Trisha Niceswanger as this week's Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELK RAPIDS GOLF CLUB

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Elk Rapids Golf Club. Nestled on the banks of the beautiful Elk Lake, the course has provided a century of Michiganders with an excellent venue to enjoy the game of golf.

Designed and built by legendary architect Donald J. Ross from 1922 to 1923, Elk Rapids Golf Club opened for play on July 15, 1924. The course's long history is reflected in one of its key attributes—its unique design. Like many of Ross's courses, Elk Rapids was inspired by the small, local courses he learned to play on in his hometown of Dornoch, Scotland. Playing a round at Elk Rapids truly takes one back to the way the game was meant to be played.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Elk Rapids Golf Club for a century of business. It should take immense pride in the great economic impact it has had on Antrim County and the indelible memory it has left on so many Michigan golfers. On behalf of Michi-

gan's First District, I wish it all the best in its future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH SAWIN-BURKY

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Elizabeth Sawin-Burky. Liz was born on October 24, 1942, in Mineral Wells, Texas, to the union of Reverend Dr. and Mrs. R.M. English. She was the second of nine children.

Liz moved to Fort Worth after her father accepted a preaching appointment. She attended Como High School and bravely served her country in the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

Liz then went on to work as a senior secretary in the Humanities division at Tarrant County College for over 25 years. She also served as the Sunday School superintendent and Youth Department leader in the Women's Ministry and Vacation Bible School at West Mount Moriah, where she was a faithful member and sat in the same row and seat at services for many years. Liz had an incredible sense of humor that was always used well through her storytelling abilities and gatherings with family and friends. Liz is best remembered as a pillar in her family, where she was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and so much more.

Liz is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Terrence Michael Butler and Juli Lynn Butler, and her siblings, Doris Theresa "San Dei" English, Eva Carolyn English-Clay, Constance Grace English Cash, Rubye DeiGratia "Charlie" English-Carter and John Moses English; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Liz was preceded in death by her daughter, Michelle Butler Thomas; her parents, Rev. R.M. and Ressie English; and three siblings, Robert James English, Joseph Hart Davis English, and Mary LlaBetta English Sowels. May she Rest in Peace.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARITIME FUEL TAX PARITY ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Maritime Fuel Tax Parity Act," with Congressman JOHN H. RUTHERFORD (R-FL).

Under current law, maritime diesel fuel for commercial shipping or ocean-going passenger vessels is exempt from the federal fuel excise tax that supports the Highway Trust Fund. This same tax exemption applies to diesel fuel for other non-road vehicles such as train locomotives and off-highway vehicles like construction equipment or farm vehicles. Such ocean-going vessels are also exempt from the federal excise tax that supports the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.

Under current law, non-diesel fuels for ocean-going vessels and aircraft are also ex-

empt from federal excise taxes on fuel. However, non-diesel maritime fuels are only exempt for ocean-going vessel engaged in commercial fishing, foreign trade, or interstate commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States and its territories or possessions. For vessel operators with scheduled service between two Pacific ports or two Atlantic ports, the current tax treatment of non-diesel maritime fuels could disincentivize them from choosing cleaner alternative fuels.

As the ranking member of Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation from 2013 to 2018, I strongly support vessel operators' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ocean-going vessels. Many operators are working to retrofit their vessels to reduce emissions or investing in new vessels powered by alternative fuels. Congress must support these critical investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the maritime sector and minimize particulate pollution from vessels at our ports, which contribute to smog and is a major public health concern for communities near the waterfront.

Our "Maritime Fuel Tax Parity Act" would amend the Internal Revenue Code to ensure that alternative fuels are afforded the same tax exemption as maritime diesel, even when used for voyages within a single ocean. I am encouraged by the investments underway by many ferry operators, the cruise industry, and other vessel operators in transitioning to cleaner fuels, particularly hydrogen, biofuels, and renewable natural gas. Our legislation would provide tax parity with maritime diesel to incentivize continued investment by industry.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all members of the House to join us in cosponsoring the bipartisan "Maritime Fuel Tax Parity Act."

RECOGNIZING TINA BUNETA

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Tina Buneta and congratulate her on receiving the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International 2022 Director of the Year award for her life saving work as a 9-1-1 professional with the Aurora Department of Public Safety Communications.

A life-long dedicated public servant, Tina applied to become a front line telecommunicator for the Colorado State Patrol in 1999—not fully understanding what the career entailed. She soon realized she excelled at solving problems and puzzles, creating order out of chaos, and most importantly—helping people.

Over her 23-year career in emergency communications, Tina has gone from directly helping people, to helping and molding the people who help people. She previously served as a Communications Training Officer, Communications Supervisor, and Regional Center Manager for the Colorado State Patrol until 2019 when she became Director of Aurora911. Under her leadership style, Tina aims to empower new leaders and develop new ideas and strategies to ensure Aurora911 is operating at its best.

In recognition of her leadership and tireless dedication to service, Tina received the 2022 Director of the Year Award from APCO. The nationwide award is given annually to a leader who exemplifies high levels of personal and professional conduct in the line of duty. I cannot think of a leader more deserving of this award than Tina, who has dedicated her life to an instrumental career in public safety.

