

of celebration. I am confident that the Greenwich High School softball team will continue to be a competitive force for many years to come.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the Greenwich Witches on their incredible 2022 season culminating in a state championship win. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication throughout this year.

HONORING BLOUNT MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Blount Memorial Hospital.

Blount Memorial Hospital first opened its doors on July 24, 1947, thanks to members of the community who worked together to make it a reality. They named the hospital in honor of the brave Blount County citizens who served our country, those who died or went missing in the line of duty, and those who continue to serve today.

For over seven decades, Blount Memorial Hospital grew and expanded its ability to provide care to East Tennesseans. In 2019, the hospital joined the Mayo Clinic network and gained access to research, diagnostic, and treatment resources that allow Blount Memorial to provide better care to every patient that walks through its doors.

Today, Blount Memorial Hospital is nationally recognized for its heart attack and stroke care, and currently has fifteen facilities in two counties that treat hundreds of thousands of patients each year. Residents of Blount County also benefit economically from the hospital's presence, since Blount Memorial Hospital contributes roughly 15 to 20 percent of the county's economy, employs over 2,500 local citizens, and has—over the past 10 years—provided over \$400 million in charity and uncompensated care for folks in our community.

For 75 years, Blount Memorial Hospital and its employees have valiantly served the citizens of Blount County while forging lasting relationships with the community. It is my honor to recognize them on this historic anniversary.

HONORING THE HABEMATOLEL
POMO TRIBE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Tribe on the 10th anniversary of the opening of their Running Creek Casino in Lake County, California.

The people of the Habematolel Pomo Tribe have ancient origins in Lake County. Following the arrival of Europeans, the Pomo were the targets of repeated efforts of genocide, either through systemic violence or forced assimilation. Fortunately, these efforts were un-

successful, and after a 1983 federal court case granted the Habematolel Pomo federal recognition and a portion of land in Upper Lake, the Tribe began a campaign of economic sustainability that continues today.

The federal recognition of the Habematolel Pomo brought great opportunity to Lake County. Setting out to build a casino, the tribe worked with Lake County and regional officials, along with the community at-large, to create a series of Memorandums of Understanding that would guarantee the tribe's contributions to the County for years to come. This exciting opportunity came at a time when Lake County had the highest unemployment rate in all of California.

Since the opening of Running Creek Casino in May of 2012, the people of Habematolel Pomo Tribe have accelerated steady economic growth in Lake County. The Casino created 140 new jobs, provided the County over \$378,000 to improve the Lake County Sanitation District's wastewater system, contributed a one-time donation of \$636,000 to the Northshore Fire Protection District for fire and safety mitigation, and granted \$130,000 for field lighting at a local high school.

Beyond its monetary contributions to local government, the people of the Habematolel Pomo Tribe serve dutifully on local institutions, such as the Northshore Business Association, the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, and the Lake County Tribal Health Consortium.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake and its people have tirelessly served the people and land of Lake County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the tribe and its members here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, on June 23, 2022, I missed one vote on an amendment to H.R. 4176.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 293.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF RALPH
FRASURE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Eastern Kentucky's fallen heroes, Ralph Harlow Frasure, a 39-year law enforcement veteran who was one of three officers killed in the line of duty in Allen, Kentucky. Frasure was Captain of the Prestonsburg City Police Department for nearly four decades and a beloved School Resource Officer at Prestonsburg High School.

The best law enforcement officers will tell you it isn't a job, it's a calling; and it was with great courage of conviction that Captain Frasure lived to protect the people of Prestonsburg and all of Floyd County.

President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a former commissioner of the New York City Police Department once said, "No man is worth his salt, who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life in a great cause." On Thursday, June 30, 2022, Captain Frasure paid the ultimate sacrifice as he valiantly answered the call of duty to protect others in Floyd County.

His heroic death was the greatest display of love described in John 15:13, "Greater love has no man than this: to lay down his life for his friends."

