

love for our country is evident in his patriotic service and diligence in protecting and defending it. He is one-of-a-kind.

SUPPORTING H.R. 8025, TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 100 SOUTH 1ST STREET IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AS THE MARTIN OLAV SABO POST OFFICE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 8025, which designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 100 South Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota as the "Martin Olav Sabo Post Office."

Congressman Martin Sabo's public life began 45 years ago when he was elected to the Minnesota State House of Representatives at the young age of 22. He went on to serve with distinction as both House Speaker and minority leader until his election to Congress in 1978. Congressman Sabo served the people of Minnesota for 28 years in the house, retiring in 2006. His Chairmanship of the House Budget Committee in the 1990s set the country on a course that resulted in a federal budget surplus. While serving on the esteemed House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Sabo's astute ability to direct federal funds to key infrastructure projects, like light rail transit, transformed Minneapolis, positioning the Twin Cities for the 21st Century.

It was my profound honor to serve with Martin Sabo as a colleague in the U.S. House. Congressman Sabo was liberal, smart, and his values reflected the very best of Minnesota's traditions and heritage. Congressman Sabo was reserved and quiet Norwegian, but when he spoke the room went silent because everyone knew something worth hearing was about to be said. This made him a giant as a legislator and public servant in both the Minnesota Legislature and Congress. I will always remember Martin as the kindest of souls and one of the most effective and wise public servants I've ever known.

I want to thank Rep. ILHAN OMAR for sponsoring this piece of legislation that pays tribute to a dedicated public servant, wonderful human being, and dear friend and mentor.

CONGRATULATING GARY BIRSCHBACH

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Gary Birschbach. Gary will be recognized as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts of America. This yearly award honors a person who represents the spirit and the values of Scouting throughout the community.

Gary has been involved with Scouting for over 50 years. All 4 of his sons are Eagle

Scouts, with Kevin currently serving as a Cub Scout Leader, and Andy having served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for 8 years. As someone that truly embodies the cornerstones of the Scout's Oath and Law, Gary is a community leader that Decatur is so fortunate to call its own.

As an owner of several McDonald's restaurants, Gary has had outstanding success in the restaurant business. His work at McDonald's first began 53 years ago when he joined as a crew member until eventually working his way up to becoming the owner of his first location.

Gary has also gone far beyond that success through his generous work of helping others in the community. Gary serves on several boards, sponsors many community events, and has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in tuition assistance through the McDonald's Archways program. This year, Gary and his team celebrated hitting the \$500,000 milestone in awards to their employees. Gary's contribution to the program has helped over 250 current and former employees attend college, earn a trade, or high school diploma.

I am thankful to have Gary in the community and know central Illinois is a better place because of him. I commend Gary on this prestigious award and know he will continue doing such needed and very appreciated work for the community. Congratulations, Gary.

HONORING SUPERVISOR BRAD WAGENKNECHT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa County Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht in honor of his service to our community upon his retirement.

Mr. Wagenknecht grew up in the Browns Valley area of Napa and graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Elementary Education in 1977. After college, Mr. Wagenknecht began his career as a school teacher with the Napa Unified School District where he has often been instrumental in supporting children with emotional challenges.

In 1984, Mr. Wagenknecht was elected to the Napa City Council and despite the many responsibilities of a life in public office, including a term as Mayor, he has continued to teach to this day. Mr. Wagenknecht was elected to represent the First District on the Napa County Board of Supervisors in 1998.

For more than two decades on the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Wagenknecht has made immeasurable contributions to environmental preservation. He helped gain support from Napa County to join Marin Clean Energy, instituted urban growth boundaries that limit the city's carbon footprint and increased funding for the Napa Open Space District. Mr. Wagenknecht has supported numerous local organizations including the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Napa County Children and Families Commission, the California State Association of Counties

and the Area Agency on Aging. In the face of unprecedented challenges such as the 2015 Napa Earthquake, 2017 Northern California wildfires, 2020 LNU Lightning Complex fires and the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mr. Wagenknecht remained resolute in his commitment to help Napa County rebuild and recover.

