

RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT DAN GLESSING

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Glessing, who was recently re-elected as President of the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

Dan is a leader in the agriculture community. Since he was first elected in November 2021, Dan has been a steadfast advocate for Minnesota farmers and ranchers and has a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities they face. Dan also serves as a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, where he has brought national attention to Minnesota agriculture.

Under Dan's leadership, the Minnesota Farm Bureau has grown in both strength and influence. He has built key partnerships between Minnesota's farmers, the Farm Bureau, and others including leaders in our nation's capital, to ensure that our state's producers have the resources they need to succeed. His input is invaluable, especially as we craft this year's farm bill.

As a dairy and crop farmer in Wright County and a lifelong member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau, Dan and the Glessing family have been strong voices in support of our local producers and the future of agriculture in Minnesota. While Dan leads the farmers of today, his wife, Seena, is working to educate the next generation of agriculture producers as a teacher in the Howard Lake, Waverly, Winstead school district. After having the opportunity to visit the Glessing farm and meet Dan and Seena, I can confidently say that the Minnesota agriculture community is in excellent hands under their leadership.

We are grateful for Dan's service to the Minnesota Farm Bureau and to agriculture producers across the state. I am confident that he will continue to be a strong voice for our farmers and ranchers for years to come.

COURTNEY DAUWALTER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Courtney Dauwalter, a remarkable ultrarunner and Leadville resident who continues to redefine the boundaries of endurance in the world of ultradistance racing.

In July 2023, Ms. Dauwalter achieved the remarkable feat of being the first female finisher at the grueling Hardrock 100-mile foot race, only a few weeks after she emerged victorious at the Western States 100 in California. She also won the Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc, a race renowned for its extreme difficulty and terrain. With this victory, she made history, becoming the first person ever to win all three of these races in a single year and the second person ever to achieve this incredible trifecta in their lifetime.

Ms. Dauwalter's unparalleled accomplishments serve as an inspiration to all, demonstrating that with grit and dedication, one can achieve the seemingly impossible. We wish Ms. Dauwalter the best of luck as she continues her running career and inspires fellow athletes and fans in Colorado and around the world.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PATRICIA KEANE MARREN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to recognize this year's Sister Sally Walz Memorial Award at Mount Mercy Academy, Patricia Keane Marren. For over a century, Mount Mercy Academy has been a beacon of light and an indispensable institution within our community. With a unique focus on academic excellence, women's leadership, and a commitment to building a just society, it is only proper to commend the alumni who have contributed to this much-deserved reputation.

The recipient of this award requires "an expansive heart," and Pattie Keane certainly fits the bill. She began her career as a programmer at Marine Midland Bank (now HSBC Bank), and after attaining a master's degree in business administration, became Vice President at HSBC in 1997. Pattie worked for over two decades and led several company-wide initiatives and philanthropic efforts. As community leader and avid volunteer, she consistently puts the needs of others before her own. She assisted in fundraising events and organizational activities of O'Sullivan School of Irish Dance, Cazenovia Hockey Association, Canisius High School, and naturally, at Mount Mercy Academy. There she served as Treasurer and Board Member of the Alumnae Association co-chair (with her husband, Dan) of the McAuley Gala, and an active member of the Board of Trustees. And even in the face of considerable medical challenges, Pattie continues to find new ways to advocate for others. In fact, as a patient at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, she was responsible for improvements to safety practices for patients and visitors with disabilities. Pattie has always embodied selflessness and compassion, and it has been to the benefit of all those who know her.

The award recipients and honorees tonight for Mount Mercy Academy's 22nd Annual Dinner have exceeded the already rigorous standard for the members within this community. Mount Mercy's values and commitment to service are steeped in decades of tradition, and Patricia Keane Marren has always embodied these values in her career, relationships, and most importantly, with her husband, Dan, and children Katherine ('11) and Thomas.

RECOGNIZING THE INAUGURAL NATIONAL CERTIFIED DIETARY MANAGERS AND CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS DAY OF THE YEAR

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Inaugural National Certified Dietary Managers (CDM), Certified Food Protection Professionals (CFPP) Day of the Year. This day is meant to honor the contributions these professionals have made in the food service management profession and the lives they have impacted through their service in America's healthcare industry.

I would also like to recognize the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals for their efforts to designate November 28, 2023, as the inaugural National CDM, CFPP Day of the Year. Over 90 percent of the ANFP's more than 14,000 members work in healthcare and a majority of those are in long-term care facilities. As a geriatric nurse practitioner, I have seen firsthand the way in which CDMs and CFPPs positively affect health outcomes for members of our greatest generation.

These professionals play an essential role in America's healthcare industry and as such are responsible for managing nutrition and food service operations. They are trained and qualified to administer menus, food purchasing and preparation, and to apply nutrition principles, among many other things. The CDM, CFPP credential is also the basis for the ANFP Youth Apprenticeship Program, which was approved by the U.S. Department of Labor last year.

I am proud to honor their significant impacts to healthcare and celebrate the inaugural National Certified Dietary Managers, Certified Food Protection Professionals Day of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO ADY BARKAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual whose advocacy for universal healthcare helped advance the cause for millions of Americans, even as he struggled with his own health. Ady Barkan, a former intern in my office, passed away due to complications of ALS, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

I first met Ady while walking precincts together when he was still in high school. Even then, he was passionately dedicated to improving the lives of people around him and deeply immersed in a wide variety of policy issues. His unwavering commitment to his country—and the need to stand up for all working families—as well as his fervent advocacy for healthcare reform left an indelible mark on all of us who had the privilege of working alongside him. But more than anything else, I was struck by his dazzling intellect. Ady was brilliant.

