

Jordan's favorite part of their job at Iowa Safe Schools is the kids. They enjoy helping empower youth to rise to the occasion and advocate for themselves. They also love teaching and helping and having conversations with people who want to be supportive, but just need extra time to process and learn. In taking the time to help Iowans learn about and support one another, Jordan is helping our families and communities grow stronger.

Besides being passionate about advocating for transgender and non-binary kids, Jordan loves spending time with their wife and cat, hiking, watching women's soccer, and practicing their professional barista skills.

Jordan Mix is a tremendous example of someone who goes above and beyond. They promote community and inclusion, empower parents and loved ones, create innovative ways to connect with others and to educate, and provide a safe space for those who need support. Jordan's work is crucial to Iowans and makes our communities a better place for everyone. I am so proud to honor Jordan Mix as Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NORTH COUNTRY LEADER MAX THWAITS III

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life of Max Thwaits III. Mr. Thwaits dedicated his entire life to serving his country and the Essex County community.

Mr. Thwaits graduated AuSable Valley Senior High School in 2001 and joined the United States Navy following the 9/11 attacks. For over four years, Mr. Thwaits served as a Damage Controlman in Norfolk, Virginia. After leaving the Navy, Thwaits turned his attention towards his community and dedicated his life to working for the Essex County Office of Emergency Services (OES).

In 2007, Thwaits joined the Essex County Emergency Services as a public safety dispatcher. He was subsequently promoted to assistant director and 911 coordinator in 2019. Last July, Thwaits was named OES Director in a promotion that was celebrated by first responders all over Essex County.

During all his years at OES, Thwaits simultaneously volunteered with fire and ambulance companies in AuSable Forks and Jay. He was assistant chief with the Jay Volunteer Fire Department and named their Firefighter of the Year in 2015. While president of the AuSable Forks Ambulance Service, Thwaits received the regional leadership award for Emergency Medical Services. In addition to his numerous community responsibilities, Thwaits also served as an Intelligence Liaison Officer for the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Thwaits served as a mentor and leader to all those he worked with, and he will be dearly missed by his community. His life is a glowing example of everything that is good about selfless service in the North Country. His legacy will live on in the hearts of his partner, Lori Kilburn, his children, his parents, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. On behalf of New York's 21st Congress-

sional District, it is my honor to remember and celebrate the life of Max Thwaits III.

INAUGURATION OF DR. ROBERT D. KELLY AS THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND'S 21ST PRESIDENT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to an exceptional educator and outstanding constituent, Dr. Robert D. Kelly as he celebrates inauguration as the University of Portland's 21st President, first Black president, and first lay president.

Dr. Robert Kelly has more than 25 years of experience working in higher education. A 1994 graduate of Loyola University, Dr. Kelly served on the University's Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2017 while serving in key leadership roles at institutions including Union College, Loyola University Chicago, and Seattle University. He has been a champion for students in various roles from athletics to ministry, community service to equity and inclusion. Dr. Kelly received his Ph.D. in Education Policy, Planning, and Administration from the University of Maryland and his master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration from the University of Vermont.

Dr. Kelly is assuming this leadership mantle at an instrumental time for the City of Portland, Multnomah County, and the State of Oregon. We are happy to have him and look forward to his leadership.

On behalf of Oregon's Third Congressional District: Welcome to Portland, Dr. Kelly. Go Pilots.

HOMETOWN HERO—CRYSTAL SCANIO

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero of the Week, Crystal Scanio, for her dedication to improving the lives of students and teachers in the Irving ISD school system.

Since 2012, Crystal has been an integral part of Irving Schools Foundation, a nonprofit that provides financial resources to maximize educational opportunities for teachers and students in Irving ISD by funding innovative programs, scholarships, and activities.

Her work on Irving Schools Foundation's "Food for Thought" program has helped provide 1,400 food bags to North Texas students facing food insecurity.

Crystal has also played an integral role in their "Spark Tank" program, a competitive grant program that awards funds for innovative classroom projects and learning experiences for students of all ages across Irving ISD. Since Crystal joined Irving Schools Foundation, she has helped fund 303 projects representing over \$1 million, impacting over 180,000 students, teachers, and staff.

Crystal has gone above and beyond to ensure the next generation of North Texans is

set up for success. On behalf of the entire community, I'd like to thank Crystal for her work and look forward to seeing the incredible impact she has made on Texas-24.

