

District, who passed away on May 6th of this year. Mr. Bruscato was an admired reporter, a dedicated public servant, and beloved partner, father, grandfather, and friend to many.

In 1953, Mr. Tony Bruscato was born in Waukegan, Illinois to Anthony and Angela Bruscato. A talented writer, Mr. Bruscato was proud to continue his education at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, earning a bachelor's degree in broadcasting. Upon completing his degree, Mr. Bruscato put his talents to use as he began his broadcasting career in Iowa, before then moving to Port Huron, Michigan, to sharpen his skills. As his skills in broadcasting sharpened, Mr. Bruscato advanced to the larger metropolitan market, taking a position as Journalist for the Plymouth Observer Newspaper and serving with integrity through 2010. In addition, his work with the Observer and Eccentric in Wayne County made Mr. Bruscato a recognizable and trusted voice for many.

While Mr. Bruscato's broadcasting education and work led him across the Midwest, Southeast Michigan served as home for much of his professional career and later life. His knack for communication and love for community made Tony the best choice to ascend to the role of Plymouth Downtown Development Director. His skills served him well as he assumed this position, coordinating activity for the City of Plymouth and liaising with the various development committees. Undoubtedly, Tony Bruscato's work as Director contributed to the vibrant culture that makes Plymouth a highly sought place to live. A coworker of Mr. Bruscato attests to his work, saying "he helped grow many [City of Plymouth] events over the last decade, helped develop a new downtown Master Plan, assisted our businesses during the pandemic, and much, much more."

Mr. Bruscato was preceded in death by his parents and son, Matthew Bruscato. In addition to the love of his life, Lucia Morrison, Mr. Tony Bruscato's legacy continues through his beloved children, Andrew (Jamie) Bruscato, and Sarah (Craig) Bruscato-Newsom, and grandchildren, Charlotte Bruscato, Andelina Bruscato, and Luciana Bruscato. Along with cultivating a reputation of integrity and excellence professionally, Tony Bruscato was also known as a lifelong Hoosiers fan, periodically attending basketball games, and was a regular attendee of shows at Fisher Theater in Detroit. Those who knew Mr. Bruscato say that "he found every way to live life to the fullest" and will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Anthony Bruscato led by example, demonstrating how one person can create significant positive impact on their community through service to others. The 11th Congressional District of Michigan and the greater region has benefited from the work of Mr. Bruscato. Although he will continue to be missed by so many, it is certain that his legacy will continue through the many whom he inspired.

CONGRATULATING TRACEY ANN TIPPETT FOR BEING NAMED 2022 UPPER PENINSULA VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Tracey Ann Tippett for being named the 2022 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Through her dedicated service, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to her community, Tracey has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The U.P. Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of past commanders of various service organizations throughout the peninsula. It is given to recognize Yooper Veterans who go above and beyond in their service to their local communities and fellow Veterans. None are more deserving of this honor than Tracey. During her military career, Tracey served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, where she was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Marksmanship Badge, Letter of Appreciation, and Certificate of Appreciation. Her devotion to the people of her country and community has not wavered since she returned from military service.

It is impossible to fully list all the ways in which Tracey works to better the lives of U.P. Veterans. She is an active member and has served in a variety of leadership positions in the Marine Corps League and Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and she is currently the U.P. Zone Vice Commandant and Department Adjutant and Webmaster for the State of Michigan. At her own expense, she makes copies of the Michigan Marine News and the Woof-O-Gram and mails them to members who do not have access to the Internet. Tracey serves on the Board of Trustees for the Marquette County Veteran's Alliance Committee and as the Secretary of the Marquette County Veteran's Board. She regularly volunteers at the DJ Jacobetti Home for Veterans, and is a member of American Legion Post 44, MODD Northern Wolves Pound 174, and Lake Superior Detachment 764. Within the Detachment, she is a member of the Color Guard, and she volunteers at Memorial Day services, Flag Day celebrations, 4th of July services and parades, Veteran's Day services, and Marine Corps Birthday celebrations. Tracey is dedicated to her fellow Marines and other Veterans, and she graciously does whatever is asked of her to ensure the Detachment's success. She has devoted decades to the people of Michigan, and her tireless efforts have directly improved the lives of thousands of U.P. Veterans.

