

spirit of unity and compassion within our community. During the race, Cam Koryga, a star-runner from Egg Harbor Township High School encountered difficulties, stumbling and falling as he neared the finish line. In an inspiring act, Jamar Mack, a freshman on the Middle Township High School cross country team, came to his aid and guided him down the course, even though they were rival runners. Jamar's support for Cam continued throughout the race, and in a touching moment, Jamar allowed Cam to cross the finish line ahead of him. This act of sportsmanship is a shining example of the values we hold dear in our community—compassion, selflessness, and unity. It reminds us of the positive impact of sports beyond competition. It is my privilege to recognize and celebrate Jamar Mack's outstanding sportsmanship and I wish this exemplary young man all the best in his future. God Bless Jamar and God Bless the United States of America.

**CELEBRATING SECOND  
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Second Bethlehem Baptist Church's Centennial Celebration that commemorates the lives and accomplishments of Second Bethlehem Baptist church.

Founded in 1923, right in the heart of Savannah, this church has been committed to serving its community for a century. The influence that the Second Bethlehem Baptist church has in its community is outstanding, positively influencing over 40,000 individuals in the region, and over 100,000 worldwide.

The church has numerous outreach achievements, one being the establishment of Life Skills for Empowerment Center Inc., a non-profit organization that is working to fight against violence in Savannah.

Second Bethlehem Baptist Church also offers feeding programs, clothing closets, and various types of assistance to those in need.

I thank the Second Bethlehem Baptist Church for being a beacon of hope in our community, and congratulate them on 100 amazing years.

**CONGRATULATING FRANCIS HOWELL  
SOFTBALL TEAM ON THEIR  
CLASS 5 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Francis Howell High School on their victory in Missouri's Class 5 Softball State Championship.

The team claimed the Class 5 title for the first time and exacted a measure of revenge by beating the same team they lost to in last year's championship game. Senior Lorin Boutte led the way to an 8-0 victory by tossing a four-hit shutout and adding a grand slam

for run support. The team should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Francis Howell softball team for a job well done.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM  
"BILL" CZMYR, JR.**

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of William "Bill" Czmyr, Jr., who passed peacefully at the age of ninety-one. Bill has been a long-time friend of my office and is affectionately remembered by all who knew him. Through his life, Bill has been a true patriot and model citizen, serving in the United States Navy during the Korean War and dedicating himself to veteran's advocacy back home. His presence will be sorely missed in the Eastern Connecticut community.

Born in 1932 to William and Viola Czmyr, Bill learned early on the value of volunteering and sacrifice for causes greater than oneself. Transitioning away from his work as a maintenance foreman, Bill enlisted in 1955 to serve in the Navy aboard the YAGR-1 *Guardian*. On this ship, Bill helped ensure that the airspace of the United States remained safe from enemy aircraft through its radar monitoring technology.

Shortly after his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1957, Bill continued his service to his country—this time by building the boats which keep our shores safe. He joined General Dynamics, Electric Boat in Groton and worked for an impressive 37 years as an outside machinist, retiring in 1994.

Bill did not squander his newfound time in retirement, dedicating his life to stewarding former servicemembers of all creeds. 'No' was not a word in Bill's vocabulary, and he garnered a well-earned reputation for his tenacious advocacy for veterans who needed it the most. His championing the needs of his fellow veterans starts with American Legion Post 15 in Jewett City, Connecticut. In 1993, a year before Bill's retirement, the post was forced to close. Immediately recognizing the need for a new, rejuvenated Post, Bill got to work raising money to erase the old Post's debt and repaint the headquarters from top to bottom. By 1995, Post 15 was back in working order.

Remaining active in Post 15, Bill embarked on his next big project to support former servicemembers: the rehousing of 18 homeless veterans. Bill was able to help facilitate the construction of two-room, furnished apartments in a building attached to the Post's headquarters, providing much needed access to medical care, shopping facilities, and a public library. Some of the residents of this new community were homeless for over a decade, and thanks to Bill's tireless efforts, they had a safe place under a roof to call their own.

