

for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Angelo'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 Angelo Field on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING DAVID WHISENANT'S RETIREMENT FROM WBTV AFTER 32 YEARS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my friend David Whisenant on his retirement from WBTV after 32 years of service.

David Whisenant started his news career at Salisbury-based radio station WSTP while in high school in 1976. He went on to attend Appalachian State University, earning degrees in both Political Science and English. Throughout his four years, he worked at a radio station in Boone, North Carolina. After graduation, David returned to Salisbury and started a full-time job at WSTP.

When WBTV first created their bureau in Salisbury, David sent a handwritten letter to the news director expressing his interest in working for the station. David started at WBTV as a stringer and within a year was promoted to General Assignment Reporter.

David would go on to provide coverage for Charlotte as well as Salisbury, Concord, and Kannapolis. In his words, he would go "wherever they send me." Some of David's biggest stories include the Pillowtex/NC Research Campus developments, the tragic fire at Salisbury Millworks, the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, NASCAR-related stories, and coverage and updates of Hurricane Katrina. I think I speak for the whole of our community here in North Carolina in wishing David all the best as he begins this next chapter of life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing David Whisenant's retirement from WBTV and his 32 years of service to the people of North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 674.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELBERON FIRST AID & EMERGENCY SQUAD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad on its 75th anniversary. The all-volunteer agency continues to provide exemplary service to residents and its work is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Incorporated in 1948, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad is a 501c4 that does not bill for its services. Though the squad is responsible for financing most of its operations, including its medical supplies, equipment, and vehicles, it receives a small stipend through the city and is also supported by the community through donations and fundraisers.

Responding to over 600 calls a year, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad serves the residents of the Elberon section of Long Branch, but also provides backup for the entire city of Long Branch, West Long Branch, Deal, Allenhurst, Eatontown, Oceanport, Monmouth Beach, and Sea Bright. In addition to providing on-site support for local community events, including the large-scale NJ Marathon, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad is on a Monmouth County EMS Strike Team and stands ready to assist in mass casualty incidents.

First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians play a vital role in our communities, providing quality care in a timely manner. The members of Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad volunteer their time and undergo rigorous training to support its neighbors. They are well-trained, efficient, and compassionate, and they demonstrate true community service.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking this milestone. For 75 years, Elberon First Aid & Emergency Squad has upheld its duty to serve the community and its dedication is to be celebrated.

MICKEY WILSON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mrs. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mickey Wilson of Golden, Colorado, for receiving a Carnegie Medal after saving his friend's life in a daring act of heroism.

In January 2017, Mr. Wilson, a professional slackliner, was skiing in Dillon, Colorado, when a friend and fellow skier got caught leaving a ski lift. The skier was left dangling unconscious from the lift, out of reach from help. Mr. Wilson realized the gravity of the situation and selflessly sprung into action. Despite danger warnings, he climbed the chairlift pole and traversed 30 feet along the lift's two-inch cable to reach the chair. He then swung down onto the chair and, after catching a knife thrown by a rescue crew member, cut his friend free. The skier fully recovered with only a broken rib, while Mr. Wilson was uninjured. Mr. Wilson's slacklining experience proved life-saving that day.

The Carnegie Medal is given to people who risk their own safety in an attempt to save the lives of others. There is no doubt that Mr. Wilson is incredibly deserving of this award and it is an honor to congratulate him on this life-saving act of bravery.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JORDAN MORRIS BRANDMAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable individual, Jordan Morris Brandman. Jordan leaves behind a legacy defined by his unparalleled commitment to the community he lived in for his entire life.

Born in 1980 to Michael and Mara Brandman, Jordan was the youngest of five children and was raised in the City of Orange. After graduating from El Modena High School, he attended University of California, Irvine, where he majored in Political Science and was an early leader in the Orange County Young Democrats. Jordan interned and later worked in the California State Department of Education under both Governors Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger after his studies. It was during these years that he developed a passion for education issues.

Jordan took his inspiring passion for education and public service and ran for the Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees, winning a seat on the board in 2008. As a Trustee, he led the effort to create a culturally competent curriculum that catered to the needs of the growing Latino working class community. He brought the seal of bi-literacy to the school district and helped make resources accessible to students who were Dreamers.

In 2012, Jordan won a seat on the Anaheim City Council during a turbulent period of change. Jordan also broke barriers when he came out as an LGBTQ councilman—the first openly gay Councilmember in Anaheim history—giving a voice to his community. He worked relentlessly to foster a feeling of community and provide opportunities for everybody by ensuring that the bridges he built reached the very core of our local communities.

Jordan, in his professional life, showed a dedication to making connections between labor and business as the Vice President of Labor Relations at BIASC and the leader in workforce development for the Orange County Business Council. His sincere kindness and generosity extended beyond the public sphere, having a positive impact on those closest to him.

Jordan is survived by his father Michael and stepmother Pam, as well as his four brothers, Jason, Joshua, Jake, and Jedidiah. He is now reunited in eternal rest with his mother, Mara Brandman, who he always held a special place in his heart for.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and commemorating Jordan Morris Brandman's great career and contributions to our community.

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