

the use of alternative approaches. Zahra founded and became the chair of the Cannabis Caucus for Michigan Democratic Party.

Zahra spoke passionately about the issues she believed in at rallies, community meetings, and meetings with other political leaders across the state of Michigan and the nation. She was a relentless advocate for fair, sensible and just cannabis law reform. Her work impacted the lives of so many across our state.

Please join me in recognizing the Zahra Abbas, our lion-hearted advocate with a radiant smile, as we honor her memory.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BOB SAKATA

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity and patriotism of agricultural trailblazer Bob Sakata, who passed away on June 7, 2022, at the age of 96. Bob's life encapsulated the American principles of perseverance, endurance, and courage. Through his innovation and dedication, Bob left an indelible mark upon the Colorado community.

In 1941, when the U.S. declared war against Japan, Bob and his family were sent to an internment camp in Topaz, Utah. With the assistance of his former high school teacher, who vouched for his character, Bob obtained an early release from the internment camp and relocated to Brighton, Colorado, where he worked on a dairy farm. In 1944, Bob's employer loaned him the money to purchase 40 acres of farmland in Brighton. This land paved the way for Bob and his family to start a new life following World War II.

Bob became a giant in Colorado's agricultural industry and was renowned for his innovation in sweet corn growing. He transformed the industry in the 1980s with creative methods in seed development, consumer packaging, and the introduction of Sakata Farms Gourmet Sweet Corn. Through a dedicated work ethic and the assistance of his loving wife Joanna, Bob's farm would eventually grow from 40 acres to more than 3000 acres. Bob's agricultural knowledge resulted in two presidential nominations to the Advisory Board of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

As his farm and fame grew, Bob remained dedicated to giving back to his community. He served fifteen years on Colorado's Water Quality Control Commission, working collaboratively to find ways to address water shortages impacting Colorado's farmers. Bob's ingenuity and charity led to his induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame and the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Over the years, Bob was a member of the Colorado State University Extension Advisory Board, Colorado's Food Safety Task Force, the Brighton Rotary Club, and the Brighton First Presbyterian Church. Furthermore, Bob spearheaded the campaign to build the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C.

Bob Sakata is an example of the American dream. On behalf of the Fourth District of Colorado, it is my honor to recognize his many

accomplishments and his legacy of generosity, faith, courage, and perseverance.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, July 28, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call Number 402, and NAY on Roll Call Number 403.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MAJOR EARL "RUSTY" LESLIE RUSSELL, USA (RET.)

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Major Earl "Rusty" Leslie Russell, USA, Ret. Rusty exemplified the American fighting spirit. He lived his life honorably through serving his country, loving his family and friends, and devoting himself to his faith. Rusty embodied the bravery, honor, and patriotism of what it means to be an American.

Born January 25, 1944, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Rusty was a man of many talents, interests, and pursuits. Most importantly, he was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and a man of God.

At his core, Rusty was a deeply patriotic person. He began his military career in middle school in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and continued to serve in the ROTC throughout his high school and college years. In September 1966, upon graduation from Fort Hays State University, Rusty received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Soon afterwards, Rusty attended the Army Aviation Center and School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he earned his pilot wings. He served two tours in Vietnam (1967–68 and 1971–72) where he flew reconnaissance missions and aligned artillery.

During these intense combat tours, Rusty earned the following military honors: Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 7 Bronze Service Stars, Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Palm. In 1975, having attained the rank of Major, Rusty was honorably discharged from the United States Army.

Following his military career, Rusty and his wife, Jan, opened a real estate firm, Hallmark Homes, in Manhattan, Kansas. In 1982, the opportunity arose to join Edward Jones as a Financial Advisor. Without a backup plan, Rusty and Jan decided to move their family to Gainesville, Texas, to start their new adventure. Throughout his quarter-century career with Edward Jones, Rusty was valued as a trusted advisor, educator, confidante, and mentor.

