

friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARGO
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARIE NEWMAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the critical work by the Argo Community High School administration to promote equity in their school. Argo Community High School is making history by erecting a bronze sculpture honoring the life and work of Mamie Till, the mother of Emmett Till and a graduate of Argo Community High School. Mamie Till's brave decision to hold an open casket funeral following the brutal lynching of her son provided a spark for the civil rights movement and brought lynching to the forefront of social conversation.

Argo Community High School's efforts to implement this project will serve as a road map for other communities to infuse equity in education. Through collaboration with individuals such as Reverend Wheeler Parker and Ollie Gordon, Emmett Till's cousins, to design the sculpture, Argo Community High School has incorporated the surrounding community into their project. Additionally, students have been an integral part of the process, and are currently documenting stories of living Till family members as well as community members who knew Mamie and Emmett Till. I am proud of Argo Community High School's leadership to uplift our civil rights heroes as we educate the next generation of American leaders.

I commend the Argo Community High School administration for educating their students about our nation's history through the Mamie Till Memorial Sculpture. This sculpture will serve as a catalyst for immediate and continued education of students at Argo Community High School as well as members of the Argo-Summit community around the issues of social justice and civil rights. I thank Dr. William Toullos and Dr. Brandon Cotter for their leadership and am honored to have such outstanding educators in my district.

HONORING DR. MARIA ELOISA
ALBAY DE PADUA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Maria Eloisa Albay de Padua, MD, is the longest-serving physician in Central Florida Health Care, a non-profit federally qualified community health care center.

After finishing her education in the Philippines, Dr. de Padua immigrated to the United States of America and did her residency at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo. After learning about CFHC's mission to help

migrant workers and the underserved 27 years ago, Dr. de Padua joined and never looked back.

Going into medicine to help the sick and the most vulnerable, Dr. de Padua considered CFHC the perfect place to realize her dreams. Initially, she worked as a pediatrician for the Frostproof, Wauchula, and Avon Park Community Health Centers. Then, as CFHC began growing, Dr. de Padua helped start several other facilities by being one of the first providers in the Dundee, Mulberry, Lakeland, and Winter Haven Community Health Centers.

As a pediatrician, Dr. de Padua treats sick children from birth to age 18. Her focus is on helping children stay healthy by ensuring they get their well checks and immunizations promptly. Having served the community for 27 years, Dr. de Padua now has former patients who are parents, bringing their children to see her as patients.

For Dr. de Padua, her greatest reward as a pediatrician is to see her patients grow from newborns to young students to college graduates who then move on to become contributing members of society.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S.-QATAR
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, MAY
24, 2022

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Qatar, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate both the United States and Qatar on the strong and deep-rooted relationship that has developed since the two countries established diplomatic relations fifty years ago.

The bond between our two countries has never been stronger, thanks to our enduring partnership to address regional and global challenges. Bilateral cooperation between the U.S. and Qatar on trade, investment, climate change, education, humanitarian assistance, cultural exchanges and security collaboration have been expanded in recent years.

This was underscored at the White House earlier this year when President Joe Biden hosted His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani. In his welcoming remarks on January 31, 2022, President Biden declared: "Qatar is a good friend, and a reliable and capable partner."

He reflected on the "fifty years of partnership." Specifically, he said, "this past year, our partnership with Qatar has been central to many of our most vital interests: relocating tens of thousands of Afghans; maintaining stability in Gaza and providing lifesaving assistance to the Palestinians; keeping pressure on ISIS and deterring threats across the Middle East; and a lot more."

Our countries worked hand-in-hand on many vital priorities, such as the evacuating vulnerable Afghans under Taliban rule. The Qataris played a role that can never be forgotten, by helping to evacuate and process thousands of Afghans to Al Udeid Air Base. Additionally, in May of last year, the Qataris played a crucial role in negotiating a ceasefire between Israel and Gaza. We all must acknowledge the critical role Qatar plays in stabilizing the world and saving countless lives.

As a Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I was very encouraged to see both President Biden and the Amir welcome the signing of a \$20 billion deal between Boeing and Qatar Airways. This is one of the largest deals that Boeing aircraft has ever had. It will support manufacturing jobs at Boeing, General Electric and hundreds of other suppliers across the U.S. and in Qatar.

