

the Central Florida economy through expanding NeoCity.

Mike recently led a Central Florida regional coalition to apply for the U.S. Department of Commerce's Build Back Better Regional Challenge to expand NeoCity's semiconductor research, development, and manufacturing capabilities. Out of 529 applications nationwide, the Osceola-led Central Florida semiconductor coalition was the only organization in the State of Florida to be awarded a Phase 1 grant out of 17 applications. Mike was appointed the Regional Economic Competitiveness Officer and led the coalition during the 90-day period to refine, draft, and submit seven individual component grant applications and the overall proposal, while simultaneously securing over \$12 million in a private local match. Through his leadership, the coalition was one of 21 Phase 2 award winners, resulting in over \$50 million from the federal government.

I thank Mike for his service with my office, dedication to public service, and all that he does for Osceola County and Central Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ASHLEY HINSON

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes last week due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 519; NAY on Roll Call No. 520; NAY on Roll Call No. 521; YEA on Roll Call No. 522; NAY on Roll Call No. 523; NAY on Roll Call No. 524; NAY on Roll Call No. 525; YEA on Roll Call No. 526; NAY on Roll Call 527; YEA on Roll Call No. 528; NAY on Roll Call No. 529; and NAY on Roll Call No. 530.

HONORING JOHN WARDEN

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Mr. John Warden for his exceptional work on the House Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee as a detailee from the Institute for Defense Analysis during the second session of the 117th Congress.

John was responsible for advising on the nuclear weapons portfolio, arguably the most technically challenging and consequential area on which the Subcommittee legislates. Due to John's technical acumen and deep subject matter expertise, the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act prioritizes recapitalization of the nuclear triad, increases oversight across the DoD and NNSA weapons and warhead programs, and rightly highlights the need to continue improving and protecting our Nuclear Command, Communications, and Control architecture. I would like to also commend John on the work he did in the House-passed version of the NDAA to address the fact that the current legal requirements for plutonium pit production are unachievable, despite the language not surviving in the final bill.

Madam Speaker, as the chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee, I extend my appreciation to John for his lasting contributions to the Committee, and his work to ensure the United States maintains a safe, secure, reliable, and adequate deterrent given increased nuclear proliferation around the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GRANT WAHL

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of sports journalist and native of Kansas' Third District, Grant Wahl. Born in Mission, Kansas, Mr. Wahl epitomized everything we value in Kansas City: he was kind, curious, and welcoming to all.

While growing up in Kansas, Mr. Wahl was an Eagle Scout, a diligent student, and a devoted fan of the Kansas City Comets soccer team. This groundwork of service, intellectual curiosity, and enthusiasm for sports would serve him well throughout his life. After graduating from Shawnee Mission East High School, Mr. Wahl attended Princeton University. Once there, the Kansas City Comets fan became a Princeton Tigers fan. He not only rooted for the Princeton Tigers men's soccer team but also covered their games in the Daily Princetonian. His love of soccer grew deeper, and his coverage of the sport became richer and more nuanced. He began exploring the intersections of his lifelong interests in civics, journalism, and sports. This foundation would be crucial for the rest of his career as a sports journalist.

While today we may know Mr. Wahl as one of the premier soccer journalists in America, soccer was only one of many sports that he covered in his career. His diverse coverage of sports led to some incredible journalistic highlights—including his prescient 2002 Sports Illustrated cover piece about then-high school basketball phenom LeBron James. No matter what he wrote about or who he interviewed, Mr. Wahl treated everyone with care and respect. He spent his career promoting women's soccer and the U.S. women's national team and dedicated his life to ensuring equal rights for all, including LGBTQ+ communities. Mr. Wahl loved soccer—much like we do in Kansas City—and used his passion to connect with fans from every corner of the globe. His voice will be missed not just in American sports journalism but by everyone who cheers for the world's game.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that Grant Wahl had roots in the Kansas Third District, and I lament that his life ended so early. I send my condolences for this tragic death to Mr. Wahl's wife, Dr. Céline Gounder, his brother Eric, and all his loved ones. He leaves behind him a legacy of curiosity and compassion that we may all find light within.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAMB CENTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lamb Center for 30 years of dedication and service to some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Founded in 1992, the Lamb Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in our community who are suffering from the effects of poverty. This help takes many forms.

The Lamb Center is as a daytime drop-in shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Fairfax, Virginia. They provide a variety of services without cost to the individuals in need, including breakfast, lunch, showers, laundry service, case management, and more. The facility in Fairfax City is fitted with medical offices to provide health care services and referrals for the unhoused and uninsured. People can also receive pro bono restorative dental services on site.

Not only does the Lamb Center cover necessities like food, clothing, and hygiene, but they work to get people back on their feet and into permanent housing. One vital part of that is finding employment. Through their City Jobs program, the Lamb Center partners with the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County to create employment opportunities for individuals that meet these individuals where they are and empower them to reach their full employment potential. The program pays \$10 an hour for working 4 hours 2 days a week. The goal of the program is to help people graduate to a full-time or part time job in conjunction with housing opportunities.

For someone experiencing homelessness, knowing you are part of a community that cares and will give you the assistance necessary to get back on your feet can help ease the burden of your plight. In a county as economically prosperous as Fairfax County, it can be easy to forget there are still citizens who go without the most basic necessities. Organizations like the Lamb Center are helping to make sure that we bring everyone to the table and providing all with a path towards economic success and independence.

During my tenure as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we developed a 10 year plan to prevent and end homelessness. Due to the efforts of the Lamb Center and many other similar public-private partnerships working to meet everyone's needs, we have seen homelessness in Fairfax County decline by 35 percent since 2008.

Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Cathy Liverman, chairman of the Board, and Tara Ruszkowski, the Executive Director, as well as all the members of the Board, staff, and volunteers who have contributed their time, energy, and resources to the Lamb Center over the last 30 years. Their support is part of why Fairfax County remains 1 of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and I commend them all for their service to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Lamb Center on this tremendous anniversary.

RECOGNIZING MARINA LETSIOS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute Marina Letsios, a woman of exemplary work ethic and dedication to our country.

Marina is a powerful example of strong female leadership as a "Good Will Ambassador At Large" and member of the Euro American Women's Council (EAWC). With that title and

position, she has been recognized for her dedication to the arts and philanthropy with the EAWC Artemis Award. In Greek religion, Artemis is the Goddess of the Hunt and represents both femininity and strength.

Marina is dedicated to strengthening her community both in America and abroad. She supports survivors of domestic violence through the organization Long Island Against Domestic Violence. She helps her neighbors in need put food on their tables through Long Island Cares & Baxter's Pantry.

Marina also supports non-profits helping those with mental illness and hosts annual coat drives through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Her philanthropy stretches across the pond as a supporter of the Prince's Trust International, a charity dedicated to solely helping young people around the world unlock their potential. Marina is a citizen of the globe who knows no bounds in helping those in need.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Marina Letsios' outstanding achievements. Marina's proven success is due to her ability to create strong teams that approach each challenge strategically. Her commitment to New York, our Nation, and our globe is an example for female leaders for generations to come.