

Surely this community in which it resides greatly benefits from the charitable actions of the Sinclair Lodge, led by the Worshipful Master Logan Roush.

I am humbled to accept the 40 Year Service Award from the Sinclair Lodge and am grateful for the impact it continues to make in the lives of its members and those with whom they interact in this great state of South Carolina.

**HONORING THE 55TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF PROTEUS, INC.**

**HON. CONNIE CONWAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

Ms. CONWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Proteus, Inc. for its 55 years of service in California's San Joaquin Valley.

Proteus was established in 1967 through the Tulare County Community Action Agency. It began as an adult basic education class for low-income residents held in a basement in Visalia, California. Within a year, over 2,000 students were enrolled in its classes, allowing Proteus to incorporate in 1972. Expanding rapidly, Proteus created numerous employment and vocational programs while moving into Kings, Fresno, Kern, and Los Angeles Counties. It opened skilled training centers in all 5 counties, which helped farmworkers transition into vocational careers.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Proteus adapted its services to the diversifying needs of the San Joaquin Valley. It provided job training to refugees, high school dropouts, and women outside the workforce. Family services were emphasized with the building of community centers. Proteus also led relief efforts for farmworkers and communities affected by environmental disasters. The agency celebrated the onset of the 21st Century with a milestone accomplishment: becoming an accredited educational training institution.

Today, Proteus continues to address the most pressing contemporary challenges. For example, responding to the energy crisis, Proteus created energy-saving programs for communities in need while building strong partnerships with local utility companies. After 55 years of operation, Proteus has earned its reputation as a nationally recognized full-service agency. In recognition of its outstanding work, the agency has won numerous awards including from the California Awards for Performance Excellence program.

Today, Proteus operates approximately 50 programs for people of all ages and backgrounds. Its work includes emergency supportive services, energy conservation, foster family services, prevention services, pesticide safety training, and career and technical education classes. Even with the diversification of its services, however, Proteus remains firmly rooted in its core mission: "to provide education, workplace training, job placement, and other support services to farm working families and diverse program participants to empower them to achieve self-sufficiency".

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Proteus, Inc. for 55 years of service in the San Joaquin Valley and for many more decades of growth and success to come.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVING ACCESS TO ADVANCE CARE PLANNING ACT**

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce legislation to remove barriers to increase access to advance care planning in the Medicare program.

As we look for ways to lower health care spending, how we approach end of life care must be part of the conversation. When more than 90 percent of health care expenditures are spent on treating chronic conditions, it's clear that we shouldn't spend money on unwanted care and instead empower patients and families to think about these decisions before it is too late.

Improving Medicare coverage of voluntary discussions with providers about living wills, power of attorney, and other end-of-life treatment preferences can allow for these delicate and complex conversations to happen in a thoughtful manner.

Since 2009, I have introduced multiple pieces of legislation and built bipartisan support to improve Medicare coverage of these services to ensure that patients' wishes are respected and families are well prepared for this emotionally demanding time. In 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) put forward a proposal, based on my Personalize Your Care Act, to allow physicians to bill for advance care planning. In the first year alone, these codes were used by more than 22,000 providers on behalf of more than 570,000 beneficiaries.

In the last two and a half years, we've seen tremendous loss and we must meet this moment. This legislation does just that by making this service free for beneficiaries and letting clinical social workers offer the service, allowing more patients to access this benefit.

I urge support for this legislation.

**RECOGNIZING MRS. CHRISTIE JORDAN**

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Christie Jordan for her 25 years of dedicated service to the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas as Chief Executive Officer.

Since becoming CEO in 1997, Mrs. Jordan has overseen the rapid growth of the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas which today distributes millions of pounds of food to over 100 partnering organizations including food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters across 12 counties serving thousands of people. In her role, Mrs. Jordan works with state and federal agencies, the Food Bank's partner organizations, local businesses, and oversees grant writing and fundraising to secure the resources the Food Bank needs each year. Additionally, through her leadership, the Food Bank continued operating and serving the community during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Her biggest achievement as CEO came in 2012 when she moved the Food Bank from a 13,000-square-foot facility to a custom-designed 56,000-square-foot facility. This facility upgrade became possible after she led a fund-raising effort to raise \$1.6 million in matching funds to receive a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

For her work at the Food Bank, she received the 2010 Public Citizen of the Year from the Arkansas chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and the 2011 Non-profit Executive of the Year in the inaugural Northeast Arkansas Business of the Year awards.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Jordan has given back to her community in other ways, including serving as a Founding Member in 2004 and currently as a Board Member for the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, serving as the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman, and serving as the Community Director for the March of Dimes from 1996 to 1997.