Rusty was civic minded and generous with both his time and financial blessings. He served his community by participating on several boards including the Gainesville Municipal Airport Board, the North Texas Medical Center Board, the First United Methodist Church Board, the State Bar of Texas Ethics Committee Board, and the Longhorn Council. Rusty was also an active member of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 210 where he served as Past Master.

A lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, Rusty earned the rank of Eagle Scout and later in life, the Order of the Arrow's Vigil Honor. He served as leader of Gainesville's Troop 668 for many years, mentoring new generations of Scouts. He lived his life according to Scout Law, to be: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Rusty will be truly missed by everyone he met and by the community he so deeply affected. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jan, and their son, Lee. Rusty was a friend to all, and I join his family, friends, and the people of Gainesville, Texas in celebrating Major Russell's life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Mt. Zion Church—a pillar of the Ontario community and the Inland Empire region.

Since Mt. Zion's founding in 1922, the church has stood resolute to its values by advocating for civil rights and supporting the growth of Ontario and the community. Over the past century, Mt. Zion has witnessed events like the Great Depression, the desegregation of the Ontario Police and Fire Departments, and much more. Through it all, the church has been a source of peace and security to our community. Mt. Zion continues to pour into the people of the Inland Empire with their food assistance, preschool, and their English as a Second language programs. Now more than ever, their compassion is needed as our nation faces unique challenges.

Under Pastor Kennedy's leadership, Mt. Zion has kept our community together and provided critical services during a pandemic that has rippled through our lives. Mt. Zion is a source of comfort for many families who have experienced loss during the pandemic and reminds me of what it looks like to support the working families in the Inland Empire.

Partners in the Inland Empire community like Mt. Zion, Senior Pastor Dr. Brian E. Kennedy and his wife Lady Hilda Kennedy are invaluable as we try to fix the issues facing Ontario and our region. I will continue working with the Mt. Zion community to bring further opportunities and support to our home and neighbors.

For the remarkable and incalculable contributions to our community, it is my honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of Mt. Zion Church of Ontario. The church's decades of

service and support to the people of the Inland Empire is worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
ROSEMARY O'NEILL

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Rosemary O'Neill, who dedicated her life and career to public service.

A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and daughter of former Speaker of the House, Thomas "Tip" and Millie O'Neill, Rosemary was born on March 20, 1943. Following in the family tradition of public service and diplomacy, Rosemary first began what would be an extensive career with the Department of State as special assistant to George Feldman, Ambassador of Malta and Luxembourg, shortly after graduating from Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross. Rosemary then continued to work at the Department of State's headquarters in Washington, D.C. for several years, before receiving her posting as a foreign service officer in Morocco in 1980.

In 1992, Rosemary was elected chair of the Secretary of State's Open Forum, and was tasked with supervising the Open Forum Channel, monitoring the Dissent Channel, and managing the Open Forum's Speaker Program. The Secretary of State's Open Forum was established in 1967 to encourage U.S. government employees to share new or alternative policy recommendations with the Secretary of State in a confidential manner, free of bureaucratic restraints. Under Rosemary's leadership and guidance, the Speaker's Program and Open Forum Working Group on Conflict Resolution, Civil Society, and Democracy flourished.

An advocate for strong American Irish relations, Rosemary served as advisor to the Department of State's Director of Policy Planning on Northern Ireland. Even in retirement, Rosemary continued her relationship with the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and often travelled to her family's ancestral home of Mallow, County Cork, serving as the Grand Marshall of Mallow's St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2017. Whether travelling to the USSR to promote human rights for individuals with disabilities or working to establish the State Department's Afghan Women's Program to advance educational opportunities for women and girls throughout Afghanistan—Rosemary dedicated her life and career to bettering the lives of all, across the globe.

After a remarkable career as a Foreign Service Officer, Rosemary retired in 2004. However, retirement did not stop her from continuing to help and support those in her community. Rosemary went on to serve as Chair of the Board of the Family Pantry of Cape Cod and on the Harwich Democratic Committee. Surrounded by family and loved ones, Rosemary left us too soon on July 20, 2022, at the age of 79. Rosemary's legacy will carry on through the lasting impact she left on the lives of so many through her work advancing women's rights and advocating for underrepresented and underserved groups.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Rosemary O'Neill. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her life's commitment to serving her community and country.

