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Please join me in recognizing the numerous contributions of the Cody Rouge Community Alliance on behalf of Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING THE 18TH INTERNATIONAL VEENA FESTIVAL

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the Sri Annamacharya Project of North America (SAPNA), along with Veena Council Global, in commemoration of the 18th International Veena Festival. SAPNA was conceived as the Saint Annamacharya Project USA by Dr. Sriram and Mrs. Saradapurna Sonty in 1989.

The International Veena Festival presents over 50 Saraswathi Veenas—an ancient Indian string instrument originating in Vedic times and referenced in Vedic Scripture from thousands of years ago. Veena music is known to bring about spiritual healing, a feeling of communion, and a connection with a higher power.

Through the International Veena Festival, SAPNA seeks to sustain classical music; to promote innovative music traditions on a global stage; and to foster friendship, peace, harmony, and universal understanding through music in today's turbulent times.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the work of SAPNA to honor the cultural heritage of more than 4 million Indian-Americans, uplift traditional Indian artists, and bridge cultural divides through music.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to commend several exceptional leaders from Indiana who will be honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2022. This year's inductees include Brian Boomsma, Napoleon Branford III, Debbie and David Cook, and Fritz Olthof. In addition, Tri-State Industries will be presented the Enterprise of the Year Award. For their outstanding contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, these honorees will be commended at the 15th Annual Induction Ceremony on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. The Honorable Eric Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, will serve as the keynote speaker for this special event.

Brian Boomsma is the president of Dutch Farms, Inc., which was founded in 1987 by

Brian and his brother, Bruce. In the beginning, Dutch Farms sold farm fresh eggs to local grocery stores and markets throughout the Chicagoland area. Over time, the company expanded its product line to include dairy, meat, juice, baked goods, and more. Today, the family-owned business operates out of a 400,000 square foot campus in the Pullman District of Chicago. Under the remarkable leadership of Brian, Dutch Farms currently distributes its products in 40 States and 15 countries. Dutch Farms is committed to giving back to the community through its support of various organizations, including food banks, youth groups, veterans' groups, and soup kitchens.

Napoleon Branford III is a Northwest Indiana native hailing from East Chicago. Napoleon is a graduate of East Chicago Roosevelt High School and played on the celebrated Rough Riders basketball team that won the State title in 1970. For this accomplishment, Napoleon was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Later in life, Napoleon established and led the successful investment and banking firm, Siebert Branford Shank & Co., LLC, and served as its chairman from 1998 to 2016. Currently, he is chairman and CEO of his own company, NBIII Entertainment. He is also one of the chief financial strategists for Team Harris, LLC. Napoleon has given of his time and efforts to numerous charitable organizations and foundations throughout his lifetime including, but not limited to, the California Healthcare Foundation, the Boy Scouts of America, and the American Heart Association.

Dave and Debbie Cook are the founders of Hoosier Bat Company, located in Valparaiso, Indiana. Dave Cook worked as a scout for the New York Yankees, and during that time, he observed players struggling to transition from using aluminum bats to wooden bats. Seeing the need and the opportunity, Dave painstakingly created a patented design, a durable wood bat that helped to ease this transition. In 1991, Dave and Debbie founded Hoosier Bat Company, which they continue to operate and grow today. The company sells its bats throughout the United States and worldwide. Hoosier Bat Company caters to all levels of the game, from Little League to the major leagues, and they have made bats for many successful Major League Baseball players. The Cooks are involved in numerous charitable endeavors, and they continue to donate bats to events and organizations that give back to the community.

Fritz Olthof is the founder of Olthof Homes, which he established in 1961. Fritz learned the basics of building a strong work ethic at a young age, which he credits to his upbringing and his father, in particular. Fritz's first project was a seven-flat building in Lansing, Illinois, and he moved full steam ahead from that moment on. Currently, Olthof Homes is based in Saint John, Indiana, and has an office in Indianapolis as well. Olthof Homes continues to grow and expand building new home communities throughout Northwest Indiana, Northeast Indiana, and Central Indiana. Fritz is proud to have all four of his sons and his grandson working for the business. The company has been proud of their dedication to support local charitable organizations, including the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and Habitat for Humanity, to name a few.

The recipient of the Enterprise of the Year Award is Tri-State Industries, a steel manufacturing and fabrication company based in Ham-

mond, Indiana. The company was founded in 1980 by Don Keller and initially made industrial pipe glides and slides. Today, the company is a contract manufacturer for large entities in the railcar, construction, and mobile trailer industries across Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Additionally, the Keller family founded Tri-State Automation, a business that advances the use of robotics in manufacturing. This truly innovative technology produces robots that weld, haul materials, and serve other customized industrial functions.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending these dedicated leaders and organizations upon their induction into the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. For their influence, innovation, and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the inductees are worthy of the highest praise.

2022 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young student from my Congressional District, Lillian Spencer from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School.

Ms. Spencer is the winner of the 2022 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

Ms. Spencer's artwork, an acrylic painting entitled "Surmount," was selected from a number of outstanding entries in this year's competition.

In fact, 27 works from 8 different schools in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists.

It is a real tribute to Ms. Spencer's skill and vision that their work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition.

I should add that Ms. Spencer took second place in this competition last year with a color pencil composition entitled "Seeing Eye to Eye."

Ms. Spencer's artwork will represent the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Spencer's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel.

It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Hanna Paras from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded second place for their acrylic painting entitled "Self-Healing."

Rebecca Carter from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School received third place for their photograph entitled "Refracted."

Naomi Davis from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded fourth place for their artwork entitled "Monster Pen Drawing."

Brynn Campbell from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded fifth place for their acrylic on reused canvas composition entitled "Reflecting on Winterburn."

