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It is my honor to congratulate Fidel Flores on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 5378—Lower Costs, More Transparency Act. I have long supported the critical medical and social services that community health centers provide and fully support their funding. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 708.

TRIBUTE TO DAN BERGER

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize B. Dan Berger as he prepares to step down from his role at the President/CEO of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU) at the end of the year.

Dan first joined NAFCU in 2006 and helped the association become a strong advocate for credit unions in Washington. I have had the pleasure of working with Dan on several issues before the Financial Services Committee during that time.

Dan became the President/CEO of NAFCU in 2013. In a decade under his leadership, NAFCU has grown its membership by nearly 50 percent, while increasing assets and revenue. His final act for NAFCU will be leading it into a merger with the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) to create a new voice for credit unions—America's Credit Unions.

Dan earned a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from The Florida State University. He is a member of The Economic Club of Washington, DC, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, and was an adjunct professor at The George Washington University in the communications department. He also serves as Vice Chair of the conservation group Bonefish and Tarpon Trust and formerly served as Chair of The Florida State University Alumni Association.

I know the credit union community will miss Dan as he heads back to Florida to spend more time with his wife Aimee and daughter Shelby. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dan Berger and wishing him the best of luck with whatever comes next.

TRIBUTE TO ETHEL HAMILTON KELLY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a doting wife, devoted mother, and darling matriarch to many on her 104th birthday. Mrs. Ethel Hamilton Kelly of Charleston, South Carolina, will celebrate this milestone surrounded by family and friends on December 16, 2023. We joyfully celebrate her longevity.

Ethel Hamilton was born in 1919 in Colleton County, South Carolina, and was raised along with six siblings. She was joined in holy matrimony to Isiah Kelly, and together they had ten children. While Isiah worked various jobs, Ethel remained home to care for her large family. She instilled in all her children the importance of kindness and the ability to respectfully resolve disagreements with others. In addition to caring for her own children, Ethel regularly fed other children that frequented her home.

Ethel and Isiah raised all their children to be faithful servants of God. The Ten Commandments guide Ethel's life, and she believes adhering to them is of principal importance.

As Ms. Hamilton Kelly celebrates her 104th birthday, she remains in good health and retains her sharp mind. She continues to follow current events and votes in nearly every election. Her eight surviving children, twenty-two grandchildren, two sisters, and numerous other relatives will join her to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Ethel Hamilton Kelly. She continues to display her boundless maternal love to her family and others every day. We congratulate her on a life well lived and wish her continued good health and happiness in the days to come.

HENRY THOMPSON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

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

Henry has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Henry, 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 Henry'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 Henry Thompson on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING MAYOR MARK SENTER'S SERVICE TO PLYMOUTH, INDIANA

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mayor Mark Senter, who is completing his tenure of dedicated service to Plymouth, Indiana at the end of this month.

Currently serving in his fourth term, Mayor Senter has advanced solutions that have made Plymouth a better place to live, work, and raise a family. In particular, Mark can and should be proud of his work in helping create downtown Plymouth's River Park Square, which hosts the popular "Mayor's Month of Music" event every August.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Mark served as a trooper and detective with the Indiana State Police for 28 years. Mark's service on the thin blue line has given him valuable firsthand knowledge of the public safety issues our communities face as well as the brave sacrifices law enforcement officers make in the line of duty every single day.

As he prepares to step down as Mayor, spend more time with his family, and write the next chapter of his life, I am proud to congratulate Mark on a distinguished career and a job well done. The Plymouth community and all of Marshall County is unquestionably better off thanks to this good man with a servant's heart.

I join Hoosiers throughout Indiana's Second Congressional District in expressing our gratitude to Mayor Mark Senter for his service and in wishing him, his wife Leanne, and their family all the very best going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss yesterday's vote series due to my attendance at an unscheduled meeting. During that time, I was unable to make roll call votes No. 707, No. 708 and No. 709. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: YEA on Roll Call No. 707, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3224—Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023; YEA on Roll Call No. 708, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 5378—Lower Costs, More Transparency Act; and YEA on Roll Call No. 709, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 6503—Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2023, Part II.

RECOGNIZING NHDOT WORKERS FOR SAVING DROWNING MAN

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of 12 New Hampshire individuals

for their recent act of bravery in the Town of Alton. When a man's jet ski began to sink into the frigid November waters of Lake Winnepesaukee, seven New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) employees and five Top Notch Tree Service employees stepped in to save the man from drowning. I commend the NHDOT workers and the Top Notch Tree Team, as well as the EMS response crew, for their efforts to rescue the man and provide him with needed care.

While removing an old dock from the Alton shoreline, the team of good samaritans heard screams and cries for help from the water. As soon as the workers discovered that a man on a jet ski was sinking deeper into the lake, they jumped into action. Some rescuers ran to Sandy Point Beach Resort to secure a kayak and canoe to row to the man, others called 911 and urged him to continue swimming. When the kayaker reached the sinking jet ski, the drowning man latched onto the rescuer's kayak and was paddled to shore. Although the man was initially unresponsive when brought to shore, hard-working EMS personnel quickly revived him.

The NHDOT and Top Notch Tree teams' quick and effective response to the situation is a result of their empathy, brilliance, and sound judgment. By acting quickly and delegating responsibilities, the rescuers were able to reach the man and save him before it was too late. I commend these individuals for demonstrating a calculated and successful save in a difficult situation.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank these selfless and courageous individuals. Let their courage and heroism serve as an example for us all.

TRIBUTE TO GABRIEL LEE SHAW,
JR.