Mr. Wagenknecht has brought about significant policies to support the arts, libraries, education, youth opportunities, social justice and mental health. He has been dedicated to working with his community and hearing their concerns, holding frequent office hours whenever and wherever he could. As a lifelong athlete who runs 300 days a year, Mr. Wagenknecht has encouraged local sporting events and organizes the annual Napa County basketball game. He is a proud husband to his wife Kathy, father of five and grandfather of one.

Madam Speaker, we thank Supervisor Wagenknecht for his decades of selfless service and commitment to the people of Napa County. His efforts have made our county a more welcoming, green and enjoyable place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO RUDOLPH CORDERO AND WAYNE A. GUTHER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Rudolph Cordero and Wayne A. Guthrie, graduates of Operation Recognition Class of 2022. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who were unable to complete high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or due to internment in World War II Japanese-American relocation camps. Operation Recognition provides a way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

Born on November 26, 1947, Rudolph Cordero attended Garfield High School in Los Angeles for three years. Answering the call to serve his country, Rudolph enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, where he served in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1968 a Hawk System mechanical repairman. He earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Rudolph was honorably discharged in 1968 and began his career as a butcher.

Wayne Guthrie was born on September 1, 1953. He attended Cleveland Heights High School in Ohio from 1968 through 1972, prior to enlisting in the United States Navy. Wayne served in the Vietnam War from 1974 to 1975 as an aviation machinist and a Training Air and Administration of the Reserves. He earned two Navy Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Ribbon, and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Wayne was honorably discharged in 1994 after 20 years of service and began his career as a computer technician.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2022.

RECOGNIZING RANDY J. HOWE

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Randy J. Howe on his retirement after 34 years spent protecting our nation's borders. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Howe for his service to our great nation.

After graduating from Niagara University in 1988, Mr. Howe joined the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Diego, California. He went on to work for the newly established U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), where he held various leadership positions, including Preclearance Director, Buffalo Area Port Director, Executive Director of Operations at the CBP Headquarters, and eventually Director of Field Operations for the Laredo Field Office.

As a native of Laredo, Texas, and a strong supporter of our law enforcement agencies along the border, I know just how demanding Mr. Howe's job can be. He and his colleagues are on the front lines of the battle against the importation of illicit drugs and human smuggling. His work is also critical to supporting trade and unlocking supply chains across North America.

Mr. Howe is responsible for operation and enforcement activities at eight international ports of entry that span 450 miles in South Texas. He leads over 3,300 dedicated officers across 18 international crossings, eight airports, three rail crossings, two dams, a sea-port, and a ferry. He also leads the Machinery Center of Excellence, which manages 37 partner accounts, incorporating 191 importers of records representing some of the nation's largest corporations.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Howe's family. He and his wife, Athina, are celebrating 30 years of marriage. His children have followed in their father's footsteps to serve the public good: his son, Mackenzie, is also a CBP officer, and his daughter, Angelina, is a registered nurse.

On behalf of the 28th District of Texas and on behalf of a grateful nation, I want to congratulate Mr. Howe on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his decades of service. I wish him the best in the next chapter of his life.

COMMENDING PAUL E. FISHER

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the life of my fellow North Carolinian, Paul E. Fisher. Mr. Fisher was the driving force behind F&M Financial Corporation and F&M Bank for almost 60 years. He was

a tireless community leader and volunteer until his passing on October 30, 2020.

As Chairman and CEO of F&M Bank, Mr. Fisher believed that community banking offered an opportunity to improve the quality of life for all his clients and the communities he was privileged to serve. He volunteered on the NC Banking Commission for a decade and was President and Treasurer of the NC Banking Association, in addition to serving two terms as Dean of the NC School of Banking.

