

Chief Parish graduated from California State University Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and then attended graduate school at California State University, Long Beach, earning a Master of Science Degree in Emergency Services Administration. From there, he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy and went on to serve in the California Army National Guard 1st 184th Infantry (Air Assault) Division.

Chief Parish began his career in law enforcement at the Merced County Sheriffs Department, serving as a deputy sheriff for 19 years, before leaving as a sergeant. While at the Merced County Sheriff's Department, Chief Parish was the tactical commander of the Regional S.W.A.T. and the coordinator of the Sheriffs Department Citizen Search and Rescue Team. Chief Parish then moved to the University of California (UC), Merced, where he was second in command as a lieutenant with the UC Merced Police Department. Over the course of five years, Chief Parish was instrumental in building up the new police department with an emphasis on creating connections with his community.

Chief Parish had an illustrious career in Sonoma County, becoming one of the longest serving police chiefs in the state of California. In 2010, he began to serve as the police chief for the city of Cotati. As Chief, he paved the way in California with innovations in modern policing. Chief Parish led the first department in Sonoma County to fully deploy body worn cameras on all officers, worked to support regional response to wildfires in Sonoma County, and served on the Sonoma County Public Safety Consortium to promote unified police and fire dispatch. In addition, Chief Parish helped the Cotati Police Department in the transition to become one of the first police departments in California to deploy fully outfitted electric patrol cars.

When he was not busy on the job, Chief Parish developed a passion for collecting antique road signs and is a loyal Raider football fan. The Chief can now finish fixing up his 1953 Studebaker truck and spend more time with his beloved wife Laura, and his two daughters, Chloe and Kennedy.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Chief Michael Parish for his selfless service and commitment to the people of Cotati and Sonoma County. His efforts have made Cotati a more dynamic, safe, and prosperous city. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LILLY LOISE CULP HOGAN

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lilly Loise Culp Hogan, age 103 who died on November 19, 2023.

Lilly Loise Culp Hogan was born February 5, 1920, to Lilly Maude and James Monroe Culp in Obion County, TN, and was the tenth of eleven children. She grew up in the community, excelling in her studies and living through the Great Depression on the family farm.

After high school, Loise worked in Union City, TN, where she met her husband, Reed

Blanchard Hogan. Both enlisted in the Navy during World War II. Reed served in the South Pacific as a Marine Raider. Loise became a Wave and was assigned to Naval Intelligence as a Cryptologist, where she helped break Japanese codes. When the war ended, they both attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Loise went on to graduate with a degree in Business Education.

After marrying the love of her life in 1944, the couple lived in Union City, TN, and then in Clarksdale, MS, where they had four children. After Reed's sudden death in 1964, Loise raised her children as a single mom. She instilled in her children the importance of faith and education. Today, two are medical doctors, one has a Ph.D., and one is a lawyer.

Loise later lived in Jackson, MS, to be near her children and grandchildren before entering the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport in 1993. She genuinely enjoyed the AFRH, finding a wonderful community of veterans, dedicated staff, and many friends. Loise entertained AFRH residents and staff by saying the alphabet backwards and often sang, painted, and dominated bingo and shuffleboard. She enjoyed her longtime friend and companion Andy Pelkofer, who was also her dance partner.

Loise was predeceased by her parents, all siblings, and her beloved husband Reed. She is survived by her children, Mary Beth Hogan of Fayetteville, NC; Reed Blanchard Hogan II of Jackson, MS; Jeannie Hogan Sansing of Oxford, MS; and Kimberly Hogan Pesaniello of Snow Hill, MD. She also adored her seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

#### CONGRATULATING DR. BART SCHMITT

#### HON. YADIRA CARAVEO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Ms. CARAVEO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Bart Schmitt on his well-deserved retirement from Children's Hospital Colorado.

During his more than 50-year long career, he provided a significant contribution to our state and to our pediatrics community, and I am deeply thankful for all that he has achieved.

His accomplishments, dedication, and tireless labors in pursuit of child health care, will be remembered fondly for years to come. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Schmitt has committed himself to healing and nurturing the children of our community and for that he has my eternal gratitude. From his programming on ambulatory pediatrics to his authorship of telephone triage guidelines, he has made monumental contributions to the field of pediatric medicine and I'm forever grateful for his efforts. Dr. Schmitt's achievements are numerous, and he is an inspiration to those who wish to follow in his footsteps.

As he enters a new phase of his life, I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

ANGELINA CHERNENKO

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angelina Chernenko for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Angelina has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Angelina, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Angelina's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Angelina Chernenko on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

#### RECOGNIZING SASHA "TAQWŠBLU" LaPOINTE

#### HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sasha "taqwšblu" LaPointe, a Coast Salish poet, essayist, and educator whose work illuminates Native identities, historical memories, and heritages found throughout the United States.

Centered on themes of trauma and resilience, Sasha's poetry and memoirs touch on topics such as PTSD and sexual violence, her great grandmother's efforts to revitalize the Lushootseed language, and personal reflections on her own mixed heritage.

A graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts with a Master of Fine Arts, Sasha now teaches creative writing as part of the Native Pathways Program at Evergreen State College and is a mentor for Seattle's Youth Poet Laureate program.

I'm proud to shine a spotlight on Sasha, who enriches our South Sound community through her exemplary craft, as our Constituent of the Month.

#### RECOGNIZING CREDIT UNIONS FOR WORKING TO MAKE ADOPTION AFFORDABLE

#### HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, this month is National Adoption Month—a source of joy to so many families. This year, my wife Kelly and I have been blessed to welcome two adorable sisters into our family through adoption.

