

Upon, that Altar of Greatness few will crest  
 Holding that Trophy high, with tear's of joy  
 in eyes no greater quest  
 Watch it! 21 Pilots  
 Awards pale in comparison not even second  
 best  
 A bond between A Band of Brothers which  
 ever rests  
 Throughout a lifetime this love story grow's  
 for all who've passed that test.  
 "Team" is really what it's takes to be the  
 best.  
 "Watch it" 21 Pilots  
 From preseason to Championship game,  
 working your gluts off to fulfill that  
 dream  
 Fighting through thick and thin, throughout  
 injuries as naysayer's try to get under  
 your skin,  
 In "your need for speed" Top Gun and NCAA  
 gold popped the clutch  
 Led by a Great Coach and staff turning boys  
 to men, In The Game of Life teaching  
 them what means so much  
 Dream time, this true Native American  
 sport, from the Haudenosaunee all  
 heart's so touch  
 To challenge every Woman and Man to  
 greatness stand  
 In harms way in this game of power, speed,  
 skill, grit, and might, such courage de-  
 mands.  
 Where, you run like the wind to find out if  
 you're a Woman's Woman, or a Man's  
 Man to greatness clutch  
 To rein hell fire down on your opponents,  
 and carry that crosse like in days of  
 yore as such.  
 Terp's "in your need for speed" Top Gun, to-  
 ward greatness sped creating your own  
 folklore GOLD RUSH  
 Undefeated  
 Fast breaking  
 To sweet perfection, "Scheduled for termi-  
 nation" . . . Arnold Schwarzenegger  
 Facing off against history as you  
 decleated to greatness rush.  
 "Watch it!" 21 Pilots  
 "Maximus . . . what you do echoes in eter-  
 nity" Gladiator,  
 As The Lacrosse World live's in fear.  
 "Fear the turtle" at least be concerned  
 "Crystal? Clear!" A Few Good Men  
 We'll see you next year.  
 "We don't deal with outsiders very well, they  
 say they have a certain smell" "Watch  
 it" 21 Pilots.

#### HONORING FATHER ALEXANDER KARLOUTSOS

#### HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend, Father Alexander Karloutsos, who was recently awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor.

Father Alex has spent more than half a century as a Greek Orthodox Priest, including as the pastor of Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, in the First Congressional District of New York.

In 1994, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew named Father Alex as a Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which is the highest honor a married clergyman can receive in the Orthodox Church.

He has also served as the first Vicar of Public Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

of America and as a spiritual advisor to several U.S. Presidents.

I am grateful to Father Alex for his decades of service to the Greek Orthodox community, Long Island, and our Nation. I send my sincere congratulations to Father Alex, his wife, Xanthi Karavellas Karloutsos, their three children, and nine grandchildren. This honor is so well deserved.

#### MARIA ZUBIA

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maria Zubia for her contributions to our community as Director of Community Outreach at Kids First Health Care.

Kids First Health Care is a non-profit pediatric organization that provides health care services to underserved and low-income families. In her role at the organization, Maria worked tirelessly to build relationships and serve the families of Adams County. Her important work helped to spread awareness of the opportunities offered by Kids First Health Care, and helped make health care services more accessible through broader promotion via text messaging, online enrollment, and other platforms to make it easier for people to connect with affordable pediatric care.

Maria began working for Kids First Health Care in 2001. She has served her community and the families of Adams County through Kids First and as a Adams 14 school board member. Maria has a passion for ensuring all children receive quality education and healthcare, including making sure bilingualism is integrated in the services provided through Adams County. I am incredibly grateful for the important work that Ms. Zubia has done with Kids First Health Care to support the families of Adams County, and I look forward to her future contributions to our community and wish her all the best in the next phase of her career.

#### RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the phenomenal young men and women in my district who attained the rank of Eagle Scout between January and June of 2022 as follows:

Kyle Adriaansen, Troop 48; John Brady Burgfechtel, Troop 29; Dylan Checchia, Troop 400; Andrew Cole, Troop 30; Joseph Deitzel, Troop 547; Katie DeMaria, Troop 172; Aedan Michael Donovan, Troop 13; Daria Drakas, Troop 172G; Matthew Douglas Floyd, Troop 147; Owen William Flynn, Troop 19;

Ethan Ford, Troop 547; Calvin John Gauker, Troop 29; Seamus Getty, Troop 3; Zachary Giacomelli, Troop 230; Evan

