

As CEO of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, Darcy has ensured that the residents of our county have access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care, and dental services. The Health Care District serves such an important role in our community, often assisting those without insurance, and has administered over 200,000 COVID-19 vaccinations throughout the pandemic.

Darcy also serves our community as a member of the America's Essential Hospitals' Strategic Planning Committee, the United Way of Palm Beach County's Hunger Relief Advisory Council, and the County's Sober Home Task Force. She has received several other awards and has been honored by the Palm Beach County Medical Society as a "Hero in Medicine".

Darcy's dedication to health care access and her service to the people of South Florida is truly admirable. I am proud to celebrate her today and wish her continued success.

KASON "ROOSTER" LIPSMEYER

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 29, 2022*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate seventh grader Kason "Rooster" Lipsmeyer, of Vilonia, who has earned a position on the Arkansas National Junior High Rodeo team.

Rooster and his teammates will be competing in the 17th annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo in the light rifle competition in Perry, Georgia.

While it is only Rooster's first year competing, he won both the state championship and was the average champion in light rifle for the Arkansas Junior High School Rodeo Association.

The art of competitive shooting is a long-standing tradition. Gun safety and accuracy are vital skills for gun-owners and all who will be around firearms. I commend Rooster for his determination, precision, and good sportsmanship and look forward to rooting him on as he competes against over a thousand others in the national competition.

Congratulations and good luck to Rooster and the entire Arkansas National Junior High Rodeo team. We look forward to cheering them all on.

HONORING ELINA ZILBERBERG

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 29, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elina Zilberberg, a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for her 25 years of service with the Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County. Her contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan in the former Soviet Union, Elina immigrated to the Detroit area with her parents as a refugee in 1979. This experience sparked a deep interest in refugee advocacy, leading Elina to begin her career as a resettlement case worker in Metro

Detroit after earning a B.A. in Business Administration from Wayne State University. In the years since, Elina has dedicated her professional career to supporting others as they navigate the same challenging journey her family experienced decades ago.

From her humble beginnings as JFS's first employee in October 1997, Elina has become a pillar of the organization. She now serves as their Chief Operating Officer and is involved in coordinating employment services, the English as a Second Language program, and transportation services. As COO, she oversees HR, facilities management, as well as purchasing. Her leadership has been instrumental to the enormous growth that JFS of Washtenaw County has experienced over the last 25 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in celebrating Elina Zilberberg. I join with our community to thank her for her tireless work in helping other families prosper and achieve the American Dream. I am proud to honor her work and the impact she has made on our community.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JENNIFER VIDRINE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, AND NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN

### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 29, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding, cherished public servant from my home State of Louisiana. My dear friend and the mayor of the City of Ville Platte, Jennifer Vidrine, will soon take the top leadership position of the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) as the first African-American woman Board President. The LMA was established in 1926 and is the strongest advocate for municipal government in my state. On July 30, it will become an even stronger and more effective organization with the installation of Mayor Vidrine as president.

This is one of many "firsts" she is known for. In 2011, she was elected the first woman and African-American mayor of her fine city where today she continues to provide sound and caring leadership. Mayor Vidrine is a skilled and dedicated municipal leader with a deep passion for the residents she serves. On any given day, you will find Mayor Vidrine meeting with constituents about an array of issues affecting the elderly and youth, inspecting city utilities, sharing ideas with business leaders, and visiting local schools. Her phone never stops ringing. She encourages residents to call her directly on her cell phone, and they do. She frequently utilizes a telephone messaging service to keep residents informed on issues ranging from severe weather warnings, boil advisories, local sporting events, and the all-important annual celebrations like the city's Smoked Meat and Louisiana Cotton festivals.

