

In my press release on that development, I noted that Priscilla has been a consistent and dedicated advocate of this reform and that she and Elvis both loved walking horses. Priscilla has made tremendous contributions to Memphis, not the least of which was opening Graceland to the public 40 years ago, now one of the five most visited homes in the country.

A former Memphian, and a frequent visitor for events related to music, Priscilla deserves to be considered an honorary citizen of Tennessee's 9th Congressional District. Priscilla's friend Dabney Coors, who had the splendid idea is co-chairing Friday night's event, is doing a beautiful thing in honoring this kind and generous woman, and I look forward to a wonderful evening.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JONATHON CODY

#### HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Major Jonathon Cody, an extraordinary public servant in Washington State who recently retired from the United States Army.

Jonathon Cody, the son of a veteran and police officer, grew up with a strong sense of patriotism. Jonathon demonstrated his dedication to his country when he entered the Army ROTC program and began active-duty service in 2002.

When he was Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps, Jonathon was assigned to a combat unit near the DMZ in South Korea. On active duty, his commitment to excellence was recognized when he was selected to attend the U.S. Navy School of Explosive Ordnance Disposal, where he earned the coveted Explosive Ordnance Disposal badge. After his promotion to Captain, Jonathon assumed command of the 731st EOD company, where he demonstrated remarkable leadership in command. He also deployed to Iraq from 2007 to 2008 and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic actions which saved many lives.

Following his deployment, Jonathon's achievements were recognized by his chain of command when he was selected for the Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program. It comes as no surprise that Jonathon continued to excel as a JAG. He served as a military prosecutor and command legal advisor in Washington state, served an additional tour in Afghanistan, and served as the legal advisor for the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, where he met his wife, Anna Ilchenko.

Wanting to return home to Washington state as he neared retirement, Jonathon was reassigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, where he completed his service as the Chief of Federal Litigation Division and Special Assistant United States Attorney. On June 30, 2022, Major Jonathon Cody retired after 20 years of active-duty service in the Army. Remaining committed to public service, Jonathon has taken on a new role as a Prosecuting Attorney in Thurston County, Washington.

Madam Speaker, Major Jonathon Cody has demonstrated remarkable courage, honor, and

duty in service of his country. His devotion to our community and his country is inspirational. I am proud to recognize his achievements, celebrate his retirement, and offer these remarks in his honor.

#### ALTERNATIVE TO PUTIN

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in response to war criminal Putin's war in Ukraine, another viable alternative has been reported by Reuters to eliminate dependency in Europe for Putin's gas.

Algeria, Niger, Nigeria revive talks on Saharan gas pipeline.

Algeria, Niger, and Nigeria held talks this week on the revival of a decades-old project to pipe gas across the Sahara, a potential opportunity for Europe to diversify its gas sources.

The Trans-Saharan gas pipeline is an estimated \$13 billion project that could send up to 30 billion cubic metres a year of supplies to Europe.

The revival comes at a strategic time, as the European Union seeks to wean itself off Russian gas following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and is seeking alternative sources.

"(The pipeline) should allow Europe to diversify its sources of natural gas supply but also allow several African states to access this high value energy source," said a joint statement.

With a length of 4,128 kilometres (2,565 miles), the pipeline would start in Warri, Nigeria, and end in Hassi R'Mel, Algeria, where it would connect to existing pipelines that run to Europe.

Nigeria also took steps this month to move forward on another long-awaited pipeline, which would go through West Africa and Morocco to Europe.

Along with increased American production reversing Biden's failed energy policies, the world can come together in the conflict of authoritarians (rule of gun) against democracy (rule of law).

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed Roll Call vote 201 on May 17, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

I regrettably also missed Roll Call vote 300 on July 12, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I intended to vote Yea on Roll Call No. 320, Mr. Foster's amendment (No. 18) to H.R. 7900, the Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act, which repeals the restriction on funding for the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear—Test-Ban Treaty Organization. I inadvertently voted Nay when it was my sincere intention to vote Yea. Mr. Foster's amendment is a welcome addition to this bill and it has my support.

#### JEFF SHOEMAKER

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Representative DIANA DEGETTE, Representative KEN BUCK and Representative JASON CROW to recognize Jeff Shoemaker of The Greenway Foundation on his retirement.

