

desire to showcase the diversity of culture within Monterey County. The Oaxaca by the Sea Celebration provides community members an opportunity to showcase, celebrate, and educate our neighbors on the complex and dynamic cultural experiences held by Seaside residents of Oaxacan descent. This celebration preserves the roots and the culture of our community through dance, food, music, and art.

Madam Speaker, I offer my sincere appreciation to the organizers of the Oaxaca by the Sea Celebration and to the dedication of Seaside and Oaxaca de Juárez's governments to uniting our communities through their shared culture and customs.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINERAL AREA COLLEGE AND FLAT RIVER JUNIOR COLLEGE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mineral Area College of Park Hills, Missouri as it celebrates 100 years since its founding to offer advanced education after high school.

It began as Flat River Junior College, the third public junior college in Missouri with classes for 38 students on September 5, 1922. In 1965, voters in six public school districts approved the founding of Mineral Area College as successor to Flat River Junior College and in 1970, the campus was established where it is today just off U.S. Highway 67.

Since its founding, the college has educated more than 18,000 students, offering 2-year degrees in a variety of areas including nursing, business, technology and the arts. Welding training and an HVAC program are the most recent additions with an Industry and Technology Center set to house career and technical programs beginning next fall.

The college has been competitive in athletics, impressive in the arts and always evolving to offer its students an education that prepares them for a bright future.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate the founding of Flat River Junior College 100 years ago and to acknowledge the continued treasure it is as Mineral Area College today before the U.S. House of Representatives.

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**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
DR. E. MICHAEL CAMPBELL**

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. E. Michael Campbell who recently retired as the Director of the University of Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics, or LLE, in my district.

Only the fourth Director in the 50-year history of LLE, the U.S. Department of Energy's largest university-based program and home to the most powerful lasers at any university in the world, Mike's tenure was marked by significant strategic growth at LLE and distinguished service in support of the nation's economic and national security. LLE reached new highs in numbers of staff, scientists, students, external users, academic and industry partnerships, and total research funding. He bolstered and expanded LLE's international leadership in inertial fusion, high-intensity lasers and optics, and high-energy-density physics (HEDP) research. He has been an outspoken proponent of strengthening the US's leadership in these fields throughout his illustrious career. As a natural bridge-builder and advocate for science, Mike fostered strengthened relationships within the Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) community, including with the other ICF facilities, federal agencies including the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science, National Science Foundation and Department of Defense, academic collaborators and industry partners. Mike often joked about his eight thousand best friends, and it is an honor to be counted among them.

Dr. Campbell is an internationally known expert in fusion, high-energy-density science, high-power lasers and their applications, and advanced energy technologies. Mike helped to invent the first laboratory x-ray laser and was instrumental in establishing the National Ignition Facility and the role of lasers in HEDP research in support of NNSA's stockpile stewardship mission. He has won numerous awards including the DOE's E.O. Lawrence Award, the American Nuclear Society's Edward Teller Award, the American Physical Society's John Dawson Award, the Department of Energy's Excellence in Weapons Research Award, and the Leadership Award of Fusion Power Associates. He is a Fellow of the Optical Society of America, American Physical Society, and the European Institute of Physics. He has published over 250 articles in scientific journals and holds five patents. He received his degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, and the University of Western Sydney. Beyond these achieve-

ments, Mike has an infectious enthusiasm, especially for the scientific endeavors he oversaw, as well as dinosaurs and the blues. He is also a gifted cartoonist and has depicted multiple Members of Congress among his many drawings.

Mike firmly believes in learning from history and has an amazing array of stories of previous giants of the field, always working to ensure their efforts are not forgotten but instead inspire the next generation. His passion for education and mentorship was a focus and hallmark of his leadership of LLE. I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with a number of LLE's talented students and was always deeply impressed with not only their technical knowledge but also their ability to clearly and concisely communicate its importance to a general audience. I know that our future is in better hands due to the future leaders Mike has promoted throughout his career. In addition, Mike also worked to create a more diverse and inclusive research environment at LLE. He established a senior-level diversity manager position to increase workforce diversity in STEM related positions, established LLE HEDP Equity Scholarships, pushed for LLE to join an American Physical Society program to increase diversity in physics departments and laboratories, and greatly expanded access to research opportunities and scholarships to area high school students from diverse, underserved backgrounds.

Madam Speaker, although I am saddened that Mike's leadership of LLE has come to a close, I know that our Nation has greatly benefitted from Mike's service and I expect that even in retirement, he will continue his life's work to advance science and inspire others.

**HONORING GEORGE THOMAS
NOLAN**

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of George Thomas Nolan of Garland, Texas. Mr. Nolan passed away on August 12, 2022, and leaves behind a legacy that his family should be proud of.

Mr. Nolan was born on December 24, 1940, in Bay Shore, New York. Like myself, he was raised by a single parent. He joined the Army as a young man in the 1950s and served as a helicopter mechanic in Germany. He later went on to be a mechanic and shop steward at several airlines.