She was one of the first mayors to provide free testing and vaccinations during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Working

with state and federal officials, Mayor Vidrine was steadfast in instituting sound local ordinances to keep her community safe and provided critical personal protection equipment. She is an eloquent speaker who knows how to educate and motivate those of us in positions that can help navigate the federal bureaucracy. She never hesitates to speak up on behalf of the smaller towns and villages of our state giving them a voice of care and concern. She is an absolute force to be reckoned with each time she travels to Capitol Hill as one of the LMA's chief advocates for local government issues.

Madam Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to recognize this great leader and advocate for our great State of Louisiana, The Honorable Jennifer Vidrine in such a public way. I am confident she will have a significant and lasting impact on the LMA for years to come. I am extremely proud to call her my dear friend and now, Madam President.

MILDRED DAVIDSON 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 29, 2022*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Mildred Davidson of Sweet Home, Arkansas, in honor of her 100th birthday.

Ms. Mildred Davidson grew up as one of 11 children and went on to work when she was just nine years old, helping her mother with her work as a maid, laundress and raising her other siblings. Those who know her, and her life story will tell you, Ms. Davidson's dedication to serving others is clear.

She worked for 25 years at the Arkansas Confederate Home providing care to poverty-stricken veterans, their widows and their orphans.

She was later hired into her dream job as an employee at the Holiday Inn at Sixth and Broadway, where her work spanned nearly two decades and included assignments on the hotel's seventh floor, which was reserved for special guests. Ms. Davidson was known for being an exemplar worker, making certain to treat every guest with respect.

Today, she dedicated her time to being with her grandchildren and has plans to grow a vegetable garden this summer, just as she has done throughout her life.

I give my best wishes to Ms. Davidson and her family in celebration of her 100th birthday, and I commend her for her decades spent caring for others.

HONORING ERNEST MARVEL—WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND RECIPIENT OF THE LEGION OF HONOR

### HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 29, 2022*

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Ernest B. Marvel, proud World War II Veteran

and recent recipient of France's highest distinction, the Ordre national de la légion d'honneur, also known as the Legion of Honor.

On July 14, 2022, Mr. Marvel was presented the Legion of Honor by the French Ambassador to the United States, Philippe Etienne. The Legion of Honor was first created over two centuries ago to reward eminent military and civil merits in service or defense of France. Created as an order of merit, foreign citizens may be awarded this recognition for their actions in support of France. For a World War Two Veteran like Mr. Marvel to be awarded the Legion of Honor, they must prove they were involved in combat operations within France.

As a Private First Class with the 45th Infantry Division of the United States Army, Mr. Marvel's service demonstrated exceptional bravery, character, and valor. Arriving in France shortly after the Battle of the Bulge, Mr. Marvel was soon given a vital mission to clear mines and booby traps. That mission brought Mr. Marvel and another soldier into direct contact with enemy troops. For his successful actions that day, Mr. Marvel was awarded the Bronze Star. After this action, Mr. Marvel participated in several dangerous combat missions to help liberate France from Nazi Germany, including missions as a bazooka man and in notable amphibious operations across the Rhine River.

Despite the significant combat Mr. Marvel and his unit saw in Europe, perhaps the most harrowing experience was their actions to liberate the victims in the Dachau Concentration Camp. As Mr. Marvel and the 45th Infantry Division moved toward Dachau, they were engaged in fierce combat with German troops still defending the camp. Mr. Marvel would help liberate 32,000 captives of Dachau. But, as Mr. Marvel recalls, the "sights in this camp I will never ever forget."

Mr. Marvel was awarded numerous awards for his service, including the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, and several campaign medals. With the latest award of the Legion of Honor, Mr. Marvel joins a distinguished group of Americans, including President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Audie Murphy, Chuck Yeager, and many others.

On behalf of the State of Delaware and a grateful nation, I thank Mr. Marvel for his service to our country. He sacrificed greatly to safeguard freedom and democracy. He is a testament to our Nation and his actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Congratulations once again to Mr. Marvel on this honor, as he brings great pride to Delaware and the United States.

