

Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill. The World Citizenship Award is not given out annually, rather presented based on merit to those who have made a significant difference to mankind.

Lloyd is a shining example for how we should all strive to live our lives—as passionate, dedicated advocates for the diversity and inclusion of all people. There is no doubt our community is a better place because of Lloyd's leadership at Arc. We congratulate him on receiving this award and thank him for his tireless work advocating for vulnerable communities in Colorado.

HONORING MINNESOTA STATE
REPRESENTATIVE CONNIE
BERNARDY

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Minnesota State Representative Connie Bernardy for her hard work, accomplishments, and service as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Within her eight terms at the legislature, Rep. Bernardy has been a champion for her constituents and especially on the issues of Higher Education and Transportation. I had the great pleasure in serving alongside Representative Bernardy in 2017 and 2018.

Rep. Bernardy was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2000. She served until 2006 when she decided to switch roles and work for Education Minnesota as a government-relations specialist. She later returned to the House when she was reelected in 2012. Within her District 41A, she currently represents neighborhoods in Fridley, New Brighton, and Spring Lake Park. Rep. Bernardy is the current Chair of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, where she made significant progress on making higher education more affordable for students in Minnesota.

During her fight for students, she has been a strong advocate on hunger free campuses, improving access through tuition and textbook affordability, dedicated funding for higher ed students of color training to become teachers. As a transportation leader, Rep. Bernardy has pushed for long-term sustainable multi-modal transportation funding. Focused on ensuring safe access to active transportation for Minnesotans who walk, bike, or have a disability.

Having grown-up in the area, Rep. Bernardy truly knows her community and has fought for well-deserved changes. Key legislation that I want to recognize is her work on the Springbrook Wetland Restoration Project, the first urban wetland restoration of its kind in the nation; securing funding to establish the upcoming bus rapid transit F-Line; replacing the Railroad Bridge in New Brighton; enacting an Aquatic Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan for Long Lake; and spearheading the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Citizen Advisory Committee.

Although her time in the legislature is coming to an end, the work put towards her community and its legacy will never end. Representative Bernardy will truly be missed in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

HONORING ALYCE EAGANS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Alyce Eagans, a beloved local activist and civil rights pioneer of Washington's Sixth Congressional District.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1929, Eagans moved to Bremerton with her family in 1946. She married Loxie Eagans in 1949, and together they helped to found the Kitsap Chapter of the NAACP alongside other community activists James and Lillian Walker and Al and Hazel Colvin. They had two children, Phyllis and Loxie, Jr.

She passed away in 2016 from cancer but when she got her diagnosis, she didn't let that slow her down.

Alyce Eagans was a pillar of the community. After settling in Bremerton, she worked in the supply office at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for 20 years and once she retired, she moved on to a career in the Bremerton School District, where she worked in the superintendent's office for 17 years. Eagans continued to volunteer with the school district even after retirement.

During her 70 years in Kitsap County, Eagans took on many leadership roles including PTA president when her children attended school in Bremerton, president of the local NAACP chapter and of the Washington State United Christian Church Ushers. She worked with Dianne Robinson to help found the Black Historical Society of Kitsap County, and was an active member of the YWCA, the Bremerton Central "Lady Lions" and the Kitsap County Historical Society.

Members of our community called her the Mother of the community, go-getter, mentor, activist, stalwart, and full of endless energy.

As the Bremerton NAACP Unit 1134 hosts their annual Freedom Fund Banquet: Black Women are Supreme this weekend—it's my honor to recognize the legacy of a very impactful woman in our community whose legacy will live on for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. ROBERT
EICHORN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of Dr. Robert Eichorn who is retiring after two decades of work as an educator. While a Prince William County Principal, Dr. Eichorn's dedicated service has led Independence Nontraditional School to be named the first ever model school by the National Alternative Education Association. His work to meet the needs of an often underserved community has made education and achievement more accessible to Virginia's youth.