In a Nation where police forces have been vilified in recent years by the actions of a few bad actors, may Captain Frasure's life be a reminder of the outstanding integrity and sacrifice that the thin blue line represents. We must continue to support our law enforcement officers across the United States, ensuring they are fully equipped, adequately prepared, and never at the mercy of evildoers.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky owes a great debt of gratitude for the life and service of Captain Ralph Frasure. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Clearnce, their sons Ralph Kelly Frasure and Robert Clarence Frasure, daughter Stacy (Mike), their grandchildren, and the widespread band of brothers and sisters in uniform who served alongside Captain Frasure throughout his career. May his loved ones find peace and confidence in God's promise in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

RECOGNIZING KENNEDY
ANDERSON

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kennedy Anderson for her service to my office.

Kennedy joined our team as our D.C. staff assistant in July 2021, and quickly proved herself indispensable to our organization. In February of this year, she took on additional responsibility with my communications team and was promoted to staff assistant/press and digital assistant. Kennedy embodies our office's values of excellence, kindness, service, responsiveness, productivity, and accessibility. Kennedy's role is demanding and involves serving not only our staff, but also our broader community, as well as managing our paid internship program. On top of this workload, she always finds time to connect with each colleague, mentor each intern, and identify opportunities to improve our office's operations and constituent communication.

In her management of the internship program, she often went above and beyond, providing additional skills training, life advice, and job seeking support to talented young people with ambitions for public service. She worked with our Chief of Staff to improve recruitment of interns from underrepresented backgrounds. Kennedy unfailingly treats all who interact with my office with respect and enthusiasm and is among those special people whose positive energy illuminates a room—even a Zoom room. During our office's celebration of Black History Month, she shared

daily presentations of her family's experiences facing and rising above discrimination in the Jim Crow South and pioneering their way to success in professions where Black Americans are under represented. She also took a leadership role in supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion in our office by bringing educational programming to our staff meetings.

We will miss the joy and creativity Kennedy brings to our office, the sweet potato pie she brought to our office holiday party, and her being the one staff member who truly commits to the theme on celebratory Zoom gatherings—sometimes even through costume. Prior to joining my staff, Kennedy earned a Bachelor's degree from Converse University in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

We are incredibly proud of Kennedy's professional growth in the time she has been with our office and wish her the best in her next opportunities. Although Kennedy may be leaving our office, our community in northern Illinois and my entire staff will always consider her as part of Team Underwood. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally thank Kennedy Anderson for her service to my office, to Illinois' 14th Congressional District, and to our country.

HONORING OLE HEALTH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor OLE Health, the only nonprofit health center in Napa County, in celebration of its 50 years of outstanding service in California's Fifth Congressional District.

Since its founding in 1972, OLE Health has provided quality and affordable healthcare in the Napa Valley regardless of patients' health insurance coverage, immigration status, or financial resources. OLE Health provides an array of services, including medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, nutrition, optometry, care coordination, and referrals.

OLE Health serves the most vulnerable members of our community. Most of OLE Health's patients live at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line, and OLE Health's dedicated team of healthcare professionals consistently provide vital healthcare to those experiencing homelessness in our community. OLE Health is also the only fully bilingual healthcare center that offers all services in Spanish and English. Over the last 50 years, OLE Health has built healthcare centers in Napa, St. Helena, Calistoga, and most recently, Fairfield-Suisun. Today, the OLE Health team provides care to 25 percent of Napa County residents and treats 40,000 patients every year.

On top of offering a wide variety of accessible and quality healthcare services, OLE Health also holds monthly food distributions in Napa and Calistoga that provide fresh produce and healthy foods to 300 families each month. OLE Health also offers enrollment services that connect anyone in our community with suitable healthcare coverage plans and help eligible individuals apply for CalFresh or other assistance programs. Additionally, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, OLE Health has distributed over 60,000 vaccine

doses, offering even more life-saving care to the community.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that OLE Health has been a critical establishment in our community, providing vital and accessible services for so many in our district. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the organization and its staff here today.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BRADFORD C. FREEMAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bradford Clark Freeman. Mr. Freeman (Mr. B. to his friends) was born September 4, 1924, in Artesia, MS to Erwyn and Ollie Freeman. He had four brothers and three sisters.

