

What is particularly disappointing, especially in today's low unemployment economy, is the high unemployment rate for young people who heeded our advice to graduate from high school and college. The unemployment rate is currently 7.9 percent for people 16 to 24 years old, which is 4.2 percentage points higher than the total unemployment rate, and hundreds of thousands of them now compete for unpaid internships wherever they can find them.

By significantly adding 500,000 new members to AmeriCorps, my bill would need no new administrative structure or bureaucracy but would allow unemployed youth to earn a stipend, obtain work experience and develop a good work history to help secure future employment. The bill would significantly expand job opportunities for young people who have done what they could to get a job, but, despite their best efforts, remain unemployed. AmeriCorps participants receive a living allowance and are also eligible for an education award equal to the value of a Pell grant, school-loan forbearance, health care benefits and childcare assistance. By expanding AmeriCorps, we would reduce the number of unemployed young people, provide them work skills and experience and help understaffed state and local governments provide services.

My bill would also establish that the minimum wage for any AmeriCorps State & National member would be 200 percent of the federal poverty line, and would not allow for a decrease in that amount, as is allowed under current law. AmeriCorps members serve their country and gain skills, but we should increase the minimum wage for everybody, including national service members.

For some time, it has been clear that policies to address the most stubborn forms of unemployment need to be targeted in order to be effective. Without significant targeting, many young people will continue to face their first years as adults without jobs and with no way to acquire necessary work experience. They deserve a better start in life as adults.

I ask my colleagues to support this urgently needed, targeted assistance for our unemployed youth.

HONORING ARMY VETERAN ALBERT EMILE VAN LUCHENE ON HIS CENTENARIAN BIRTHDAY

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Army veteran Albert Emile Van Luchene on his 100th birthday, and honor his service in the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Van Luchene was born in Huntley, Montana on October 3, 1922, to farmers who immigrated from Belgium to Montana in 1911. At eighteen years old during World War II, Mr. Van Luchene enlisted in the Army and experienced combat as a Communications Sergeant during the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes region of Belgium from December, 1944 to January, 1945. Mr. Van Luchene's valor and heroism during this time would see him later receiving the Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Bronze medals from the French government, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Service medal, the American Cam-

paign medal, the American Service medal, the Bronze Star, the American Defense Service medal, the Good Conduct medal, and the American Combat Infantry medal from the U.S. government. Most recently he was also awarded the Quilt of Valor Award.

Today, on behalf of Montana's At-Large Congressional District, I thank Mr. Van Luchene for his service to our Nation, and I warmly wish him a happy 100th birthday.

HONORING THE BILLY DE FRANK CENTER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Billy DeFrank Center. The Center has been an incubator and catalyst for emerging groups and organizations working to meet the needs of the LGBTQ+ community.

The Billy DeFrank Center opened its doors on March 1, 1981, in a two-room storefront. They turned opposition into opportunity by using funds from a failed campaign to repeal ordinances extending housing and employment protections to the gay community to finance their Center.

The Center named itself after William Price, a popular African American drag queen, Billy DeFrank. A mural on the outside of the building honors his commitment to the community and his inclusive spirit.

The Billy DeFrank Center housed several important groups, including High Tech Gays, a major force for change in the 80's and 90's. They successfully sued the Federal Government's Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO) for discriminatory practices in issuing High Security Clearances to the LGBTQ+ community.

Sister Spirit Bookstore, a cultural hub for queer women, moved to Billy DeFrank Center's new and larger site in 1986.

Currently, the Center collaborates with various service providers and Silicon Valley Pride to build, unify, and strengthen the LGBTQ+ community in the South Bay.

Throughout the past 40 years, the Billy DeFrank Center has been a beacon of hope, a place to be who you are within your chosen family, to share information to address the diversity of needs in the LGBTQ+ community. Please join me in celebrating this significant milestone.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY FLYNN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a great American, Mr. Robert Douglas Flynn. Known to everyone as Bobby, he passed away September 22, 2022.

Bobby Flynn was born July 25, 1927, in Lexington, Kentucky. He attended Lafayette High School where he excelled in athletics, especially track and basketball. Bobby joined the United States Army and later served in the

Merchant Marines. On August 3, 1946 he married Ella Ritchey. He attended the University of Dayton on a basketball scholarship. Bobby became the first white man to play on an all-black semi-pro baseball team, the Lexington Hustlers. He was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Bobby and Ella had 3 children, Doug, Brad, and Melanie. Bobby owned a restaurant and then pursued a career in the insurance business, where he worked for 30 years. Bobby was elected and served in the Kentucky Senate from 1968 to 1972. He served on Lexington's city council from 1988 to 1996. His love for athletics never stopped, as he enjoyed and excelled at golf, bowling, and fishing for many years. He served as a referee for football and basketball. He was the manager of press row at Rupp Arena for many years. Bobby was also involved at Keeneland, the Lexington Legends, and KHSAA games. Due to his long-time support of Lexington sports, the annual Bluegrass Sports Award is named after him. His last years were spent at Sayre Christian Village, where he received a Lifetime Achievement Award for service to the community.

Most importantly, Bobby Flynn was a devoted man of faith and a member of Grace Baptist Church. His faith in God directed his life and he modeled his faith in the way that he lived. He was always willing to help others, even at personal sacrifice.

