

both optimistic and realistic, believing she could make the world around her better, while also meeting people exactly where they were. She brought enthusiasm, humor, and more than a touch of sarcasm to every task, every meeting, and every project she touched. She was beloved by her coworkers, her friends, and her family, and she will never be forgotten.

I offer my condolences to all those who mourn her loss, and on behalf of a grateful community, it is my honor to recognize her story in the People's House. Let it be known to all that Megan Palmer was a social worker who made a difference.

HONORING CADEN D. NELSON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and exceptional student, Caden D. Nelson.

Caden Nelson was born July 10, 2006, in Greenville, Mississippi. He is currently in the 11th grade at O'Bannon High School. He is among a family of 10 siblings, but grew up in a household of 4—his sister, Haley; his dad, David; his mom, Alicia; and himself. His mom is an educator, as she has been an educator for 20 years. His dad is a veteran, who has served in the military for over 20 years, and he is the pastor at Bethlehem MB Church. Haley is a student in middle school.

Growing up, Caden had to realize a lot of things, one was being born with a condition called albinism, which is a lack of pigment in the skin that can also affect the eyesight. Growing up wasn't easy. He couldn't see all that well and he struggled in many subjects because of his lack of vision. Caden was blessed to have amazing people in his life to sacrifice their time and assist him.

With the help of teachers and family, he was able to accomplish many things like passing the 3rd grade reading gate, along with having the highest scores in his class. This memory stands out and made Caden happy because growing up he was insecure, with no confidence in himself.

Once in high school, Caden started to grow and became more sociable. He gives credit to God for having a chance to be introduced to many opportunities in his community. He joined the Mayor's Youth Council in Greenville, MS. He made many friends and got to see how the community really works. "How amazingly warm, it felt to be a part of a community like this one," said Caden. He got a chance to go to Mississippi State University this summer to learn about physics. Also, he recently got the position as Lieutenant Governor for Mississippi Youth Council.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Caden Nelson for his passion, dedication for success, and desire to make a difference in the community.

RECOGNITION OF PAMELA KLYN

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pamela Klyn upon her receipt of the Good Scout Award. Pamela Klyn has dedicated her life to bettering Southwest Michigan through her work with the Whirlpool Corporation. A graduate of Michigan Technological University, Pam came to Benton Harbor in 1993 with a sharp mind and has brought the corporation to new heights locally as well as internationally.

In addition to her incredible work ethic, Pam is also an accomplished scholar. She completed her master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1995. She also achieved an Executive MBA from Bowling Green State University. At the start of this year, Pam was named Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations and Sustainability for Whirlpool Corporation.

Pam was raised by an Eagle Scout. Her father taught her to "always be prepared" and to "leave things better than you found them." It's clear that she has reflected these lessons in everything she does. In addition to heading corporate relations and sustainability for Whirlpool Corporation, Pam is also an active Board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor and a Trustee for the Whirlpool Foundation. Pam also serves on the External Advisory Board for the Dean of Engineering at her alma mater, Michigan Tech, and as a board member for the American Association of Home Appliances and the Board of Directors for Patrick Industries.

Congratulations to Pam. There truly is no one more fitting to receive the honor of the Good Scout Award.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOTEL  
EMPLOYEE DAY

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of hotel employees and the contributions of these hard-working men and women who provide critical service, welcoming guests at hotels across the country, and ensuring that travel is possible. I express my support for the designation of September 1, 2022, as National Hotel Employee Day.

It is true that hotel workers are a vital part of the American economy; they are crucial to enabling travel ranging from family vacations to business meetings.

Hotel workers also served as frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring other first responders and healthcare workers had a clean and comfortable place to stay while performing their duties. More importantly, nearly two million hotel workers across the country are driving the hotel industry's recovery and helping to rebuild their communities from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hotel industry and the AHLA Foundation provide opportunities for training and ad-

vancement for hotel workers across the industry.

I concur that September 1, 2022 would be an appropriate date to designate as National Hotel Employee Day for all the reasons above, and more.

HONORING THE LATE WILLIAM  
"BILL" VICHKO

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late William "Bill" Vichko, a beloved member of our community who passed away on June 29, 2022. He is survived by Katie, his wife of 48 years, his children Kara and Timothy, and his grandchildren Zoey and Edward. He also leaves behind his siblings Bob, Bev, Kathy, and Jay.

A resident of Burlington County for most of his life, Bill was born in Riverside, NJ and graduated from Burlington High School and Burlington County College. He built a wonderful life for his family from the first moment he bought a house with his wife until his passing. Bill cherished every moment with his family and treasured his weekend trips taking the kids fishing and coaching their little league baseball teams.

For years, Bill worked as an expeditor for Stone and Webster Engineering, United Engineers, and Shaw Group. Bill was the epitome of what it meant to be a hard worker and was able to see the country through work travel throughout his illustrious career. Beyond his work, Bill was devoted to serving our community, fellow servicemembers, and veterans. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was a lifelong Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) member at Scully Bozarth Post 1817, where he spent time as a Trustee. Even beyond his service, for 47 years Bill was known for wearing a silver bracelet with Colonel Roy A. Knight Jr's name on it after purchasing it from a fundraiser for servicemembers who were declared prisoners of war or missing in action. Bill was as committed to his fellow Vietnam veterans as anyone and sought out opportunities to honor their memory and service in any way possible.

After his honorable discharge, Bill volunteered as a docent on the USS Battleship New Jersey in Camden for nine years, where he could be found greeting visitors in the Captain's Cabin. He would often take extra time to speak with fellow veterans who served on the ship and brightened the days of their children and grandchildren. It was evident that his care for his family, his job, and his country were sources of great pride and passion to all who knew him.