Bill worked with my office to make this dream a reality where he helped foster a multi-level partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to secure funding for the

project. For his monumental efforts, Bill was rightly named the Veteran of the Year in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I count myself incredibly fortunate to represent constituents like Bill Czmyr. Bill's patriotism and dedication to those who sacrificed the most in defense of liberty is an example all citizens should aspire to. The hole left by his passing will not soon be filled, though the Eastern Connecticut community can take solace in the fact that his legacy lives on through the lives of the countless people he has touched. We mourn with Bill's family, including his three sons Mark, Luke, and John, his six grandchildren, and all of their respective spouses.

**RECOGNIZING JORDAN WERNER**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize the outstanding achievements of a remarkable young man, Jordan M. Werner. Jordan's scouting journey began in Troop 416 in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. After relocating to Pittsgrove, South Jersey in 2019, he continued his Scouting efforts as a member of Scout Crew 58. It is within this crew that he diligently fulfilled the requirements necessary to achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project involved the transformation of a storage shed at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Elmer, South Jersey, into a Disaster Warehouse for The North American Lutheran Church. This warehouse serves as a vital resource, storing essential items required by individuals and families who find themselves facing the aftermath of a disaster. These items include health kits, school kits, blankets, flood buckets, and Bibles, providing critical support to those in dire need. Jordan's dedication to service and his selfless commitment to helping others in times of crisis exemplify the highest ideals of the Scouting movement. I congratulate him on this important milestone and wish him all the best in his future. God Bless Jordan and God Bless the United States of America.

**RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID WAIN  
COON**

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. David Wain Coon upon his retirement as the President and Superintendent of the College of Marin after 13 years of exceptional professional service.

Dr. Coon earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Washington University, Master of Education degree from Western Washington University, and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Seattle University. He served in prominent administrative roles in colleges throughout Washington State before moving to the California Community College system. After five years as the President of Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, Dr. Coon joined the College of Marin in 2010.

Dr. Coon led the College of Marin into a new era. He fostered positive relationships with students, staff, and trustees. He oversaw two community-funded facility modernization projects with a budget of more than \$515 million. Under his leadership, the college developed innovative programs including COM-PASS and Summer Bridge that are models for other community colleges throughout California. He developed partnerships with Marin County's primary and secondary schools and nonprofits to strengthen pathways to higher education. Dr. Coon responded to many challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic with innovative solutions and calm and collaborative guidance.

Dr. Coon has a deep commitment to equity and inclusion which extends beyond his work with the College of Marin both as the co-chair of the Marin Promise Partnership and member of the Board of Directors for the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce. His accomplishments earned both the College of Marin and Evergreen Valley College prestigious accolades, including the Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award.

Known for his thoughtfulness, integrity, collaboration and good sense of humor, Dr. Coon exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. And it is no surprise that his years of service more than double the average tenure for community college superintendents. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to Dr. Coon for his enduring commitment and invaluable contributions to the College of Marin and greater community.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD VINER, MD

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Edward Viner, MD on his Retirement.

Dr. Edward Viner, a graduate of Harvard College, earned cum laude status before continuing his education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. During his time at the University, he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. For two years following the completion of his residency, Dr. Viner completed a fellowship in Hematology/Oncology with his alma mater at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Edward Viner is a trailblazer and leader. Through his own personal experience as a critically ill-patient a few years prior, Dr. Edward Viner roughly 50 years ago decided to begin the first hospice program in the entire Philadelphia region. A major step toward his mission of improving end of life care throughout the nation. Through his expertise and hard work, Dr. Viner was invited to testify before the House of Representatives Select Committee on Aging only 10 years after starting the program.

Dr. Edward Viner stepped into the role of Chief of Medicine at Cooper University Hospital in 1987 and remained in the position for another twenty years. During his tenure, he led the development of an academic Department of Medicine and created Cooper's Suburban Practice Network. Under his guidance,

Cooper University Hospital adopted a hospitalist system to care for patients and is recognized as the first in the Philadelphia region to do so.

