

team in Roseville. In all these endeavors, Mr. Pomeroy believed in finding the joy and humor in life—always searching to do what was right.

Mr. Pomeroy is survived by his wife of 15 years, Daniela, and two loving daughters, Erica and Gianna. His family and the Yuba-Sutter community will dearly miss his joyful and adventurous spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Pomeroy's loved ones. I know that they, along with the entire Yuba-Sutter community, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

HONORING NATIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize October 15, 2022, as National White Cane Safety Day.

White Cane Safety Day is observed every year to celebrate the accomplishments of people who are blind or visually impaired. The white cane carries special significance because it is a tool that helps visually impaired people be independent. To celebrate this year, the El Paso Council of the Blind is partnering with the El Paso Community College, Center for Students with Disabilities and Diversity and Inclusion Programs to host a community-wide event to bring awareness about issues that blind and visually impaired people have learned to conquer.

The El Paso Council of the Blind has been active in our community for nearly ten years and has welcomed hundreds of members over that time. They provide essential programs like peer support for persons with vision loss and their families, Braille for Badges, sensitivity training for paratransit drivers, guide dog meet and greet sessions, and assistance to older individuals who are blind or visually impaired. They also fight to protect the right to voting privacy and accessibility, and they advocate for the expansion of much-needed training resources in Texas and El Paso.

I am grateful to the El Paso Council of the Blind and our community partners for gathering on this day to raise our consciousness to the plight of the blind and visually impaired and for their tireless work to help those who carry a white cane lead their lives with independence, dignity, and hope.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR RONALD K. BENSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize Pastor Ronald K. Benson of Greater Haven of Rest Church of God in Christ, in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as he celebrates his fifty years of service in faith.

Pastor Ronald K. Benson was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He is the eldest of ten siblings. Pastor Benson is the fourth generation of his family to be raised in the Church of God in Christ. He was called to the ministry

as a young man and member of the Conner Avenue Church of God in Christ. Pastor Benson's mission has been to be a faithful servant of the Lord and the people of his flock. Pastor Benson has served over the years in many capacities; he is the Superintendent of the Progressive District, Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Executive Secretary and Liaison to the late Honorable Bishop P.A. Brooks, Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Finance Committee member and Trustee Board member and Secretary.

Pastor Benson possesses a true passion for community service. He has assisted and coordinated numerous programs and events, including an annual school supplies giveaway, winter coats for children in need program, and a community health screening fair. He also spearheaded the creation of a resource center for adults. The 13th Congressional District is grateful for Pastor Benson's compassion and humble spirit by the many people he has helped on his journey.

Please join me in celebrating Pastor Ronald K. Benson for fifty years of service to Greater Haven of Rest Church of God in Christ and the community of Detroit.

HONORING JEFFREY SIEGEL

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a cherished friend, Jeffrey Siegel. For over the past six decades, Jeffrey Siegel has graced concert halls around the globe as a solo pianist for the world's greatest orchestras. As Jeffrey Siegel celebrates his 80th birthday, I wanted to join the huge chorus of grateful music lovers who continue today to be inspired and enthralled by his performances.

Jeffrey grew up in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, as did I. He attended grammar school at Rogers School and graduated from Sullivan High School—as I did, just a couple of years behind him. With home-town pride, we watched Jeffrey advance in the world of classical music. I was more than a little impressed when Marion Block, my neighborhood piano teacher, invited the young Jeffrey to our very modest recital at her home to expose us to the wonders of a truly talented young pianist. I never forgot it.

Jeffrey Siegel is a remarkable communicator as well as performer, bringing music to life in a unique way. For several decades, he has presented "Keyboard Conversations," during which he gives the audience fascinating background about the composers, the world and times they lived in, and the important features of the composition that deserve special attention. Everyone from the newest to the most experienced listeners have a richer musical experience.

Each "Keyboard Conversation" ends with a Q and A and a lively discussion with the audience. Jeffrey presents these well-attended programs on a regular basis throughout the country including at Northwestern University where my husband and I try to never miss a concert, and occasionally spend an evening talking politics and policy over dinner.