I am honored to recognize Tina for her dedication and commitment to making our community a better place to call home. I congratulate her for receiving the APCO International 2022 Director of the Year Award, as well as an incredible career in emergency communications.

RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of patients across the United States and worldwide who rely upon medicines made from donated plasma. October 3–7 is International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW), and this year, 2022 marks the 10th annual IPAW. The need for plasma donation remains ongoing coming out of the decline in donations seen during the COVID–19 pandemic and helps create lifesaving therapies to treat individuals living with rare diseases. This week, patients, plasma donors, and plasma collection centers will join together to observe IPAW via a range of events seeking to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create lifesaving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase the understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them.

Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases, including bleeding disorders, hereditary angioedema, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies. Hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. who live with these rare diseases, and countless others facing trauma and emergency medical needs every day, rely on plasma protein therapies that are only available because of the commitment of dedicated plasma donors.

Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of men, women, and children in every community across the country. Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies. There are now over 1,000 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week,

honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

RECOGNIZING COOPER BURDEN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cooper Burden.

Cooper joined Pac 7 Cub Scouts in 2016 and immediately set his eyes on earning Scouting's highest rank that of Eagle Scout. At first it was playing in the woods with friends that he enjoyed but as Cooper advanced to Webelos camping, fishing and BB guns became more the attraction. Cooper earned countless service and volunteer hours over the years. Summer Camps at Camp Soule, Bourne and Sand Hill fostered friendships he will carry for a lifetime. As Cooper advanced to Arrow of Light and self-discipline leadership became a focus and a skill he embraced. This Leadership became evident in his schoolwork in Junior National Honor Society, in Scouting as he held leadership roles as Assistant Quarter Master, Quarter Master, and Patrol Leader. During his time in Troop 77 Cooper set goals for himself that included earning over 70 individual merit badges, spending over 120 nights Camping, completing BSA's First ever Virtual Camp-in during COVID lockdown and fundraising to earn his way to each summer camp he has attended. Cooper identified and completed his Eagle project in March 2022. The project came about during a conversation with his lifelong Pastor. The project consisted of pressure washing, prepping, and painting the day school at the Burden family's church; Good Shepard Lutheran Church located in Tampa, FL. Cooper organized over 25 volunteers, exceeded his fundraising goal, and completed the project days before his 14th birthday. Cooper did all this while maintaining academically all A's and the occasional B through his entire Scouting journey Elementary, Middle and High School. Cooper also has been active in intramural flag football, spent the last 11 years as a Karate Student and volunteer teaching the 3- to 6-year-old classes at Ingrams Okinawan Karate where he has studied Isshinryu karate and holds a 2nd Degree Black Belt. Cooper as a freshman at Mitchell High School is a member of the U.S. Navy JROTC, a member of the Wrestling Team. Cooper hopes to attend a Military Academy or State University, join the Armed Forces, and pursue a career in mechanical engineering focusing on automotive industries.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JAMES J. FLORIO: LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my late friend and

former governor, Jim Florio—a dedicated public servant who cared deeply for those in New Jersey and the Nation.

Governor James J. Florio was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 29, 1937. He was raised by his mother, a homemaker, and his father, an Italian American shipyard painter. Before completing high school, James Florio enlisted in the United States Navy and served for three years before his discharge in 1958. He continued to serve as a naval reservist for eighteen years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Following his service, Governor Florio earned his high school equivalency degree from the State of New Jersey. He went on to complete an undergraduate degree from Trenton State College before earning a J.D. from Rutgers University in 1967. Prior to being elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1969, Governor Florio was the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Camden, New Jersey. He would serve in the General Assembly for four years, and in 1974 was elected to the House of Representatives for fifteen years before being elected Governor of New Jersey in 1989.

Governor Florio was an environmentalist long before it was popular. In Congress, Governor Florio was the prime sponsor of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, known as the Superfund Act, which was one of the most remarkable pieces of legislation which cleaned up hazardous sites across the country. It was an initiative that aimed to reduce the number of toxic dumping sites across the United States and especially in the State of New Jersey.

On January 16, 1990, Governor James Florio was inaugurated as the 49th Governor of New Jersey, becoming the first Italian American to hold the position. Governor Florio helped to craft legislation that led to the creation of the Pinelands National Reserve and signed the Clean Water Act, one of the strictest in the Nation at the time. He also oversaw legislation restricting semi-automatic assault weapons in the State of New Jersey and received the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award for his efforts in championing gun control.

After his term as Governor, he was appointed as a Professor of Public Policy and Administration at the Edward J. Blaustein School at Rutgers University, and was also a founding partner of Florio, Perrucci, Steinhart, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC. In 2002, he was appointed Chair of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission by former Governor James McGreevey, a role he proudly held for three years before serving as Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York's Board of Directors.

Governor James J. Florio was the beloved husband of 42 years to Lucinda (Coleman) and loving father of Christopher, Gregory, Catherine (Pipas) as well as stepfather to Mark Rowe. He also was a brother, grandfather of ten and great grandfather of two.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself, the State of New Jersey, and the Nation, we are grateful for his service to our state. We lost one of our greatest champions, and he will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. My deepest sympathies to his family and his loved ones.