

Rafi, Dani, and Eli. Gary married Jennifer and together they had Mia, Josie, and Elliot. Rochelle's family continues to grow, with Ezra's recent engagement to Ariella. And of course, we can't forget Rochelle's love of dogs and her furry family members, past and present: Buddy, Oscar, Sunny, B.J., Cooper, Bailey, Becker, and Hercules.

Splitting time between Marco Island, Florida, in my district, and Mequon, Wisconsin, Rochelle has lived a life filled with love, friends, and family. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring an outstanding citizen, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and cherished friend, Ms. Rochelle Berman, for the inspiring life that she leads. We extend our best wishes to her as she, her family, and friends celebrate her 90th birthday.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I was not present for yesterday's roll call votes in the House, and I wish to state how I would have voted on all three bills had I been present. As a cosponsor of all three measures, I would have proudly voted in the following manner: YEA on Roll Call No. 48: H.R. 2116, the "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act"; YEA on Roll Call No. 47: H.R. 55, the "Emmett Till Antilynching Act"; and YEA on Roll Call No. 46: S. 321, the "Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal Act".

ELIJAH EISON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Elijah Eison for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Elijah Eison is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Elijah Eison is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Elijah Eison for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

### RECOGNIZING YANINA NICKLESS AS STATE OF THE UNION GUEST

### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Yanina Nickless, who is my invited guest for President Biden's 2022 State of the Union address. Yanina lives in my district, but her family is home in Ukraine fighting for their lives and for democracy amid Russian invasion.

For the past week, Vladimir Putin has attempted to violently overthrow a sovereign democracy. But it's the countless examples of courage by Ukrainians like Yanina's family that has united the free world—rallying behind democracy and against autocracy—as the Ukraine people defend their homeland. As Yanina told me, "Every day I wake up, I hope my parents wake up too. I'm staying strong for them and for my country and I believe in the USA and in the world. Thank you, Congresswoman PINGREE and President Biden, for not being silent and for supporting a democracy in Ukraine. Ukrainians will never forget."

It is truly an honor to have Yanina join me tonight as President Biden further unites our nation with his State of the Union address. Yanina and her family's heartbreaking story deserves to be heard on the global stage—joining a chorus of courage in the fight for freedom. Under President Biden's leadership, the U.S. stands firmly against Russia's unprovoked war.

### WELCOME HOME VETERANS DAY

### HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and include in the RECORD a proclamation from the County Commission of Fall River County, South Dakota, designating March 29, 2022, as "Welcome Home Veterans Day."

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 29, 2022, AS "WELCOME HOME VETERANS DAY"  
(By Fall River County Commission)

Whereas, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and

Whereas, the United States became involved in Vietnam because policymakers in the United States believed that if South Vietnam fell to a Communist government then Communism would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia; and

Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role in the South Vietnamese in 1961; and

Whereas, as a result of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on August 2, 1964, and August 4, 1964, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution on August 7, 1964, which effectively handed over war-making powers to President Johnson until such time as "peace and security" had returned to Vietnam; and

Whereas, in 1965, United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

Whereas, by the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969 a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached; and

Whereas, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

Whereas, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and

Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces, who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War, were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, it was also the first time in history America failed to welcome its veterans back as heroes; and

Whereas, the establishment of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" would be an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Hot Springs, SD, in Fall River County is known as the Veterans Town; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Fall River County Commissioners do hereby recognize March 29, 2022, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." The Fall River County Commissioners further honors and recognizes the contributions of veterans of the Armed Forces who served in Vietnam."

DESTINY BEAUMONT

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Destiny Beaumont for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Destiny Beaumont is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destiny Beaumont is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Destiny Beaumont for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY  
SERGEANT HOWARD R. BELDEN  
FOR HIS BRAVE SACRIFICE AT  
THE BATTLE OF CHOSIN RES-  
ERVOIR DURING THE KOREAN  
WAR

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of United States Army Sergeant Howard R. Belden. At the age of nineteen, Sergeant Belden gave his life in service to this nation at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. After nearly seventy-one years, Sergeant Belden's remains were accounted for on October 14, 2021.

Sergeant Belden was born in 1931 to James and Esther Belden. Shortly after the conclusion of World War II, Sergeant Belden enlisted in the Army at the age of seventeen. Two years later, he deployed to Korea as a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. On December 1, 1950, his unit was attacked by enemy forces in North Korean territory near the Chosin Reservoir. This attack occurred in the midst of a battle that would become the bloodiest seventeen days of the entire conflict. During this stretch, a massive enemy offensive comprising of over one hundred thousand Chinese communist troops forced the withdrawal of the much smaller United Nations coalition. This assault claimed the lives of at least one thousand American soldiers, including Sergeant Belden.