Jeffrey Siegel is a remarkable human being and one of America's most esteemed pianists.

"An achievement of the sort seldom heard." The New York Times.

Jeffrey Siegel has everything: massive technique, musical sensitivity and character-wide tonal resonance, immense reserve of power, and ability to communicate." Los Angeles Times.

I wish my dear friend a Happy Birthday.

6TH ANNIVERSARY OF FILVETREP

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project's 6th anniversary and all their work to raise awareness and support for Filipino-American World War II soldiers.

FilVetREP is a volunteer initiative with the mission to obtain national recognition for all Filipino-American World War II soldiers for their service in the Philippines from July 1941 to December 1946. The initiative worked to successfully secure legislation that would award the Congressional Gold Medal to soldiers and survivors, which I proudly cosponsored and voted for during my first term in Congress.

After nearly 75 years, Filipino-American soldiers who served finally received their much-deserved recognition with the passage of the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015.

FilVetREP has since conducted over 80 ceremonies across the United States and in the Philippines to award veterans and their families the Congressional Gold Medal.

From a grateful Nation, I thank all of the Filipino-American soldiers for their service, and thank FilVetREP for their work to support and recognize our veterans. I extend my congratulations on the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project's 6th anniversary and wish them many more decades of servant leadership.

CELEBRATING THE DAY OF RESTORATION

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our ally, and a friend to our Nation, Azerbaijan, on its Day of Restoration. This day recognizes the emancipation and liberation of Azerbaijan from the authoritarian communist Soviet regime. The scourge of communism and leftist authoritarianism is not just something we face today, but people across Europe were subjected to this evil since the 1920's. Azerbaijan was taken over by leftists aligned with the communist block leading to generations of misery and oppression.

But all that changed.

I wish nothing but peace and prosperity for the Azeris. There has been conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over borders and other issues. It is my fervent prayer that the

people in that region know peace and turn to God for guidance. There are many factors that lead to military action, and I will not pretend to know the circumstances of every conflict, but I do know that war must be a last resort, and nations must do everything in their power to minimize death and destruction.

During these tense times of global uncertainty, I hope and pray that peace will prevail. While not failing to admit that flaws are present in the decisions of every nation, I am happy that the United States has maintained a strong relationship with Azerbaijan. May both of our nations never experience the bondage of an evil, foreign, totalitarian power ever again.

HONORING TYLER SHIELS AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Iowa State Trooper Tyler Shiels as our Iowan of the Week.

Every day our law enforcement officers respond to unclear situations that pose varying degrees of risk. These officers never know exactly what will happen when they are presented with a situation. Whether it's responding to a distress call or handling a traffic stop, officers must rely on their training and instincts to get a full sense of what each situation is presenting them.

Back in December, then Cass County Deputy Tyler Shiels had to do just that when he made a traffic stop that turned into a possible terror threat. After Deputy Shiels made the stop and started interviewing the driver by his vehicle, Deputy Shiels noticed something was off. This did not seem like the other routine stops he had to perform in the past. Upon further inspection, Deputy Shiels discovered a firearm, ammunition, magazines, and a GPS with directions to the White House. Deputy Shiels was stunned, and even further surprised when the driver was so transparent about what they were trying to accomplish. The driver was traveling from California to Washington, D.C. with plans to harm the President of the United States. However, once Deputy Shiels stopped him and found out what the driver was doing, he quickly got in contact with Federal authorities to notify them of what was happening in rural Iowa.

On Tuesday, April 19th, now Iowa State Trooper Shiels, along with the Cass County Sheriff's Department, were recognized by the United States Department of Homeland Security at the Cass County Courthouse. Trooper Shiels was recognized for stopping a possible act of terror, and the Sheriff's department was recognized for the outstanding training and resources that they've provided their officers.

I am incredibly grateful to have officers like Trooper Tyler Shiels serving the great State of Iowa and our Third Congressional District. It's officers like him whose diligent work protects our communities and even the Nation as a whole. I am honored to name Trooper Tyler Shiels as this week's Iowan of the Week, and I am thankful for his service to Iowa and our Nation.

