

District working on immigration and voting rights, including working with the Young American Dreamers and doing outreach in the district to make sure that farmworkers in the area know their rights and become members of the association. Recently, Yesica was part of a delegation that met with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Health, Admiral Rachel Levine, to voice the issues that concern and affect farmworkers in Central Florida.

REBEKAH RAUDABAUGH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rebekah Raudabaugh for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Council Partner Award.

The Council Partnership Award is given to a member of the community who the City Council believe exemplifies the best of Wheat Ridge. This year, the Wheat Ridge City Council chose Ms. Raudabaugh for her empathic service to our community. From the first time she met with City Council members, her commitment to bettering her community was clear and is seen through her earnest plight to earn the trust of the community.

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

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE COLONEL BENJAMIN H. VANDERVOORT 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 Colonel Benjamin H. Vandervoort 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 Col. Vandervoort's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. Col. Vandervoort was a member of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which was assigned to the 82nd Airborne in 1943, from 1940 to 1945 and held many important ranks over the course of World War II. Specifically, he served as the regiment's operations officer during the United States' invasion of Sicily and Salerno and as the commander of the regiment's 2nd Battalion during the invasion of Normandy in 1944 and the Battle of the Bulge later that year. In the latter, he led his battalion into the fray in the cities of Sainte-Mere-Eglise, Nijmegen, and Bastogne. Perhaps

most impressively, he also orchestrated and performed an assault on the Waal bridge in the Netherlands during this conflict. On account of his courage, bravery, and spectacular leadership in this episode, he received Oak Leaf Clusters for his Distinguished Service Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters for his Purple Heart. Although injuries from his time in the 2nd Battalion forced him to medically retire from the Army in 1946, he continued to work to bolster our national security in his capacity as a civilian by working for the CIA and U.S. Army staff.

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ANATOLY DWIGUN

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Anatoly Dwigun, who passed away on February 24, 2022, at the age of 76.

Mr. Dwigun was born in Germany on October 28, 1945. His two parents and three siblings immigrated to the United States in 1955 when he was ten years old. A true exemplar of American patriotism, Mr. Dwigun joined the U.S. Army in 1968, just shortly after earning his American citizenship. His remarkable service in Vietnam as a helicopter mechanic and door gunner led to him receiving several honors: including the Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the New York State Conspicuous Services Cross Award. In a demonstration of humility, Mr. Dwigun declined to accept the Purple Heart; in his own words, stating he was not "as worthy of that honor, as those who lost their lives". Following Vietnam, Mr. Dwigun proudly worked as an engineer and spent considerable time enjoying the outdoors. He was precise and caring in all his actions, best exemplified by his superb vehicle-maintenance abilities and immaculate yard work.

Mr. Dwigun's humility was constantly reflected during his marriage to his loving wife, Janice. The two shared countless happy memories not only with each other, but also their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Many of his most cherished times were during family gatherings and shared meals. To summarize, Mr. Dwigun's memory lives on through his family and his country.

Madam Speaker, please join me celebrating Mr. Dwigun's life and in honoring his life's work and all his achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 451.

CLANCY'S IRISH PUB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clancy's Irish Pub for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Cultural Commission Award.

Clancy's Irish Pub is being recognized by the Wheat Ridge Business Association's Cultural Commission as the longest running Irish Pub in the State of Colorado and as a vital cultural hub for members of our community. Clancy's hosts annual Celtic and Sonic Bluegrass Festivals, weekly Irish music performance, Celtic and bluegrass jam sessions, and karaoke. Clancy's also opens their doors to community events like Hops with a Cop, Pints and Policy, and Ridgefest Deconstructed. Their steadfastness toward engaging the community of Wheat Ridge in Irish culture and providing a space to celebrate and learn about it is why the Cultural Commission chose Clancy's.

I thank Clancy's Irish Pub for the rich culture they bring to our community.

HONORING JOHN JACKSON KENNEDY

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John J. Kennedy, who passed away on July 21, 2022, at the age of 61. John was a respected leader and councilmember in the Pasadena community whose legacy will be felt indefinitely.

John J. Kennedy was born and raised in Pasadena, California to his parents Thomas and Leola Kennedy as the eighth of ten siblings. John was always a natural leader, drawn to serving and representing those around him from an early age. He was student body president at Pasadena's Blair High School and went on to serve as student senator at the University of Southern California, where he received a dual bachelor's degree in Economics and International Relations. After earning his juris doctor degree from Howard University School of Law, John became the youngest person to be elected president to the Pasadena National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1987. His decades-long work with the NAACP as both president and a member represented his powerful commitment to creating opportunities for everyone in Pasadena.

In 1987, John also founded John J. Kennedy & Associates, a management consulting

firm that assisted in public relations, dispute resolution, grant writing, program development, and more. And from 1995 to 1998, John even served as Deputy Chief of Police for the Richmond, Virginia Police Department. After returning to California, John worked for Southern California Edison from 2004 to 2011 as Director of Special Projects, and from 2011 to 2013, he was the Senior Vice President for the Los Angeles Urban League, where he helped to fundraise and connect all levels of government with important policy issues affecting the local area.