In Congress, I'm determined to make that same joy Kelly and I have experienced a reality for other families in Iowa and across the country. Unfortunately, the financial cost can be a significant barrier to adoption. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the cost of adoption ranges between \$20,000 to \$50,000.

That's why, I've introduced the Fight For Families Act to help low- and middle-income families afford adoption. Every child deserves a loving home, and I'm determined to ensure that the federal government does not stand in the way of that mission.

To that same end, I also want to thank the credit unions in my home state of Iowa and around the country who are offering affordable loans specifically designed for adoption costs—such as a home study or legal fees—and are built around supporting families through the multi-year adoption process. With credit union adoption loans, families are not burdened by excessive interest rates when pursuing an adoption.

The bottom line is that Congress must do more to lower the cost of adoption because we have too many children without forever homes. But until then, I'm heartened to see credit unions stand up and serve our communities in this important way.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH DUCLOS, THE 2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elizabeth Duclos on being named New Hampshire's 2024 Teacher of the Year. Elizabeth was chosen among a talented group of educators from across the Granite State because of her leadership, dedication, and proven ability to make students feel valued.

Elizabeth arrived at Pembroke School District in 2010 and is currently a third-grade teacher at Pembroke Hill School. Her strong work ethic and insightful thinking have given her students the tools needed to succeed and receive a well-rounded education. Elizabeth's compassion and ability to foster an effective learning environment are just part of what makes her an exemplary educator.

Noted for her ability to connect with students and make them feel valued, Elizabeth has enriched the lives of all those around her. It is clear that Elizabeth has been an asset to her students and community both in and out of the classroom. As Teacher of the Year, Elizabeth will serve as an ambassador for teachers throughout the state, exemplifying empathetic and impactful learning.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Elizabeth for her achievement and thank her for her service to our community. Elizabeth embodies our state's sense of service and gives us hope for the future of American education. This is a well-deserved honor and I know Elizabeth will continue to inspire Granite State students for years to come.

MARLON PINEDA PIEDRAHITA

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marlon Pineda Piedrahita for

earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Marlon has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Marlon, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Marlon's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Marlon Pineda Piedrahita on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, I was unable to participate in the consideration of H. Res. 888 and H. Res. 793. Had I been present, I would have voted, YEA on Roll Call No. 677, and YEA on Roll Call No. 676.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF 103-YEAR-OLD LILLY LOISE CULP HOGAN

### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lilly Louise Culp Hogan. Lilly lived a life of adventure and at age 103 was the oldest veteran at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi. She was born on February 5, 1920, in Obion County, Tennessee. Lilly was the second youngest child of eleven children.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Lilly learned the value of hard work by making clothes for all the children at home. She made her own patterns and designed her own clothing. Lilly had many siblings to look up to and who were a part of her life. Attending the local one-room schoolhouse, Lilly was taught by her older sister Zora. Lilly loved math and was always competing with her classmates for the best grades. When she finished the eighth grade, Lilly attended high school at the local Dixie School. Having no car, Lilly and her brother Fred would walk to school every day, except on the rare day when her father would allow them to ride the horse. Fred and Lilly would stable the horse in the barn attached to the school while they did their studies. In 1938 Lilly graduated as valedictorian and Fred graduated with her the same year as salutatorian.

After high school, Lilly wanted to attend college, but her family did not have the resources, so she started working. Lilly and her sister Kitty rented an apartment close to Union City, Tennessee, and together they worked at a nearby shirt factory. While working at the shirt factory, her landlord introduced Lilly to her cousin, Reed Hogan. Reed was on leave from the U.S. Navy.

After Reed was sent back overseas on duty, Lilly was bored of the shirt factory and her life

in Tennessee. On the lookout for more adventure, she moved to Wisconsin to join her brother Calvin learning the trade of photography. Lilly learned how to take photos, print them, and colorize the photos. With a new job and a new life, Lilly began to find her place in the world. While in Wisconsin, Lilly and Reed were constantly exchanging letters.

As Lilly worked in the photography shop, many men and women would come in to take pictures for their Navy identification cards. Lilly saw them coming in with their nice Navy uniforms day-in and day-out. Feeling adventurous, Lilly decided to join the Navy, too. With her photography skills, she enlisted with the goal of becoming a war photographer. Encouraged by her brother to join, Lilly went off on a new adventure in Washington, D.C.

During the process of joining the Navy, it became clear that Lilly excelled at math and was pulled from the photography route and placed in a decoding role. Lilly had no idea what the future held, but she underwent investigation for a top security clearance.

In Washington, D.C., the Pentagon had not been completed, and Lilly worked in an underground facility nearby. Lilly decoded enemy messages in Naval Intelligence. Her work was important to the war, and she knew it. She worked around the clock taking messages and typing them on a card to be slid into what was a very primitive and early version of the modern computer.

In 1944, Reed came home wounded and made his way to Washington, D.C., to find Lilly. They were married on March 16, 1944, not many days after Reed returned.

When the war ended, Lilly and Reed used the G.I. Bill to go to college. They attended the University of Tennessee together and both majored in business—Lilly in business education and Reed in business administration. Lilly and Reed were in some of the same classes and would compete against each other for the best grades. Lilly and Reed had four children—Mary Beth, Reed Jr., Jeannie, and Kim—and made their home in Mississippi.

Later in life, Lilly moved into the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi. Keeping with her adventurous spirit, Lilly stayed at the facility while residents cleared out during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 stating she had never seen a hurricane. The water rose to the third story, and Lilly and several of the other residents had to be rescued.

Lilly's life legacy of adventure, courage, and bravery lives on in her four children, seven grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren. I am proud to honor the life of a woman who made an impact not just during World War II but throughout her entire life.

### ANGELO FIELD

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angelo Field for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Angelo has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Angelo, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them