He graduated from Artesia High School in 1942. He was a freshman at Mississippi State when WWII started. He then volunteered for the paratroopers. On February 5, 1944, he went into Foreign Service with 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He was a mortarman for Easy Company. He jumped in the D-Day Normandy invasion, fought in Operation Market-Garden, and was part of the defense of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, where he was wounded. He was able to rejoin his unit and participated in the occupations of Berchtesgaden and Austria.

After the war, he returned to Caledonia and married Willie Louise Gurley on June 29, 1947, and worked as a mail carrier for 32 years.

He is survived by his sister, Claydeen Allen of Amory, Mississippi, and 2 daughters, Beverly Bowles and Becky (Don) Clardy. He has 4 grandchildren: Brad (Carmen) Gore, Chris (Heather) Clardy, Kelly (David) Perkins, and Michael (Whitney) Clardy. He has 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Freeman also leaves special friends: Jo Ann Gunn, Cindy Boyd, Tony Smith, Benny Coleman, Cheryl Reichling, Erik Dorr, Rose and Danny Coggins.

RECOGNIZING THE MISSION OF SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA LOVE AND CARE USA TO SERVE COMMUNITIES IN NEED ACROSS THE WORLD

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the global mission of Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care (SRLC) USA and the selfless Americans who serve communities in need across the world.

Led by thousands of highly motivated volunteers, SRLC is a global initiative that endeavors to meet the needs of the underprivileged through multi-pronged community support and development programs and other forms of educational, medical, and humanitarian care. Since its founding in 2003, SRLC has carried

out its noble mission in big cities and small towns all over the world. With over 5,000 volunteers—most of whom carry distinguished expertise in medicine, engineering, and finance, and are active initiatives in over 50 cities worldwide—SRLC's mission to reduce human suffering is global and far-reaching.

Importantly, SRLC offers individuals a safe-haven in the face of armed conflict, relief from climate-related disasters, and access to medical care and other critical resources to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. In this effort, SRLC volunteers serve on the front lines of recovery efforts, rising to the challenges associated with providing emergency shelter to families impacted by devastating floods, tornadoes, fires, and other disasters. But don't just take my word for it; the data speaks for itself. According to recent estimates, SRLC has assisted more than 1.45 million patients in rural areas receive access to medical care to improve both physical and mental wellness in underserved communities. The organization has also impacted the lives of 1.47 million school children through educational initiatives that, for example, teach literacy and financial independence. In addition, SRLC has helped 2.34 million people through its humanitarian initiatives to combat homelessness, food insecurity, and economic disparity.

It is for this reason that SRLC now enjoys Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, a position it has held since 2020.

Throughout our history, Americans have always stepped up for one another in times of crisis. The obligation to be there for our fellow citizens is woven into the very fabric of our nation. For almost 20 years, this spirit of selflessness has been exemplified by Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care (SRLC) USA and its devoted team of volunteers. It is my privilege to honor the important mission of SRLC and encourage all Americans to renew our collective commitment to lend a helping hand to those most in need.

REMEMBERING THE IMPACT OF NORTH COUNTRY AGRICULTURAL LEADER BOB RULFS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life and impact of Bob Rulfs. Mr. Rulfs was the founder of Rulfs Orchard in Peru, New York, a family-owned and operated orchard, bakery, cafe, and roadside farm stand.

Mr. Rulfs always dreamed of owning his own dairy farm when he was growing up. This dream was realized in 1952 when he purchased a farm in Peru, New York. The farm's humble beginnings consisted of four milk cows, twelve acres of apple trees, and Mr. Rulfs selling his apples out of a wagon on his front lawn. Over the years, Rulfs Orchard has expanded and now includes over fifty acres of corn, forty acres of apples, a thirty-acre pumpkin patch, and much more. The orchard has become a cornerstone of the Peru community. Mr. Rulfs worked on the orchard for seventy years and was always happy to greet and talk with everyone that stepped into the shop. His