THOMAS BESSER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in July, I had the pleasure of attending Thomas Besser's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Thomas is from Tabernacle, South Jersey and graduated from Seneca High School this year. He is currently a cadet at Norwich University, where he is on a four-year ROTC scholarship and studies Political Science. In addition to the ROTC program and his academics, Thomas is also on the University's football team. After graduation, he aspires to become an officer in the Army and then possibly run for public office one day. For his Eagle Scout project, Thomas built a large shelving unit for the Atco Christian Preschool, of which he is an alumnus. This shelving unit made the school's storage room more functional for the faculty and teachers. Thomas should be proud of his achievements, and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. God Bless Thomas, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING LOWELL SACHNOFF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lowell Sachnoff, renowned fighter for justice, who will be receiving the 2022 Justice John Paul Stevens Award on September 29, 2022. The Stevens Award, presented by The Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation, is the highest and most prestigious award that is presented annually to lawyers and judges whose career best exemplifies the distinguished career of United States Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

Lowell Sachnoff was born on Maxwell Street in Chicago, the son of Ukrainian immigrants who fled Eastern Europe, settled in Chicago, and raised their family during the Great Depression. He was inspired to become a lawyer by his grandparents' stories about how terrible life was in a lawless society. Since graduating from Harvard Law School in 1957, Mr. Sachnoff has been on two parallel tracks: doing well and doing good.

He has had a long and successful legal career in Chicago. After a few years at Ross, McGowan, and O'Keefe, he was appointed General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Mental Health, where he overhauled the state mental health code to expand the rights of the mentally ill and worked with the medical community to bring treatment of the mentally ill into the 20th century.

In the early 1960s, Mr. Sachnoff established the law firm of Sachnoff & Weaver with a few friends. As he puts it, "We had a vision. We

wanted to do well, because we were young and had growing families, but we also wanted to do good. As the firm grew to 130 lawyers, we found that we could still do both; after our merger with Reed Smith, the firm encouraged us to stay on the same path."

On that path, Mr. Sachnoff was a successful securities and antitrust lawyer, winning groundbreaking price-fixing and takeover cases. But he also advocated for the wrongfully incarcerated, for women, minorities, the poor, and society's most vulnerable.

In 2006, Sachnoff & Weaver was one of the first firms to represent Guantanamo Bay detainees. Lowell and his colleagues helped successfully negotiate the release of three prisoners who had been held for many years without being charged with any crime. He also litigated women's rights issues, winning a jury verdict in the 1980s against the City of Chicago allowing police officers to routinely strip search women for minor traffic violations and represented a class of women's health clinics, obtaining a celebrated jury verdict and nationwide injunction in 1998 against forcible blockades of clinic entrances.

Now retired as a corporate litigator, Sachnoff continues to volunteer on public interest matters, most notably working with Senator DICK DURBIN and his staff toward closing the Guantanamo prison, thus removing a moral and legal stain on our country, and to release patients unlawfully held in state mental hospitals.

Lowell Sachnoff is a cherished friend, mentor, and advisor. He works alongside his wife, Fay Clayton, also an accomplished retired lawyer and women's rights advocate. My husband, Robert Creamer, and I have enjoyed the privilege of their friendship, wisdom, kindness, and insights. Congratulations to Lowell Sachnoff on this well-deserved recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. STEVE
MURRAY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to Dr. Steve Murray on receiving the "Lifetime Achievement" award from Albany Pro Musica. A devoted instrumentalist, vocalist, teacher, and composer, Dr. Murray's remarkable contributions to Albany Pro Musica, the choral arts, and western Massachusetts' performing arts community have earned him this well-deserved honor.

For more than twenty years, Dr. Murray has been involved with Albany Pro Musica, the northeast's preeminent choral ensemble. Originally joining the group as a singer in 2002, he has invigorated western Massachusetts with his talents, creating special compositions and arrangements for the group. He was the inaugural composer when their composer-in-residence program was first launched in 2015 and remains in that position today.

Dr. Murray's work with Albany Pro Musica has been transformative for both the organization and the audiences it serves. An accomplished composer, his works have been recognized at major national and international composition contests. As a long-time resident of

the Berkshires, he has brought his experience and knowledge back to his community, teaching music theory, song writing, and computer music notation at Berkshire Community College.