Forever tied to the success of F&M Bank, Mr. Fisher was better known for his warm heart and decades of local fundraising efforts to build the Saleeby-Fisher YMCA, The Rowan County Chamber of Commerce's Gateway Building, the Rowan Helping Ministries homeless shelter, the Bell Tower Green Park, as well as a myriad of other facilities and causes ranging from the arts, healthcare, human needs, and youth. He always wanted to leave the world a little better than he found it. His drive to plant a tree under whose shade he will never sit was his most telling attribute.

Over his nearly 83 years, Mr. Fisher had a very simple recipe for life: show up, find a way to be useful, and love with all your heart. He was grateful for the friendship and love shown to him by the people of Rowan County, the State of North Carolina, and all those who helped him along life's path.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to commend Mr. Paul E. Fisher of F&M Bank and Salisbury, North Carolina for a lifetime of service to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE COLORADO
MUSIC INSTITUTE

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Colorado Music Institute (CMI) in Centennial, Colorado for being recognized as the 2022 National Music School of the Year by the Music Academy Success System.

Founded in 1996, CMI has been at the forefront of the music community in the state of Colorado. CMI has been steadfast in its commitment to teaching students of all ages—believing people are never too old to pick up an instrument and try a new skill. Their reach extends far beyond Colorado—as students from all over the world seek out lessons there.

This year, music schools around the nation worked to regain their rhythm with a return to predominantly in-person learning. Bringing music and joy to the community, CMI has a diverse staff from all over the world cultivating and developing students' musical talent and establishing the foundation for a lifelong love of music. CMI believes that music should be all about joy, therefore aiming to be Colorado's most fun, welcoming, and professional music school.

The National Music School of the Year award is presented annually to a school that has made significant contributions to the music industry. Hundreds of schools around the country compete for this highly prestigious award.

Teachers have a tremendous impact on the lives of their students no matter the age. I

commend CMI for their tireless dedication to their students, and congratulate them for receiving this recognition. It is an honor to recognize CMI and their achievements.

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN P.
DAILEY, P.E., GENERAL MAN-
AGER OF THE FAIRFAX DRAIN-
AGE DISTRICT OF WYANDOTTE
COUNTY

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen P. Dailey, Professional Engineer and General Manager of the Fairfax Drainage District of Wyandotte County for his exemplary professional accomplishments.

Mr. Dailey's career in public service began after graduating from the University of Missouri—Kansas City with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and becoming licensed as a professional engineer. He spent 14 years in the municipal well drilling industry prior to his time at Fairfax Drainage District.

Throughout Mr. Dailey's 30-year tenure as General Manager, he was responsible for protecting investments amounting to nearly \$6 billion in a 2,000-acre industrial park. He oversaw preparations and guided flood control operations for multiple record-breaking high-water events, a highlight that only begins to scratch the surface of three decades working in honorable service to Kansas.

Beyond supervising operation and maintenance of the district's complex flood projection system comprised of 5 miles of levee, over 100 relief wells, 12 pump stations and a computerized communications network, Mr. Dailey spent 27 years serving on the Fairfax Industrial Association Board of Directors and over 15 years as an active board member and committee chair of the Missouri and Associated Rivers Coalition, promoting water resource management for effective flood control and navigation works.

I've also had the pleasure of working with Mr. Dailey while in Congress. Last year, I had the pleasure of sponsoring community project funding to perform maintenance of the Fairfax Jersey Creek Upper Levee. I commend Mr. Dailey for his dedication to our state and to our country, and the 120-plus businesses in the Kansas City, Kansas community he has tirelessly worked to support and protect.

HONORING MARY WADE AS IOWAN
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to name Mary Wade of Red Oak, Iowa as Iowan of the Week. Mary is a lifelong Iowan who has worked with Nishna Productions for 37 years improving the wellbeing of individuals with disabilities across Southwest Iowa. Mary's dedicated work developing life and job skills for those in need deserves recognition.