HONORING RICK JOHNSON

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Rick Johnson from his position as Executive Director of the Old Monterey Business Association and Administrator of the Lighthouse District. After more than twenty years of dedicated service, Mr. Johnson is the longest serving leader of any business association, not just on the Central Coast, but in the state of California.

The Old Monterey Business Association strives to promote Old Monterey's economic vitality and preserve its community spirit, as well as enhance its one-of-a-kind downtown. The Lighthouse District is home to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and over 100 intriguing specialty shops, restaurants, and nightlife establishments.

Born in Minnesota, Mr. Johnson was stationed at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey in 1968 at the age of 19. After retiring from the U.S. Army, Mr. Johnson began his civilian career in Monterey, earning \$1.35 an hour at the Regency Theatre on Alvarado Street. After briefly leaving the Central Coast to pursue higher education, he returned to Monterey and continued to foster strong relationships in the community.

Mr. Johnson's expertise and knowledge of the Central Coast, paired with his sense of humor, served him well during his time with the Old Monterey Business Association and the Lighthouse District. In his capacity, he frequently provided the Business Association with in-depth knowledge of government infrastructure and local businesses, guided decision making, and oversaw the day-to-day relations between hundreds of local businesses and city government. Mr. Johnson is no stranger to disaster, and led the business community through flooding, a 2007 fire on Alvarado Street, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Time and time again, Mr. Johnson's leadership served as a catalyst for positive engagement and economic recovery and improvement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Rick Johnson for his decades of service. His leadership and dedication to public service have shaped Monterey and greatly influenced the role of the Business Association in the community. I extend my personal appreciation to Mr. Rick Johnson and his dedication to our local economy and business community.

CELEBRATING FORGOTTEN STAR
BREWING CO.

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Forgotten Star Brewing Company for winning multiple awards at the 2022 U.S. Open Beer Championship. Forgotten Star received two gold medals and two silver medals and was recognized as one of America's Top Ten Breweries earlier this month.

Every year, hundreds of breweries around the country compete across 150 categories of beer. A panel of experts judge these submissions and names the country's best beers. Forgotten Star won gold medals for their Bonspiel Bock and Nut N' Honey Nut Ale, and they won silver medals for their Schwarzbier and Northstar Cream Ale. By winning these medals, they were also selected as one of the ten best breweries nationwide.

Forgotten Star Brewing Company was founded in November 2019 by Matt Asay and Andy Risvold, and Mr. Asay serves as Head Brewer. The brewery is located in the historic Northern Pump Company factory, which produced Navy ship guns during World War II. That company was one of only eight nationwide that received superior recognition from the U.S. federal government for "Excellence in Production." Forgotten Star is proud to carry on their legacy of excellence.

Although I do not drink myself, I have deep appreciation for Forgotten Star's craft and artistry. My constituents tell me these awards are well-deserved, and I join them in celebrating Forgotten Star's success at the U.S. Open Beer Championship.

CONWAY COUNTY FAMILY FARM
OF THE YEAR

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 2022 Conway County Family Farm of the Year, the Stobaugh Brother Family Farm.

Right off Highway 64, the Stobaugh family has been operating their family farm since the 1950s, producing soybeans, rice, and corn over 6,000 acres of land.

Known for their first-class quality of crops, the Stobaugh's continue to utilize traditional farming methods while welcoming advancements in agricultural technology. These advancements include weather stations throughout the farm, and innovative irrigation system, and computerized calculations to ensure efficiency.

Despite labor shortages and the rising inflation currently plaguing our agricultural industry, the Stobaugh's continue to produce staple goods for many to enjoy at their dinner table.

Congratulations to the Stobaugh's and I thank them for being part of the family farms that feed 86 percent of what feeds American families every night.