Madam Speaker, in light of Dr. Steve Murray's many achievements and remarkable contributions to the First District of Massachusetts, I wish to congratulate him once again on being presented the "Lifetime Achievement" award by Albany Pro Musica. Dr. Murray has devoted his life to the creation and performance of music and has undoubtedly played a pivotal role in shaping the performing arts culture throughout the Commonwealth. I am delighted to join with his family, friends, and the entire western Massachusetts community in thanking him for his many years of dedicated service.

CELEBRATING PACIFIC GROVE
MASON LODGE

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge as it celebrates 125 years of service to the people of the Central Coast. For over a century, the Lodge has fostered the belief that each person has a responsibility to help make the world a better place. Through personal development, philanthropy, and community service, the fraternity has upheld integral objectives of promoting ethics, personal growth, tolerance, education, diversity, philanthropy, family, and community.

Chartered by the Grand Lodge of California on February 12, 1897, Grand Master of the Masons in California William T. Lucas granted dispersions to the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge on April 27, 1897. Becoming the 331st Masonic Lodge in California, the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge supported local Freemasons' efforts to establish community advocacy and support. The founders of the Lodge were predominant leaders of Pacific Grove business community. Members have included past City Council members California state-elected dignitaries. Among these men were Mr. Russell Giles, the longest-tenured tax collector in the state's history, and Mr. Daniel Turrentine, a local antique dealer and World War II pilot, who served as Lodge Master.

In 1950, the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge, after a period of meeting in the building that now houses the Pacific Grove Art Association, broke ground on the Masonic Temple of Pacific Grove. The construction used salvaged material from the recently decommissioned Pacific Grove Station of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Over the last 125 years, the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge has emphasized the importance of respecting others' opinions and striving to grow and develop as human beings. Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge has donated over \$60,000 to Pacific Grove High School, sponsored Little League teams, supported local organizations like First Friday Pacific Grove and the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove, and it is also home to the new Conservatory of Geometry and Music.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the history, dedication, and contributions

of the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge to the Central Coast. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge for its invaluable place in Pacific Grove's history.

HONORING MR. LANDON VICTOR
BUTLER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man whose philanthropy and dedication to the Washington, D.C. community is an admirable example of a life of service.

On October 3, 2022, Mr. Landon Victor Butler will be honored by the Shakespeare Theatre Company (STC) with the company's 2022 Sidney Harman Award for Philanthropy in the Arts, recognizing his exceptional support for the theater—and Washington, D.C. at large—over the past four decades. One of the nation's leading arts organizations, the Tony Award-winning Shakespeare Theatre Company is synonymous with dramatic excellence and devoted to making classical theater more accessible, both on a local and national level. Mr. Butler has played a dedicated and pivotal role in achieving their goals, as well as the goals of many other honorable efforts, by utilizing his many years of public service to collaborate with business, government, and arts organizations for the betterment of his city, his region, and his country.

Mr. Butler has served on STC's Board of Trustees since 1997, serving a decade as Chairman. During his tenure as Chair, Mr. Butler helped oversee the planning, construction, and opening of the theater's state-of-the-art Sidney Harman Hall in 2007. He also spearheaded the creation of District Shakespeare, an ambitious arts education program that invites every Washington, D.C. public high school student to experience at least one live classical theater performance before graduation.

A native of Memphis, TN and an Officer in the US Marine Corps who proudly served his country for three years during the Vietnam War, Mr. Butler started his career building affordable housing in the Atlanta area in the early 1970's. During this time, he became centrally involved in Governor Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign, and he has been an active part of the D.C. community since arriving here for the inauguration of President Carter in 1977. As President Carter's Deputy Chief of Staff, he facilitated communications across a broad array of Administration-wide task forces that were formed to support Carter-Mondale initiatives, playing lead roles in the Panama Canal Treaty and SALT II ratification efforts. In 1981, Mr. Butler co-founded the Multi-Employer Property Trust, one of the nation's largest commercial real estate commingled funds, serving U.S., Canadian and European pension plans. He was also a founder of the first private venture capital fund in eastern Europe following the collapse of the Soviet Union, and he served as President of the investor relations firm Landon Butler and Company until his retirement in 2010.