The highlight of our partnership is the designation of Qatar as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA). Since Qatar already is home to the Al Udeid base, which is the largest in the region, and the CENTCOM regional headquarters, the new designation serves to reinforce the existing security partnership between our two countries.

It is important to note that the U.S.-Qatar relationship encompasses far more than strategic cooperation. Our two nations have developed cultural partnerships designed to promote intellectual and intercultural dialogue, and build bridges between our countries.

In addition, there are student exchanges from both nations, so that American students are able to study in Qatar, while Qatari students are welcomed in the United States.

Economic ties between Qatar and the U.S. have flourished over the last 50 years. The U.S. is Qatar's largest foreign direct investor and second largest source of imports while Qatar also has invested billions of dollars in the U.S. leading to the creation of thousands of jobs in this country.

The year marking the fiftieth anniversary of U.S. relations with Qatar began with the meeting between President Biden and Amir al-Thani. It will end on another particularly eventful occasion when Qatar hosts the 2022 FIFA World Cup. It is an incredible accomplishment that an event of such international significance will be held in Qatar.

I am proud to continue working with our Qatari allies in strengthening a lasting relationship that benefits both the America people and our Qatari friends across the world. Congratulations to us both.

HONORING MR. CLAUDE BROWN OF
THE UAW ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of a resolute union organizer who has devoted his life to social justice and advocacy, Mr. Claude Brown.

Claude was born on May 27, 1922, in the small town of Columbia, Tennessee. He faithfully served his country in the United States Army from 1943 until 1946. One decade later, on November 5, 1956, Claude began a new chapter of service when he was hired at The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Local 652 in Lansing, Michigan.

Claude dedicated 31 years of his life to working at UAW Local 652, where he served as the first Civil Rights Committee Chairman. As Chairman, Claude played an essential role in advocating for historic legislation such as

Medicare, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Employee Retirement Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act. Claude dedicated his career to advocating for health care and pension benefits for retirees, policies to address the impacts of climate change, robust workplace health and safety standards, and better safety net protections like unemployment insurance laws.

Claude has set an inspirational precedent for his successors while also inspiring his colleagues, community, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. Today, I want to honor Claude for his service and commitment to the UAW, and to celebrate the longevity of his life and the immense impact he has had on the Lansing community over the past century.

May we honor Claude for his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to fight for fair wages, benefits, and better working conditions for workers in Michigan and across this great nation. May these words stand as an enduring tribute to his many years of dedicated service.

COMPLETE CARE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending the

grand opening of the Complete Care Adult and Specialty Medical Professionals health center and corporate office in Bridgeton, South Jersey. The Complete Care Health Network began in 1973 as the Community Health Improvement Plan. Since then, Complete Care has grown to become the leading community health center in the state of New Jersey with a multitude of locations throughout Gloucester, Cumberland, and Cape May counties. The mission of the health center is to improve lives by providing convenient, comprehensive, high-quality healthcare to every community they serve. Complete Care Health Center truly does provide affordable and accessible care to the people of South Jersey. God Bless the employees and leaders of the Complete Care Health Network, and God Bless America.

**RECOGNIZING CHIEF WES
HENSLEY**

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Wes Hensley on his retirement from the Tulare Police Department after 31 years of service.

Chief Hensley began his service to the Central Valley in 1984, starting as a police officer in the Visalia Police Department. Throughout

his career, he has held multiple positions in different departments and sheriff's offices. Over his three decades of service to his community, Chief Hensley climbed the ranks, achieving the positions of Corporal, Sergeant, Captain, and finally Chief of Police.

Under his leadership, Chief Hensley has led the Tulare Police Department through unprecedented challenges, maintaining the respect and credibility of the Tulare Police throughout the community. His presence at the helm of the Department has been critical in advancing the goals of his officers and ensuring the safety of the community for all.

Chief Hensley's dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence has been an incredible model for all those who will follow him. His presence will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Chief Wes Hensley for his lifetime of service to the Central Valley and congratulating him on his recent retirement.