Later, he suffered a loss no parent should suffer. His daughter, Cari died, at the age of 38. After this tragedy, Mr. Nolan poured himself into community work, registering voters, knocking on doors and working to promote "fairness and equality."

He devoted his golden years to strengthening Medicare.

I was so honored to meet Mr. Nolan as part of my work to lower prescription drug prices. I even had the pleasure to invite him to join a roundtable with Speaker PELOSI on that subject this year.

Mr. Nolan was a great North Texan, a loving family man and a patriot.

He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Bobbye Nolan, and his son, Tim J. Nolan. He

is also survived by his daughter-in-law Laurie Stone and grandchildren, Leah, Emma, and Nathan, as well as his first grandchild and daughter of Cari, Abigail Slider.

RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN WHO SOAR

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Mary Kraft, Sylvia Waller, and Polly Letofsky who will be honored by the Northwest Douglas County Chamber & Economic Development Corporation as "Women Who Soar."

Each year, the Northwest Douglas County Chamber & Economic Development Corporation recognizes three women in the Denver Metro Community who inspire our community and are blazing the path for future generations.

Mary Kraft has been recognized as a "Woman Who Soars" because in the face of a multitude of struggles, she harnessed innovation and technology to advance her farm's capabilities. Her and her husband used an innovative approach to nurture their Blue Toothed cows—growing the herd from 200 to 6,000. Mary held the first leadership role by a woman and eventually became President of American Agriculture at the Colorado Livestock Association.

Sylvia Waller has been recognized as a "Woman Who Soars" by challenging and changing the standard of beauty. At the age of 62, she became the first African American in 32 years to be crowned Mrs. Colorado. Sylvia believes beauty has no age, shape, or color, rather it is found in the heart and spirit. Sylvia is a passionate Volunteer Community Educator for the Alzheimer's Association, using her personal experience as a caretaker for her father who suffered from dementia to help promote services for individuals and families dealing with the disease.

Polly Letofsky has been recognized as a "Woman Who Soars" because of her efforts to support authors who self-publish their work. She founded My Word Publishing which disrupted the publishing world by helping authors professionally self-publish their books while maintaining 100 percent of their rights. Since its inception, Polly's business has grown into a publishing library of 750 books and representing authors from 14 countries.

From using innovative methods in farming to creating a publishing house for self-publishing authors, this year's recipients have made a lasting impact on those around them and in our community. It is leaders like these three women who will allow us to achieve a more prosperous and inclusive future and I congratulate them all on being recognized as "Women Who Soar."

HONORING JACK COLMER UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY 2022 GRADUATE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Jack Colmer as a member of the United States Merchant Marine Class of 2022.

Colmer graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Saturday, June 18, 2022, and was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserves.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Colmer's unselfish devotion to the people of this great Nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Colmer and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire Nation, as a United States Naval Reserve Officer.

As Ensign Colmer embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, graduating from a program as prestigious as the Merchant Marine Academy.

I would like to send Colmer my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

Semper Fidelis.

CELEBRATING MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monterey Peninsula College as it celebrates 75 years of commitment to higher learning and service to the central coast of California. Since its establishment in 1947, Monterey Peninsula College has continued to provide transformative educational opportunities to students.

Monterey Peninsula College first began instruction in 1947 at Monterey High School. The next year, 280 students enrolled at the college's Fremont Street campus, and in 1949, 34 students were the first to graduate from this college by the Bay. By 1957, Monterey Peninsula College celebrated a milestone as it enrolled 1,000 students, and the College embarked on expanding its campus to include a library, arts and music center, athletic swimming pool, theater, and instruction buildings in the years that followed. The Library and Technology Center opened in 2003 and four years later, the College celebrated the first day of classes at the new Education Center in Marina.

Monterey Peninsula College continues to expand educational opportunities for its ever-growing student population. From 1971 to 1973, Monterey Peninsula College operated an extension campus at Fort Ord, which greatly benefitted Armed Forces personnel and

their families. From 1982 until 1993, a partnership between the College and the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula created the Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing. This continued expansion of its facilities and programs ensures students at Monterey Peninsula College have access to high-quality education and post-graduate opportunities.

Monterey Peninsula College's illustrious history includes visits and recognition from many renowned educators, athletes, and activists. In 1960, the former First Lady and civil rights activist Eleanor Roosevelt spoke at the College, followed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the following year. American activist Rosa Parks also spoke at the campus in 1990, bolstering the impressive history of this institution as well as its goal to enrich students' educations.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Monterey Peninsula College and its remarkable rise from its humble beginnings in Monterey High School to becoming a respected institution. I personally extend my gratitude to Monterey Peninsula College's administration, instructors, leaders, and visionaries who continue to provide its students with life-changing opportunities and experiences.

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RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF RICHARD AND ANN COBB

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. Richard Cobb and Ann Ventress Cobb.

Richard and Ann met at Cleburne County High School; he played in the band and she was a majorette—they have been together ever since. On August 12, 1972, they were