

men's branch of the organization. For decades, these two hardworking philanthropists and activists have committed themselves to the betterment of the Northern Virginia and Greater Washington Metropolitan Area Jewish communities.

Joan was a pivotal figure in the development of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, and her friends and colleagues recognize her as a passionate and resilient force. She served for 20 years on the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and was honored for her distinguished service on the board in 2006. Her advocacy work has not dwindled since then, and I am honored to know such a fierce advocate for equity.

Joan and Donald have earned the respect and recognition of their peers. Their work has been instrumental in advancing the causes of health equity, women's leadership, and access to much needed resources. I wish them every success and comfort as they continue their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joan and Donald Sacarob for their exceptional dedication and leadership within our community.

HONORING THE GEORGE L. ALTAMURA

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 Hands Across the Valley President and Founder, George Altamura, upon the creation of the George L. Altamura Endowment. Mr. Altamura has dedicated his life to serving others, choosing to focus on preventing his fellow citizens from going hungry by creating programs that offer food resources.

Mr. Altamura was born in 1934 in Buffalo, New York, and came to live in the Napa Valley in the 1940s. He began a successful career in real estate after owning both a dry-cleaning business and a restaurant. Community service became a priority in Mr. Altamura's life, starting largely with food insecurity prevention.

This all started with the cancellation of an annual food fundraising event. Mr. Altamura acted quickly in inviting Francis Coppola, Johnny Miller, Steve Young, and me to help him serve food at his restaurant, in the Napa Valley, instead. Our team was able to serve over 300 people and raise more than \$30,000, making Mr. Altamura's efforts profoundly successful.

This event inspired Mr. Altamura, along with other leaders in our community, to come together "to do something about the hunger in Napa Valley." Learning that hundreds of people in Napa County went hungry on a daily basis, Mr. Altamura founded Hands Across the Valley, an annual event which raises funds for the Napa Valley Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, and The Table.

Since its founding in 1994, Hands Across the Valley has raised over \$2 million to help benefit Napa Valley's Safety Net Food programs. In addition to providing much needed funding to these services, Hands Across the

Valley helps the Food Bank, Catholic Charities, The Table and American Canyon Family Resource Center provide holiday turkeys and food baskets each year.

In honor of over 30 years of service, Hands Across the Valley has established the George L. Altamura Endowment to permanently aid in the fight against hunger in Napa Valley. The Endowment will supply safety net food programs in Napa Valley with long-term financial support.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Altamura has worked endlessly to help the fight against hunger in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

ANGELS IN ADOPTION

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Amber Richardson who has recently been nominated for the Angels of Adoption Award. Historically, the Angels of Adoption program has celebrated individuals, couples, families, and organizations from across the nation who have made an extraordinary contribution on behalf of vulnerable children and families. Those recognized through Angels of Adoption represent a wide variety of individuals involved in the adoption, foster care, and the child welfare world. I am proud to nominate Amber for this award as she is the founder and CEO of Foster Love and has fostered 14 different children over her lifetime.

In June 2020, Amber Richardson Founded Foster Love, an official 501c3 within my district in Omaha, that has made an extraordinary impact on the lives of foster children within our community since its creation. Their mission is to provide basic needs and opportunities for children in foster care, so they feel confident, empowered, and valued, and foster families feel supported. They have done this by opening a storefront boutique in which foster children can shop the latest trends in a welcoming, unique setting where merchandise is new, high quality, and free of cost. The store front offers multiple programs each month such as shopping days, appointments for emergency needs, and an art program called Artsy Kids.

Amber and her husband, Matthew, have fostered 14 different children. Starting in 2007 they welcomed Trevor, their first foster child, into their home and later adopted him in order to give him a "forever home". This was the spark that led Amber to continue developing relationships within the foster community as well as volunteering and advocating on different foster panels. Amber has been a driving force within the Omaha foster care community; her drive and passion for this cause has been truly inspiring.

Through Foster Love, Amber has built a vibrant community that helps support both foster children and their families. To date, Foster Love has served and supported over 800 children and foster parents, their work continues to expand and grow. Not only are these children provided with the necessary resources that they need to thrive on a daily basis, but they are also loved every step of the way.

Foster Love exemplifies love and dignity, and I could not be happier to recognize Amber Richardson for the Angels of Adoption Award.

I salute and thank Amber for her impression upon the Omaha community, which will be felt for years to come.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK STATE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the New York State Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Council of Chapters. The New York State MOAA Council has worked hard to bring New York State's chapters together since its charter in 1972 and is now the only state council to have held fifty consecutive conventions. It is my honor to recognize the dedication of New York State's chapters to MOAA's mission as they celebrate this incredible achievement in New York's 21st District.