The City of Jonesboro and the entire Northeast Arkansas region are blessed to have Mrs. Jordan in our community, which includes the thousands of families who have been directly touched by her work. In her own words in an August 2021 interview, Mrs. Jordan said, "I feel passionate about people investing their time and talents into the community to make it a better place." Over her decades-long career of investing her time and talents, Mrs. Jordan has certainly made Northeast Arkansas a better place.

With heartfelt thanks, I congratulate Mrs. Jordan on 25 years as the CEO of the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas and look forward to seeing her impact on our community for the years and decades to come.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS TREVOR BRITTELL**

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished military career of Sergeant First Class Trevor Brittell in the Connecticut Army National Guard which recently ended after 25 years of valorous service. Sergeant Brittell officially discharged on September 8, 2021, which is being publicly celebrated post-COVID on its one-year anniversary this month. Throughout his years of distinguished service, Trevor has been a shining pillar of duty, compassion, and professionalism. His retirement has been well-deserved.

Trevor's Connecticut roots have taken hold since a young age, when he and his family moved to Simsbury, Connecticut from their home state of California at age six. Upon his graduation from Simsbury High School, Trevor followed in the steps of his late grandfather and voluntarily enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1997, where he was assigned to the 102nd Infantry. During this time, Trevor enrolled at Western Connecticut State University where he studied Justice and Law Administration, a curriculum he later applied to his work at the guard and local law enforcement.

Madam Speaker, Trevor's enlistment in the Army National Guard altered his life's trajectory forever, particularly with the 9–11 terrorist attack on U.S. soil. As every guard member and reservist knows, the demands on the reserve forces changed dramatically in the wake of 9–11. Every mission overseas by the U.S. military, whether in the Middle East or other hot spots required the robust and highly skilled men and women of our Nation's reserve forces. Sergeant Brittell's deployments after 9–11 are a perfect example of that pattern. A week after 9–11, he was deployed as an infantryman to Bosnia under Operation Joint Forge. Upon his return to the States, he was stationed at West Point under Operation Noble Eagle, supporting security efforts on U.S. military installations which were dramatically hardened after 9–11, requiring more personnel. That assignment rekindled a strong interest in a career as a Military Policeman. He also made another positive life decision during this point in his life, meeting and marrying his wife, Kateri.

Like all military families, the call to duty resulted in inevitable separations, which he and his wife steadfastly endured. In 2006, with the rank of Corporal, he successfully completed an 18-month deployment to Afghanistan under Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon return he made the decision to commit his skill and training to military policing. Almost immediately upon his graduation as a Military Policeman, then-promoted Sergeant Brittell was deployed in 2009 on a second, 12-month tour in the Middle East under Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon his return to Connecticut, Trevor was promoted to Staff Sergeant and transferred to the Regional Training Center in Camp Niantic, passing on the most impactful lessons and training which he had experienced over the years to new trainees. In 2014, he transferred closer to home with an eye set on continued operational leadership, serving as squad leader of the 143rd Military Police Company in West Hartford, Connecticut. Though Brittell transferred again and was promoted to Sergeant First Class in the interim, he ultimately returned to the 143rd, serving with the Company through to retirement, even being deployed once more to support safety procedures during the 2021 presidential inauguration and further operating as Team Commander of the 143rd Military Police team for the 2021 SWAT Challenge.

Despite Trevor's demanding schedule within the Connecticut National Guard, he found time to serve through many additional roles, including his most important as a father to his two children, Cara and Jack. In 2014, Trevor also began a second career with the Simsbury Police Department, purposing his valuable skills as a Military Policeman toward the safety of his hometown. During 2013 and 2014, Trevor also served in the Honor Guard for the Hartford Judicial Marshalls and is currently in the Honor Guard for the Simsbury Police Department. He is also, of note, the School Resource Officer for Simsbury High School. In that challenging job, he is entrusted with the safety and health of our state's most precious treasure, our children. With his commitment to creating bonds of trust in law enforcement with young people, Trevor volunteered to act as the director of the Simsbury Police Cadets.

