

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING PATRICK BARHAM
QUESADA

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Patrick Barham Quesada, my Press Secretary, and Digital Director, who faithfully served the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District.

Patrick, a gifted writer and dynamic digital curator, assisted with all communications efforts coming from my office and oversaw my social media platforms. His talent, knowledge, and creativity were consistently displayed throughout his work as he kept me aware of current news and political developments.

The son of Leda Quesada Barham and Bruce Barham, Patrick was raised in Miami, Florida. A graduate of Harvard College with a degree in Government and Sociology, Patrick began his political career at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While on leave from school, he helped elect Miami-Dade's first female mayor and served as her speechwriter.

An exceptional example of excellence coming from Miami's public schools, Patrick has proven that he possesses the capability to succeed in any role he takes on in the future.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Patrick Barham Quesada for his present and future accomplishments.

HONORING KATHLEEN THOMPSON
HILL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathleen Thompson Hill in recognition of her support of local restaurants and contributions to our community.

Ms. Hill grew up in Berkeley, California. She attended both UC Berkeley and the Sorbonne before beginning a Fellowship in Public Affairs with the Coro Foundation in San Francisco. Ms. Hill also received a Master of Arts degree in Political Psychology from Sonoma State University and helped coordinate the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. Along with her husband Gerald, she has written 30 books and a series of guidebooks to wine regions of the West Coast.

Ms. Hill's passion for the culinary industry has resulted in years of contributions to non-profits, publications, and schools. She is both a Compagnon of the *Guilde Internationale des Fromagers* and a member of the *Les Dames d'Escoffier's* San Francisco and Sonoma chapters. Since 2005, she has hosted the Kathleen Hill Show on KSVY radio and from

2009 to 2022, served as the Food & Wine Editor of the *Sonoma Index-Tribune*. Ms. Hill has been a consistent and generous supporter of countless organizations including the Boys & Girls Club, La Luz, Sonoma Overnight Support and St. Francis School. In 2009, she founded the Sonoma School Garden Project which builds gardens and educational programs that introduce students to healthy food and new learning opportunities. As director, she coordinated nine school gardens across Sonoma.

Outside of journalism and non-profit service, Ms. Hill is a proud mother of two, grandmother of three, and has developed lasting friendships with fellow culinary legends like M.F.K. Fisher, Julia Child, and Alice Waters. She is also a dedicated historian of culinary history and has curated a collection of nearly 4,000 antique kitchen utensils, signs, and pamphlets.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Hill has spent decades serving her community, supporting local restaurants and promoting the culinary arts. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that she is honored here today.

HONORING THE 2022 IKE ZERINGUE
ENGINEER OF THE YEAR CHRIS
SAUCIER

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize The Tennessee Valley Authority's Chris Saucier, a Resources Management and Operations Services engineer with 12 years of service, who will receive the utility's highest engineering honor—the Ike Zeringue Engineer of the Year award.

Chris serves as the technical director for the budgeted \$450 million Boone Dam remediation project. Chris leads a team of 60 engineers, geologists, and geographic information specialists. His team is responsible for design, construction oversight, dam safety performance monitoring, and quality assurance for the largest dam safety modification project in TVA history. With Chris's leadership, the Boone Dam project is scheduled to be completed on-time and under budget.

Each day, Chris helps ensure TVA's network of 49 dams operates at the highest levels of reliability to protect public safety and generate electricity to power the region's growing economy—while keeping TVA's power rates among the lowest in the nation.

Chris is also one of the top 10 finalists for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award, which will be presented February 24 at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Chris is a graduate of Mississippi State University and holds Master of Engineering degrees from Johns Hopkins University and Mississippi State University. Chris has also published papers in multiple engineering journals.

The Boone Dam Project is the largest dam safety project in TVA history and Chris's stra-

tegic leadership helped shape the successful outcome of the project that will benefit our region for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO EQUITY
COMPASS

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colorado Equity Compass for receiving the Redefining American Healthcare Award from the Healthcare Leadership Council for their efforts in tackling healthcare inequities in the community.

Founded in 2019, Colorado Equity Compass was piloted in four locations across Colorado: Denver, Larimer County, Pitkin County, and East Colorado Springs. The goal of this initial pilot program was to assess the needs of the community and examine the resources and data that would prompt communities and organizations to take action and work towards a more equitable and healthy community.

The knowledge and data gained from the pilot program helped form Colorado Equity Compass and guides the work they have done ever since. Colorado Equity Compass is driven by the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life and have access to resources to make this possible. They quickly discovered through their research that this wish was not a reality for many Coloradans. Colorado Equity Compass developed a data tool called the Equity Data Navigator to identify the top social determinants of health (SDOH) down to specific communities across Colorado. Utilizing the data in the Equity Data Navigator, they show how the identified SDOH affects the people of Colorado—guiding storytelling and changemaking efforts.

Colorado Equity Compass is the first recipient in Colorado to receive the Redefining American Healthcare Award from the Healthcare Leadership Council. This award recognizes best practices, programs, and organizations in communities across the nation that work to effectively address and improve health inequities. Colorado Equity Compass works in collaboration with Change Matrix, the Colorado Health Institute, Colorado Trust, and Consume & Create to provide stories, data, and resources to organizations in the community who can use this information to improve the lives of Coloradans.

It goes without saying that our community benefits greatly from the tireless work Colorado Equity Compass does to improve health equity and outcomes across the state. I am proud to recognize and congratulate Colorado Equity Compass for receiving this well-deserved award and thank them for their continued efforts tackling historic inequities faced by long-disadvantaged communities across Colorado.

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IN RECOGNITION OF HANAC, INC.

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to HANAC, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary celebration. For half a century, HANAC has been working to empower and serve the needs of New York City's most vulnerable residents.