Dr. Eichorn has pushed to reimagine education for students, instructors, and the broader Prince William community. He is a fierce advocate for the socioeconomically disadvan-

tagged children of Virginia and has implemented a learner-centric curriculum to meet the needs of the individual. Dr. Eichorn has been an advocate and practitioner for over thirty years, and his efforts have been crucial in the fight for educational equity.

For years, Dr. Eichorn has served as the principal at Independence Nontraditional School, which serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The school provides a full curriculum, including music, foreign language, Advanced Placement, and engineering courses. The school also offers internships within their career and technical education trades programs. The primary focus at Independence is to meet the individual needs of every student with tailored instruction. For those who may need a little extra assistance or a second chance, Independence Nontraditional School offers the resources that disadvantaged young people need to achieve their fullest potential.

Dr. Eichorn has been the recipient of multiple awards for his tireless efforts. He was named Prince William County Schools' 2017–18 Principal of the Year. In 2020, the National Association of Secondary School Principals named him a Digital Principal of the Year for his leadership through the COVID–19 pandemic. He shepherded navigated his school as they implemented new technologies to expand access to students and to maintain a semblance of normalcy throughout unprecedented hardship.

As the first model school highlighted by the National Alternative Education Association, Independence has illuminated the successes made possible when our educators strive to develop integrity, ingenuity, and intellect in every student. With the right resources, we must hope to recruit more educators who exemplify the dedication and talent that Dr. Eichorn has demonstrated.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Eichorn for his unwavering dedication to the young people of Prince William County. He has made every effort to ensure that all children have access to the resources they need for a rich and promising education. His students and colleagues alike have expressed their sincere appreciation for his tremendous service. Dr. Eichorn has truly lived up to the Prince William County Public Schools motto, "Providing a World-Class Education." I wish him the best in his retirement and thank him for the service he provided our community.

RECOGNIZING KINGS COUNTY
COMMISSION ON AGING COUNCIL

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kings County Commission on Aging Council as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1970, the Kings County Commission on Aging Council (KCCOAC) was established to provide information, assistance, support, and advocacy for senior citizens throughout Kings County. Originally, their mission was centered primarily on providing community events for seniors and promoting social

gatherings for the elderly—many of whom find themselves alone.

Since then, the KCCOAC has greatly expanded its services for seniors through their work providing health and legal services, nutrition programs, rent and utility assistance, tax preparation assistance, health insurance counseling, and senior center activities. These are just some of the many different programs offered to senior citizens through the KCCOAC and essential to thousands of elderly Americans throughout Kings County.

For 50 years, the work done by the Kings County Commission on Aging Council has been crucial to lifting the spirits of thousands of seniors in the Central Valley. Their work has directly impacted their lives and provided a source of community and necessary services to those who need help.

I ask all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Kings County Commission on Aging Council as they celebrate 50 years of incredible work on behalf of seniors.

HONORING WAYNE T. WIRICK, JR.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Wayne T. Wirick, Jr. for 40 years of outstanding service to the City of Sonoma. Mr. Wirick has demonstrated his commitment to the local community through various roles in service to the City of Sonoma, and volunteer work with emergency response departments.

In the last 40 years, Mr. Wirick has fulfilled several roles in the City of Sonoma. He has served as Building Inspector, Building Official, Project Manager, and Interim Public Works Director. In these roles, he was involved in ensuring that buildings were updated and secured to the correct standard, especially as the area experienced earthquakes. Mr. Wirick was also the Planning Section Chief when the city experienced several disasters, including the Nuns fires. Currently, he is Sonoma's Acting City Manager and on-site Information Technology specialist.

Volunteer service is an important part of Mr. Wirick's life, as he volunteered with the City of Sonoma Fire Department for 17 years. Volunteer firefighters are a valuable addition to fire departments everywhere, and by participating, Mr. Wirick put himself in danger in order to protect the people in his community.

Mr. Wirick has also been recognized for his involvement with the Sonoma Valley Boys and Girls Club. He has been recognized by the Sonoma League for Historic Preservation in 1988 for his involvement in preserving Sonoma City Hall and in 1993 for the City of Sonoma Seismic Upgrade Ordinance.