In the aftermath of the fighting, the Army listed Sergeant Belden as "unaccounted for" and informed his family that he was missing in action and presumed dead. Decades later, in August 2018, North Korea agreed to release the remains of fifty-five fallen American service members back to the United States. Sergeant Belden's remains were among those returned and were finally identified on October 14, 2021. To his family's relief, the Army reclassified his status to "accounted for" on that day.

In April 2022, Sergeant Belden will reach his final resting place in the Arlington National Cemetery, where he will be buried with full military honors. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I thank Sergeant Belden for his service and his sacrifice, and I am proud to honor his legacy of defending American liberty, freedom, and democracy.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER  
GEORGE O. FULENWIDER, III,  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to Commander George O. Fulenwider, III of the United States Coast Guard, to honor his long and illustrious career. Commander Fulenwider began serving in the Coast Guard in January of 1984, when he enlisted as an E1. Upon graduating from basic training in Cape May, New Jersey, Commander

Fulenwider was stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter *UTE* based out of Key West, Florida and has been serving our great nation with dedication and honor ever since. His retirement after many years of service to the United States Coast Guard is extraordinary and is a testament to his love for our country.

During his very successful career, Commander Fulenwider spent 15 years on 8 different cutters with positions including Engineering Petty Officer (EPO), Main Propulsion Assistant (MPA) and Engineering Officer (EO). During his service, Commander Fulenwider supported various Coast Guard missions including: Port and Waterway Security, Drug Interdiction, Aids to Navigation, Search and Rescue, Living Marine Resources, Marine Safety, Defense Readiness, Migrant Interdiction, Marine Environmental Protection, Ice Operations and Law Enforcement.

Throughout his career, Commander Fulenwider was either directly involved in or supported nearly every mission and operation the Coast Guard was involved in during his tenure. This includes Operation Just Cause in Panama (December 1989 to January 1990), Operation Desert Shield (August 1990 to January 1991), the Gulf War (August 1990 to February 1991), Operation Enduring Freedom/Global War on Terrorism resulting from the September 11th attacks on America's World Trade Centers (October 2001 to December 2014). In addition, Commander Fulenwider responded to the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti that killed 250,000 people and displaced thousands of survivors.

During his dedicated time of service, Commander Fulenwider quickly rose through the ranks of Seaman Recruit-Fireman (E1-E3), Machinery Technician Third Class (MK3, E4), MK2 (E5), MK1 (E6), MKC (E7), Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2), Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CWO3), Lieutenant (LT, O3E), Lieutenant Commander (LCDR, O4), and finally Commander (O5). Furthermore, the U.S. Coast Guard afforded him the opportunity to obtain his Associate of Science in Naval Engineering from Trident Technical College located in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Commander Fulenwider has received countless awards and achievements during his illustrious career. These include the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Coast Guard Commendation Medals, numerous Coast Guard Achievement medals and Commandants Letter of Commendation, The Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Coast Guard and Navy Unit Commendation amongst many more.

Currently, Commander Fulenwider is a Program Support Manager & Executive Officer at Project Resident Office Gulf Coast, assisting with the acquisition and construction of the Legend-Class National Security Cutters (NSC) at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The NSCs are the most technologically advanced ship in the Coast Guard's fleet, with capabilities for maritime homeland security, law enforcement and national security missions. The NSCs are the largest cutters in the Coast Guard fleet at 418 feet long and have a maximum speed of 28 knots with a range of 12,000 nautical miles; these cutters are equipped to carry a crew of 148 and can be out at sea for 3-6 months, projecting a U.S. presence around the globe, from the straits of Taiwan to the Black Sea.

Commander George O. Fulenwider, III will retire in Hubert, North Carolina with his high

school sweetheart and wife of 37 years, Nancy Fulenwider, who has supported his selfless career from the very beginning. The sacrifices they both have made to make this distinguishing career possible is simply admirable.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the retirement of this incredible and noble patriot and wishing Commander George O. Fulenwider, III, a happy retirement from his life of outstanding service to our country.

**AIDE SABINAS**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aide Sabinas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Aide Sabinas is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aide Sabinas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aide Sabinas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING MICHAEL HARDAT AS  
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Michael Hardat, a financial coach and youth advocate at the Financial Empowerment Center's Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families, as Iowan of the Week.

Michael is a Lifelong resident of the Des Moines metro area and a recent Iowa State University graduate. From a young age, Michael recognized that he and his family lacked the financial resources that others had. As a result, Michael began going to the Children and Family Urban Movement's programs. These programs made all the difference for Michael and helped him embrace the spirit of community support and betterment. Knowing he wanted to give back to the community, Michael began working with the Financial Empowerment Center. In his role, he has a direct hand in helping families make informed financial decisions and plan for a brighter future. During the pandemic when many families faced even greater struggles, he spoke out about how Iowans receiving the Child Tax Credit could most effectively use those funds to create positive outcomes.