

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF SERGEANT  
IVAN M. RUIZ

**HON. RONNY JACKSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, today I recognize a lifetime of service and the retirement of Chief Master Sergeant Ivan Miguel Ruiz, a native of the great State of Texas. After 26 years of service as an Air Force Pararescueman, CMSgt Ruiz is relinquishing the responsibilities as Chief Enlisted Manager 58th Rescue Squadron, 563rd Operations Group, 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. The Air Force has consistently relied upon Ivan's exceptional leadership and unparalleled work ethic. He has led our Nation's men and women both overseas and at home, leading numerous joint combat rescue and humanitarian operations around the world. Ivan has excelled in numerous other leadership positions in the Air Force, as well as becoming a physical fitness legend in the Special Warfare Community.

The Pararescue Creed is "It is my duty as a Pararescueman to save life and aid the injured. I will be prepared at all times to perform my assigned duties quickly and efficiently, placing these duties before personal desires and comforts. These things I do, that others may live." Ivan committed these words to every aspect of his career and especially displayed them during a nighttime operation in Afghanistan on December 10, 2013. During a raid in Kandahar Province, Sergeant Ruiz engaged and neutralized four insurgents, becoming isolated from his element. Sergeant Ruiz and two teammates quickly encountered insurgent crossfire. Sergeant Ruiz eliminated one enemy fighting position; however, enemy fire wounded his two comrades, rendering them immobile and exposed to the enemy. Sergeant Ruiz courageously pressed ahead through intense small arms fire and grenades to reach his wounded comrades. He successfully brought them back to a covered position, where he administered life-saving trauma care to his teammates. The heroic actions of Sergeant Ruiz saved the lives of two teammates and contributed to the elimination of eleven insurgents. Through his extraordinary heroism, and aggressiveness in the face of the enemy, this native Texan was awarded the Air Force Cross, the United States Air Force's second highest military decoration for Airmen who distinguish themselves with extraordinary heroism in combat with an armed enemy force.

On November 1st of this year, Ivan will retire back to the great State of Texas. On behalf of the entire Congress and a grateful Nation, I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Chief Master Sergeant Ruiz for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support for the missions of this nation. I would like to also recognize the dedicated service of Ivan's family to our country. His mother, Josefina, a civil servant, his father, MSG Ruiz, USA, Ret., his siblings, SFC Aerial Ruiz, USA, Ret., MAJ Elizabeth Ruiz, USA, MAJ Ino Ruiz, USA, and Lt Jazmin Reed, USN, and SrA Charles White, USAF, all have served or are serving honorably. I would also like to recognize his supportive and loving wife of 12 years, Mrs. Maria Ruiz, and their children, Jason, Sofia, Elijah, and Elena. I wish the

Ruiz family safe travels back to Texas, and I look forward to seeing Ivan continue to excel as he enters his next chapter.

## NOAA CHIEF SCIENTIST ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKIE SHERRILL**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 26, 2022*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 3952, the NOAA Chief Scientist Act.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is the premier federal agency in oceanic and atmospheric research. From climate modeling to aquatic habitat preservation, NOAA conducts scientific research that improves the lives of all Americans, especially in my home state of New Jersey.

The agency's Chief Scientist performs an integral and extensive role in facilitating the coordination of research efforts across each of NOAA's six unique line offices and with other federal agencies. Previous Chief Scientists come from decorated and distinguished backgrounds, including scientists from preeminent roles in oceanography and atmospheric science. Dr. Sarah Kapnick, an executive with 18 years of experience at the intersection of climate science and economics, has been most recently named to this role.

The Chief Scientist also plays a critical role in ensuring that NOAA can accurately predict future weather events, an essential service to help Americans prepare for severe weather. In New Jersey, the forecast residents received in advance of Hurricane Ida did not adequately prepare them for the storm, which killed 25 people across the state and cost the United States \$65 billion. As weather events become more frequent and severe due to climate change, accurate weather forecasting from the agency will save lives and money.

This bipartisan bill clarifies the role that the Chief Scientist has in advising NOAA on scientific technology policies and strategies. The Chief Scientist's role requires an established and experienced background in producing sound scientific work as well as respect from the scientific community to facilitate connections towards cutting edge research that does not merely reflect partisan interests. It is important that NOAA's Chief Scientist is insulated from political interference and maintain scientific integrity. That is why this bill requires the Chief Scientist to both adhere to, and uphold, scientific integrity policies.

