

International Affairs Fellow. She received her bachelor's degree in International and Global Studies with minors in Diplomacy and French.

Upon transitioning from her congressional fellowship, Isabella will travel to Belgium as a Fulbright Scholar where she will complete an English Teaching Assistantship. Once she completes her Fulbright Program, she will pursue a Master of Science in Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Inspired by her foreign service work in Nicaragua, Haiti, and Ecuador, Isabella will soon become a Foreign Service Officer.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Isabella Castro for her bright future and inevitable success.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY VALDEZ AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with ZOE LOFGREN, Chair of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship to thank Anthony Valdez for his service to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Anthony received his bachelor's degree and a master's in public policy from the University of Maryland. He first joined the Judiciary Committee as an intern with our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. After nearly a year interning while in college, and a further fellowship with the committee, Anthony joined us permanently as Staff Assistant to the full committee in January 2020. That August, Anthony was named Professional Staff Member and Legislative Aide for the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

As Staff Assistant, Anthony supported the full committee's senior staff and me directly. As part of my administrative team, Anthony played a leading role in our committee's seamless transition to remote and hybrid work at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. He is remembered as a committed advocate and mentor by the many interns and incoming junior staff that he helped shepherd through our committee. Anthony was also a vital member in the Committee's oversight of the Trump Administration, which included pouring through critical evidence, assisting in Member preparation, and staffing high-profile congressional hearings. Regardless of the hour, Anthony answered the call of duty and became a trusted member of the Committee's impeachment and senate trial teams.

Finally, Anthony was promoted again to serve as Professional Staff and Legislative Aide to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. For two years Anthony served as clerk for all Immigration subcommittee business and his work was essential to the success of much of the subcommittee's activities. Substantively, Anthony was the point person on private bills and was instrumental in the passage of five private bills this Congress, H.R. 187, H.R. 680, H.R. 681, H.R. 739, and H.R. 785. He worked with counsel to prepare myself and Ms. Lofgren for the annual refugee consultation and helped us fight to raise the

refugee admissions goal and increase processing. Anthony also contributed significantly to our markup of H.R. 3648, the Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment Act of 2022 or the EAGLE Act of 2022.

For nearly four years, I have been fortunate to count Anthony among my team. I, and the American people, have greatly benefited from his passion for public service, his fine character, and his commitment to excellence. Through extraordinarily demanding times, Anthony was dependable and contributed substantially with diligence and good humor. We will greatly miss Anthony as he heads off to the University of Virginia School of Law, but we look forward to following his next steps in public service and the law.

We thank Anthony Valdez for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MAYOR JIM BRAINARD

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service career of Jim Brainard as he completes his seventh term as the Mayor of Carmel, Indiana.

Under his tenure, Carmel has experienced tremendous growth and received numerous awards. It is considered to be one of the fastest growing cities in the United States and the development of an Arts & Design District, a downtown City Center and a Midtown project has helped create a vibrant, walkable city. Additionally, Carmel is home to over 130 corporate business headquarters.

Carmel has received multiple awards for its high quality of life. Including Money Magazine's No. 1 "Best Place to Live in America" and No. 1 "Best Place to Retire in the U.S." and Newsweek's No. 1 "Best Place to Live in the Midwest."

The Mayor graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Butler University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Ohio Northern University. He also received a diploma from the Oxford Institute on International and Comparative Law from the University of San Diego.

Mayor Brainard has served as a Trustee of a variety of national taskforces, as President of the Butler University Alumni Association and was named one of the "Most Powerful Hoosiers in the World" by Indianapolis Monthly.

Carmel has the most roundabouts of any city in the country and Mayor Brainard's book, titled 'Carmel, 'round about right,' shares the story of redevelopment in Carmel during his administration.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Jim Brainard for his 26 years of service as Mayor of Carmel, Indiana.

