

dedicated her public service to combatting fraud wherever it might be found.

Ms. Egan brought her wonderful sense of humor, infectious can-do attitude, and pride in a job well done to the many initiatives she brought forth both at home and across the Nation.

Notably, one of Ms. Egan's initiatives was working with the Montana Legislature to establish the Securities Restitution Assistance Fund to help investors who had lost everything recoup a portion of what they had lost. Since its inception, this fund has returned over \$7 million to Montana investors.

Ms. Egan embodied the highest ideals of public service in the State of Montana as she used her gifts to combat financial fraud and elder exploitation—issues that continue to harm Americans, costing the citizenry over \$5.8 billion per year.

Ms. Egan's selfless commitment to serving Montanans will always be a defining pillar of her legacy.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COLLIN HAGAN

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the life and service of Collin Hagan, whose young life was cut short while battling a wildfire in Oregon. Through his courage, selflessness, and extreme dedication to the public good, Collin became an indispensable part of the communities he served in Michigan and beyond.

A native Yooper, Collin was born in Hancock, Michigan on July 20, 1995. He was raised in Twin Lakes and graduated from Jeffers High School in 2013. With a deep-rooted desire to serve others, Collin furthered his education at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood and Michigan Technological University (MTU) in Houghton, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry. In college, Collin gained forestry field experience while working as an intern with Compass Land Consultants, Inc. in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Upon graduation from MTU, Collin pursued his passion for wildland firefighting. After a brief stint at Grayback Forestry in LaGrande, Oregon, he worked for two seasons on a Type 2 crew with the United States Forest Service at Flathead National Forest in Montana. His aspirations to become a hotshot firefighter came true this season when he was hired by the Bureau of Land Management to work on the Craig Interagency Hotshot Crew based in Craig, Colorado. Not only was Collin skilled in the art of felling trees; he also enjoyed assisting others in learning the profession.

Collin passed away on August 10, 2022 from injuries received while battling the Big Swamp Fire at Willamette National Forest in Oregon. His compassion, selflessness, and devotion to his community will surely leave a lasting mark on those who had the opportunity to know him.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join

me in honoring the life of Collin Hagan. His legacy will forever live on in his family, friends, crewmembers, and in the many lives he bettered through his service.

#### SHERRY EMS

#### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sherry Ems for her dedication and service to our State, our Nation, and our servicemembers working as the Executive Director at the United Services Organizations Ohio these last seven years.

For many service men and women, the USO offers the comforts of home: a place to rest or a meal to eat, as they ship off to another duty station, return from a long journey from a faraway base, or prepare to deploy. Sherry's service was a bright beacon of hope, integrity, and diligence.

She is exemplary of the patriotism and commitment we associate with the USO. Over the many years she served, Sherry's contributions went a long way towards supporting our service men and women. She embodies the civic pride we have in our troops and our nation.

I thank her for her tremendous work and service over the years at the USO and for our men and women in uniform, and we all wish her the best in her future endeavors.

#### NE NATIONAL GUARD 170TH GROUP 20TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the formal partnership between the United States Air Force's 55th Wing and the Nebraska Air National Guard's 170th Group at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. The anniversary occurred on the 3rd of June this year and was the first-of-its kind as the oldest association between the Air National Guard and an active-duty combat-coded Air Force Wing.

The first unit member of the 170th Group is now retired Air Force Air National Guard Major General Rick Evans who arrived at Offutt Air Force Base on June 3, 2002, to set up and command what was initially Detachment 1 of the Nebraska Air National Guard. Later, the 170th Group was formed to expand the mission capabilities of Detachment 1 into two squadrons: the 238th Combat Training Squadron which provided combat aircrew training support for the 55th Wing, and the 170th Operations Support Squadron which provided vital support to 55th Wing missions in the areas of weapons and tactics, intelligence, base operations, weather, and aviation resource management.

The extraordinary 20-year partnership between the 170th Group and the 55th Wing has enabled and sustained combat and sensitive

reconnaissance operations supporting the War on Terror and other national missions around the globe. Today, the 170th Group is preparing to expand its mission yet again with two additional squadrons that will expand its aircraft maintenance and intelligence support capabilities.

