

Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski and held important positions at the Buffalo City Court. She was the Vice President of the Pulaski Association, chaired the Youth Services and Citizens Police Advisory Boards in the Town of Cheektowaga, and sat on the board of the YWCA Institute for Public Leadership Planning. She was an American Heart Association board member and had been Grand Marshall of Buffalo's Pulaski Day Parade.

Active in politics, she was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1992, 1996, and 2012. She generously lent her time, her expertise, and her friendly and positive attitude to political efforts.

We join our friend, Camille's dedicated husband, Bob Brandon, in mourning this tremendous loss. All of us who knew and worked with Camille will remember her with deep gratitude and affection. If more people in the realms of politics, government and civic affairs shared Camille's deep commitment to kindness, decency and mutual understanding, our nation would be far better off. May she continue to be an example to all of us.

**HONORING THE NORTH CENTRAL  
MASSACHUSETTS CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE AS THE 2023 CHAM-  
BER OF THE YEAR**

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 26, 2023*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recognition by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce as the 2023 Chamber of the Year. I am so proud that the North Central Chamber of Commerce is the first Chamber of Commerce in Massachusetts and New England to be recognized with this prestigious national honor. The Chamber will be celebrating this success at their Congressional Luncheon on November 1, 2023. Congresswoman LORI TRAHAN and I will jointly celebrate this monumental achievement.

The North Central Chamber demonstrates excellence in operations, member services, and community leadership. The Chamber provides immeasurable support to budding and established entrepreneurs in the region, which helps our businesses thrive. From new programs supporting Latinx small business, to revamping highly trafficked tourism destinations, the Chamber tirelessly works to improve the life of residents and guests to Central Massachusetts.

This recognition affirms what my constituents already know: the North Central Chamber of Commerce goes above and beyond for all. The Chamber's commitment to continued improvement is what makes them so successful.

And, of course, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the countless partners that help the Chamber excel at their work. North Central Massachusetts's educational, economic, non-profit, cultural, and governmental organizations each have seamlessly integrated into the Chamber's purview. The over 700 businesses and organizations the Chamber assists rightly trust the Chamber to help them serve the twenty-seven communities across North Central Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the remarkable contributions of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to such a great organization for another year of phenomenal work.

**CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE MILITARY WORK-  
ING DOG TEAMS NATIONAL  
MONUMENT**

**HON. CHIP ROY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 26, 2023*

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Military Working Dog Teams National Monument located at Joint Base San Antonio—Lackland.

For the past ten years, the Military Working Dog Teams National Monument has served as a physical symbol of the loyal service and unconditional sacrifice that military working dogs have made alongside our men and women in uniform since WWII.

It is a privilege and an honor to celebrate the anniversary of the Military Working Dog Teams National Monument. I hope this record serves as an acknowledgment of the immeasurable debt of gratitude owed to both soldiers and K-9s by the American people. On behalf of Texas' 21st Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary sacrifice of these individuals and animals.

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
SAMANTHA WOLL**

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 26, 2023*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize an incredible friend and community leader, Samantha Woll. Our community is deeply saddened by her tragic death and the sudden loss of a courageous and tenacious fighter for all.

I first met Samantha, affectionately known as Sam, in 2016. Sam was driven by her Jewish faith that led to her interfaith work. Sam had the ability to connect with diverse communities and bring people together in a way that made us all stronger. Her lasting impact is a testament to her strong values and character.

Not only did she serve as the President of the Isaac Agree Detroit Downtown Synagogue where she worked tirelessly in preparation of its recent re-opening, Sam also served with numerous community organizations, including serving on the board of the Mary Turner Center for Advocacy. Through her work, Sam created spaces for both Muslim and Jewish youth together. Sam served on a number of Democratic campaigns and volunteered for many political causes, helping support local, state and national issues.

Above all, Sam was a daughter, sister and aunt who absolutely adored her family. If she wasn't actively organizing her community, she was spending most of her time with family and traveling. Sam was our beacon of hope and a light for many.

Samantha Woll's infectious spirit, warmth, and friendship will be sorely missed. Please join me in recognition of Samantha Woll's life and legacy. May her memory be a blessing.

**CELEBRATING THE LAS VEGAS  
ACES FOR WINNING THE 2023  
WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKET-  
BALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPION-  
SHIP**

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 26, 2023*

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate the Las Vegas Aces on winning the 2023 Women's National Basketball Association Finals.

On October 18, 2023, the Las Vegas Aces defeated the New York Liberty, 70–69, in Game 4 of the WNBA Finals. The Aces won the championship three games to one and became the first professional team in Nevada to win two championships. They won despite two of their starters being out with injuries, star guard Chelsea Gray and center Kiah Stokes.

They also became the first WNBA team in 21 years to win consecutive championships.

Hall of Fame head coach Becky Hammon led the team to victory and became the third coach in either the NBA or WNBA to win two championships in her first two seasons.

Even before the playoffs, the Aces had an incredible season, clinching first seed in the playoffs after dominating the regular season with a record of 34–6. They set a new league record for wins and led the league in points per game and field goal percentage.

At home, the Aces went 19–1 in the regular season and undefeated in the postseason, setting attendance records and even hosting the All-Star Game.

Owner Mark Davis and Team President Nikki Fargas proved once again that investing in women's sports is investing in success, thereby setting an example for others to follow.

In the championship-clinching game, Finals Most Valuable Player A'ja Wilson led the way with 24 points and 16 rebounds, while Jackie Young added 16 points and seven assists. And Kelsey Plum delivered a well-rounded performance of eight rebounds, five assists, and seven points. The Aces never trailed in the fourth quarter.

The Aces certainly raised the stakes when securing another championship for Vegas, firmly establishing District One as the Sports Capital of the World.

All of Southern Nevada is very proud and I can't wait to cheer the team on next year as they go for three in a row.

**RECOGNIZING BOB GATT'S  
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NOVI**

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 26, 2023*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Gatt, Mayor of Novi, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement. His decades

of tireless service to the city of Novi are worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Detroit, it was a childhood dream of Bob's to become a police officer. When looking for a position, Bob was saddened to find that most police departments at that time had a height requirement. Luckily for Bob and for Novi, the Novi Police Department had no such requirement. Bob began his service to the City of Novi as a police officer in 1975.

Soon after starting the job, Bob learned about the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. After attending a two-week course and becoming a DARE Officer, Bob

launched the DARE program here in Novi. To this day, Bob teaches DARE to the children of Novi. Bob's leadership within the department led him to be promoted to the role of Detective, later earning the rank of Sergeant shortly before his retirement in 2002.

After spending some time on Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals, Bob decided to run for City Council, a seat he would hold for the next 8 years. In 2011, Bob took the next step and was elected Mayor of the City of Novi. His 12 years at the helm has led Novi to reduce its debt by 75 percent and cut its crime rate in half. Novi has received national recognition for their support of small businesses, community

schools, and technology innovation. In 2022, Fortune Magazine ranked Novi in the Top Ten Best Places to Live for Families in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Bob Gatt and the 48 years of service he has given to the residents of Novi. While he is retiring from local politics, service runs in his blood, and Bob plans to continue as the Manager of the Oakland County Animal Shelter. We thank Bob for his tremendous service and wish him some much-deserved tranquility in this next chapter of life. I thank Bob.