HONORING COLONEL ERIC A. KENNEDY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. MILITARY

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel Eric A. Kennedy, upon his retirement after more than 30 years of military service in both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. A dedicated and respected public

servant, he has continued to serve his fellow veterans as the lead physician assistant at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

Colonel Kennedy's passion for medicine and innovation helped make 21st Century Cures a reality. Through Eric's work as the lead PA at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center, he has helped thousands of veterans like himself lead healthy lives after their service. He has been a preceptor for Grand Valley State University and WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine students during his time at the VA.

In addition to Eric's long history of medical service, he also served as an active member of the Michigan Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa on humanitarian missions. In 2015, Colonel Kennedy was the first physician assistant to be named Medical Commander for the Michigan Army National Guard. He now serves as the State Surgeon for the Michigan Army National Guard, where he is responsible for policy direction and management of the Michigan Army National Guard health service system.

In addition to the Colonel's long list of accomplishments, he and his wife, Sarah have raised two wonderful daughters, Brielle and Brooke, in Mattawan, Michigan. Sarah and Eric met at Western Michigan University right here in Southwest Michigan many years ago and together they have grown as a family and helped grow our community with their many successes.

I congratulate Colonel Kennedy. His retirement is well deserved, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for him.

### NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS ARTIST LEAGUE

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the artists who make up the North Central Arkansas Artist League.

The league recently debuted a new art exhibit, currently on display at the Ozark Health Medical Center in Clinton through August 17th.

The exhibit is made up of 43 original pieces of art, created by local artists inspired by "Summer Fun". Subjects include landscapes, florals, wildlife, and portraits.

All artwork is made from oils, acrylics, watercolors, and charcoal.

I commend the North Central Arkansas Artist League on another successful exhibit, and I encourage all to spend an evening in Clinton, admiring the work of our local artists.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

SPEECH OF

### HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the CHIPS Act will help boost the United States' semiconductor manufacturing capacity. The legislation

includes a 25 percent investment tax credit for businesses to invest in facilities for which the primary purpose is the manufacturing of semiconductors or semiconductor manufacturing equipment. Experts agree that a semiconductor is a substance, such as silicon, whose electrical conductivity is between that of a conductor and that of an insulator, or a semiconductor device. Semiconductors have become an essential aspect of modern life, and this legislation will increase the production of semiconductors here in the USA, including in my home state of Michigan. I support passage of this crucially important legislation which accelerates the production of U.S.-made semiconductors by providing support along the entire supply chain.

### RARE KIDNEY DISEASE WEEK

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the designation of July 18 to July 22, 2022, as Rare Kidney Disease Week.

Too often, rare kidney diseases are life-threatening, lack effective treatments, are difficult to diagnose. Many individuals who are diagnosed with a rare kidney disease—particularly communities of color, which are disproportionately burdened by disease—rapidly progress to end-stage kidney disease, kidney failure, and the need for a kidney transplant. Meanwhile, there has been little to no innovation in treatment for kidney disease patients since the 1960s—a time when the use of dialysis and immunosuppressants became commonplace.

This lack of innovation makes Rare Kidney Disease Week especially crucial for spreading awareness. Increased awareness of rare kidney diseases will encourage accurate and early diagnosis, help prevent the need for dialysis and kidney transplant, and support both public and private efforts to develop effective diagnostics and cures.

It is with high expectations that Rare Kidney Disease Week is observed nationally for years to come, providing hope for and shedding light upon the rare kidney disease community.

Once again, I am pleased to recognize July 18 through July 22, 2022, as Rare Kidney Disease Week.

### PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers of the Pulaski County Special School District who have devoted nearly 18,000 hours to Pulaski County students during the 2021–2022 school year.

Several individual volunteers earned awards for extraordinary commitment of their time.

Recognized volunteers include Ms. Charnelle Joslin of Cato Elementary; Mr. Demone Gillette of Joe T. Robinson Middle School; and Ms. Amber Henson of Joe T.