

HONORING ELSIE M. COLÓN RIVERA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Elsie M. Colón Rivera is a 36-year-old Hispanic woman from Cidra, Puerto Rico, and the oldest and only sister of five children. She was born with a rare blood disease called Von Willebrand disease. Playing as a child was a challenge because she could have lots of bleeds, but it still didn't stop her from doing sports like gymnastics, cheerleading, and swimming, and reaching her goals.

From high school up until leaving Puerto Rico, Elsie volunteered at Centro de Bendición in San Juan, a social help center. There, Elsie helped people obtain their high school diplomas, and distribute meals, clothes, and personal hygiene products, among others. This volunteer experience helped her find what she loved and defined her professional career to the service of people. Also, as a veteran dependent, she participated in the work-study program at San Juan VA Medical Center. There, she worked in the administrative area of the mental health clinic. This work set her commitment to service.

She moved from Puerto Rico to Florida in 2016 with her husband in search of a better future. Elsie is an honor graduate of a master's in business administration at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico. From 2018 to 2022, Elsie worked in the family business doing administrative work. She missed her work of service and decided to move to AGM University's Orlando Campus to work as an administrative coordinator. Elsie is highly motivated by her daughter to use a positive mind, empathy, and energy to encourage others to succeed.

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE CAPTAIN JOHN B. SAULS FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain John B. Sauls who was inducted into the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame on September 28, 2022.

The 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame began in 2018 to honor the division's 101 years of legendary service and its members. It honors veteran paratroopers who are nominated for their service within the division, their commitment to the division's values, their contributions to their chosen field outside of their division, or any other valorous combat actions.

A brief look at Cpt. Sauls' career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. He commanded Company G, 401st Glider Infantry Regiment. On June 9, 1944, Sauls led an attack on German defensive positions which were denying the progress of the Allied movement west from Normandy. Without cover or

concealment, Sauls and his company charged toward the Nazis, maneuvering down the 500-meter corridor directly into machine gun fire and artillery. After moving down the causeway, Sauls realized he only had a squad-sized element with him and the rest of the company was pinned down, wounded, or killed. Sauls made it across the corridor of fire and ran past the first line of German defense, shooting Nazis with his Thompson submachine gun. For his actions, Sauls earned the Silver Star. He died in 1987 at the age of 73.

In the words of the former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, Gen. Erik Kurilla, "the All American Hall of Fame is about preserving our legacy and paying homage to our All American Legends." Cpt. Sauls' selfless service could not be more deserving of such recognition. I know I speak for all in our community and Nation in thanking Cpt. Sauls for his committed service and leadership in the 82nd Airborne Division and our nation's military more broadly.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Captain John Sauls for his induction to the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame.

CHERYL BRUNGARDT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheryl Brungardt for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Mayor's Award.

The Mayor's Award is selected by Mayor Bud Starker to be awarded to an outstanding member of the community. A Wheat Ridge native, Cheryl was selected as this year's awardee for her tireless community service that she does with energy and dedication. She is passionate about every task she undertakes and often the first to volunteer to do the unglamorous but necessary tasks that help move the City of Wheat Ridge forward. Genuine and cheerful, she is a vital community member.

I thank Cheryl Brungardt, for her outstanding leadership, which helps make Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live and work.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER CALVIN JAMIESON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE GARLAND-TOMPKINS AMERICAN LEGION POST 399

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Commander Calvin Jamieson for his years of service to the Garland-Tompkins American Legion Post 399. Through his exceptional leadership, steadfast devotion, and willingness to serve, Commander Jamieson has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Born and raised on Old Mission Peninsula, Commander Jamieson has served his community and Nation his entire life. After joining the

United States Army in 1955, he was stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky. Part of an elite Combat Infantry Division, he and his fellow soldiers were always ready to answer the call of duty.

In 1972, Commander Jamieson joined the Garland-Tompkins American Legion, and in 1996, he became Post Commander. In this role, he worked tirelessly to ensure the successful operation of the Post. From building a new Legion Hall, to planning the Post's dinners, to coordinating community outreach events, Commander Jamieson has been a cornerstone not only of the Post, but also of the Old Mission Peninsula Community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service of Commander Calvin Jamieson. His life's actions and work have embodied the highest level of patriotism and service to his community.

HONORING IRIS PADILLA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Iris Padilla immigrated to the United States from Venezuela at the age of 16. She is passionate about education and serving her community. In 2011, she fueled that passion by creating Kids Academy Learning Center.

Iris is the original founder of Kids Academy Learning Center and a co-owner of three additional facilities located in Haines City and Eagle Lake. The learning academies provide educational services for over 500 families and employment opportunities that boost the local economy.

She prides herself on the center's mission, "staff will strive to provide the highest quality childcare and educational service that promotes and enhances each child's development while assuring our parent's peace of mind in the care and service we render."

Iris exemplifies the heart of a servant leader. She provides free notary services and is an active member of the Kiwanis Club, the Northeast Chamber, and the professional development for the Council for Professional Recognition, where she ensures that childcare specialists are trained and equipped to provide excellent service to children. She is also a member of the Latin Business Expo where she works to spread awareness of positivity throughout the community by highlighting, promoting, and educating the community about Hispanic culture and businesses.

Iris is honored to have the opportunity to positively impact the lives of so many families on a daily basis. She is the mother of 2 children and has 8 grandchildren.

