

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.

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 Tina Scarpello Webster continues to live these values in her career and relationships.

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.

When she walks into a room, she is like a magnet—everyone is drawn to her vivacity and kindness. As much as I wish I could spend all of my time in Tennessee, I simply cannot be in two places at once. But that is why it has been such a blessing to have someone I trust implicitly represent me at important events in Williamson County and beyond. Her work to streamline the application process for new ownership of the Historic Downtown Franklin Post Office was particularly rewarding. Five Points is both a historic landmark and provides a crucial service to the community of over 85,000 residents. Thanks to her hard work, the Post office now has a new operator and is ready to serve the Franklin community.

I often leaned on Patti and her husband, Kevin, for advice. Together, they are a powerhouse. Their accumulated wisdom, knowledge, and experience make them an invaluable resource. Their combined public service and dedication to the State of Tennessee allowed me and my office to provide the best service to Tennesseans possible. I often encouraged my team to create “raving fans” of constituents through our service to the 7th District. Patti did that. Over and over again, she went above and beyond for Tennesseans. She exemplifies servant leadership in every way.

At the core of Patti's service to our great state is a strong dedication to her faith and the Biblical injunction to love one another. And Patti has done just that. Her love for God and her neighbor is one of the first things I ever noticed about Patti, and it's what has made her an incredible friend and colleague. Her passion for helping others hasn't been limited to work. She is active in her community, her church, and is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Her three children and grandson are the light of her life.

Because of her service, Tennessee is a better place—I say that without hesitation. My thanks to her for these contributions cannot be overstated. I know she will spread the same joy and excellence in every chapter of her life. On behalf of the United States Congress, Team Green, and a grateful constituency, I thank Patti Carroll for her distinguished service to Tennesseans.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF GEORGE WILLIAM OWINGS III

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of an outstanding Marine, Marylander, and American: my friend, George William Owings III. I had the privilege of working with him when he served in the Maryland House of Delegates and during his tenure as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. On October 31, he passed away at the age of 78. His passing was a great loss for our state and country.

Although born in Florida, George was Marylander to his core, growing up in Calvert County and attending Calvert High School and the University of Maryland, College Park. From a young age, he showed tremendous commitment to his community and his country. In 1964, George left UMD to enlist in the

United States Marine Corps. Serving multiple tours in Vietnam, George attained the rank of Sergeant and received numerous commendations, including the Presidential Citation, Navy Unit Commendation with Bronze Star Device, Navy-Marine Corps Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal with Silver Star Device.

George continued to serve when he returned to Maryland. After finding success in banking, he started a career in Maryland politics. Governor William Donald Schaefer appointed him to serve in the House of Delegates in 1988. He won reelection multiple times and remained in the House of Delegates for sixteen years—ten of which he served as House Majority Whip.

Recognizing George's character, skill as a legislator, and experiences as a veteran, Governor Robert Ehrlich appointed him to serve as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in 2004. Later, in 2007, Governor Martin O'Malley asked George to stay on as acting Secretary for the department, which he did for six months. Eight years later, Governor Larry Hogan asked him to serve in the role once again. That Democratic and Republican governors alike believed George was best suited to serve the needs of his fellow veterans is a testament to his strong reputation and record of getting things done.

George was a crucial advocate for veterans, military families, and all Marylanders. I join them in mourning his loss. My prayers are with his son George, grandsons Patrick and Emerson, life-partner Katherine Marie Boyd, and the rest of the family and friends he cherished above all else. I hope they can take some comfort in knowing that George's positive impact on our state and our people will forever endure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in praying for George and all those who mourn him.

OUTSTANDING TX-08 CITIZEN

HON. MORGAN LUTTRELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding constituent and honorable veteran from Willis, Texas, Mr. Kyle Puls. It is my privilege to stand before you and pay tribute to Mr. Puls, as he has shown the ultimate act of compassion and unwavering selflessness to his family and his community.

Mr. Puls grew up in the Montgomery County, TX in the small town of Willis. He served our country for more than three years in the United States Navy. Due to an unfortunate motorcycle accident, Kyle was honorably discharged.

In 2022, Kyle's cousin, Travis Glenn Puls, who was diagnosed with diabetes at age 12, contracted COVID, sending his kidneys into critical condition. Driven to take action that would help his cousin, Kyle underwent testing, hoping to be a match for a kidney transplant to Travis. Unfortunately, he was not a match.

Instead of giving up, Kyle found other ways to take action. He got involved in the Kidney Swap Program, which enabled him to donate his kidney to Brittany Flowers, who also resides in TX-08. Similarly, Brittany had a donor who was not her match, so her kidney went to

another person in need, ensuring that Travis would receive a kidney. Because of Kyle's sacrifice, three people were ultimately saved during this series of procedures that took place in January of this year in Houston, TX.

I am incredibly proud to have constituents like Mr. Kyle Puls in my district. On behalf of the people of the Eighth Congressional District of Texas, I wish Kyle and his family all the best and I thank him for his service to our country and his continued service to our community. He is the definition of a veteran who keeps on giving.

JUSTINE THOMAS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justine Thomas of Westminster, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Justine traveled to Cyprus 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 Justine 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 Justine's many accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF TROCAIRE COLLEGE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trocaire College of Buffalo, New York, as this institution celebrates the 65th anniversary of its founding. Founded in 1958 by the Sisters of Mercy, Trocaire College is a private, career-oriented institution which strives to advance and perpetuate the worthy mission, values and charisma of that order.

As women of faith who commit their lives to God and their resources to serve, advocate and pray for those in need around the world, the Sisters of Mercy strive to advance a just world for people who are poor, sick and uneducated, and Trocaire College is a manifestation of that imperative.

With its roots in nursing and other healthcare professions, Trocaire has expanded its offerings to meet the dynamic