Since 1972, the New York State MOAA Council has worked hard to promote the "Never Stop Serving" motto of MOAA. In 1970, Lt. Col. Leslie Reichardt, United States Air Force (Ret.) led the New York MOAA Chapters in uniting to create a Council of Chapters. The Council was chartered on October 7, 1972 with the goal of promoting camaraderie and selfless service among its members.

MOAA works to bring the voices of all military officers to the highest levels of government through leading the charge on fighting for fair compensation and benefits for all members of the military community. The New York State MOAA Council fosters relationships among military officers at every stage of their career, so they can work together to protect the rights and interests of officers and their families. This work has led them to be the top ranked association in advocating for all members of the uniformed services for 15 years. Not only do member chapters work for the military community, they also are active within their communities and support a wide variety of service member organizations.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the New York State MOAA Chapter of Councils on 50 years of loyal service to our military officers. And I want to thank all of you and your families for selflessly dedicating your lives to our Nation's armed services. I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING LEILANI CAAMAL

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of 17-year-old Leilani Caamal, who has broken barriers to become a tackle football star and wrestling standout.

Since she was nine years old, Leilani has tackled the stereotype that girls can't and don't play football. Leilani put on shoulder pads and a helmet to play tackle football like her brother. In the past two years, she's emerged as an All-American linebacker for the Mile High Blaze, a women's semi-pro tackle football team that is a part of the Women's Football Alliance.

Leilani represents the future of women's tackle football as it continues to grow in popularity. She's currently a linebacker on the Vista Peak High School boys varsity football team working to be a leader and role model for young girls both on and off the field. Like the trailblazers who paved the way before her, Leilani wants to inspire girls and young women by demonstrating the opportunities and choices available to them.

Leilani not only excels on the football field, but is also leading the way in the growth of women's wrestling across the country. With big Olympic and gold medal aspirations, I have no doubt Leilani's courage and perseverance will bring her success whether it's in football or wrestling.

Young women like Leilani represent the future of tackle football and women's sports—fostering and promoting an accepting environment for young women and girls to pursue their athletic goals. Leilani motivates and inspires not only her peers, but the next generation of young female athletes who have their eyes on male-dominated sports. I am proud to recognize Leilani for her athletic successes and thank her for her relentless pursuit fighting for an inclusive environment for women in sports.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DULLES CHAPTER 1241

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Dulles Chapter 1241 on its 50th anniversary. The Northern Virginia region is home to tens of thousands of federal employees and many retirees who have chosen to stay in the region. Throughout their careers, these dedicated civil servants have given their time and effort to serve their fellow Americans, and NARFE has consistently provided them with coordinated support.

Founded in 1921, NARFE is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement, and health care benefits of federal employees and retirees as well as their spouses and survivors. Dulles Chapter 1241 is one of more than 1600 NARFE chapters nationwide.

The Charter for Chapter 1241 was issued June 21, 1972. At that time, there were nine members. Today, the Chapter membership has grown to approximately 350 members with another 400 national members in the Dulles jurisdiction. Chapter members have had a strong voice in many national and local legislative issues affecting federal retirees, senior citizens, and the public at large. In 2015, following the dissolution of the Leesburg Chapter, the Dulles Chapter welcomed many of these federal employees and retirees into their

ranks with open arms. Chapter 1241 has worked from their founding to represent federal employees, but also to better their community.

This chapter has supported Alzheimer's research for many years through regular drawings, the "Red Pot" for monthly donations, and the Alzheimer's Christmas Challenge. Additionally, the Dulles chapter has sponsored several food drives for Fairfax County food pantries, collecting resources for those who have been hit the hardest by misfortune. Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Dulles Chapter has seen its share of hardship, but these federal employees have still banded together to ensure that everyone's needs are met.

Over the years, members have also participated in health and community fairs, auto shows, and other outreach activities. Additionally, many members have been active leaders in the Virginia Federation of NARFE. These accomplished federal employees have earned the attention and praise of numerous bodies, from Virginia state legislators to NARFE national leaders, as well as travel, medical, insurance, tax, and law enforcement experts.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Dulles Chapter 1241 for 50 years of dedicated service to Northern Virginia's federal employees. These individuals are the lifeblood of our federal government, and I am grateful for their service and proud to represent such outstanding individuals. I wish them the best for their anniversary, and continued success in future endeavors.