

County Sheriff's Office, where he started his career as an intern in 1995. He rose within the ranks and left as a Commander in 2011 to serve as Chief Deputy in Carver County.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Blair embraced the St. Cloud community and made meaningful changes during his many years of service. One change we are particularly proud of is the St. Cloud Police Department's Community OutPost or COP House program that Chief Anderson created. The COP House serves as a place for residents of the St. Cloud community and local law enforcement to gather and participate in afterschool programs, receive health services, and build meaningful relationships with one another.

The impact the COP House has had on the St. Cloud community is incredible and one that we've been working to turn into a national model for improving community/police relations. This is just one of the many improvements Blair made during his tenure that will continue to serve the entire St. Cloud community long after his retirement.

There is a reason all marked St. Cloud Police vehicles say "To serve and protect" on them, rather than the reverse. Chief Blair Anderson has made service to the St. Cloud community the cornerstone of his department. Under his watch, we all breathed a little easier. He will be greatly missed by the St. Cloud community, but his legacy will never be forgotten.

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE CAPTAIN GERALD A. WOLFORD FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Gerald A. Wolford 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. Wolford's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division from 2000 to 2006. As a staff sergeant deployed to Iraq in 2003, the gun section of Cpt. Wolford's Company D, 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry came under fire during a river crossing in As-Samawah, Iraq. Unable to suppress with small arms, Cpt. Wolford silenced the position using a non-standard tactical vehicle and anti-tank weapon. He received the Silver Star for demonstrating outstanding valor and personal courage while serving as a Heavy Machine Gun Section Leader during a battalion river crossing in As Samawah, Iraq. As his unit approached the city, a rocket-propelled grenade struck his vehicle, wounding two paratroopers. Cpt. Wolford moved the wounded paratroopers to safety before his vehicle was

struck a second time when escorting a dismounted squad to a forward position. Cpt. Wolford continued directing section fires and engaging the enemy when a third rocket-propelled grenade detonated near his truck, and a fourth grenade passed over his head. For his actions, Cpt. Wolford was awarded the Silver Star and selected as the 2003 USO Soldier of the Year. He commissioned into the infantry branch in 2006 and finished his career as an information operations officer at the Department of the Army Headquarters in the Pentagon.

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. Wolford's selfless service could not be more deserving of such recognition. I know I speak for all in our community and Nation in thanking Cpt. Wolford 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 Gerald Wolford for his induction to the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame.

### THE WHEELIE BEAN

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Wheelie Bean for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Sustainability Green Business Award.

The Sustainability Green Business Award is given to a business in Wheat Ridge with a strong commitment to protecting the environment to help end the climate crisis facing our planet. I thank the Wheelie Bean for their continued work to help create a greener, more sustainable Wheat Ridge.

### IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID LOUIE

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legendary journalist David Louie, who has over five decades some of the biggest stories in the Bay Area and the nation. A familiar and friendly face on San Francisco's ABC7/KGO TV for 50 years, Bay Area viewers will undoubtedly miss his excellent reporting. It has been my great pleasure to run into David at countless events and to be interviewed by him dozens of times during my time in Congress and the California Legislature.

Journalism has been in David's blood since he was a child. He first appeared on camera at age five when one of his neighbors in Ohio who produced a weekly public affairs show invited him to the studio. He was also a newspaper delivery boy and wrote for his high school paper. In 1972, he became KGO's Asian American reporter.

David has a remarkable ability to quickly break down and condense any story, no mat-

ter what topic you throw at him. He has covered the emergence of Silicon Valley as a technology and innovation hub. He was part of the first local TV crew to go to China covering the normalization of US-China relations. He went to the Philippines during the People Power Revolution in 1986 that sent Ferdinand Marcos into exile. He was the first reporter to interview U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta after 9/11. He covered the Patty Hearst kidnapping and the Loma Prieta earthquake.

Among the recognitions and awards David has received for his outstanding work are four Emmy Awards and two lifetime achievement awards from the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) and from the City and County of San Francisco. He was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Gold Circle in 2019, and the Medill School of Journalism Hall of Fame in 1997. David served as the national president of AAJA, the national chairman of the NATAS, and on the board of the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTNDA). This year, he was awarded the Northwestern Alumni Medal.

David earned his bachelor's in journalism from Northwestern University, where he began in the Medill Cherubs, a summer institute for high school students interested in journalism careers.

David is also a foodie. Long before the food channels appeared on the air, David did a feature called, "Friday Feast." When he is not out in the field reporting, he is often in his kitchen experimenting with new recipes. He encourages his social media followers to send him risky recipes to try.

Madam Speaker, to say that David Louie is an institution in the Bay Area would not be an exaggeration. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating a man in pursuit of the truth and facts for more than half a century. He is a role model for other journalists: thorough, ethical and always curious. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

### CELEBRATING WILLIAM F. THORNTON'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. William F. Thornton on his 80th birthday. Born on October 1, 1942 in Oakland, California to Mr. Frederick Lyle and Mrs. Evelyn Lenore Thornton, Mr. Thornton left home to live and work with his aunt and uncle at their dairy farm at the age of 13.