Bill was a kind soul who inspired kindness and service in those he touched. We were lucky to live with Bill as part of our community. My heart goes out to Bill's entire family and for those that knew him, even for the most fleeting moments; he will be missed.

HONORING PHYLLIS METCALFE

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Phyllis Metcalfe in celebration of her extraordinary life and commitment to serving her community.

Phyllis Metcalfe was born and grew up in New York State. She obtained a degree in architectural design at the Pratt Institute in New York City. In 1967, Phyllis moved to Marin County and began her decades of service and political activism in her local community while raising her three children, Keith, Ryan, and Kathy. In addition to her work as a political consultant, Phyllis also served as an elected official on the College of Marin Board of Trustees from 1979 to 2003 and was a member of the Corte Madera Planning Commission from 2012 until the time of her death.

Always an active political advocate, Phyllis was deeply involved in local and state elections and grassroots efforts to promote democracy and election campaign reform. She was also involved in a number of local organizations that aimed to improve the welfare of women and local communities including the Marin Coalition, Marin Forum, National Women's Political Caucus, Marin Center for Independent Living, Exodus Residential Treatment for Autism, Marin County Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross, United Way of the Bay Area and the Golden Gate Theological Seminary.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Phyllis Metcalfe is truly an exemplary civil servant, and her years of service are a legacy worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her many contributions and express our deep condolences to her family and friends.

CONGRATULATING CANDICE  
DIDUCH FOR WINNING A NA-  
TIONAL WRESTLING TITLE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Candice Diduch for winning a national wrestling title.

Candice Diduch was one of 15 qualifiers from Illinois with the opportunity to compete at the national tournament to become a national champion in girls wrestling. Candice went 10-1 at a 10-day national tournament in Fargo, North Dakota, making her one of the top female wrestlers in the nation. With her exceptional athleticism, Candice Diduch is one of

three girls' IHSA state champions from the Freeport area that qualified for nationals, along with 11 boys from the region. Candice is known for being competitive and has made a name for herself in two sports. She started on Freeport's girls' soccer team in her first year, helping the Pretzels win NIC-10 and Regional Championships. Now she is the 16U U.S. Nationals women's freestyle champion. As a former athlete, I applaud Candice for her accomplishments and skills in athletics. I commend her talent and dedication to her sport and I am proud to see her achieve such an esteemed title.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Candice Diduch for winning a national title for women's wrestling. I am proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and incredibly pleased to recognize the hard work of hard-working athletes like Candice.

CELEBRATING JANE CLARK ON  
HER YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jane Clark on her exemplary career and decades of service to the West Michigan community. It is an honor to express my gratitude to Ms. Clark for her dedication, commitment, and hard work towards advancing West Michigan.

In 1990, Ms. Clark began her West Michigan business career with the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce, before guiding its merger into the Michigan West Coast Chamber. Throughout her career, she has filled the critical roles of Membership Director, Vice President, and President of the organization. She has worked hard to shape the Chamber of Commerce into a pillar of the community. Under her leadership, the Chamber was named the Outstanding Chamber of the Year for Michigan in 2018 and, in multiple years, the Chamber received a 5-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

On top of her many years at the Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Clark has also devoted her time to serving on the boards of several cherished West Michigan institutions, including the Holland Museum, Holland Hospital, and the Tulip Time Festival. Recently, her efforts were highlighted by the Grand Rapids Business Journal, who named her as one of the most influential women in West Michigan.

Throughout her career, Ms. Clark has strived to help guide, mentor, and develop the 1,250 West Michigan businesses that she represents.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Jane Clark for her years of dedicated service to the West Michigan community. Her strong

leadership has helped propel the West Michigan business community to where it is today.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALVIN L. ALCE  
FOR RECEIVING THE PURPLE  
HEART

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alvin L. Alce, SPC5, a native of Key West and an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam. On August 8, 2022, Mr. Alce was formally presented with the Purple Heart—the oldest military medal still awarded to service members—at Harvey Government Center in Key West. This medal recognizes Mr. Alce's extraordinary service and sacrifice after being wounded as a direct result of enemy action in Vietnam.

Mr. Alce was born in Key West on December 17, 1949. At age 18, he was drafted into the Army and served in the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, Americal Division, and the 101st Airborne Division. Mr. Alce received decorations for his military service from both the United States Armed Forces and the government of South Vietnam, including the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, and the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze service stars.

Mr. Alce was wounded in the Battle for Hamburger Hill, which began on May 11th, 1969. Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division fought the North Vietnamese for control of the jungle hill in western Vietnam. Bitter fighting ensued for ten days, as North Vietnamese forces beat back repeated American attacks. On May 20th, American forces with South Vietnamese reinforcements finally captured the hill, and the enemy retreated across the border to Laos. Mr. Alce was hit many times by enemy small arms fire during the battle. American casualties at Hamburger Hill numbered 72 killed and 372 wounded.

In December 2019, Monroe County Veterans Affairs discovered Mr. Alce had never received a Purple Heart. Monroe County Veterans Affairs successfully petitioned the Department of the Army to correct Mr. Alce's record and award him the prestigious medal. This ceremony is the culmination of their efforts, and I want to thank Monroe County Veterans Affairs for their diligence on behalf of Mr. Alce.

What an honor it is to recognize Mr. Alce for his sacrifice. He bravely put his life on the line serving his Nation in Vietnam, and this long overdue medal recognizes his courage. Let this ceremony inspire all of us to serve our country however we can as Mr. Alce did.