

even when their opinions differed from one another. It is a reminder that when we come to the table with a desire to improve and a willingness to listen, there is nothing our nation can't achieve.

Now, as we conclude the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, I am filled with unwavering confidence that this next generation of solutions-minded leaders will work towards ushering our country to greatness.

I thank every member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council for their steadfast commitment to this program and for their efforts to make our community stronger. It has been an honor to know them and serve them in Congress, and I look forward to seeing what each of them accomplish as they go forward.

Esther Abiog, Humza Ahmad, Rundransh Arora, Grant Barta, Zain Blair-Roberts, Ainsley Burkes, Neha Chand, Kaitlyn Compton, Kennedy Eagleton, Veronica Fang, Lawrence Gardner, Kendall Gee, Forest Haviland, Peyton Herbert, Victoria Hinnant, Chau Hua, Ishaan Joshi, Keeten Levin, Cassie Liu, Mansi Lohtia, Fardis Mohiuddin, Jordyn Morgan, Arshia Narula, Gikonyo Njendu, Jimmy O'Brien, Sharon Odhiambo, Shayan Parikh, Dhanish Parimalakumar, Nikolas Parker, Tyler Primeaux, Pranavi Reddi, Michael Tallman, Colin Wanek, Danielle Wang, Jedaiah Ward, Luke Yeary, Grace Zou.

#### NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL BEST IN SHOW AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sarah Siegel, Giovanni Rodriguez and Benjamin Lange for earning the Best in Show Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from the Northglenn High School built an app entitled "Pastelia Development" which is a social media app that promotes positivity.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sarah Siegel, Giovanni Rodriguez and Benjamin Lange for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF GEORGE CROUSE

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and praise the career of George Crouse, of Stonington, Connecticut.

The head coach of the Stonington High School girl's tennis team, George has recently been named a recipient for this year's Gold Key Award, a prestigious honor that celebrates icons in Connecticut athletics. As a coach at Stonington for nearly 50 years, Crouse, with the support of his athletes, has steered his teams to victory time and time again, proving his determination, work ethic, and irreplaceable coaching methods. It is no exaggeration when I say that George is a monumental pillar in not just the success of Stonington High School's tennis team, but the entire Stonington community.

A former student of the class of 1960 himself, George Crouse has represented Stonington High School and southeastern Connecticut impressively well. A truly dedicated steward to Stonington, it was not long after his graduation that he returned to Stonington High to begin his career in coaching in the fall of 1973, first as the boy's tennis coach before transitioning to the coach for the girl's team in 1987. George was also a long-time teacher at Stonington High—having racked up 37 years in the social studies department. In addition to his teaching and coaching careers, George has always sought to increase his role in supporting the Stonington community, even serving a stint as the town's first selectman. Through his numerous and renowned careers in the area, George has been an enduring force of moral fortitude for Stonington, impressing upon the town's youngest generation the value of community spirit.

George's experiences as a high school teacher and as First Selectman have helped reinforce the qualities that have made him a prodigious coach. George is kind but firm, wise but humble. He takes his students seriously and coaches them in ways that will help each succeed. His tenure and track record of well more than 800 career victories for boys' and girls' tennis are evidence enough of his natural leadership and passion for inspiring the best in others. However, his 2019 reception of the National High School Coach of the Year makes the record clear. This year's Gold Key Award is yet another well-deserved notch in his belt.

Clearly, George's legacy as a coach for the Stonington Bears is one to be emulated. His team is currently 5–0 overall and has three state championships and eight class tournament championships under its belt. For his distinguished career, the tennis courts at Stonington High have already been dedicated in his name. Even so, he remains as humble as ever; thanking his players for getting him to where he is, including his own four children—Maggie, Liz, Ann, and George.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent a district that is comprised of such hard-working and community-oriented individuals like George. As the Congressman for Stonington, I have had a chance to see up close his passion for the town and I can attest he is true public servant. A wise teacher, a confident leader, and a passionate coach, George has exemplified to his own town, our state and our Nation the boundless limits of what can be accomplished when a community sticks together. I am confident that there are very few that are more deserving of the Gold Key Award as much as George, and that he will continue to raise the bar for Stonington High School. George is joined by his wife Ann and their four

children in celebrating this major milestone for the family and the school. As he continues to make history as coach at Stonington High School, I, along with countless others, excitedly await the new milestones that he is bound to achieve. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring George Crouse for his unsurpassable coaching career, further extending the legacy of his actions.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S. ARMY SERGEANT ROY DELAUTER

#### HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the service of Sergeant Roy "Buddy" Charles DeLauter, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during the Korean War.

A resident of Smithsburg, Maryland, Sgt. DeLauter bravely answered the call to defend the values of democracy and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948.

On December 1, 1950, Sgt. DeLauter was tragically killed in action. Like many fallen service members of foreign wars, his remains could not be easily recovered and returned. For over 70 years, his family was deprived of the closure America's Gold Star families so rightly deserve.

Credit to the tireless efforts of his loved ones, Sgt. DeLauter was finally brought home this week to Hagerstown. Friday, he was given a proper burial with full military honors.

By all accounts, Sgt. DeLauter was an exemplar of the Army's core values: loyalty, duty, respect, personal courage, honor, integrity, and selfless service. To his family, the same.

We are forever indebted to Sgt. DeLauter and his family for their service to this Nation.

#### HONORING THE LIVES OF AMERICAN WORKERS

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on Workers Memorial Day to pay tribute to the workers across Ohio and America whose lives were taken from us far too soon.