I am truly honored as a former 55th Wing Commander to have witnessed firsthand the operational impacts of the 170th Group. These outstanding Airmen ensure the daily success of the 55th Wing's demanding global mission and are recognized across the Air Force community for their leadership in forging a world-class Active Duty and Air National Guard partnership.

I salute the visionary leadership of those who designed the 170th Group over 20 years ago and all those who have served in its units to the present day. Congratulations on 20 years of success and the many more to come.

#### RECOGNIZING PROTEUS

#### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Proteus, an essential non-profit organization in the Central Valley, as they celebrate their 55th anniversary.

In the 1960s, the Tulare County Community Action Agency formed Proteus Adult Training to address rampant poverty among farmworkers and impoverished adults—primarily through literacy programs. In 1972, Proteus would be incorporated as an independent non-profit organization and continue its core mission to provide education, job training, and support services that empower people to achieve self-sufficiency.

In 1978, Proteus began expanding outside of Tulare County and started to address poverty throughout the Central Valley. In 1994, Proteus opened its first vocational school, offering Shipping and Receiving classes. They received their accreditation in 1995 and have been expanding their classes into areas such as Truck Driving, Forklift Training, and Energy Career Training. Today, Proteus also offers academic courses such as Adult Basic Education and English as Second Language through its William M. Maguy School of Education.

Throughout its 55 years of work, Proteus has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to improve the lives of the disenfranchised through its local, regional, and national partnerships with governments, other non-profit organizations, and corporations. With 30 different locations throughout Tulare, Kern, Fresno, and Kings counties, as well as in East Los Angeles, Proteus continues to lift people out of poverty and put the less fortunate on a pathway to financial stability.

I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Proteus as it celebrates its 55-year anniversary.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR  
ELECTORAL SYSTEMS (IFES)  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR  
UKRAINE

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and to place the following statement from IFES in the RECORD.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), meeting in Arlington, Virginia, USA on this 15th day of March 2022, does hereby declare its full support for the people of Ukraine, and the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

The Board of Directors condemns the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation as a flagrant act of aggression and violation of international law, including the Helsinki Final Act and the United Nations Charter.

Since Ukraine became an independent country more than 30 years ago, its people have repeatedly chosen the path of freedom and democracy. Over the course of three decades, IFES has been honored to support Ukrainians in their efforts to strengthen and safeguard their democracy. The Board of Directors of IFES affirms its continued solidarity with the Ukrainian people, who are bravely resisting this unprovoked assault on their freedom and democracy.

The Board of Directors pays tribute to the contributions of current and former IFES staff in Ukraine who have helped to build Ukrainian democracy. We stand in solidarity with these IFES staff, with the Central Election Commission of Ukraine, and with our civil society partners and the members of the public institutions with whom we work. The Board of Directors further recognizes the important work of those fighting for democracy and human rights in and around Russia and Belarus, especially those who have worked to oppose the invasion of Ukraine.

The IFES Board of Directors eagerly looks forward to the day when peace in Ukraine, and respect for the sovereign and democratic rights of the Ukrainian people are restored. We pledge to stand with the people of Ukraine now and in the future.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DR.  
RICHARD RUSSELL

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Richard Russell. Dr. Richard H. Russell died on August 28, 2022. He was born on May 3, 1942 in his family home in the Hurricane Community in Pontotoc County. He was the youngest child born to Robert Kendall Russell and Ida Warren Russell, who were 63 and 42 respectively on the date of his birth. He had nine siblings whom he knew and two who died before his birth. He survived all of them. He leaves his wife, Jackie Bass Russell, three children, Regan Russell (Mary Jennifer); Sandy Sullivan

(Vic) and Melissa Russell, and four grandchildren, Sylvie Russell, Will Sullivan, George Sullivan and Paige Carruth.