HONORING JOHN GALER

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend John Galer. On October 8th, Mr. Galer was named the chairman of the National Newspaper Association.

John owns The Journal-News and several other publications in Central Illinois. As the publisher of 10 newspapers in the area, John clearly has had a highly successful career and is a respected leader in the newspaper community.

The Galer family came to The Journal in 1945 when John's grandfather, Del, took over production management duties. John's father, Phillip Galer, purchased The Journal's first offset press in 1968. He and John helped expand the business during the 1970s and 1980s. In 2004, John and his wife, Susan, bought the Montgomery County News, also in Hillsboro, and merged that publication and staff into The Journal operation. The Journal-News, a 6,000-circulation, twice weekly, has been well received throughout the community and is a community advocate.

John received the Illinois Press Association Distinguished Service Award in 2017. He also gives his time to numerous civic, foundation and charity organizations. Mr. Galer also is a member of Image Hillsboro, a nonprofit seeking to revitalize the town through economic and community initiatives.

I have no doubt John will continue to thrive in his new leadership position as the chairman of the National Newspaper Association, and I wish nothing but the best for my friend. The National Newspaper Association is in good hands under John's new leadership.

HONORING EDNA LEWIS

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a distinguished Virginian, Ms. Edna Lewis.

Edna was born in Freetown, Orange County, Virginia in 1916. As a child growing up in a small farming community of emancipated slaves, Edna learned how to grow and cultivate food on her grandfather's farm. Drawing upon the heritage and culture of her African-American ancestors, Edna developed her distinct style of traditional Southern cooking.

At the age of sixteen, Edna left Freetown and eventually settled in New York City. Working as a seamstress and dressmaker, it wasn't until 1949 that she began cooking professionally as the head chef at Café Nicholson, a new restaurant in Manhattan. The restaurant and Edna's unique style of Southern cooking quickly gained a dedicated following—including prominent individuals ranging from Eleanor Roosevelt to Truman Capote.

Even after Edna eventually left Café Nicholson, demand for her cooking and culinary expertise did not diminish. She published her first cookbook in 1972, followed shortly after

by *The Taste of Country Cooking* in 1976. The *Taste of Country Cooking*, her seminal work, combines recipes and stories from her childhood in Freetown. Edna's ability to impart her voice and heritage in the cookbook made it loved and adored by many.

Edna published two more cookbooks over the course of her life. She was the recipient of numerous accolades, including the James Beard Living Legend Award and International Association of Culinary Professionals Lifetime Achievement Award, among many others. In 2014, she was honored by the creation of a U.S. postal stamp with her image.

Now, in honor of Edna's life and achievements, the Orange County community will be installing a historical marker so that visitors can learn more about her and her contributions to our Commonwealth and our Nation. As the U.S. Representative for Virginia's Seventh District, I thank Orange County for creating an enduring memory of Edna so that future generations can remember one of the great champions of Southern cuisine.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with an abundant sense of joy to recognize the 40th anniversary of the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, located in Kansas City, Missouri. Home to the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the most extensive collections of historic toys currently on public display, the museum has educated, inspired, and delighted adults and children alike since its opening in 1982. Founded by close friends Mary Harris Francis and Barbara Hall Marshall, the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures stands out as one of the most treasured institutions in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Born less than four years apart, Mary Harris Francis and Barbara Hall Marshall not only established the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City, as it was known until the summer of 2015, but also provided the cherished collections that went on display. Barbara—one of three children of Hallmark founder J.C. Hall and his wife, Elizabeth—developed an appreciation for art at an early age, when she helped her dad review card designs. Having always looked forward to receiving the smallest presents from her father, Barbara acquired her first fine-scale miniature in the 1950s—a rocking chair that could fit in the palm of her hand. Drawn to the artistic efforts required to create fine-scale miniatures, Barbara became a serious collector by the 1970s. With her eye for detail refined through her professional career in the art department at Hallmark, along with her volunteer service at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Barbara only collected miniatures of the highest quality, and frequently commissioned works from artists who could meet her standards. Setting aside her personal stylistic preferences, Barbara encouraged artists to create the works of their dreams, and in doing so, the boundaries of