HONORING MARIA MARTINEZ

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 Maria Martinez, my

intern who has completed her Fall 2022 semester serving the great people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Maria has proven to be a very capable young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Maria has assisted my office in various areas, including communications, research, and constituent and community engagement. She has proven to be an integral part of my team and has demonstrated her ability to adapt to the political arena. Maria always demonstrated a willingness to learn and consistently produced excellent work product.

The daughter of Mayilet Fernandez, Maria was born and raised in Hialeah, Florida. She plans to attend law school and become a humanitarian lawyer to elevate her community. She aspires to inspire the next generation of Dreamers and will surely make a positive impact on many lives.

In the Fall, Maria will begin her sophomore year at Columbia University where she is majoring in Mathematics and minoring in Philosophy.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maria Martinez for her invaluable role in my office and her inevitable success.

HONORING CAROLYN HELMS AS MOORE COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Carolyn Helms as the recipient of the Moore County Woman of the Year Award.

The Woman of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. Since 2007, Ms. Helms' leadership roles with FirstHealth of the Carolinas and Moore Regional Hospital have greatly strengthened and improved the capabilities of these organizations to provide exemplary service to all in our community. After becoming a member of both FirstHealth's board of directors and Moore Regional Hospital's board of directors in 2007, Ms. Helms became chair of the Moore Regional Hospital Board in 2010 and later became the first female chair of FirstHealth's board in 2017. She held the latter position until 2019 and now currently serves as the CARE liaison for the Foundation of FirstHealth. Through her outstanding leadership over the course of her career, she has served as a trailblazer and been an invaluable role model for all healthcare professionals in our community.

In addition to this important work, she remains a board member for many state and local organizations such as the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care and The Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. She has previously held numerous leadership roles at multiple local churches as well as working as a nursing instructor at Sandhills Community College. In 1993, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Southern Pines Jaycees on account of her exceptional community service.

Ms. Helms has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of the Moore County Woman of the Year Award. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish her success as she continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Ms. Carolyn Helms for her service to our community and being named the Moore County Woman of the Year.

RECOGNIZING CAROLYN BARGER'S CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carolyn Barger on her upcoming retirement from a remarkable career of public service in Rowan County.

Carolyn's career in local government began in 1994 in the Town of Cleveland as a part-time clerk. Due to her strong work ethic and heart for serving the community, she was soon hired as a deputy clerk for Rowan County in 1999. Within just a few years, she was promoted to Clerk to the Rowan County Board of Commissioners in 2005. As Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Carolyn played an essential role in local government. She officially recorded all documents, ordinances, leases, resolutions, and contracts considered or adopted by the Board. From dutifully preparing agendas and attending Board meetings, to ensuring full and accurate accounts of all actions taken by the governing body were recorded, Carolyn guaranteed the operations of Rowan County ran smoothly for over two decades.

To better serve both the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Rowan County, Carolyn earned many professional certifications during her career. In 2010, she received the designation of North Carolina Certified County Clerk through the North Carolina School of Government. Four years later, she received the professional designation of Master Municipal Clerk as conferred by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Finally, in January 2016, the UNG School of Government bestowed upon her the designation of Master County Clerk, the highest certification a county clerk can achieve.

Beyond her work in Rowan County, Ms. Barger has been active statewide in the North Carolina Association of County Clerks. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Secretary, Vice-President, and President of the Association. In each of these roles, she has worked tirelessly to help clerks across the state support their elected officials. In recognition of her many contributions to Rowan County and the North Carolina Association of County Clerks, Ms. Barger was awarded the Howard Holly Outstanding Clerk of the Year Award in 2014.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Carolyn Barger for her many years of service to Rowan County.

HONORING TURNER MORGAN AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Turner Morgan as Iowan of the Week. Turner was born in Council Bluffs, attended Lewis Central High School, and currently lives in Council Bluffs with his wife Abby and his son JJ Murphy. Turner serves the public as the Neighborhood Coordinator for the non-profit The 712 Initiative by bringing people together and strengthening the Council Bluffs community in creative and innovative ways.