Mr. Wirick is a family man at heart. He and his wife Carol have three children, Matt, Danny, Emily, and two grandchildren, Luke and Reagan. His community views him as a mentor and a leader, with a sense of humor. He holds himself and others in his community to a high standard, while also maintaining patience and kindness.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Wirick has worked endlessly to serve his community.

Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TELESCOPE CASUAL FURNITURE IN GRANVILLE, NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Telescope Casual Furniture on their 100th Anniversary in Granville, New York. For over a hundred years, Telescope Casual Furniture has thrived as a family business committed to Made in America manufacturing and community engagement.

Henry Joseph William Vanderminden Sr. founded Telescope Cot Bed & Novelty Co. in 1903. Mr. Vanderminden began producing new cots and camp stools with telescoping legs, giving the company its trademark and name. Vanderminden was an incredible innovator and used the same contemporary mass production techniques as Ford Motor Co. to produce his furniture.

In the early 20th century, Granville was facing an economic decline as the slate industry was slowing. Granville residents, concerned for the future of their home, founded the Granville Community Association to revitalize Granville's economic viability. The Granville Community Association recruited Vanderminden and persuaded him to move Telescope to Granville in 1921. Today, the partnership between Telescope and Granville remains vibrant.

After nearly 120 years in business, Telescope continues to serve as a great example of the entrepreneurial spirit that defines Upstate New York and the North Country and is a testimony of an incredible locally-owned and family-owned business. Telescope Casual Furniture is a staple in the Granville community. From the iconic Telescope water tower to the company's decades long involvement with Granville Little League, Telescope Casual Furniture has left an indelible impact on the Granville community. As Granville's largest private employer, Telescope provides hundreds of high-skill jobs in New York's 21st District and produces high-quality products that are in demand across the country.

The tremendous economic impact that Telescope Casual Furniture has had on Granville cannot be overstated, and I look forward to witnessing their continued success. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, it is my honor to celebrate the incredible impact Telescope Casual Furniture has had on the Granville community for the last 100 years.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AEROSPACE WEEK

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Aerospace Week and more than 100 years of American innovation and

advancements in the aerospace industry, which has moved, connected, secured, and inspired our world.

Colorado has the nation's second largest aerospace economy. We are fortunate that so many aviation, space, and defense businesses call Colorado home. Not only do they employ tens of thousands of Coloradans, but they play a vital role in our national security, technology development, and keeping the U.S. competitive in the global economy.

The aerospace industry is critical in supporting U.S. national security and defense by providing the military and our allies with the most technologically advanced platforms and systems. Russia's invasion of Ukraine proved the importance of a strong, stable, and resilient defense industrial base. It is because of the cutting edge technologies developed by U.S. aerospace workers, that we are able to aid our allies and safeguard our national interests.

In other areas such as civil aviation and space, the aerospace industry has long shaped technological innovations that help the U.S. maintain global leadership in key sectors of the global economy. These include aircraft and engine design, air traffic control, and space exploration. In aviation, the U.S. industry continues the rapid development of groundbreaking technologies to enable advanced air mobility options and the potential return to supersonic commercial transportation.

The U.S. aerospace industry is working today to build a better, safer, and more prosperous tomorrow. I am proud to celebrate National Aerospace Week and honor all of the people who work tirelessly to develop cutting-edge technologies that not only protect American interests, but also put America at the forefront of aerospace and defense innovation and development.

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 EXCELLENCE IN SALES HONOREES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2022 recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Woman in Sales Leadership Award, the IES Member of the Year, the Rising Sales Star Award, and the Sales Speaker of the Year presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. IES conducts a variety of workshops and programs to provide the tools necessary to advance the careers and growth of those who attend. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations throughout the United States who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development. The Sales Excellence awards seek to promote corporate and organizational sales excellence by recognizing leaders in Enterprise Sales.