

Michael has been with the Financial Empowerment Center at Evelyn K. Davis since 2018. The organization helps connect people to career goals as well as achieve financial stability through job development, career coaching, workforce training, and financial education. Many of these free services have made all the difference for our neighbors in Des Moines. Michael is also still active with the Children and Family Urban Movement (CFUM) as an adult advocate. The non-profit strives to support the potential of Des Moines youth and families through educational success, healthy living, and community engagement. Michael firmly believes in CFUM's ability to lift up the community. He began publicly advocating for the program when he was still in high school and remains passionate about how individuals can come together to help one another, regardless of where they come from.

As we celebrate Black History Month, it is my honor to recognize Michael Hardat for the amazing work he is doing for families in greater Des Moines. Michael's selfless approach and dedication to helping others succeed are some of the many reasons he is a shining example of what it means to be an Iowan and a good neighbor. I will continue to fight in Congress to ensure every American has access to quality financial education and quality community programs. It is my pleasure to name Mr. Hardat Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEITH MOSS
FOR HIS SERVICE TO DURYEA,
PENNSYLVANIA AS MAYOR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Duryea Mayor Keith Moss who retired from mayoral work in January after 20 years in office.

Keith, the son of the late George and Arlene Moss, was born and raised in Duryea, Pennsylvania along with his nine siblings. His interest in public service began as a young Boy Scout, and, at the age of 20, he joined the Germania Hose Company as a volunteer firefighter. He served the organization as president, vice president, and trustee.

Keith decided to run for Duryea council after his uncle, a councilman himself, suggested he would be a good fit for the job. In 1992, Keith ran for and was elected to Duryea Borough Council. During his time on the council, he worked closely with the Borough's police force, fostering a friendship with the late police chief Leonard Ash. It was Ash who first proposed the idea of running for mayor to Keith.

In 2001, a hallmark year for both Keith personally—he married his wife, Patricia—and for the Borough—it celebrated its centennial—he won the mayoral election. He confidently took on the office's duties of overseeing the police department, crafting the Borough budget, breaking vote ties at council meetings, and managing the Borough's public relations. In September 2011, when rain from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee flooded areas of Duryea, Keith helped his community work through the storm and its aftermath.

During his tenure as mayor, Keith worked to strengthen the sense of community in Duryea,

organizing the Borough's involvement in National Night Out to foster community-police camaraderie and the Borough's Halloween party. He worked diligently to grow the Borough's police force to four full-time officers. He also found great joy and fulfillment in performing weddings, marrying more than 500 couples during his time in office.

Keith took great pride in his mayoral work and sought to share the wisdom he acquired on the job, and also to learn from others. He served as the chair of the Pennsylvania State Mayors Association's Mayor of the Year Committee. He also regularly worked with mayors from Pittston, Hughesstown, West Pittston, and Old Forge.

In addition to his work as mayor, Keith has also been employed by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport as a maintenance firefighter. He additionally has served his community as the treasurer of the Duryea Lions Club, president of Duryea Borough Sewer Authority, vice president of the Greater Pittston Cultural Coalition, and the president of the Luzerne County National Recreation Trail, and he continues to volunteer with the Germania Hose Company. For his efforts, Keith was recognized by the Sunday Dispatch with the Joseph Saporito Jr Lifetime of Service Award.

I am honored to join with the citizens of Duryea in honoring the two-decade tenure of their beloved mayor. Keith has been a beacon of strength and stability for the Borough and has helped the community navigate a changing world. I wish Keith all the best as he begins this next phase of his life. May he continue to feel inspired to share his time and talents with his community.

RECOGNIZING MR. FERNANDO
ALANIZ

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Fernando Alaniz, a father, husband, teacher, coach, and friend who unexpectedly passed away just a few weeks ago.

An immigrant from Guadalupe, Mexico, Mr. Alaniz came to the Central Valley when he was just 5 years old, settling in Wasco. He graduated from Wasco High School in 1991, where he excelled in both football and basketball, and helped lead his team to a Valley Championship.

After receiving a scholarship to play football at McPherson College, Fernando and his wife, Christine, moved back to the Central Valley of California to begin a family. After spending time working at Delano Joint Union High School, Mr. Alaniz began a job serving his community at the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

After earning his master's degree, Fernando began teaching computer science and keyboarding classes at McFarland High School. He quickly earned the respect of both his colleagues and his students, as they saw firsthand his dedication and passion for teaching.

Not only did Mr. Alaniz demonstrate his dedication to his students in the classroom, but he also showed that same level of commitment to his players. As the McFarland High

varsity basketball coach, Fernando instilled discipline, work ethic, and integrity into his players. He was committed to helping his players succeed and showing them how to win in a humble way. Under his strong leadership, the Cougars made numerous trips to the playoffs.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of a respected, beloved, and invaluable member of our community, Fernando Alaniz.

RODRIGO HERRERA

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 Rodrigo Herrera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Rodrigo Herrera 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 Rodrigo Herrera 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 Rodrigo Herrera 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.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
DAVE KISHLER UPON HIS RE-
TIREMENT FROM NETSMART

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Dave Kishler, a Senior Industry Relations Strategist at Netsmart. The company provides health information technology solutions to tens of thousands of public and private nonprofit mental health, human services and senior service organizations throughout the United States serving millions of Americans with mental illnesses, substance use disorders and other disabilities. Dave announced his retirement from Netsmart at the end of 2021 after a rich and extremely productive 30-year career with the company.