It is my honor to recognize the life of Mr. Bobby Flynn; an outstanding citizen, a patriot, and a man of integrity who loved and served God through his service to the community of Lexington. America is great because of people like Bobby Flynn and I am forever grateful.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Malnutrition Awareness Week.

According to the Department of Agriculture, 33.8 million Americans struggle with food insecurity, and in my district in Central New York, nearly one in seven children are food-insecure. We have to do more to keep food on the table for American families and address the root causes of malnutrition. That's why in Congress, I have been proud to support crucial federal nutrition programs like SNAP, which millions of Americans rely on, and have been a consistent advocate for the Meals on Wheels program.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Malnutrition Awareness Week and I urge continued work on efforts to combat food insecurity in America.

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE GENERAL CURTIS 'MIKE' SCAPARROTTI 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 General Curtis 'Mike' Scaparrotti 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 Gen. Scaparrotti's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. He began his service to the 82nd Airborne Division as a platoon leader, operations officer, and company commander in the 3rd Battalion of the 325th Infantry. From 1999 to 2001, he then served as commander of the 82nd Airborne's 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Perhaps most impressively, in 2008 he advanced to become the commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division where he directed division headquarters' deployment to Eastern Afghanistan. He served in this position until 2010 and simultaneously served as commander for the Combined Joint Task Force—82 and Regional Command East. In addition to his accomplishments with the 82nd Airborne Division, he provided dutiful leadership and service in many other units and positions. A few of such contributions include his command in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. In 2019, Gen. Scaparrotti retired from the military after serving as the commander of European Command.

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

TRIBUTE TO RETIRED SERGEANT HENRY SALAZAR

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Henry Salazar. Sergeant Salazar lives in Highland, California and served our country faithfully during the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Salazar began his army career on June 8, 1966, when he enrolled for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After completing basic training, he was sent to Huntsville, Alabama for missile base training where he specialized in ammunition. Sergeant Salazar then traveled to Fort Benning, Georgia for paratrooper school after which he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. Sergeant Salazar was sent to Vietnam in November 1967 on Thanksgiving Day and was stationed at such notable locations as Bien Hoa Village, Phuc Vinh, and Nam Hai.

I am honored to recognize Sergeant Salazar's incredible career, and to welcome him home during his visit to Washington, DC as all Vietnam veterans should have been decades ago. Our veterans have earned our undying gratitude and their heroic service to our country will never be forgotten. I wish Sergeant Salazar a safe and memorable trip to our nation's capital and thank him again for his dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIN COUNTY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Habitat for Humanity of Collin County as they celebrate 30 years of invaluable housing assistance and commitment to fostering safe and healthy communities in Texas' Third District.

The Collin County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity was incorporated on August 26, 1992, with the goal of providing Collin County families in need with the opportunity to fulfill their dream of homeownership.

Since its inception, Habitat for Humanity of Collin County has worked alongside 228 families to build safe and affordable homes and has successfully completed more than 2,142 repair projects. In addition to the organization's efforts to provide direct housing assistance, Collin County Habitat for Humanity has expanded its services through the opening of two ReStore locations which serve as discount home improvement and donation centers. These ReStores offer reusable and low-cost building materials to the public and use all profits earned to fund the construction of new homes.

The support of the community coupled with the work of countless volunteers is what has enabled Habitat for Humanity of Collin County to successfully provide these vital housing services. Each day, this organization exemplifies what can be achieved when members of a community work together for the common good.

Now as we recognize Habitat for Humanity of Collin County on this milestone occasion, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring their thirty years of dedicated service to Collin County.

PETER DEWOLF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter DeWolf for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Member of the Year Award.

The Member of the Year Award is given to an individual who exemplifies exceptional leadership and above all else, commitment to our community. Peter DeWolf has been an outstanding member of the Wheat Ridge Business Association, bringing his expertise and leadership to all that he does. Mr. DeWolf has attended more events and meetings than any other non-board member. Mr. DeWolf brings his cheerful spirit and positive perspective to every meeting he attends and often generously donates his delicious toffee to member meetings. Mr. DeWolf embodies the best of Wheat Ridge and is a treasured member of our community.

I thank Mr. DeWolf for his service to the great City of the Wheat Ridge.

RECOGNIZING SECRETARY-TREASURER MARY SHULTZ AND HER HUSBAND DAVE FOR THEIR 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 Secretary-Treasurer Mary Shultz and her husband Dave for their years of service to the Garland-Tompkins American Legion Post 399. Through their exceptional leadership, steadfast devotion, and willingness to serve, the Shultz family has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

After the Legion Hall burned down in 1992, Secretary-Treasurer Shultz volunteered to help in the financing and construction of the new hall. For the next 30 years, she served dutifully as the Post's Secretary-Treasurer—paying bills, tracking membership, and providing sound advice to the Post's Commanders. Her 'boots on the ground' work ethic has driven the Post's success and inspired a higher level of achievement from its members. During the Post's dinners and community outreach events, Secretary-Treasurer Shultz has worked closely with other senior leadership to ensure that every member and guest feels welcome. In all of her efforts, she has been supported by her husband Dave, who has also played a major role in the execution of the Post's tasks and projects. Serving as a sounding board to the Post's leadership, he has always provided the right advice for the occasion. This family team's collective contributions to the Post and community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service of Secretary-Treasurer Mary Shultz and Dave Shultz. Their actions and work have embodied the highest