Founded in 1972 by Evangeline Douris and her late husband George T. Douris as the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee, HANAC has a long history of improving our community through a variety of public services designed to help seniors, immigrants, families, youth, and those fighting alcohol and substance abuse.

HANAC continues its mission by developing, implementing, and administering the operation of service programs for the betterment of the community; providing these services to any and all who are in need without discrimination as to race, creed, national origin or other defining characteristic; and working closely with other providers, the city, state and federal governments for the betterment of the community.

Through education programming, employment training, counseling, and senior and family housing, HANAC directly helps to improve the lives of over 35,000 people and their families annually. HANAC has grown into one of the city's largest providers of social services and continues to demonstrate its loyalty to a principle that is the bedrock of our nation: a community is strongest when those who live in it look out for one another.

HANAC currently operates—either independently or in partnership with other entities—several hundred units of low-income senior housing with plans to expand this number by hundreds of additional units. As the city continues to face an affordability crisis in housing, HANAC has provided a critical resource allowing New Yorkers to spend their golden years in the communities in which they have long lived.

In addition to its affordable housing, HANAC operates four senior centers which provide senior specific programming to thousands of Queens residents including New York City Housing Authority residents in western Queens.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing work done by HANAC and in expressing my gratitude for the immense dedication of all the employees, board members, and supporters that have allowed HANAC to improve the lives of so many in our city.

HONORING KYLIE HAY-ROE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Kylie Hay-Roe, my intern who has completed her spring 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Kylie has proven to be

a very capable young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Kylie has assisted my office in various areas, including appropriations, communications, and constituent and community engagement. She has shown a great understanding of the legislative process and has demonstrated her ability to adapt to the political arena. Kylie has presented an excellent work ethic and willingness to learn.

The daughter of Mirian and Keith Hay-Roe, Kylie was born in Gainesville, Florida, where she is enrolled in the University of Florida's Honors Program. She is majoring in Political Science and International Studies, which she plans to use to foster greater global engagement and international development for a more sustainable, equitable, and secure future. During her time as a University of Florida Gator, Kylie has also served as an Ambassador for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences along with the International Mentorship Association.

Upon transitioning from her internship, Kylie will complete a study abroad program in Iceland to learn about renewable energy systems before interning with the UF Sahel Research Group to learn about the cultural, social, and political developments.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kylie Hay-Roe for her present and future accomplishments.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SANDY AND ANDY SMITH**

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Andy and Sandy Smith, for their tireless dedication and service to the Morristown, TN community and the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation.

Anderson L. "Andy" Smith is a Morristown native and graduated from Carson-Newman University before pursuing a tremendously successful career as one of East Tennessee's leaders in the banking industry. He retired as Senior Vice President and Regional President of HomeTrust Bank in 2016, and he was the former President and CEO of Jefferson Federal Bank, following a successful tenure with First Tennessee Bank. His community service included sixteen years as Past President of the Hamblen County Foundation for Educational Excellence and total service of twenty-six years to HC*Excell. He has served as a Past President of the Morristown Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Industrial Development Board for the City of Morristown (42 years), the Walters State Foundation (37 years), and the Jefferson Federal Charitable Foundation (17 years). He has been a board member of the Tennessee Banker's Association, Boys and Girls Club of Morristown, Hamblen County's United Way and a host of many other community organizations.

Sandy Smith has taught mathematics for twenty-five years including three at Morristown-Hamblen West High School and twenty-two years at Walters State Community College. She has also taught in many programs including the Talented and Gifted program for

grades 5 through 8 at Walters State. She has been a Sunday School teacher and Bible Study leader at her church, First Presbyterian, for many years. She was also a board member of HC*Excell, various Chamber of Commerce Committees including the Christmas Parade Chairman, and several PTA chairmanships. She graduated Carson-Newman University with degrees in American Literature and English Literature, as well as a degree in Mathematics.

Andy, with the support of Sandy, has helped lead the growth of the McNabb Center's Hamblen County Services beginning with the merger in 2008. The Smiths helped to eliminate debts of the New Hope Center upon the merger and were instrumental in giving and soliciting funds for the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation's capital campaigns to create a new community health mental health center, Jail to Work Program, and Recovery Home in Hamblen County and recently joined the Hamblen County Advisory Board to continue his service to the McNabb Center.

Sandy and Andy's legacy of love includes three children—Abbe, Parker, and Casey—and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Sandy and Andy Smith have given their time, talents, and treasure to so many worthy organizations in the Lakeway region and I rise today to honor their service and their legacy to the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation and the community.

**CELEBRATING SPINA BIFIDA
MONTH**

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate October as National Spina Bifida Awareness Month, to honor the 166,000 Americans living with this condition, and to draw attention to the critical challenges we must address to ensure that each and every one of these individuals can achieve their full human potential and have the quality of life they deserve.

According to the Spina Bifida Association of America, Spina Bifida is the most common permanently disabling birth defect compatible with life in the U.S. Literally translated as "split spine," it is a condition that occurs when a baby's neural tube fails to develop or close properly. Typically occurring within the first 28 days of pregnancy while the neural tube is forming, Spina Bifida often develops before a woman even knows she is pregnant.

Before 1960, the survival rate for all forms of Spina Bifida was 10 percent to 12 percent. But over the last 6 decades, advances in research and medicine, along with policies supportive of children with disabilities, have ensured that nearly two-thirds of Americans currently living with Spina Bifida have made it to adulthood. And while these strides are certainly worth celebrating, people with Spina Bifida—particularly adults—continue to face a crisis of care that could be largely prevented with the right resources and policies.

Spina Bifida is commonly referred to as the "snowflake condition" of birth defects because no two cases are the same. Children born with this condition typically undergo dozens of surgeries before they reach the age of 18. And