Today, he is recognized for his unrelenting effort toward the creation of the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, the 135th allopathic medical school in the United States. For his efforts, he was honorarily named the first Dean of the school in 2009. He is a board member of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and is the recipient of several awards dating back to 1984 when he received the Philadelphia Caring Award for his work to provide hospice care to the region.

Dr. Edward Viner has been listed in Who's Who in America and has been acknowledged several times as one of the nation's best doctors. Dr. Viner received Laureateship from the American College of Physicians in 2003 before achieving Mastership within the college as well. He has been recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Humanism in Medicine from the school he fought so hard to create as well as, the prestigious Strittmatter Award from the Philadelphia County Medical Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Dr. Edward Viner of Cooper University Hospital, a practitioner dedicated to his community and who has thoroughly served his patients to the best of his ability.

CELEBRATING RITA JOSEPHINE  
LYNCH ON THE OCCASION OF  
HER NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the birthday of Rita Josephine Lynch, who on October 27th reached the incredible milestone of her 95th birthday.

Rita Josephine was born one of seven children to Behia and James Thomas, who emigrated from Lebanon in the early 1920s to pursue the American Dream. Rita graduated from Olean High School, attended Canisius College, and is a proud graduate of Mercy School of Nursing in Buffalo, New York. Before meeting the love of her life, Thomas "Tom" Meecham Lynch, she worked at hospitals in Olean and Buffalo, New York.

Rita and Tom married in 1955 and later moved to Dunkirk, New York, where Rita worked as a nurse and Tom as a pharmacist. Rita and Tom grew their family to six children, even as Rita continued to pursue her career in nursing for local families and friends.

Throughout her life, Rita has always been a committed volunteer for many selfless causes. Rita has volunteered with the Red Cross, providing blood pressures appointments at local drugstores, she has served on the Altar Rosary Society at her local Catholic church, and the Brooks Hospital Auxiliary Board.

Rita has always helped others; from caring for her mother and mother-in-law to her youngest brother, Rev. Donald N. Thomas, after his retirement and her late husband until his passing.

Today, friends, family, and her faith continue to be focal points in her life as she stays in contact with old friends from nursing school

along with her six children and their families, which includes 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

While at home, if she isn't watching EWTN, she is watching Fox News, TMC, or her favorite sports—football, hockey, or golf. In her free time, she loves to go for drives around the Point and Dunkirk Pier—sometimes, she looks for bargains at T.J. Maxx.

She loves to see her great grandchildren and watch them compete in baseball, football, volleyball, and dance performances every opportunity she has. Every week, when she is able, you can find her in a pew at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fredonia, New York.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and my colleagues in celebrating the wonderful occasion of Rita Josephine Lynch's 95th birthday. I cannot wait to wish her a happy 100th.

HONORING JOSEPH ARENA, JR.

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the life and remarkable contributions of a South Jersey native, who has dedicated himself to his community and the local industry, Mr. Joseph Arena, Jr. The roots of his family's business run deep in the community. In 1920, his grandfather had the vision to establish the enterprise of Arena Automotive, and it quickly became a local institution. As time passed, the torch of responsibility was passed down to the next generation. When his grandfather and uncle chose to retire, it was in 1978 that he and his father assumed the mantle of sole ownership of the business, solidifying their commitment to its enduring legacy. In 1992, he embarked on another significant journey when he married his wife, Rose. Together, they have been blessed with two sons, Andrew and Nicholas, who have undoubtedly inherited his values and sense of community. Throughout his entire adult career, he has remained steadfastly dedicated to Arena Automotive. This unwavering commitment has not only enriched the local industry in South Jersey but has also fostered deep connections within the community. Mr. Arena's contributions to the community of Hammonton were so outstanding that he was honored by the New Jersey Sons of Italy at this year's Christopher Columbus celebration. His remarkable dedication and commitment have made him a pillar of the local industry, earning him the respect and admiration of his peers. It is essential to acknowledge and honor individuals like him who have made a lasting impact on their community, and I thank Mr. Arena for his dedication. God Bless Joseph and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ALVA  
GREENE

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize longtime Detroit and 12th District