This bill directs the NOAA Administrator to give due consideration to recommendations that are submitted by reputable and diverse scientific and academic organizations within the U.S. This includes scientific organizations such as the National Academies and NOAA's Science Advisory Board, which have extensive experience with scientists of this caliber. It also requires the Chief Scientist to be knowledgeable in the scientific disciplines associated with the work at NOAA—a reasonable requirement given the complexities of NOAA's work.

This bill further establishes an Office of the Chief Scientist, to be staffed by Federal employees of NOAA which will be detailed into the office on a rotating basis. Detailing em-

ployees from all line offices ensures that each will remain represented in overseeing the research at NOAA. The new role of Deputy Chief Scientist, designated by the NOAA Administrator, will further support the functions of the Chief Scientist, and will perform the role of Acting Chief Scientist in the event of a vacancy in the position. These steps will provide crucial support to the Chief Scientist to further the mission of NOAA.

Finally, this bill requires that the Chief Scientist produce a yearly, public report which describes the accomplishments and implementation of NOAA's scientific and technological strategies. This report will also detail any challenges faced by the agency and provide a transparent summary of all research funded by NOAA. This will include a breakdown of the percentage of research funded and carried out by the private sector, cooperative institutes, academia, nongovernmental organizations, and other institutions. This yearly report will further ensure that the research mission of NOAA is transparent and forward-thinking.

I want to thank my colleague from the Science Committee, Representative FEENSTRA of Iowa, for working with me to introduce this bill. This bill has also been endorsed by the American Meteorological Society and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Scientific research is at its best when it is approached collaboratively and includes a variety of perspectives and skillsets. This bill outlines the responsibilities and requirements for a NOAA Chief Scientist to ensure that a qualified individual can help the agency advance its cross-cutting mission of science and service. This will support NOAA's efforts to provide world-class research to serve communities through future research endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON ESTES**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call vote No. 386, On Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted NAY;

Roll Call vote No. 387, On Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res 1254, Providing for consideration of the bills: H.R. 3771 South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act, H.R. 5118 Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act, and H.R. 6929 Susan Muffley Act, I would have voted NAY.

**NATHAN MANGOLD**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending Nathan Mangold's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nathan is a recent graduate of Cedar Creek High School Class of 2022 and has plans to continue his education at a University in the fall. During his time as a scout, he earned 21 Merit

Badges and held numerous leadership positions. For his Eagle Scout project, Nathan constructed osprey nests at the Atlantic City Yacht Club in Pleasantville, South Jersey. These nests will provide ospreys with a place to nest upon and help to boost the endangered species' population. Nathan should be proud of his efforts to conserve the wildlife of South Jersey. God Bless Nathan, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING MR. ARTHUR HUGHES

### HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Arthur Hughes, a constituent of Georgia's Thirteenth Congressional District, for his efforts to recognize the fathers whose sons or daughters gave their lives in the line of duty. Mr. Hughes' commitment to this goal led to the dedication of highway (State Route 139) as "Gold Star Fathers Highway".

We know our Gold Star Families to be the relatives of American service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. The honor of a "Gold Star" is given posthumously to honor the service member and uplift their family.

Gold Star Fathers' collective grief and anguish show that our service members do not go into the armed forces alone, but with the support of their loved ones. As a grateful nation, it is imperative that we honor the Gold Star Fathers across the country who contributed so much to support our American heroes.

Since 1936, our nation has set time aside each year to formally recognize and uplift Gold Star Mothers. However, we have not yet codified any observance to include Gold Star Fathers in the same respect. It is to this end that Mr. Hughes seeks to shed light on the fathers of our fallen heroes.

He is not the only Georgian who has undertaken this pursuit. Georgia State Representative Rhonda Burnough has long made increasing the recognition for Gold Star Fathers a cornerstone of her work in the state legislature. It was her diligence that led to formalizing the statewide recognition of Gold Star Fathers on the ninth of November each year.

The unwavering commitment to our service members and their families that these stalwart citizens embody is a selfless form of diligence and service that we should seek to emulate as a nation. It is the bare minimum we can do for those who gave all in service to our great nation. The efforts of these Georgians are commendable to the highest degree.