Outside of her work for Veterans, Tracy is an active volunteer for Toys for Tots, the Marquette and Ishpeming Christmas parades, Negaunee Pioneer Days, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Her contributions to her community were also previously recognized when she was named the 2021 Marquette County Veteran of the Year, the 2021 State of Michigan Veteran of the Year, and the 2022 Marine Corps League Central Division Marine of the Year. Additionally, she is the recipient of the 2022 U.P. Michigan Credit Union League Dis-

tinguished Service Award thanks to the 28 years of service she has given to the TruNorth Federal Credit Union. As a servicemember, a Veteran, a volunteer, and a Yooper, Tracey consistently puts the needs of others before her own.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Tracey Ann Tippett for her decades of service to fellow Michigan Veterans, and for being named the 2022 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Tracey all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ELLA SEWELL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Ella Sewell.

Ella was born in Houston, Texas to Walter and Octavia Lee Taylor. She was a dedicated student and was named valedictorian of her high school. She married her husband, Lowell Giddings Sewell, and the couple moved to Richmond, California when Lowell was offered a job at the Kaiser Shipyards.

Throughout her life, Ella has been heavily involved in activism and has shown her passion for serving her community. In the 1940s, Ella advocated for equal voting rights for African Americans and helped to get many members of the community registered to vote. Additionally, for over 16 years Ella served on the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission. As a part of this program, Ella hosted ambassadors from Japan and shared African American culture and history with them. Ella also took on multiple leadership roles within the Easter Hill UM Church and helped to introduce several programs to the congregation.

In her personal life, Ella enjoyed spending time with her family and expressing her creativity through dancing and cooking. Ella's love for cooking was passed along to her by her father and uncles. She also loved playing cards and enjoying barbecues with her family and friends.

Sadly, Ella passed away on July 10, 2021. She is survived by her daughter, Gloria, her sons, Michael (Gladys) and David, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two god-sisters, and three god-granddaughters. She was a cherished member of our community and she will be remembered for her compassion, intelligence, and dedication. Please join me in honoring Ella Sewell for her many contributions to our community.

DENOUNCING LEFT-WING TERRORISM

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to condemn the dramatic rise in left-wing terrorism. One member of Congress called antifa

an “idea.” In reality, it is a left-wing terror organization dedicated to violence against “fascists”—or anyone who believes, just as the Founders did, that our rights come from Almighty God.

Left-wing terrorists have attacked 64 pro-life pregnancy centers since the Supreme Court leak, according to Catholic Vote, including a number of fire bombings. 207 churches have been attacked and vandalized since May of 2020—and 70 since the Supreme Court leak. One terrorist group called Ruth Sent Us told a Catholic that she should “stuff [her] rosaries and [her] weaponized prayer” and that the group will “be burning the Eucharist to show our disgust for the abuse Catholic Churches have condoned for centuries.”

The Bible warns of persecution constantly. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says, “But before all this, they will seize and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.”

The two-tiered justice system has existed for a while. Democrats have always gotten away with things that would have ended the career of anyone on the right. But a new level has been reached nowadays. Parents must be prosecuted for standing up to sexual and racial indoctrination in public schools. A “disinformation board” is needed to keep an eye on those who believe in massive voter fraud and who recognize the toxicities of the COVID-19 vaccine. The raid of the residence of a duly-elected former president for political reasons is just the culmination of statist weaponization that runs the gamut from the invention of treasonous activity by President Trump to the persecution of peaceful election protestors.

When the Deep State is not busy destroying political opponents, they are standing down to left-wing terrorists. The massive amounts of damage caused by Black Lives Matter and antifa rioters in 2020 remain unpunished. So do the attacks on pregnancy resource centers and churches. There were no arrests made on rioters who were illegally picketing and intimidating Supreme Court justices outside their homes—a clear and obvious violation of federal law.

Persecution of the God-fearing and those with countercultural beliefs has existed for centuries, all the way back to the time of Christ and before. These hate crimes are abhorrent and are to be expected. However, that does not mean we must not fight back. We will not accept this persecution without a response.

I have called for the abolition of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I will not cease in my calls to defend those persecuted by the State for political reasons—whether they be January 6 defendants or quality public figures like Scott Perry, Roger Stone, Michael Flynn, or Steve Bannon. I signed onto a petition to impeach Merrick Garland. I believe any corrupt senior officials at the Department of Justice and FBI must resign immediately or be fired.

We are in the eye of the storm. Christ said he came to bring division, fire, and the sword. Conflict with the forces of darkness is inevitable. We must expect it. And we must use the political system—as corrupt, rotten, and putrid as it is—to combat the persecution before it is too late.

NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART TIME CAPSULE

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an Omaha landmark, a fixture in Omaha’s history and in the furniture retail world—Nebraska Furniture Mart—on the occasion of their 85th anniversary. In 1937, Rose Blumkin started the Mart—as it is known to those in the community—with \$500 in the basement of her husband’s shop. Since then, four generations of the Blumkin family have worked at the retail giant which is now also located in Iowa, Kansas City and Texas.

The largest retailer of home furnishings in North America, their flagship store hosts more than two million visitors a year, making it one of Nebraska’s top tourists’ attractions. Employing over 5000 workers, including 2000 in Omaha, the Mart contributed over \$104 million in local payroll for the year 2020. In addition, it generates an average of \$4.3 million in Omaha taxes and \$24.4 million in state taxes.

As we gather on this 85th anniversary, we look forward to celebrating 100 years and the growth that the Mart will continue to have in Omaha and across the nation. Despite its large growth, the Mart is connected to the community, where it has a large footprint. I believe Rose Blumkin would be proud to see what her \$500 has grown into and the impact it has made in the lives of those who work or shop here and would be excited to see what the future has to bear.

Congratulations to Nebraska Furniture Mart and the Blumkin family and I look forward to seeing their progress and growth 15 years from now.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN BRIAN FALK

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today and am joined by my colleague from California, Mr. McCARTHY, to honor the life and legacy of Captain Brian Falk. After serving the Kern County Fire Department for more than two decades, Captain Falk passed away on July 14, 2022, while on active duty at Station 23.

Born in Bakersfield, California in 1974, Captain Falk was known as a fierce athlete, gregarious leader, and compassionate friend. As a student at North High School, he excelled in competitive sports, collecting numerous recognitions along the way for his athletic excellence. Upon graduation, Captain Falk attended Bakersfield College before transferring to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he received his bachelor’s degree in Criminology.

After his time in Reno, Captain Falk returned home to serve as a Kern County Probation Officer before joining the Kern County Fire Department in 2002. Within six years at the Department, he attained the rank of Captain—an incredible feat symbolizing Captain Falk’s unwavering dedication to service. For

over two decades, Captain Falk served alongside his team of committed first responders, protecting Kern County residents day and night.

Captain Falk was the embodiment of service, honor, and dignity. His commitment to his family and his community is an example to us all. On behalf of the 21st and 23rd Congressional Districts of California, it is our privilege to honor Captain Falk’s life. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, Randall James and Tyler Matthew, as they mourn the loss of an incredible man.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER, CATHERINE PETTY

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute and recognize a distinguished member of Congressional staff, Catherine Petty.

With the loss of our friend, the late Dean of the House Congressman Don Young, there is presently no member seated from the great state of Alaska who may rise and recognize members of his staff within this body—even as they continue to serve our nation’s largest Congressional district. Therefore, it is my distinct honor today to recognize Catherine Petty, and to thank her for her years of service.

Catherine Petty grew up in Boston, Massachusetts where she acquired an accent that she proudly never fully outgrew. She joined the United States Air Force in 1971 which stationed her in Germany twice, Iceland twice, North Dakota, Texas, and New Mexico. In 1983 she left the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant in order to devote additional time to her young family. She next went to work for the Department of Defense, then as a civilian employee of the Air Force. Catherine Petty arrived in Alaska at 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 1990, at what was then Elmendorf Air Force Base. She continued in federal civilian service until she was urged by a friend to apply for a position with Alaska’s lone member of Congress—the legendary Don Young—who she admitted at the time she knew very little about. However, as fate would have it, Catherine applied and got the job—starting on June 15, 2006 in his Anchorage district office amidst a tumultuous election cycle.

Catherine Petty’s talents and leadership qualities were quickly recognized by Congressman Young. In 2007 he promoted her to be his Deputy State Director. On a personal level, Catherine became especially close with Rep. Young’s wife, Mrs. Lu Young, until her passing in August of 2009.

Mrs. Petty continued to faithfully serve Congressman Young as his Deputy State Director with great distinction. Her Congressional casework accomplishments include personally completing a remarkable tally of over 7,000 constituent cases. It is no wonder that Alaskans continued to return Congressman Young to the House for a record 25 terms—with such effective public servants like Mrs. Petty on his team.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Petty’s service in the office of Congressman Don Young and to the