Goldrick, Troop 139; Jeremy Goldrick, Troop 139; Luke Gormley, Troop 24; Benjamin Harris, Troop 19; Robert H. Heath, Troop 610; Austin John Hunsberger, Troop 7;

Michael Johannessen, Troop 141; Zachary Kalb, Troop 230; Silas Kennedy, Troop 210; Michael Robert Kingsley, Troop 30; Daniel Joseph Krauss, Troop 147; David Peter Kunz, Troop 29; Tyler James Laskowski, Troop 52; Benjamin Lucot, Troop 200; Andrew Lyons, Troop 133; Aiden MacIlvaine, Troop 24; Hugh Armstrong Marshall, II, Troop 34; Matthew McClintic, Troop 364; Matthew John McDevitt, Troop 139; Noah McLaughlin, Troop 230; Anthony Morrelli, Troop 6; Ryan Morrin, Troop 34; Aiden John Muench, Troop 52; Connor Liam Murray, Troop 364; Johnathan James Nelson, Troop 36; Peter Nowak, Troop 30B;

Zachary Scott Peters, Troop 36; Michael Pimble, Troop 147; Jeffrey Pirog, Troop 230; Connor Joseph Poupard, Troop 36; Dylan Zane Ramsey, Troop 230; George Sabol, Troop 48; Matthew Senior, Troop 280; Nicholas Terry, Troop 230; Jackson Dean Thomas, Troop 52; Liam R. Vandenburg, Troop 14;

Kevin N. Walker, Troop 147; Adam R. Walker, Troop 147; Matthew J. Wenner, Troop 547; Quin Joseph Whalen, Troop 36; and Colin Roberts Wisniewski, Troop 29.

Our community is proud of their achievement and grateful for their commitment to service.

#### HONORING THE 801ST ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, to honor the 801st Engineer Construction Company of the 397th Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Reserves for its exceptional service in the restoration of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery in Vallejo, California.

The 801st Engineer Construction Company was first established on July 8, 1942 and was activated in Northern Ireland in the same year. Additionally, individual soldiers from the company were mobilized in support of the Korean and Vietnam wars. In 1975, the company relocated to the Oakland Army Base before relocating to Vallejo on July 25, 2000.

The 801st Engineer Construction Company has been instrumental in the revitalization process of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery, which had fallen into disrepair over the last 30 years. The challenging restoration of this 2.5-acre cemetery began after the City of Vallejo applied for the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program to begin transforming Mare Island Naval Cemetery into a proper burial site for our veterans.

Soldiers from the 801st Engineer Construction Company, the 322nd Engineer Vertical Construction Company, senior leaders from the 416th Theater Engineer Command, and

volunteers began the work in the cemetery in August 2019, cutting down invasive trees and overgrowth, restoring and cleaning of headstones, repairing the drainage system, and fixing the perimeter retaining wall. After four years of hard work, they have nearly completed this extensive project.

The Mare Island Naval Cemetery, the oldest naval cemetery on the West Coast, is home to over 860 soldiers, marines, and sailors who served in conflicts such as the War of 1812 and World War I. It is also home to dozens of their relatives who are interred there. The work of the 801st Engineer Construction Company has allowed us to restore this cemetery back to a sacred final resting place for our brave men and women in uniform and their families.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that the 801st Engineer Construction Company has played a vital role in ensuring the Mare Island Naval Cemetery is preserved for generations to come. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the company and its soldiers here today.

TRIBUTE TO RON CORTOPASSI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPACE LAUNCH DELTA 30 VANDENBERG SPACE FORCE BASE

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ron Cortopassi, Executive Director of Space Launch Delta 30, Vandenberg Space Force Base. Ron has served diligently for 39 years, beginning his career at Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1983 as a Flight Safety Analyst, Safety Office, Western Space Missile Center, 30th Space Wing. In 1990, he was promoted to Chief, Operations Safety Analysis. Then in 1992, Ron was chosen to be Chief, Flight Analysis Office. In 2000, Ron was once again promoted to Chief Engineer. His career culminated in being chosen the Executive Director of the 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg Air Force Base, which later was renamed as Space Launch Delta 30, Vandenberg Space Force Base. In his role as Executive Director, he worked directly with Space Launch Delta 30's Commander and provided continuity of senior management, offered technical advice and counsel for policy and direction for Vandenberg Space Force Base. Additionally, he oversaw the health and wellness of the civilian component of Vandenberg Space Force Base and ensured that Space Launch Delta 30 functions as a world-class range and test facility. Ron also served as the Executive Secretary for the Safe Training System Flight Termination Criteria Evaluation Committee, developer of the Safe Training System Range Safety Display and lead flight safety analyst for the 30th Space Wing's first Titan IV launch. Furthermore, Ron wrote collision avoidance software, terminal area hazard and caution area determination software, ship-hit probability software, and general mapping software for the use by the flight safety analyst. Ron is a product of Central Coast education, by graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California.