Among many other duties, Dave was responsible for Netsmart's relationships with patient advocacy organizations and trade associations representing Community Mental Health Centers, providers of rehabilitation services for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and home care providers serving seniors. But I got to know Dave during our work together on legislative amendments to 42 CFR Part 2—a outdated federal privacy law that inhibited the sharing of clinical information for persons with major substance use disorders.

When one of the committees I serve on—the House Energy & Commerce Committee—held public hearings to examine the real-world impact of the law, Dave assisted my office and committee staff in truly understanding how “Part 2” obstructed the exchange of clinical data that made care coordination for people with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) nearly impossible. Because of his diligent efforts and the patient stories he brought to our attention, the Congress ultimately passed legislative amendments in the CARES Act that facilitated the exchange of vital information among hospitals, residential treatment centers and community-based providers. Once implemented, I am convinced that these statutory changes will save lives.

By reflecting on Dave’s career, we recognize both his enormous personal contributions as well as the tremendous value of public-private partnerships in improving the lives of our most vulnerable citizens. I thank Dave, and congratulate him on this significant milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE IN ALBANY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and currently serve at the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) in Albany, Georgia. On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, base personnel, Armed Services veterans, and local dignitaries will celebrate the facility’s 70th anniversary.

Over the last 70 years, the brave men and women who have served at MCLB, Albany have made significant contributions in defending our homeland and safeguarding our liberties.

On March 1, 1952, MCLB, Albany was commissioned as the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies. By 1954 the station was sufficiently complete with warehouses and administration buildings to assume supply support for Marines east of the Rocky Mountains and in the Atlantic area. In 1967, the base became a storage Activity and Depot Maintenance Activity.

On January 17, 1990, the Commandant of the Marine Corps designated the Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany to also be Commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases. The reorganization placed control of Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, California; Blount Island Command, Jacksonville, Florida, as well as Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany under this single command.

In 2005, the Marine Corps regionalized all installations under Marine Corps Installation Command, and the organization here was divided into a base command (MCLB Albany) and Marine Corps Logistics Command.

Over the last several decades, MCLB, Albany has provided exceptional support to the Marine Air Ground Task Forces sent to Southwest Asia. The MCLB, Albany military and civilian team’s hard work and dedication, combined with equal efforts from MCLB, Barstow and Blount Island Command have reaped out-

standing results for our Nation’s Armed Services.

In 2021, MCLB, Albany won in the Fiscal Year 2021 SECNAV Energy Excellence Award’s small installation category for its achievements in policy implementation, reductions in energy and water intensity, cybersecurity, and overall commitment to energy security planning. This vital Net Zero Initiative from MCLB, Albany reduced the energy cost aboard the installation and helped the base nearly reach its goal in FY 2020 of covering all critical building energy loads in the event of an outage by increasing its sources of on-site generation.

Madam Speaker, I have had the pleasure of traveling to many U.S. military installations around the world and the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia is one of the finest military bases I have ever had the pleasure of visiting.

Through my ongoing interaction with MCLB, Albany personnel, one of the things I have come to admire about our nation’s Marines is that their commitment to serving our country does not end once they separate from Active Duty. In their everyday life and actions off base, the personnel at MCLB, Albany have remained faithful to serving their fellow Marines, their community, and their nation. They have truly exemplified the U.S. Marine Corp’s motto, Semper Fidelis.

MCLB, Albany Marines hold themselves to a higher standard—that service to our Nation is a lifelong commitment, not just a tour of duty.

Whether it is going on to work as policemen, fire fighters, teachers, or business professionals, a MCLB, Albany Marine’s commitment to making our nation better remains at the fundamental core of what not only makes them great during their Armed Services career, but what will also make them invaluable members of our society once their military careers end and their transition into civilian life begins.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in paying tribute to the men and women who have served at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia over the last 70 years and those who currently serve today for their outstanding valor and patriotic service.

MADYLIN DICKEY

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 Madylin Dickey for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Madylin Dickey 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 Madylin Dickey 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 Madylin Dickey 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.

CELEBRATING THE 44TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE L.A. CHINATOWN FIRECRACKER RUN COMMITTEE, INC.

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor L.A. Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee, Inc. (LACFRC) on 44 years of service to the district.

LACFRC is a non-profit organization composed of a group of volunteers who donate their time and energy to organize and stage events and programs promoting healthy lifestyles, fitness, and cultural awareness to the greater Los Angeles community.

This organization hosts the annual Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K Run/Walk which is the largest and longest-running Lunar New Year charity run in the United States. Today, because of LACFRC’s dedication it has expanded its events to include a bike ride, kiddie run and paw’er dog walk.

All proceeds are reinvested into the community, in support of elementary schools and nonprofit organizations, providing services and programs to those in need. LACFRC has contributed more than \$500,000 to local elementary schools and non-profit community organizations.

Although, the pandemic prevented an in-person event this year, LACFRC has stood by its mission: “to promote health and fitness, education, cultural awareness and community involvement” by hosting virtual events.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating L.A. Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee, Inc.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICK CUNNINGHAM OXFORD

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Patrick Cunningham Oxford, of Houston, Texas. He passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at the age of 79.

Patrick was born in Beaumont, Texas, to Hubert and Virginia Oxford. He attended Catholic school in Beaumont, graduating from St. Anthony’s Catholic High School. Patrick grew up playing football and baseball and working for his father’s business, Oxford Building Material, LLC. As he got older, Patrick’s love of baseball never faded. His friends and family cherished his knowledge of the game, its history, and his ability to make analogies of many situations in life or business to the game of baseball.

Patrick and I attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a Bachelor