Every day, hardworking truck drivers, steelworkers, teachers, postal workers, nurses, police officers, firefighters, electricians, construction workers, bus drivers, and so many more go to work to make, build, and grow America. It is through their efforts that America moves forward.

Tragically, many workers never return to their families at the end of the day. The immense void their absence leaves behind in the hearts of their loved ones and communities can never be filled.

As a society, we have a sacred obligation and a moral responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those who labor to build up America. In acting on this mission, we must support the labor unions who day in and day

out uplift the Middle Class and assure dignity for workers. We must also hold to account those whose reckless disregard endangers the lives and wellbeing of workers.

While progress has been made, there is still much more to be done. The loss of even one worker is one loss too many. Congress and the Administration must recommit itself to delivering the reforms that vigorously protect workers from harm, in every workplace across America, each and every day.

On this solemn day, may the memories of those lost be lifted up in remembrance, and may their legacies of service be cherished forevermore.

**HONORING MS. KAYING YANG ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Ms. KaYing Yang for being appointed to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders by President Joseph R. Biden. On February 14, 2022, Ms. Yang was sworn in as one of 25 commissioners, bringing a variety of personal and professional experience and expertise to the President's commission.

The daughter of May Yia Yang, a farm girl, and Chia Chu Yang, who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the CIA's Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) during the Secret War in Laos, Ms. Yang was among the first Hmong women to graduate from college in the United States in the mid-1980s. She earned her B.A. in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. For more than two decades, Ms. Yang has been a passionate advocate for social justice who has built and led campaigns to address community issues locally, nationally and globally including her very important work to support gender equity, education opportunity, and advocacy for refugee families.

When she was just 25 years old, Ms. Yang became the executive director of the Women's Association of Hmong and Lao (WAHL), one of the first two women's organizations founded by Hmong-American women in Minnesota. Later she served as executive director of the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), the oldest national advocacy organization for refugees who resettled in the United States from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam after 1975. During this time Ms. Yang worked with various international development groups in Laos including the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to resettle 15,000 Hmong refugees to the United States and other countries, and later aided Karen refugees with resettlement on the Thai-Burma border.

In 2008, she began working for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to advance policies to improve the investment climate for private sector investment in Laos. While in Laos, she founded the first Hmong women's organization to ensure development resources

reached minority women and people who moved from remote areas to urban areas.

After her return to Minnesota, Ms. Yang worked for the Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL), and led a broad cross-racial coalition to pass the All Kids Count Act in Minnesota in 2016, a bill which requires that students' ethnicity be included in data collected to enable policy makers to direct resources to the most impacted communities. She was also instrumental to passing legislation in 2017 that created a nonprofit grant program for small nonprofits led by leaders of color that serve historically underserved communities.

Ms. Yang and her fellow commissioners advise the President on ways the public, private, and non-profit sectors can work together to advance equity and opportunity for every AANHPI community. The Commission also advises on policies to address anti-Asian hate, xenophobia and violence—timely work given the recent rise in violence against our Asian-American neighbors. Further, they will find ways to build capacity in AANHPI communities through federal grantmaking and policies to address barriers facing AANHPI women, LGBTQ+ people, and people with limited English proficiency and disabilities.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the phenomenal work Ms. KaYing Yang and congratulating her on this appointment to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Since finding refuge with her family in America at the age of 7, Ms. Yang has exhibited outstanding devotion to improving the lives of members of the Hmong and Asian-American communities.

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL A. FINNEY, PRESIDENT, AND CEO OF THE MIAMI-DADE BEACON COUNCIL**

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Michael A. Finney. Michael was a pillar in the business community in Miami-Dade County and known around the country for his ability to conduct business and spur economic growth. On a personal level, Michael was a dear friend and I will always cherish the time we spent together and the projects that we worked on for the people of Miami-Dade County during my tenure as Mayor. Lourdes and I send our prayers to his wife and children, Gina, Michael Jr., Marcus, and Austin.

Known by many as an "intellectual," Michael was brilliant, and more importantly, a deeply caring person. He dedicated his life to serving communities from his time in Michigan to his time in Miami-Dade County. One of his many initiatives, Miami Community Ventures, sought to help individuals from low-income neighborhoods and pair them with employers to help them earn a living wage. This is just one example of how Michael wanted to bring economic prosperity to everyone he could reach.

Michael was an incredible businessman and embodied the American entrepreneurial spirit. He helped navigate the largest municipal re-

structuring of debt in the United States during his time in Michigan and played a key role in Miami-Dade's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although he was not an elected official, he was truly a public servant.

The Miami-Dade County community will mourn the loss of Michael A. Finney; husband, father, grandfather, friend, and businessman.

**GOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nia Napuli, Kyra Jordan, Berlin Sandberg, and Vanessa Haggard for earning the Rookie of the Year Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from Golden High School built an app entitled "Peridos" to assist and provide a safe space for female students to track their menstrual cycles as well as include other helpful resources and information for its users.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nia Napuli, Kyra Jordan, Berlin Sandberg, and Vanessa Haggard for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would apply the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 (DCHRA) to employees of the local D.C. courts and of the D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS). In February, the D.C. Court of Appeals held in *Robertson v. District of Columbia* that the DCHRA, which protects employees of the D.C. government and of private employers from discrimination, does not apply to employees of the local D.C. courts. The court has not ruled on the applicability of the DCHRA to PDS employees.

The local D.C. courts and PDS are unique entities, and they sometimes fall through the regulatory cracks. They are neither federal nor D.C. government entities, though both were created and are funded by Congress, and their employees are treated as federal employees for some employee benefits. This bill