Madam Speaker, Ron Cortopassi leaves Vandenberg Space Force Base in a strong place, well prepared to continue its mission for missile testing, range operations, and provide installation infrastructure necessary to place satellites into polar orbit. I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing immense gratitude to Ron Cortopassi for his extraordinary leadership on the occasion of his retirement.

HONORING TANNER HRENCHIR

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tanner Hrenchir. Tanner recently competed in the U.S. Special Olympics placing 1st in the deadlift competition, 2nd in the squat competition, 3rd in the bench, and 2nd overall.

Tanner has been engaged in sports for essentially his entire life, competing in flag football, basketball, and power lifting. He is a dedicated athlete, having clinched a spot in the national games on 3 different occasions. Tanner hasn't let Down syndrome prevent him from following his passions and succeeding. Tanner's parents, and everyone else, are blessed to have such a fine young man in their lives. His story is an inspiration of will and determination that sets an incredibly high bar for those who have the privilege of knowing him.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Tanner for his accomplishments and dedication that proudly represent the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Tanner Hrenchir in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING VETERAN HENRY R. CASTRO

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of World War II and Vietnam veteran, Mr. Henry R. Castro. A San Antonio native, Mr. Castro has dedicated his life to service, community, and country. Please join me in recognizing the story of this extraordinary American.

Henry R. Castro was born on April 26, 1927. The son of a butcher and grocer, Juan and Maria Castro, he grew up learning about hard work. On June 12, 1945, Mr. Castro enlisted into the United States Army and was assigned to the 78th Infantry Division, being deployed to Berlin, Germany. On November 29, 1946, Mr. Castro was honorably discharged as a Private First Class under HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry. As Cold War tensions rose, Mr. Castro heard the call of duty and reenlisted into the U.S. Army on August 21, 1948, and shortly thereafter was deployed to Trieste, Italy. There, he was assigned to the T.R.U.S.T. troops in the Italian Alps tasked with defending Trieste against then Communist Yugoslavia. He was later honorably discharged on June 27, 1950.

In 1951, Mr. Castro was hired on at Kelly Air Force Base serving as a Civil Service Employee and later at Brooks Air Force Base. During his civil service tenure, Mr. Castro also served in the Air Force Reserves for more than 7 years under the 433rd Troop Carrier Wing. In the summer of 1967 due to his reserve status, he was recalled into active duty during the Vietnam War and during the North Korean's capture of the U.S.S. Pueblo. He remained on active duty until his retirement date of June 1, 1984. Mr. Castro retired as a U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant.

For his service in the armed forces in defense of our nation, Mr. Castro received the following: World War II Victory Medal and Ribbon, Overseas Service Bar, Army of Occupation Medal Germany, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Four Devices, American Campaign Medal, European—African—Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with Three Devices, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent someone of such high caliber. On behalf of Texas' 20th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Castro for his commitment and patriotism. I also thank Mr. Castro for everything he has done in-service to our great Nation. May God bless him and his loved ones.

CELEBRATION OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI'S BICENTENNIAL

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the bicentennial of Lexington, Missouri. For two hundred years, Lexington has stood as a proud, historic city filled with hardworking people who embody the American Dream. As the people of Lexington gather to celebrate their bicentennial, let us take a moment to reflect on the town's rich history.

Located on the Missouri River, Lexington was first platted in 1822. Founded by Gilead Rupe, the town was established from a river port and grew as a result of trade along the Big Muddy. Lexington was named after Lexington, Kentucky, as many of the city's early settlers ventured from the Bluegrass State. Lexington soon became the county seat of Lafayette County.

In 1861, the town found itself at the center of the Civil War, as the Show-Me State split its support between the Union and the Confederacy. Between September 19th and September 21st of that year, the town became engulfed in the First Battle of Lexington Missouri, colloquially titled the Battle of the Hemp Bales. As Blue and Gray forces clashed, the Lafayette County Courthouse was struck with a cannonball, where it remains lodged in the building's eastern-most column to this day. Another landmark from the battle, the Oliver Anderson House, served as a Union hospital for the remainder of the war.

Lexington's history goes beyond the Civil War. Migrants traveled through the town on