After graduating from Creighton University, Turner began working for Habitat for Humanity in Omaha. With Habitat for Humanity, he helped coordinate thousands of volunteers building affordable housing for low-income individuals. Turner remains grateful for the opportunity to help those in need, while gaining a greater understanding of the challenges involved with affordable housing.

Turner came to The 712 Initiative in Council Bluffs three years ago, serving as their Neighborhood Coordinator. Turner took the initiative to go door to door to meet people where they are and identify the needs of the Council Bluffs community. Increased social connectivity and neighborhood development were two common themes that persisted in these conversations, and so Turner began working to help improve these areas. Turner, alongside fellow 712 Initiative staff, crafted popular social engagement programming to increase community connectivity. High in popularity is their Block Party Trailer, which The 712 Initiative provides freely so that neighborhoods can put on a block party to get people out of their homes and connect with their neighbors. By removing some of the logistical barriers to community organizing, Turner and The 712 Initiative have helped people know one another better and facilitate more collaborative neighborhoods.

Turner plans to continue working with The 712 Initiative to improve housing development as well. The organization has renovated a number of properties in the Council Bluffs area in need of substantial improvements. These renovations not only directly improve the quality of those homes but also indirectly improves the quality of the homes surrounding it.

Turner Morgan has demonstrated his passion and commitment to serving the public in Council Bluffs during his time with The 712 Initiative. His service for others deserves recognition, and I am proud to be naming Turner Morgan as Iowan of the Week.

HONORING CRAIG JOINER

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 Craig Joiner, who dedicated his time to serve the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Craig has proven to be a very focused and intentional young man and shows great promise for his future endeavors.

Craig has assisted my office in foreign policy research of the Eastern Hemisphere and constituent engagement. He primarily informed my office and constituents of ongoing events and issues happening in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Craig has demonstrated his ability to produce detailed and exceptional work.

The son of Shanetta and Cedric Joiner, Craig was born and raised in Gainesville, Florida. A proud graduate of Rice University, he earned bachelor's degrees in Material Science and Asian Studies. A 2022 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow, Craig aspires to become a Foreign Service Officer. Inspired by international relations, he has volunteered in Argentina and China and studied abroad at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

Upon transitioning from his congressional fellowship, Craig will pursue his Master of Science in Foreign Service. He will leverage his engineering background, language abilities, and his understanding of global affairs to promote sustainable environment and energy policy internationally. A proud Questbridge Scholar and Gates Millennium Scholar, Craig will serve the United States on an international level upon completion of his Rangle Fellowship.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Craig Joiner for his promising future and inevitable success.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DANIEL KANDALRAFT

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I seek to correct an injustice to Mr. Daniel Kandalraft, a Lebanese citizen with three American children. At a hearing examining Hezbollah's financial network before the Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 8, 2017, a private citizen provided a prepared statement—now printed in the Hearing Record—that identifies certain individuals as arrested in France for financing terrorism under Operation Cedar, a January 2016 coordinated, multinational law enforcement action undertaken by authorities in France and other European countries. U.S. law enforcement, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), assisted French authorities.

The statement entered into the Hearing Record incorrectly includes Mr. Kandalraft as having been arrested in France. A detailed examination of the complete and official French Operation Cedar case file reveals that Mr. Kandalraft was not investigated, charged, or even asked to serve as a witness. Indeed, there is no mention of Daniel Kandalraft in the law enforcement investigative reports or court filings for Operation Cedar in France. The DEA, having no authority in France, could not (and had no reason to) arrest Daniel Kandalraft and confirmed that it "does not have authority to perform arrests or detainments" in France.

It is incumbent upon this great institution, the U.S. House of Representatives, to correct the false statement in a Congressional hearing from so many years ago which has unfairly and unjustly tarnished Mr. Kandalraft's good name and reputation.