

GIANNA TREXLER

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Gianna Trexler was nominated to receive an Olympiad Award at the event. Gianna is an early college high school student who recently graduated from Rowan College with an associate degree in Liberal Arts. In addition to her liberal arts studies, she is also a biomedical sciences academy student. Gianna is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Science National Honor Society. While at Cumberland Regional High School, she was a member of multiple clubs and also was a "senior mentor," who helped underclassmen with the transition from middle school into high school. Additionally, Gianna was a part of the field hockey and tennis teams and earned varsity letters in softball and swimming. She was awarded with a Presidential Merit Scholarship from Delaware Valley University, where she will continue her studies in Large Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary medicine, as well as play softball. Gianna should be proud of her many accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. God Bless Gianna, and God Bless our America.

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
JON BOUGHTIN**

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Jon Boughtin, the long-serving and committed member of the New Dem family.

Jon is leaving Capitol Hill this month after working for more than a decade in public service, including for Rep. Bill Owens, Rep. Lincoln Davis, and the New Democrat Coalition under Chairs SUZAN DELBENE and DEREK KILMER. Jon's meaningful member engagement will leave a lasting impact on the Coalition for years to come.

As New Dems, we have 98 members focused on advocating for common sense policies to grow our economy, educate our kids, and lift up Americans from every walk of life. We cut across the gridlock and political division to deliver real solutions to some of the toughest challenges facing American families. The work is hard and unrelenting, but Jon faced every challenge with optimism and integrity. Our members are better for having worked with Jon for the last five years.

More important than his daily work, Jon was a kind colleague to his peers and a dedicated advocate for all Americans throughout his career. His presence at the New Democrat Coalition will be sorely missed.

On behalf of our entire Coalition, I want to thank Jon for his hard work and wish him and his family nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DALE GRINNELL FOR  
HIS DEDICATION TO SERVING  
THE FORT ANN COMMUNITY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Grinnell for his years of service to Fort Ann. Dale has spent his entire life selflessly serving his community without ever expecting any thanks in return.

Dale was born in Glen Falls, New York and grew up working on his family's two hundred and fifty head farm, Wilbur Grinnell and Sons Dairy Farm. In 1965, he moved to Fort Ann and began working at Finch-Pruyn Paper in Glens Falls. After thirty-five years, Dale retired from the paper mill and continued to focus his attention on serving his community.

Dale is a deacon at the Cornerstone Bible Church in Fort Ann. He has also managed the church's food pantry for many years and takes great pride in ensuring food gets to those in need. He coordinates deliveries of this food and will deliver it himself if he is unable to find a volunteer. Dale and his wife worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep the food pantry open to ensure that everyone safely received the assistance they needed.

In addition to his work with the Cornerstone Bible Church, Dale serves his community in many other roles. Preserving the incredible history of Washington County has consistently been a top priority for Dale. He is the administrator of historical markers at the Washington County Historical Society. In 2007, he contributed to the Fort Ann historical book, "300 Years of History," and he serves as the vice president of the Fort Ann Historical Society. Dale was actively involved in preserving Battle Hill and assisted in obtaining grants for the project.

Dale's dedication to preserving and improving the Fort Ann community cannot be understated. As Washington County honored him for his service in his community for Older Americans Month, I am proud to thank Dale for his commitment to serving the Fort Ann community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Dale for his incredible life of service.

IN HONOR OF REVOLUTIONARY  
WAR VETERANS SERGEANT BEN-  
JAMIN WOODRUFF AND COR-  
PORAL JOSIAH CUTLER AS THEY  
RECEIVE PLAQUES IN ANN AR-  
BOR'S FOREST HILL CEMETERY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Revolutionary War Veterans Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff and Corporal Josiah Cutler on the occasion of the laying of a plaque in their honor at Forest Hill Cemetery located in Ann Arbor, Michigan by the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember two men who served their country

during the Revolutionary War. Their service to our nation at the time of its birth is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff first enlisted in the Continental Army as a drummer in 1776. He later enlisted as a Sergeant in the New Jersey Militia and served in this position for the remainder of the war. During his time in the army, Sergeant Woodruff fought in the battles of Elizabethtown, Springfield, and at Acquackanonk. He died in Pittsfield Township, Michigan in 1837 at the age of 92.

Corporal Josiah Cutler was a native of Brookfield, Massachusetts. Beginning in 1778, he served for four years and 10 months in the Continental Army until he was honorably discharged in 1784. While enlisted, Corporal Cutler fought at Battle of Kingsbridge and stormed the redoubt at Yorktown under General Lafayette. In 1840, at age 78, Cutler moved to Pittsfield Township, Michigan where he died a couple months later.

Both Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff and Corporal Josiah Cutler are remembered for their honorable military service and dedication to our nation. They are just a few of the native and adopted Michiganders who fought for our country during the revolution. It is important for us to honor the veterans of community who fought for the freedom of our nation, a value we continue to hold dear today. There is no better moment to recognize these veterans than on the upcoming anniversary of our nation. We are thankful for the path these soldiers laid out for past, present, and future Americans over two centuries ago.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the honorable men Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff and Corporal Josiah Cutler as they are memorialized in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We join with Americans everywhere in extending our thanks to the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their work remembering these important men. Today and every day, we honor the brave patriots we lost in the fight for our independence. We are grateful for their military service and their willingness to fight for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

ANGEL SMITH

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Angel Smith of Bridgeton High School was nominated to receive the Olympiad Student Athlete Award at the event. Angel is a committed student-athlete, who earned varsity letters in basketball, cross country, and football. Additionally, he was named First Team All-Conference in basketball for both his junior and senior year seasons. As well as his athletic achievements, Angel excelled in academics. He will continue both his academic and athletic career in the fall at Rowan College where he will study engineering technology and play basketball. Angel truly led by example at Bridgeton High School, and I wish

him the best of luck at Rowan College. God Bless Angel, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN WITHERS  
OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

**HON. KATIE PORTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Withers of Irvine, California. Mr. Withers served as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors from June 2021 to June 2022.