Dr. Russell graduated valedictorian from the Hurricane school system in 1960, top of his class at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy in 1965, and in 1971 from the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson, where he simultaneously worked as a part-time pharmacist and taught pharmacology to nursing students at St. Dominic Hospital. He served a one-year internship in Savannah, Georgia, where a staff physician called the Mississippi doctors (including Dr. Sam Creekmore) the best interns they had ever had, before choosing New Albany as his forever home. He never thereafter doubted that he had made a wise choice.

At the Union County Hospital, later Baptist Memorial-Union County, he proudly delivered approximately 2,000 babies, co-ran the emergency room night and day for seven years, served as New Albany's first I.C.U. Director, served three terms as Chief of Staff, and played an instrumental role in convincing Baptist to take over the Union County Hospital. He was very proud that the New Albany Medical Community grew from five doctors the day before he and Dr. Creekmore arrived to a thriving local medical community with a hospital recently voted the Best Small Hospital in the State of Mississippi. He also served his community in various ways, including as the Union County Republican Chairman and on the New Albany School Board.

Richard was born into a rich community where he was surrounded by family and friends, and he carried a love of community all through his life. During his thirty-nine years of practice as a Family Practice Physician in New Albany, Verona and at the University of Mississippi, he rarely passed a day without meeting someone he called a cousin, and he never went a day without meeting someone he called friend. He was loved by many of his patients because of his fondness for them, his familiarity with their families and family histories, and his gentle and friendly spirit. A pharmaceutical salesman once added that you could always count on Dr. Russell to tell you "one good joke—and two bad ones".

In his later years Dr. Russell often reflected upon how lucky he had been to know so many people, to serve them and their families, particularly in their times of deepest need, many times to sit with them in their last moments, and to enjoy his patients' frequent expressions of appreciation and affection for him. Madam Speaker, Dr. Russell will be missed.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD AND BRENDA BREITMEYER FOR THEIR INDUCTION INTO THE MICHIGAN FARMERS HALL OF FAME

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Edward and Brenda Breitmeyer for their induction into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. Through their dedicated service, contributions to their community, and steadfast commitment to the education, research, and promotion of agriculture,

Edward and Brenda have become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

The Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame was created to promote excellence in farming and recognize those in Michigan who have made an extraordinary impact on the industry and their communities. None are more deserving of this honor than Edward and Brenda. Throughout nearly 50 years of farming and ranching, Edward has served on several State and national farm boards. As a member of the Michigan Corn Growers Association, he coordinated meetings to educate local farmers and traveled to Lansing and Washington, D.C. to promote the interests of corn farmers. While participating in the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, he was involved in activities to promote research and innovation in corn farming. He is also a member of the National Corn Growers Association, where he has co-chaired two teams—Membership Communications and Export Utilization. Edward should take immense pride in his service on the U.S. Grains Council. In this capacity, he was a member of two advisory teams—Communications and Value Added. In his long and successful career, Edward has tackled the challenges of an ever-evolving industry head-on and proven himself to be a leader in Michigan's agricultural sector.

In addition to their work for Michigan's agricultural industry, Edward and Brenda have a long history of serving their community through their work in Buckley area schools, the Grand Traverse Conservation District, the Grant Township Planning Commission, the Grant Township Board of Appeals, and Redeemer Lutheran Church of Interlochen. As charter members, Edward and Brenda have helped build two churches, and they regularly volunteer at the food pantry, Bible study, and Sunday school services.

Agriculture is the second-largest sector of Michigan's economy, and farming serves a vital role for the people and communities of Northern Michigan. With today's ever-changing world, the work of industry and community leaders like Edward and Brenda has been critical in shaping Michigan's agricultural industry to the success story it is today. Their impact on the people of Michigan cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Edward and Brenda Breitmeyer for their induction into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated leaders. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Edward and Brenda all the best in their future endeavors.

MORTON HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 2, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Morton High School in Morton, Illinois. At this school, classes past and present have achieved tremendous success and a legacy of excellence carried on by the students that followed them.

As the Morton High School athletics department has grown, so has the prominence of their girls' basketball team, known as the