For more than forty years, Jeff has served as the Executive Director of The Greenway Foundation (TGF). Under his leadership, TGF has partnered with countless public and private organizations to help raise \$500 million for environmental and recreational improvements along the South Platte River and its numerous tributaries throughout the Denver metro region and beyond. These priceless amenities include the watersheds of the City and County of Denver, along with Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties, as well as a number of nearby municipalities. This collective investment over the last four decades to the reclamation and preservation of one of the region's greatest natural resources is also a result of the more than \$20 billion in economic development of the surrounding areas. Today the region is home to over 100 miles of multi-use recreational trails, more than 100 acres of parks and natural areas, and over 100,000 acre feet of rivers and creeks. Jeff's outstanding work has helped improve both the water quality and access for our region.

Throughout his career, Jeff has made countless other contributions to the community through service on various boards and committees. In November 2018, Jeff served on the Executive Committee in support of the 2A ballot measure in the City of Denver which secured over \$35 million per year for Denver's parks and waterways. And as the Chair of Metro Denver's Chamber's successful 7G ballot measure, he was able to help secure more than \$20 million per year for the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. Jeff also served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Parks Foundation (CPF) which, working with Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) as well as numerous county, municipal and non-profit organizations, provides funding, advocacy and community outreach for the benefit of Colorado's 42 State Parks. To date, the CPF has provided over \$1,000,000 of project and program-based grants since its inception in 1985. In 2010, the CPF coordinated the procedural and legislative processes resulting in the creation of a Colorado State Parks License Plate, allowing supporters of State Parks across Colorado and beyond to promote and advocate that support through the purchase of a State Parks Plate. Over 3,500 Colorado residents are now proud owners of the Colorado State Parks Plate with related proceeds providing

additional financial support to Colorado State Parks which, to date, has provided over \$20,000 in grants to state parks across Colorado.

In addition to Jeff's work professionally, he has served his community in other capacities. He taught as a public school teacher from 1977 to 1982, served as a member of the Colorado Legislature from 1987 to 1992 and was appointed to two terms on the CSU Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2008. Jeff was appointed to the MSU Denver Board of Trustees in 2016 and serves as the President of a local non-profit organization called Up Close and Musical, which provides professional performances of classical music to elementary schools by Colorado Symphony Orchestra musicians. Jeff is a devoted husband to his wife Nancy, and a proud dad of four adult daughters and he has two granddaughters.

We have had the privilege of working with Jeff on many different occasions and continue to appreciate his service on behalf of our community, particularly his hard work and dedication to environmental causes. We wish Jeff all the best in retirement and send gratitude for his service to our community, the State of Colorado, and the United States of America.

#### KARAKALPAKSTAN EVENTS

### HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the enduring friendship between the United States and Uzbekistan and to express my concern over the recent events that occurred in Karakalpakstan due to proposed constitutional amendments that revise Karakalpakstan's political position within Uzbekistan.

Since Uzbekistan's independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, the world has witnessed its transformation from a once isolated and repressive nation into one that strives to modernize, address human rights concerns, ease political tension, and engage with the international community.

I support Uzbekistan's sovereignty, independence, and efforts to implement democratic reforms. I am confident in Uzbekistan's ability to uphold the standards it has worked hard to attain in the face of this current challenge by protecting fundamental rights, including peaceful assembly and expression.

I express my deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and my sympathies to those injured. I applaud the great strides Uzbekistan has made to democratize and I urge all parties to seek peaceful resolution to these tensions.

I look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between our nations.

#### RECOGNIZING GOLD MEDALIST JORDYN POULTER

### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Jordyn Poulter for winning a gold medal as a member of the U.S. Women's Volleyball team.

Jordyn began her volleyball career at Eaglecrest High School in Centennial, Colorado. Equipped with an endless passion and incredible work-ethic, Jordyn led the Raptors to four consecutive top-eight state finishes, including a third place finish in 2013.

After a successful career at the University of Illinois and as a member of the gold-medal U20 Women's Junior National Team—Jordyn was chosen to represent the United States at the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo where she once again brought home the gold.

Jordyn's hard work and dedication undoubtedly led to her success on the court and will serve as an inspiration to young folks across the district. I want to congratulate Jordyn on her much-deserved success and thank her for being Colorado 6th's very own Olympian.