During his tenure, Mr. Withers led the work of the Orange County Sanitation District's Board of Directors, providing high quality water treatment services for over two million Orange County residents and protecting our fragile coastal ecosystems from wastewater pollution. Under his watch, the Orange County Sanitation District has served as a model for other communities throughout the Nation that are facing climate resiliency challenges.

Despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Withers oversaw the implementation and initiation of multiple public works projects. One of the most impressive projects was the construction of a new headworks facility, which serves as the nervous system of a well-functioning wastewater treatment process. These efforts will improve the service capabilities of the wastewater treatment plant and the resiliency of the facility's electrical system, resulting in fewer power disruptions and better safeguards. This ambitious project will provide Orange County with the necessary infrastructure to better manage the harms brought on by climate change and create good paying jobs.

PFAS, a group of man-made chemicals that are harmful to human health, are a serious threat to our drinking water. I am thankful for the Orange County Sanitation District's commitment to developing solutions to address this issue and help protect families. Mr. Withers understood the need to protect public health through the development of innovative technologies that keep our water safe by treating and removing these chemicals. His work has served as a catalyst to promote accessible and cost-efficient PFAS treatment.

I am proud to honor Mr. Withers and thank him for his years of service on the Orange County Sanitation District's Board of Directors and for his successful work as the board's Chairman.

RECOGNIZING JON BOUGHTIN

**HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Jon Boughtin, a dedicated staffer for the New Democrat Coalition.

Jon departs Capitol Hill this month after working for more than a decade in public service, but his legacy of strong member engagement and meaningful relationships with staff,

members, and outside stakeholders alike will not soon be forgotten.

The New Dems occupy an important place within the Democratic Caucus. We are the center of gravity in the House Democratic Caucus, the majority makers, and forward-thinking policymakers. None of our work would be possible without a strong support system for our members and staff. Jon worked tirelessly to support the New Dems, helping them make a meaningful and lasting legislative impact in the House of Representatives. Jon developed relationships with countless external experts and organizations, which was essential for New Dems to "get stuff done," as we often like to say. One thing we heard over and over from New Dem members and staff was, "Jon always came in at the right time with the right advice before I even knew I needed it." This level of instinct and intellect is a rare combination.

New Dems are known for working across the ideological spectrum and with anyone who is willing to come to the table to get things done. But more than that, we've also become a home for thoughtful, measured leaders who have had enough of the shouting and division that too often defines our politics. Jon helped foster this spirit of collaboration and cooperation. Because of his relationships and thoughtful, smart work, New Dems have been able to deliver meaningful policy solutions that put kitchen-table issues at the center of the political debate.

Jon embodied the New Dem spirit as a selfless public servant and pragmatic policy advocate throughout his career. As the Chair of our 98-Member Coalition, I thank Jon for his service, both past and future, and wish him and his family all the best.

RYAN MATHIS

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the honor of attending Ryan Mathis' Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Ryan graduated from Cape May County Technical High School last year and was a part of their welding program, where he became a certified welder. He achieved his Eagle Scout rank as a part of Cape May Court House Troop 65. For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan built a flag box for retired American flags. He designed the box himself and created it from a sheet of steel, utilizing his welding skills. Ryan placed the retired flag box at the American Legion in Cape May Court House. Ryan should be proud of his project and his service to Cape May Court House and the entire South Jersey community. I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors. God Bless Ryan, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 12

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 12, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. Since its founding on June 26, 1922, Post 12 has made countless contributions to our community.

Over the years, Post 12 has been a fierce advocate for veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and our children and youth. These Four Pillars of the American Legion serve as a guiding light for the organization and pervade all aspects of Post 12's philanthropic work.

Composed of service members, veterans, and military families, Post 12 represents the best our nation has to offer. I am proud to represent a district that has a strong military presence and is home to some of the bravest patriots in the country. Not only did these men and women serve our country while in uniform, but they also continue to give back to our community's robust veteran population.

Post 12 ensures our men and women in uniform have the resources and support they need throughout and after their service through local advocacy and assistance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Furthermore, Post 12 serves as a community leader in Graves Registration by assisting concerned parties locate veterans' gravesites and maintaining a burial lot for kinless servicemen. It is also a principal sponsor for many community service initiatives and youth academic scholarships.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt gratitude to American Legion Post 12 for their century of service. The exemplary men and women of Post 12 are the heart and soul of our community and I wish them continued success in their service going forward.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 12.

BASE ACCESS PRIVILEGES  
IMPROVEMENT ACT

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Base Access Privileges Improvement Act," which would standardize and streamline access to military installations for designated support personnel across the nation. I thank my colleague Congressman DONALD NORCROSS (D-NJ) for his support as the bill's original cosponsor.

Every day, civilian workers access military bases to provide services, transport goods, or conduct job fairs for departing service members or military spouses. Unfortunately, from state to state—or even installation to installation—there are different standards for unescorted civilian access set by the service