Madam Speaker, it is hard to capture the entirety of SFC Brittell's passion for his community and nation which has been present

throughout his life and career. He has and continues to live a life that is defined by patriotism and compassion. Although his career with the military has come to a conclusion, we will forever appreciate his sharp sense of dedication, which has undoubtedly been further instilled within the countless trainees under his watch. I hope that his example of selfless dedication to his fellow citizens is carried on, and that he is able to enjoy a fruitful retirement with his family, while still serving the town of Simsbury. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring and congratulating Trevor Brittell for his dedication to our Nation through the Army National Guard.

#### CONGRATULATING BARBARA CRIDER ON HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to a tireless advocate in my state who is retiring after over four decades of working to improve the lives of her fellow Mainers.

Barbara Crider first came to Maine in 1981 with a career in public service in mind. She spent ten years working for local Community Action Agencies in Bangor and Sanford as an Intake Specialist and Director of Community Services before pursuing a law degree at American University.

In 1994, Barbara returned to Maine permanently to found the Penquis Law Project. Barbara focused her practice on public interest family law, primarily providing invaluable representation to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

After founding a second law practice in Bangor, Barbara returned to the York County Community Action Corporation, serving first as its Deputy Director and later as its Executive Director, helping the organization to grow and diversify its program offerings. Most recently under her leadership, thousands of Mainers were able to get the assistance they needed during the height of the COVID–19 pandemic.

In Maine, we pride ourselves on having a 'can do' attitude and encouraging others to do the same. Perhaps that's why the term *dirigo* or 'I lead' was selected for our State seal in 1820. Barbara has spent her life embodying the *dirigo* spirit and I am proud to extend my sincere congratulations to her as she begins her next chapter.

#### RECOGNIZING LUIS QUINTANA

#### HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Luis Quintana, the Councilman at Large in the City of Newark, New Jersey. Councilman Quintana is being honored as the Grand Marshall of this year's Puerto Rican Day Parade on September 18, 2022. Luis is a dedicated public servant and inspiring role model for the Puerto Rican com-

munity and the people of Newark who has served on the City Council for 28 years. Born in Añasco, Puerto Rico, Luis moved to Newark, NJ when he was seven years old. He faced challenges as he found himself in a new city where his classmates spoke a different language, but he overcame them and went on to graduate from Barringer High School before attending Seton Hall University. Luis became an advocate for Newark's youth, believing that all students deserved access to the same quality education regardless of background. At the same time, he was actively involved in the community, becoming a member of the Democratic County Committee in 1981 before serving as Deputy Mayor from 1986 to 1994. In 2013, Luis broke boundaries when he became the first Hispanic Mayor of Newark, NJ. I could continue to list his many accomplishments, but I think the most important one is a goal he set himself during his time as Mayor. Luis said in an interview that his "only mission is to make Newark a better place" and he has undoubtedly done just that. His work has benefitted the many New Jerseyans who call Newark home, and he is a role model for the Puerto Rican community. I am proud to call Councilman Luis Quintana a colleague and friend.

#### CELEBRATING B. BRAUN MEDICAL INC. GRAND OPENING IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

#### HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of B. Braun Medical Inc.'s new pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Daytona Beach, Florida.

B. Braun has long been a leader in manufacturing medical devices and IV solutions. The company has been able to emerge as a leader while also maintaining its staunch commitment to protecting patients from exposure to harmful chemicals—ensuring their devices and products are made with the highest quality materials. Their new facility in Daytona Beach is no different as it will manufacture Sodium Chloride for Injection in B. Braun's Excel Plus IV Bags, which are free from PVC, DEHP, and natural rubber latex.

As our healthcare providers know, Sodium Chloride for injection is a solution used to administer lifesaving and life-sustaining therapies. These IV solutions are often used for adult and pediatric patients as sources of electrolytes and water for hydration—commonly used to treat COVID–19 and Flu patients. Not only is Sodium Chloride included on the FDA's list of Essential Medicines, but there have also been several shortages of Sodium Chloride in the last 5 years.

With an investment of more than 300 million dollars, B. Braun's impressive 218,000 square foot facility will play a critical role in alleviating IV fluid shortages across the country. We learned the hard way during the COVID–19 pandemic that we can no longer rely on importing medical products from overseas and that reliance can be a matter of life and death. This new Daytona Beach facility will bring healthcare manufacturing back to where it belongs—right here in the United States.

This past August, I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting ceremony of B.