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Gabriel (Gabe) Lee Shaw, Jr., a dedicated individual, a family-oriented man, a lifelong learner, and one of my dearest friends. I fondly referred to him as my "brother-in-love," it saddens me to say that Gabe passed peacefully on Thursday, December 7, 2023, with his beloved wife of 41 years, Shirley Ellis, District Director of Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District by his side. The breadth of Gabe's accomplishments far exceeds his 78 years.

Gabe was born in Osceola, Arkansas, into the loving union of Gabriel Lee Shaw and Mary Hall Shaw. Gabe's life began as the first son among eight children, including five daughters and three sons. Graduating from North Division High School in 1963, he embarked on a path of hard work and continuous learning, which led him to proudly join the United States Air Force at the age of 17 the same year.

His dedication was evident as he graduated from the U.S. Air Force Explosive Ordinance

Disposal School at Eglin AFB in Florida. Gabe's military service was exceptional, marked by holding one of the highest security clearances during the Vietnam era, concluding with an honorable discharge in 1968. Gabe's work ethic and commitment to detail became a hallmark of his character. He often declared, "you cannot talk work done," demonstrating his resolve to address and solve any challenge thrown his way. Following his military service, his pursuit of knowledge persisted, leading him to enroll in both UW-Platteville and UW-Milwaukee with a focus on mathematics. His passion for cars propelled him to become an Automotive Service Excellence Certified technician.

Known for his love of challenges, Gabe accomplished the remarkable feat of passing all eight comprehensive exams required for the Automotive Excellence certificate on his first attempt, maintaining this certification for an impressive 15 years. He later attended Milwaukee Area Technical College and became a certified Air Conditioning and Heating Specialist. Gabe retired from Miller Brewing Company in 2005 after 30 years of service. His illustrious 30-year tenure at Miller Brewing Company showcased his dedication and loyalty.

Gabe, son of a carpenter, had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge that extended to various subjects, including taxes, carpentry, electrical work, masonry, and heating/cooling. This extensive expertise paved the way for his successful career, culminating in becoming a licensed Real Estate Broker in 1977. With a wealth of knowledge, Gabe thrived as a property owner. His ability to repair and maintain properties enabled him to support his family and community. He bailed out countless people with home and auto repairs operating as a contractor under the telling banner of GOOD AND FAIR.

Gabe's four daughters, son and grandchildren all benefited from his talent, intelligence, love, and generosity. In the weeks before his death, Gabe shared with me a message to all our progeny. "Don't make excuses, if you work hard, look forward and not backwards you can accomplish anything with just an average aptitude." Gabe shared his life with his beloved wife, business partner and best friend, Shirley A. Ellis, who for over 41 years supported each other in health and sickness, exemplifying a dynamic and supportive partnership.

Gabe's role as a great provider extended beyond his immediate family, as he generously shared his wisdom with mentees, especially young men, offering valuable insights into the trade.

Personally, Gabriel supported me during some of the most challenging times of my life. My brother-in-love was a comforting resource for me as an 18-year-old new parent, as a candidate without a dime to donate to my own campaign, as a "handy" friend who rescued me time and time again as a new homeowner of an old house.

Mr. Speaker, Gabriel Lee Shaw, Jr., was a cherished member of Milwaukee, the 4th Congressional District, and the entire State of Wisconsin. He is an example of how patriotism, hard work, lifelong learning, and kindness can create a fulfilling life,

I will always treasure his personal impact on me, and I rise to honor the late Gabriel L. Shaw, Jr.

HONORING ANDREW JOHNSON

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Minneapolis City Council Member Andrew Johnson for his hard work and dedication to public service over the past decade. Over the years, Mr. Johnson has been applauded for his community engagement and commitment to small businesses and affordable housing. I had the pleasure of working for Mr. Johnson from 2013 to 2015 as his campaign manager and then Senior Policy Aide.

Council Member Johnson was first elected to office in 2013 and, at the time, was the youngest member on the Council. For three terms, he has proudly served the constituents of Ward 12, which includes the neighborhoods of Cooper, Ericsson, Hiawatha, Howe, Keewaydin, Minnehaha, Morris Park, and Standish, in the southeastern corner of Minneapolis. During his tenure, Mr. Johnson served as the chair of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and the Information Technology Subcommittee.

Over the past ten years, Council Member Johnson has participated in nearly 400 community meetings with his constituents. As a devoted advocate for housing, he worked on the creation of hundreds of housing units within Ward 12. Mr. Johnson also led the City in creating its first new public-housing project in more than a decade. He has been a champion for transit throughout his tenure, working on ordinances to ensure that sidewalks were clear of ice for residents, pushing for funding for street repairs, and advocating for more lanes and safety precautions for bikers. He worked to ensure that all constituents, whether they walked, biked, drove, or used public transit had access to safe transportation.

Council Member Johnson has had an impressive track record of serving his community. Key accomplishments that I want to recognize include the creation of the Small Business Office and Business Portal to serve local small business owners. He also authored the ordinance that allowed gender-neutral single-stall restrooms, led the efforts to rewrite the Animal Care and Control Ordinances to improve the quality of life for animals in shelters and was a co-founding member of the Transgender Equity Council. Last, but certainly not least, Mr. Johnson was also the lead sponsor of an ordinance that granted paid sick leave to over 100,000 constituents.

No problem has ever been too big or too small for City Council Member Johnson. Although his time as a city council member is coming to an end, the legacy of his work for our community and the City of Minneapolis will never be forgotten. He will truly be missed at City Hall and by his constituents.