

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

fine-scale miniatures as an art form were explored and redefined through her patronage.

Mary Harris Guinotte Francis, whose lineage included the Guinotte family that helped found Kansas City, taught elementary school at Notre Dame de Sion and never lost the connection she felt to her own childhood. Guided by her sense of playfulness and her love for the make believe, Mary developed a passion for collecting dolls, dollhouses, toys, and games of many time periods. Most interested in objects that had been handmade and well-loved, Mary acquired her first antique dollhouse in 1974. Assuring her husband she would “never need another,” Mary’s ever-expanding collection of large, antique dollhouses soon began occupying a significant portion of her family’s home as she continued to put her curatorial acumen to use. Mary’s sense of joy in life was evident in her collection, but it became apparent that a larger space was needed to house the treasure trove of toys and miniatures that she and Barbara had acquired in their respective homes. When the two women returned from a trip and showed Mary’s mother what they had purchased along the way, Mary’s mother stated that “if you girls get one more thing, you’re going to have to start a museum.” This remark, having planted an idea in the minds of Barbara and Mary, would prove prophetic.

Opening its doors in 1982, the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City was first located in the historic Tureman Mansion at the corner of 52nd and Oak on the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus. At this time, the 7,500-square-foot museum employed only two full-time staff members. Expansions in 1989 and 2004 saw the museum grow to 33,000-square-feet, and by 2012, the museum’s collection included 72,000 objects. Embarking on their first public capital campaign in 2012 to support building and exhibit improvements, the museum raised nearly \$11 million and began a nineteen-month renovation in 2014. Reopening on August 1, 2015 as the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, the collection currently numbers more than 86,000 objects. In 2016 and again in 2018, the museum received Leadership in History Merit Awards from the American Association of State and Local History, testaments to the institution’s educational significance.

The museum’s fine-scale miniatures include architectural works, room settings, fine and decorative art, tools, equipment, and figures made to scale, most commonly 1:12. Crafted by master artists, the miniatures collection includes working reproductions of objects in the full-scale world, highlighting the ingenuity and skill that miniature artists employ to create their intricately detailed works. Without stepping foot outside Kansas City, the miniatures collection allows visitors to see Louis XV’s study at the Palace of Versailles, an Italian Renaissance studio, and a Boston Beacon Hill mansion.

The museum’s toy collection, the largest of its kind in the midwestern United States, documents society’s cultural beliefs, technological advancements, and the hopes and dreams of generations of children from the 18th century to the present. The collection examines the role that toys play in providing comfort and teaching skills, while stories collected and told through children’s points of view encourage visitors to think about the meaning of their own toys, thereby fueling conversations about

childhood and the importance of memories. Indeed, toys represent touchstones to our earliest and most personal memories, containing important historical and cultural clues about the past.

It is often said that the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures offers something for everyone, and it is a place where art meets history. Barbara Hall Marshall once explained that “the most enjoyment you can get from a collection that you put together is to share it with other people.” For forty years, the museum has welcomed visitors from around the world and shared with them the precious collections that Barbara and Mary Harris Francis first assembled. Luckily for those visitors, they all left a little younger. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures on forty years. Here’s to many more.

RECOGNIZING MICHELLE BALL FOR AIDING AFGHAN ALLIES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michelle Ball from Galena, Illinois, for her efforts in aiding our Afghan allies in a time of crisis.

Michelle is currently a graduate student at the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and has held a leadership role in the counter terrorism working group at Fletcher. Formerly, she was an intern for the Jamaican consulate, the Bureau of Oceans International, Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Michelle later volunteered with Syrian refugees for a nongovernmental organization in Jordan for a total of 350 hours. Prior to her education at Fletcher, she graduated from North Park University.

Upon the collapse of the Afghan government in August of 2021, Michelle immediately sprang into action, assisting the Fletcher Afghanistan Evacuation & Resettlement Working Group’s founder Lark Escobar in registering hundreds of Afghans for evacuation. During the course of these efforts, Michelle’s brother, who was stationed in COP Charkh in Logar Province, mentioned that his interpreter had contacted him for help evacuating from Afghanistan. Michelle helped prepare his evacuation applications and compiled all the necessary components of his visa for the Department of State vetting. This interpreter had been wounded in combat by the Taliban while supporting Michelle’s brother in their duties and has successfully been relocated out of Afghanistan, in addition to his wife and 9 children. These people will now have a safe future because of Michelle. She has saved 11 lives and aided countless others.

It is because of the leadership displayed by Ms. Ball that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Michelle Ball for her selfless efforts to aid and find safety for our Afghan allies in danger.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS REPORT ON DROUGHT RAVAGING CALIFORNIA’S SACRAMENTO VALLEY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work by the University of California, Davis to quantify the ongoing, unprecedented drought’s devastating impacts on the Sacramento Valley economy. This ravaging drought has left hundreds of thousands of acres of Sacramento Valley farmland unplanted this year, causing dramatic harm to people, fish, waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife.

On August 29, 2022, researchers at UC Davis in my Congressional district published a report entitled “Continued Drought in 2022 Ravages California’s Sacramento Valley Economy.” I encourage all Members of Congress to review this important study and work with me to help mitigate this historic drought impacting the Sacramento Valley, other parts of California, and the American West. The report reads as follows:

Drought in 2022 is severe by any measure. The 2020 and 2021 water years left California, and especially California agriculture, damaged and vulnerable (Sumner et al. 2021, Medellin-Azuara, et al. 2022). After a promising start, the record failure of precipitation in January and February left the state with such a deficit that despite some snow and rain in March and April, levels of water tables, snowpacks, and reservoirs have left the available irrigation water supply in a perilous condition. The water situation for Sacramento Valley agriculture is as bad as it has ever been. The depth of this drought was reflected in repeated dismal announcements during the spring of huge reductions in projected irrigation availability.

In this report, we assess the likely economic impacts of drought for farms and ranches on the Sacramento Valley in 2022. First, we briefly describe the economics of Sacramento Valley agriculture in 2019, which, while still drought impacted, was relatively “normal” in the water situation and in the broader economic situation. We used data from Sacramento Valley county agricultural commissioners’ reports for values of farm output and the IMPLAN data set on linkages across sectors of the economy to extend implications of farm economics of the 2022 drought to the broader Sacramento Valley economy. The Sacramento Valley, which here is taken to include Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties, has a large, diverse, and vibrant agricultural economy. Farms and ranches rely on precipitation within the Valley as well as the surrounding hills and mountains for production of crops and livestock.

Several key assumptions and limitations of any projections of economic effects of the current drought must be listed at the outset. These are important to interpret our results.

First, irrigation water availability for the rest of the growing season and water year has been mostly determined; however, the growing conditions that affect crop yields and crop production as well as the market conditions that affect farm costs and revenues are yet to play out. That means, while we can project the economic impacts of this drought relative to a baseline, we cannot speak with great confidence about, for example, crop yields or market prices for the farm