May God Bless our Armed Forces and may God Bless America.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, my vote on July 26, 2022, for Roll Call No. 393 was incorrectly recorded. My vote should have been Yea on Roll Call No. 393.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 18, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call Number 364.

### COMMENDING JEFFREY F. WERLING

### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding service of Jeffrey Werling, who is retiring this week after almost 40 years as a dedicated public servant, educator, and economist, the past six of them at the Congressional Budget Office.

Jeff has served as the Director of CBO's Macroeconomic Analysis Division since 2016. In that capacity, he has overseen the production of the economic forecasts that underlie CBO's budget projections, led the agency's macroeconomic analyses of major legislation, and provided guidance to the Director and staff on economic issues under some of the most challenging circumstances that the agency has experienced. Jeff has been a leader in enhancing transparency in CBO's economic analyses and promoting public understanding of the key economic issues facing the nation. Drawing on his diverse experience, deep understanding of economic relationships, and strong intuition, he helped make CBO's analyses clearer and more helpful to the Members of Congress and more accessible to the broader public.

Jeff started his career in 1981 in the United States Peace Corps as a secondary education teacher in West Africa. After receiving his Ph.D. in economics from University of Maryland, he made many contributions to economics research and education as an analyst, teacher, and leader in private and public organizations in the United States and abroad. He came to CBO from Inforum, an economic research organization, where he was the executive director, providing guidance on government policy analysis and a variety of economic issues.

In his leadership role at CBO, Jeff has been a constant source of support, encouragement, and constructive feedback to his colleagues. He has always been generous, especially to junior staff, with his time, ideas, and mentorship. His colleagues in CBO will miss his guidance, wisdom, keen sense of humor, and softball prowess.

I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Jeff for his service to our country. We wish him well in his future undertakings and hope that the Nation will continue to benefit from his expertise and commitment.

### JACK NOTARFRANCESCO

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Jack Notarfrancesco's (No-tar-fran-sis-co) Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Jack is a scout in Troop 55 in Somers Point, South Jersey. For his Eagle Scout project, he built and constructed a chicken coop for the Funny Farm Animal Rescue in Mays Landing, South Jersey. This chicken coop will create a home for unwanted chickens, who may have otherwise been euthanized. Jack should be proud of his project and donation to the Funny Farm Animal Rescue, and it was my pleasure to attend his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. God Bless Jack, and God Bless our America.

### HONORING ED CAVALLINI

### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 99th birthday of 2nd Lieutenant Ed Cavallini, who was born May 18, 1923, in San Francisco, California, and has dedicated his life to serving our country and the central coast of California.

While attending the University of Southern California, Mr. Cavallini enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and married his wife Jeanne O'Donnell on October 14, 1944. Upon graduation, he was stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. At 19 years old, 2nd Lt. Cavallini boarded a ship bound to Iwo Jima, Japan as a Platoon Commander in the Fourth Marine Division.

Under heavy Japanese bombardment and artillery fire, the 4th Division struggled to dig their foxholes in the fine, black volcanic sand, so 2nd Lt. Cavallini swiftly ordered his men into craters left by the enemy mortars. The Marines were pinned down for two days as their Commander leapt between craters and made note of where his 45 troops were with his black spiral notebook and Scripto mechanical pencil, which he still has to this day. On the second day of battle, Lt. Cavallini was struck by a three-millimeter fragment of mortar, which lodged into his heart muscle. Luckily, the fragment hit his dog tags, saving his life. Shortly after his brush with death, he was struck by more shrapnel, this time hitting his knee, and ending his deployment to Iwo Jima after 34 days of combat. It was only two days after he left that the Marines raised the American Flag over Mount Suribachi. 2nd Lt. Cavallini was awarded the Purple Heart for his sacrifice that resulted in a crucial victory for the United States.

Four months later, 2nd Lt. Cavallini was back training in Maui, Hawaii when the sirens rang and signaled the end of the war. 2nd Lt. Cavallini returned home to his bride, Jeanne, and they moved to Southern California. By 1952 they had a family of four—John, Paul, Marc, and Jane. After careers with Firestone Engineering Laboratory and Lockheed-Martin, he began working for the Santa Clara County