

HONORING OFFICER JUAN
ALTAMIRANO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Juan Altamirano, an officer with the Lakeport Police Department. I have named Mr. Altamirano a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mr. Altamirano was born in Phoenix, Arizona and raised in Yuma. He joined the Lakeport Police Department (LPD) in December 2019 and has received both a Basic Police Academy certification and a Basic California Peace Officer Standards and Training Certificate. In addition to his service as a patrol officer at LPD, Mr. Altamirano has also served as their driving instructor and School Resource Officer.

In February 2021, Mr. Altamirano responded to a suspicious vehicle call after a pickup truck was found broken down on a busy roadway. When officers arrived on scene, they encountered a family that had all their possessions in the vehicle and no resources to fix or move it. Demonstrating incredible generosity, Mr. Altamirano used his own resources to have the vehicle towed to a safe location so that it would not be taken from the family. This remarkable act of kindness was not unprecedented for Mr. Altamirano, who had purchased food and water for a stranded elderly motorist just a few months prior. He has also helped raise funds for and performed in a recent Lake Family Resource Center play.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Altamirano is an exemplary civil servant whose repeated acts of compassion are emblematic of his commitment to community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING ROSE CECCHI

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Rose Cecchi, my intern who has completed her spring 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Rose has proven to be adaptable, quick witted, and dedicated.

Rose Cecchi is a rising senior at The Madeira School. She will attend college next year with the intention to study environmental science. During her time in this office, she spoke to constituents on a daily basis, corresponded with all democratic congressional offices, and attended briefings on various subjects. She has displayed a great work ethic and professionalism.

The daughter of Antonio Cecchi and Bobbi Jo Cecchi, Rose is from McLean, Virginia. She is the head of her school's Astronomy Club and will continue to lead it in her senior year. In her time as the head of the Astronomy Club, she organized events to stargaze and

learn about astronomy. She also completed an internship at Garfield Elementary School. In this internship, she was a teacher's aide for a third-grade class.

Upon transitioning from her internship, Rose will complete a hiking trip in Alaska to learn about nature restoration. She hopes to use the knowledge she gains on her trip when studying environmental science in college.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
KNICKERBOCKER GREYS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to The Knickerbocker Greys ("The Greys") for their commitment in supporting children across New York City. Through their afterschool program, The Greys have instilled our nation's youth with the values of leadership, responsibility, and citizenship.

The Greys are a 501(c)(3) charity and the oldest after-school program in the history of the United States. The organization is an institution within New York City, serving children ages 6 to 16. Cadets are afforded opportunities over the years to develop their character, confidence, perseverance, social skills, and problem solving in a fun and unique way.

The Greys were founded in 1881 and incorporated in 1897 in the State of New York by Mrs. Augusta Curtis, who began the organization in response to a lack of after-school programming. Mrs. Curtis wanted to encourage activity for her son and his peers. A year into the program, Mrs. Curtis formed the Board of Knickerbocker Greys, composed originally of fourteen mothers. To this day, the Greys are run by a board of parents who are responsible for everything concerning the program outside of the weekly classes and events. The current board members are Adrienne C. Rogatnick (President), Oscar Ancajima (Vice President), Charles Giovanni Vanzan Coutinho (Secretary), John G. Philips (Treasurer), and Stephanie Tomlin (President Emeritus).

Today, along with the Board, the Corps of Cadets' daily operations are run by Colonel David J. Menegon Commandant USAR (ret.) and Colonel Thomas F. Pike, Jr. USA Assistant Commandant, and the current Cadet Colonel. The organization is run entirely by volunteers who are dedicated to enriching the lives of New York school children.

The group's name was derived from the original uniform's knee-length pants that were known as "knickerbockers," and the color of the dress uniform, "Cadet Grey." Over 4,500 New Yorkers have been members of the Knickerbocker Greys Cadet Corps over the past 141 years, including Nelson and David Rockefeller; Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.; Pierpont Morgan Hamilton; Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr.; John Lindsay; Averell Harriman; and Lowell Thomas.

The Greys have shown their commitment to New York City's children from all backgrounds, and pride themselves on being representative

of the city's BIPOC communities, inclusive of children with disabilities, and accommodating of those with financial need. Cadets today receive leadership training and are given leadership opportunities as squad leaders, company commanders, and staff officers. Cadets develop skills to motivate others, practice empathy and patience, supervise junior cadets, and command a group of peers.

Cadets undergo a series of experiences over the years that foster confidence, character, etiquette and social skills, perseverance, enthusiasm, public speaking, and leadership. The focus of each weekly meeting is to instill in each child a sense of self-discipline, compassion, and orderliness. Members of the Greys also engage in a variety of activities including field trips to historical sites, color guards, veteran parades, and community events.

Today, the Greys are a part of living history and still proudly drill at the landmarked Park Avenue Seventh Regiment Armory ("The Park Avenue Armory"), as they have since 1902. Boys and girls from a diverse list of independent, magnet, parochial, and public schools located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and even Westchester County have been strengthened by their participation in the Grey's programming for decades and have emerged as young leaders throughout our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Knickerbocker Greys for its 141 years of service to New York City's most cherished, our children.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. TOM WENNOGLE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Tom Wennogle, the retiring president of Artazn, one of the most outstanding companies in Tennessee's First Congressional District. After fourteen years of distinguished service marked by innovation and growth, Artazn and its predecessor corporations have a long history of service to this country and to the Greeneville, Tennessee community. As the producer of high-quality blanks for the United States Mint for more than forty years, Artazn is the largest North American producer of solid zinc strip and zinc-based products for a broad range of applications, including automotive and electronic applications, building materials, and cathodic protection products. Artazn is also one of the world's leading coin blank manufacturers, with 300 billion coins released into circulation in more than 20 countries.

Focusing on revenue growth, and expertise in launching new products, exceptionally strong customer relationships and an aptitude for building cohesive teams best encapsulate his wide-ranging track record and success in the industrial sector. Throughout his career, he has acquired extensive experience in the North American, European, Asian, and South American markets. For ten years, Tom was an adjunct professor teaching Business Capstone at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. He has his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and

Business Administration from Merrimack College and his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Tom's legacy of community service is notable as well. He has provided leadership to Tusculum University as both Chairman of the

Board of Trustees and he has historically led company efforts to support Niswonger Children's Hospital, United Way, and the Greene County Food Bank.

Madam Speaker, Tom Wennogle has been a tremendous business leader in Greene County, Tennessee and has served numerous

businesses with a commitment to excellence and provided faithful service to the community and I proudly honor him and wish he and his wife, April, an enjoyable retirement.