On November 2, 1966, Mr. Thornton enlisted in the Army at the age of 23. He served as a combat medic for 21 months in Vietnam and was later stationed in Germany, where he remained for the next 2 years.

Later, Mr. Thornton was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas at their medical training center. He was then sent to Apalachicola, Florida to take part in weapons testing for helicopters.

In January 1967, Mr. Thornton was awarded the Silver Star, the Army's third highest award for valor. Mr. Thornton was cited for heroism

while serving as a medic. When his unit was hit by intense hostile fire and sustained several casualties, Mr. Thornton was called forward to administer first aid to two seriously wounded soldiers. He crawled forward while exposed to oppressive enemy fire and successfully administered medical treatment to his comrades.

Throughout his career, Mr. Thornton's courage saved the lives of countless soldiers and inspired his comrades.

In 1967, he was discharged and returned to live in Apalachicola, Florida where he worked as a seafood broker.

In 1988, he met his wife, Giannina Redaelli Thornton and married a year later. Together, they raised 3 children and relocated to Rock Hill, South Carolina in 2004. I congratulate Mr. William F. Thornton and his entire family on his 80th birthday celebration and I thank him for his years of dedicated service to this country and his community.

**HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WOLF AMACKER FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE**

### **HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Command Sergeant Major Wolf Amacker for his induction 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 Command Sgt. Maj. Amacker's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. Having served in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1996 to 2006, Command Sgt. Maj. Amacker has held every leadership position in the airborne field artillery. In 2001, he rose from his role as commandant for the 18th Airborne Corps Noncommissioned Officer Academy to become the 21st command sergeant major for the 82nd Airborne Division. To assist with Operation Iraqi Freedom, he then deployed to Iraq and established the first Iraqi Training Center for the purpose of training Iraqi nationals. This successful initiative brought greater security to the conflict in the "Sunni Triangle." In total, Command Sgt. Maj. Amacker conducted 319 missions while he was a member of the 82nd Airborne. When retired from his position as command sergeant major in 2006, he continued to serve the division as the inspector general, chief of investigations prior to becoming the chief of operations for range control at the Fort Bragg Garrison in 2009. He has served as the installation range officer since 2015 where he upholds the important duty of training the division's paratroopers for any global conflicts they may be called to address.

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. Amacker'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. Amacker for his committed service and leadership in the 82nd Airborne Division.

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

### **JEREMY LAUFER**

### **HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeremy Laufer for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award is given to an individual who exemplifies exceptional leadership and who shows great promise in their continued commitment to our community. Jeremy has been an outstanding member of the Wheat Ridge Business Association, bringing his expertise and leadership to all that he does. While he is new to the Association, Mr. Laufer has jumped into his new role feet first. Starting out as a member of the Community Outreach Committee, he now chairs the Committee since joining the Board of Directors. His focus is on bridging the connections between the non-profit organization member, community partners, and the WRBA.

I thank Jeremy Laufer for his continued service to the great City of Wheat Ridge.

**COMMENDING THE GARY FRONTIERS SERVICE CLUB AND HONOREES AT THE 1ST ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BANQUET**

### **HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and reflect on his legacy, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us, and the delicate nature of our civil liberties and human rights. Dr. King's peaceful protests for change remind us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedom. In his courage to act, his humble yet strong leadership, and his ability to achieve, Dr. King embodied all that is good and true in the battle for justice and liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of determination and perseverance that will help move our country into the future. I am honored to rise today to commend the individuals who will be recognized during the 1st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Banquet on Sunday, October 2, 2022, at Chateau Banquets in Merrillville, Indiana.

Attorney Clorius Lay is serving as Event Chair for this celebration, following a two-year hiatus from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Memorial Breakfast, for which Attorney Lay had served as Chairman for fifteen years. The Gary Frontiers Service Club officers and members, as well as many other community members and leaders, assisted with this remarkable tribute to Dr. King each year at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana, and I am truly grateful that the event will endure.

At this year's banquet, Pastor Reverend Charles L. Emery of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, located in Gary, Indiana, will be honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award for his lifetime of service to the people of his church and to the community. The Honorable Jerome Prince, Mayor of Gary, will present Pastor Emery with a "Key to the City" and will declare October 9, 2022, as Charles L. Emery Day in the city of Gary. President William Godwin and Vice President Tai Adkins of the Gary Common Council will also induct Pastor Emery into the Gary City Council as an honorary member. In addition, the guest speaker for the celebration is Reverend Dr. A.R. Boyd, Pastor of LeClaire Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the honorees, as well as the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers: President Oliver Gilliam, Vice President Charles Jackson, Secretary Linnal Ford, Financial Secretary Melvin Ward, and Treasurer Floyd Donaldson, and all members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

### **PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

### **HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend roll call vote No. 454 and No. 453 on September 22nd.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 454, and NAY on Roll Call No. 453.

**HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE 1ST LIEUTENANT WAVERLY WRAY FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE**

### **HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 1st Lieutenant Waverly Wray for his induction into the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame on September 28, 2022.

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