John was a well-regarded leader among his constituents, peers, and elected representatives from every level of government. Prior to his election to the city council, John worked for the City of Pasadena in several capacities, including in the Finance, City Attorney, Police, and Public Works Departments. With a clear and unyielding passion for giving back to the city that raised him, John was elected to the Pasadena City Council in 2013 to represent District 3, which he served tirelessly until his death. In his nearly three terms on the city council, John served as Vice Mayor, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, served on the Finance Committee, and was one of three city representatives to represent Pasadena on the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority.

John's powerful commitment to helping those around him defined his many accomplishments as an elected official. Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, John stepped up to assist those who needed it most. In fact, during the peak of the pandemic John secured 60,000 face masks for the City of Pasadena, ensuring that city staff and residents would not experience any potential shortage. He also fought hard to establish local grants that were crucial in helping many small businesses keep their doors open. And John even continued his annual tradition of providing families with thousands of Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams at a time of crisis and need.

Despite the immense challenges of the pandemic, John was able to spearhead the creation of the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission, one of the most important accomplishments the City of Pasadena has achieved. This was an effort John had championed for six years that started with no support. And yet despite countless objections and hurdles along the way, John persevered, advocated, built coalitions, and ultimately succeeded in gaining the votes necessary to establish the commission.

John was also a longtime advocate for increasing affordable housing throughout Pasadena. In 2020, John pushed the City of Pasadena to set an ambitious goal of building 1,000 units in 1,000 days. And because of his leadership, the city broke ground on a new housing project called Pasadena Studios, which will consist of 180 all-affordable units. Outside of affordable housing efforts, John was also an ardent supporter of several other projects to improve some of Pasadena's landmark facilities and institutions, including advocating for \$20 million for Robinson Park, fighting relentlessly for \$11 million towards the Playhouse Village Park, and supporting Measure J which transferred approximately \$8 million a year to the Pasadena Unified School District.

John always recognized that Pasadena's success was built by the hard work and sacrifice of our predecessors, many of whom

were African Americans, Chinese Americans, Mexican Americans, Japanese Americans, and countless others from different backgrounds. Because he wanted to ensure that future residents of Pasadena were aware of its history, he fought hard to establish a monument that recognized this fact. And after months of hard work, along with the support of community members and organizations, the City of Pasadena erected a monument dedicated to minority residents and their incredible contributions to this city. This monument will serve to honor not only the unquantifiable contributions of these communities but will memorialize the honorable efforts of John himself.

John's love for Pasadena and Pasadenans guided his public service as he strove every day to make it better for everyone. It is certain that he did just that. It was an honor to work with him and call him a friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the life of this extraordinary individual.

HONORING NESTOR RODRIGUEZ FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Nestor Rodriguez was born in 1970 in Manhattan, New York. After his birth, his family relocated to Puerto Rico where he lived until the age of 18.

In 1988, he joined the U.S. Army and served as an infantryman until May of 1992. He then moved to Miami to pursue his education. He joined the Florida Army National Guard and served as an active guard reserve from 1992 to 2012. During this time, he participated in many hurricane and disaster relief efforts including for Hurricane Andrew in 1992. In 1999, he and his family relocated to Orlando where he finished his active-duty career with the Florida National Guard.

Then, he was deployed to Iraq from 2003 to 2004 where he served as an infantry squad leader in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon his return from Iraq, he continued to pursue his education while still serving the State of Florida Army National Guard and raising three children with his wife Elizabeth. In 2005, his unit was assigned to do hurricane relief duties during Hurricane Charlie, which hit Osceola and Orange Counties hard.

In July of 2012, Mr. Rodriguez began a new chapter in his life by becoming an Orlando VA employee where he started his career as a clerk, then a program support assistant, then a provider outreach coordinator. Currently, he is the veteran outreach coordinator and minority veteran program coordinator. In 2013, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in management from Columbia College of Missouri's Orlando campus. In 2015, he graduated with a master's degree in pastoral psychology from Professional Christian University in Kissimmee.

To date, he is still serving the veteran community by providing resources to the veteran population.

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE LIEUTENANT GENERAL RAYMOND MASON 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 Lieutenant General Raymond Mason 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 Lt. Gen. Mason's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. Serving in the 82nd Airborne Division for 15 years from 1983 through 1998, Lt. Gen. Mason commanded both Company E, 407th Supply and Services Battalion and the 407th Support Battalion. He also held numerous positions in the division where he provided important logistical support that greatly advanced operational possibilities for combat commanders. Specifically, he served as the division support command operation officer for Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada and both the assistant chief of staff and deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Forces Command and the Army. In addition to his accomplishments with the 82nd Airborne Division, he provided dutiful leadership and service in other units and positions until his retirement in 2014. Even in retirement, Lt. Gen. Mason has continued to serve our military as the director of the Army Emergency Relief Fund, a nonprofit organization that provides support to the Army.

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." Lt. Gen. Mason's selfless service could not be more deserving of such recognition. I know I speak for all in our community and nation in thanking Lt. Gen. Mason 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 Lieutenant General Mason for his induction into the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame.

HONORING GEAR UP WEEK

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the week of September 26-30, 2022, as National GEAR UP Week at Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso, Texas.

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally-funded grant program designed to prepare first-generation and low-income students