Ady's journey was a testament to his resilience and unwavering determination. In 2016, when he was diagnosed with ALS, a devastating neurodegenerative disease that often leads to paralysis and death within a few short years, Ady could have easily chosen to retreat from public life. But instead, he and his family chose to dedicate the remainder of his life to changing the American health care system for the better.

Despite the loss of his voice, Ady Barkan's voice only grew stronger and reached more people. His ability to blend his personal story with calls to action was truly remarkable. He testified before Congress, interviewed presidential candidates, and spoke at the Democratic National Convention, all while battling this debilitating disease. Ady's impact on our nation's health care discourse was immeasurable, and his courage in the face of adversity was unparalleled.

Ady Barkan was instrumental in stopping Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, a critical achievement for health care in America that extended access to tens of millions who otherwise couldn't afford it. Ady's persistence and leadership in these fights were critical, and his contribution, profound. Ady Barkan was not only a health care activist but also a loving husband and father. And he was also a good friend.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathies to Ady's wife, Rachael, his children, and his entire family during this difficult time. May Ady's memory continue to be a source of strength and motivation for all of us who strive to make a difference in the world. Ady will be dearly missed, but his legacy will live on as an inspiration to us all.

CONGRATULATING NICOLE GALKOVICH ON BECOMING A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Nicole Galkovich, who will take the Oath of Allegiance and become a citizen of the United States of America on November 28, 2023.

Nicole moved from her hometown of Ashdod, Israel, to the United States in 2017, when she was 19 years old. She began her journey with her father, leaving behind her mother and grandmother in Israel. After settling in Houston, Texas, she sought out new educational opportunities to integrate with her new American community. As a testament to her hard work and academic achievement, Nicole earned an associate degree at San Jacinto College.

In 2022, Nicole moved to Washington County and found a community that welcomed her with open arms and a job that provided fulfillment and happiness. She now works as a warranty clerk at a local car dealership, where her dedication, work ethic, and perseverance brighten the lives of those around her.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate Ms. Galkovich on becoming a United States citizen. I am confident that her

contributions to the Washington County community will continue to enrich the lives of her friends and neighbors. As she embarks on this new journey, I wish her continued happiness and success.

JAYLYNN ARMIJO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jaylynn Armijo of Lakewood, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Jaylynn traveled to South Korea to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Jaylynn for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Jaylynn's many accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TINA SCARPELLO WEBSTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to recognize this year's Mercy Devotion Honoree at Mount Mercy Academy, Tina Scarpello Webster. For over a century, Mount Mercy Academy has been a beacon of light and an indispensable institution within our community. With a unique focus on academic excellence, women's leadership, and a commitment to building a just society, it is only proper to commend the alumni who have contributed to this much-deserved reputation.

As a staff member at Mount Mercy, Tina has been afforded the rare opportunity to make a tangible impact on the hearts and minds of countless students. Upon graduating from Erie Community College, Tina's brief time working in North Carolina made her recognize her passion and love of our community in Buffalo. Upon her return, Tina eventually found her way to working at the school that she, and her sisters Cheryl ('82) and Joelle ('84), love so dearly: Mount Mercy Academy. She assumed the roles of Recruitment Manager, Di-

rector of Admissions and Communications, newsletter creator, class moderator, club facilitator, and social media coordinator, among a myriad of roles. Tina has been the cheerleading coach for even longer, this skill has shaped her work on behalf of her alma mater. There is no shortage of ways that Tina has bettered the Mount Mercy community, and she shares this enthusiasm in Buffalo, as well. She has volunteered with the South Buffalo Football Association for twenty-five years, assisted in the creation of the Brian Bauer Memorial Golf Tournament, and coaches Buffalo Envy, another local cheerleading team. Tina has been an inspiring mentor to young women in Western New York, and her hard work at Mount Mercy makes her an excellent role model.

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HONORING MRS. PATTI CARROLL FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patti Carroll for her extraordinary service and dedication to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

Patti has been a part of my congressional office since the beginning—and will soon depart after five years of service.

Prior to joining my office, she served ten years on Fairview's City Planning Commission, four years as a City Commissioner, and four years as the city's Mayor. In her years as Mayor, Patti set high goals for the City of Fairview—she exceeded them. Thanks to her leadership, Fairview has seen impressive growth. Additionally, she worked tirelessly with the Tennessee Department of Transportation to improve the city's roads—a direct benefit to her constituents.

Patti's passion to serve and her dedication to Tennessee values drove her entire career. Patti is a fierce defender of liberty, a fighter for limited government, and an advocate for fiscal responsibility. Upon joining my office, Patti continued this level of excellence in her new role. Among my duties representing Tennessee, being an advocate for Tennesseans within the federal government is of the highest priority. To this end, I cannot overemphasize my gratitude for Patti. My constituents have benefitted from her composure and grace countless times. It didn't matter if it was an evening, weekend, or required a long drive across the district, Patti was always willing to help.

Patti is known for her dedication, always ready to solve any problem in front of her. Not only is she dearly loved by the Williamson County community and beyond, but she has also been a vital part of my staff. In the long hours and heavy days, she was a friend to all.