HONORING DAVID LEWIS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and Ranking Member VIRGINIA FOXX to recognize the retirement of David Lewis and honor his public service to the American people as the Assistant Director in the Office of Congressional Relations at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

As Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and Labor, we would like to recognize an outstanding public servant, Mr. Lewis, who has dedicated his career to strengthening accountability within the federal government. Mr. Lewis will retire on September 30, 2022, after a distinguished, 38-year career in public service at the GAO.

Mr. Lewis has been an invaluable asset to us, Members of the Committee, and Members across Congress. Mr. Lewis built a considerable body of work in multiple issue areas, but we are most appreciative of the work he helped shepherd for our Committee.

Mr. Lewis helped strengthen GAO's relationship with Congress and upheld GAO's values on some of the most sensitive matters facing our nation in a bipartisan manner. As a Legislative Advisor, Mr. Lewis served as a mentor for countless GAO staff at every level of the agency. He provided teams with measured guidance and valuable insight on Congress. He could be relied on to help provide practical, diplomatic solutions. Further, he excelled at helping GAO meet Congress' needs, and helped Congress better utilize GAO's expertise. As a result of Mr. Lewis' efforts, GAO has strengthened relationships with key congressional committees including the House Education and Labor Committee. We commend his long and effective career as a public servant and note that he will be missed by this Committee and many others.

Madam Speaker, we join our colleagues and the staff on the Committee on Education and Labor in thanking Mr. Lewis for his service to the American people and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR BRYANT LAMBERT FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Command Sergeant Major Bryant Lambert for his induction into the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame on September 28, 2022.

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commitment to the division's values, their contributions to their chosen field outside of their division, or any other valorous combat actions.

A brief look at Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. In his 26 years with the 82nd Airborne Division, he has held every rank and position in the division from rifleman to command sergeant major. He began as an infantryman in the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Brigade's 508th Infantry Regiment and later served in the division's 1st Brigade, 2-504 PIR and 3rd Brigade, 1-505 PIR before becoming the 3rd Brigade Combat Team's regimental command sergeant major. In 2010, he advanced to become the 82nd Airborne Division command sergeant major where he later served as the senior enlisted advisor for Regional Command-South and Combined Joint Task Force-82 during Operation Enduring Freedom. While in the military, Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert completed training programs at the U.S. Army Airborne School, the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School, and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy that contributed to his success and led him to serve in numerous other units at military bases across the country. He also completed many deployments, including three tours in Afghanistan, two tours in Iraq, and singular tours in Grenada, Saudi Arabia, and Haiti. He retired from the Army in 2018.

In the words of the former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, Gen. Erik Kurilla, "the All American Hall of Fame is about preserving our legacy and paying homage to our All American Legends." Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert's selfless service could not be more deserving of such recognition. I know I speak for all in our community and Nation in thanking Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert for his committed service and leadership in the 82nd Airborne Division and our nation's military more broadly.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Command Sergeant Major Bryant Lambert for his induction to the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame.

NEW IMAGE BREWERY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Image Brewery for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Reinvestment Award.

New Image Brewery is being recognized for their resilience in investing in our community despite opening a business at a challenging time. When New Image Brewery first came to Wheat Ridge, they were looking for a facility to produce their beers, however, due to zoning laws, they were required to open a tasting room. New Image Brewery agreed to this new vision, but as they began to open their doors, the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Now, two years after their original opening, New Image Brewery was able to finally open the doors to their tasting room and has been met with great community support. Quickly, this brewery has become a popular spot in the community, featuring a wide array of brews inside and an on-site food truck outside.

I thank New Image Brewery for their "reinvestment" in our community. We are happy to have their tasting room's doors finally open.

**RECOGNIZING PHILIP D. HAMNER
ON HIS DEPARTURE**

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the House Appropriations Committee to congratulate Philip D. Hamner on his 27 years of service to our Nation upon his retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Hamner began his tenure with the Office of Finance of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the House as an Accounting Supervisor in 1995. Since 2011, he has been serving as CAO's Director of Accounting. With outstanding work ethic and expert knowledge of the United States Standard General Ledger (USSGL), Mr. Hamner has been at the helm of House accounting since he joined the House staff, previously serving as Systems Accountant, Deputy Director of Accounting, and Acting Director of Accounting.

Mr. Hamner's greatest contribution to this institution and its staff has been his successful leadership and immeasurable knowledge of accounting. During his tenure, he led his team in compiling the Annual House Financial Statements and annual external audits. Mr. Hamner played a significant role in the implementation of the House's financial system of record, PeopleSoft. Mr. Hamner has worked tirelessly over his distinguished career to ensure the House's financial transactions are accurately recorded and reported. These contributions have led the CAO Office of Finance team to receive 24 consecutive clean audit opinions for the U.S. House of Representatives. Speaking as an appropriator, that is a worthy distinction!

Mr. Hamner is a dedicated, dependable, tried-and-true employee to whom the House owes a tremendous amount of gratitude. I extend my congratulations to Mr. Hamner on an outstanding congressional career. His country thanks him for his hard work and dedication to this institution.

May Philip D. Hamner embrace all new opportunities that are presented to him in the future with the same passion and diligence he shared with us.

**HONORING ST. CLOUD POLICE
CHIEF BLAIR ANDERSON**

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and a good friend, St. Cloud Police Chief Blair Anderson. Blair will be retiring this November after nearly 10 years of service to the St. Cloud community. He leaves behind a legacy of distinguished service that made our community safer and will not soon be forgotten.

Before becoming Chief of Police in St. Cloud, Blair was a member of the Dakota