This year, I displayed all of the entries in the art competition at the Braddock Carnegie Library and encouraged the public to choose their favorite work of art.

"Self Portrait," a pen and marker composition by Benjamin Kefalos from Woodland Hills High School, received the most votes and was given the "People's Choice" award.

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Cameron Petrosky, from East Allegheny Jr./Sr. High School; Mia Mace, from South Allegheny High School; and Eva August, from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition:

from East Allegheny Jr./Sr. High School, Marley Green, Samantha Hallick, Jax Jurisic, Casey Kapa, Gabrielle Miller, Cameron Petrosky, and Kalea Slaby;

from Pittsburgh CAPA, Farhaanah Ahmad Ali, Eva August, Brynn Campbell, Rebecca Carter, Valentina Chiriatti, Naomi Davis, Lillian Spencer, Hannah Paras, Raisa Suhrbier, and Alexia Tsoukalas;

from Propel Braddock Hills High School, Raevin Fletcher, Thai George, and Ranya Watkins;

from South Allegheny High School, Mia Mace;

from South Fayette High School, Kira Perna;

from Thomas Jefferson High School, Gina Cocuzzi;

from West Mifflin Area High School, Emily Seech and Gianna Guerra;

and from Woodland Hills High School, Makhiya Easley and Benjamin Kefalos.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talent, imagination, and creativity.

The efforts these talented students have put into expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are deeply inspiring.

I hope that all of them will continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all great success in their future endeavors.

HONORING JACK KOLB-WILLIAMS OF THE GARAGE

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Jack Kolb-Williams of The Garage. Jack's dedication to his community in Burnsville is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

The Garage has supported small, local artists of all ages throughout the Second Congressional District and Minnesota for more than two decades. They provide an important creative and cultural space for the community for all ages to enjoy local music.

Small businesses like The Garage are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Jack is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

HONORING SAMUEL BRUCE, JR.

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation honoring the life of Samuel Bruce, Jr.

Whereas, on behalf of the Congress of the United States and the United States of America, want the family of Samuel Bruce, Jr. to know that we all mourn the passing of a talented young man. We recognize him as a beloved member of our South Florida community and extend our deepest condolences.

Whereas, Bruce, helped the Raiders win back-to-back state titles in high school, amassing more than 1,300 receiving yards and 21 touchdowns. He later signed with the Hurricanes of the University of Miami to further his education in the state he loved.

Whereas, Sam Bruce became a giant in our community, we now honor his memory and the hard work and determination he stood for. As he demonstrated throughout his life, we all need to be more like him and wear our hearts on our shelves.

SUPPORTING H.R. 3525, THE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE ACT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3525, the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act.

I am proud to represent a district that is home to hundreds of thousands of Asian Pacific Americans with the largest concentration of Vietnamese-Americans in the country. For years, I've seen firsthand how our Asian Pacific American community embodies the American experience. That is why, as chairperson of the Committee on House Administration, I convened hearing in 2020 to examine a previous version of this bill. It is also why, during this Congress, I have worked to ensure this bill made it to the House Floor for a vote.

During our 2020 hearing, witnesses testified to the troubling lack of knowledge of Asian Pacific American history and culture among American students and associated that lack of knowledge with a shortage of exposure, rather than with a shortage of Asian Pacific American contributions to the Nation. For example, witnesses noted—among many other startling datapoints—only 3 percent of sites in the Na-

tional Register of Historic Places are associated with Asian Pacific American history, and studies of U.S. history textbooks show a shocking lack of content on Asian Pacific Americans. This is disconcerting, as Asian Pacific Americans have been in the United States since the early 19th century and, today, are the fastest growing demographic in the country. Asian-Americans built the Transcontinental Railroad and much of our Nation's agricultural infrastructure, fought in the Civil War, helped lead the fight for farmworkers' rights and made key breakthroughs in atomic science and more.

Unfortunately, notwithstanding all the ways in which Asian Pacific Americans have strengthened the United States, the community has repeatedly been subject to cruelty. From the Chinese Exclusion Act and Japanese internment to the spike of racism and violence we have all witnessed over the past several years, America must do better by the Asian Pacific American community. We must do everything we can to honor the history and culture of Asian-Americans. I can think of few better ways to do that than a museum dedicated to their story. By establishing a commission to study the potential creation of an Asian Pacific American museum, we will be taking a meaningful step toward achieving that goal.

I strongly support H.R. 3525 and encourage my colleagues to do so as well.

HONORING SENATOR AND DIPLOMAT ROBERT C. KRUEGER

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former U.S. Ambassador and Senator Robert C. Krueger, who passed away on April 30, 2022, at the age of 86.

Born September 19, 1935, in New Braunfels, Texas, Krueger earned degrees from Southern Methodist University, Duke, and Oxford. His passion for education would play an integral role in his professional life, and he spent most of his career in academia—first as a professor of English literature and later teaching government and ethics—at Duke University, the University of Texas at Austin, Rice University, Oxford University, Texas State University, and Texas Tech University.

In 1974, the people of Texas's 21st Congressional District elected Krueger to be their U.S. Representative, and he was voted after his first term as the most effective freshman Member. Furthermore, in 1976, he was the only other Texan to stand and speak in support of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan's amendment to the 1965 Voting Rights Act. As the late Congresswoman said, "He believed that democracy includes everybody." After two terms in the House, Krueger was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to serve as U.S. Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Mexican Affairs. He remained in that role through the end of the Carter Presidency.

In 1990, Texas voters elected Krueger to the Texas Railroad Commission, a powerful entity that regulates oil and gas. Two years later, Texas Governor Ann Richards appointed him to fill the vacant Senate seat left by Senator Lloyd Bentsen. In the Senate, Krueger introduced anti-stalking legislation, and would