

for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Matthew's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

#### RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINEVILLE, ALABAMA

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Lineville, Alabama.

Lineville is the largest city in Clay County and was originally called County Line because of its location on the border of Talladega and Randolph counties. In February of 1870, the city's name was changed to Lineville because Clay County had been formed.

Native Americans were the first to live in Lineville, but after The Creek Indian War of 1812, the Indians were removed, and the Lundie Family settled on the land. In 1898, Lineville was incorporated while graphite mining took off and National Bank began its operations there. Then it was known as Lundie's Cross Roads.

Once more families of settlers arrived, a post office was established on April 4, 1856, and the official name of County Line took the place of the Lundie nickname. After the post office, the Lundie brothers divided five acres of their property into lots on the east side of today's downtown traffic light and used the proceeds from the property to establish a school.

After the Civil War, Clay County made up the state's 58th county and was named after Senator Henry Clay of Kentucky.

In the late 1890s, a secondary college, Lineville College opened its doors with H.J. Willingham as the first president. The baccalaureate degree granting institution closed after 1911.

Over the years, Lineville has changed, but the beauty of the area has not. Under the leadership of Mayor Roy Adamson, a celebration will be held on December 14th and a vault which has been sealed for 25 years, will be opened.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Lineville on this incredible milestone.

#### HONORING DR. JIM ROSS

##### HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jim Ross, President of Pamlico Community College (PCC), upon his recent announcement of his retirement. Dr. Ross is a servant leader who has improved life outcomes for thousands of individuals in Pamlico County. Under his leadership, PCC was recognized for excellence, being among the Top 25 Smart Asset Best Community Colleges on

five separate occasions and the WalletHub list of the top 10 community colleges for Educational Outcomes for three different years. He also spearheaded the development of the first Dental Laboratory program on a community college campus in Eastern North Carolina and added many hands-on healthcare career courses.

Dr. Ross has used his position to advocate for the betterment of incarcerated individuals. He and his team started a new program at PCC called Human Service Technology which included courses to help combat recidivism and focused on life skills such as anger management, abstinence, and teamwork. This program also included for-credit courses and a liaison to connect the incarcerated with employment opportunities after serving their sentences.

Dr. Ross has opened his heart to some of the most judged, forgotten, and shamed members of our society and has been relentless in his fight in using his position to give them meaningful opportunities and a second chance. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing this wonderful educational leader. I wish Dr. Ross all the best in the future.

#### LAVOE ETERNITY ARELLANO

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

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

Lavoe Eternity has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Lavoe Eternity, 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 Lavoe Eternity'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 Lavoe Eternity Arellano on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

#### HONORING WILLIAM JENNINGS FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF BROADALBIN

##### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Broadalbin Town Justice William Jennings for his 50 years of valiant service to his local community.

A lifelong resident of the Town of Broadalbin, Justice Jennings has been dedicated to serving his community in many capacities throughout his storied career. After graduating from Broadalbin High School in 1965, he began work at the John Hancock Life Insurance Company before answering the call to serve and joining the Army Reserves in 1968. Four years later, Justice Jennings re-

turned to Broadalbin High School where he diligently served as the school's bus driver and groundskeeper for the next 46 years before retiring in 2018 and going to work part-time as a bus driver for Gloversville Transit.

Justice Jennings was elected to the office of Broadalbin Town Justice in 1973 and has been a staple of the community, adjudicating the town's issues for more than a half-century. Known for both his wisdom and compassion, few individuals are held in such high regard in the Town of Broadalbin. Justice Jennings should be extremely proud of his illustrious career and the positive impact he has made along the way.

Above all, Justice Jennings is a family man who enjoys spending quality time with his loved ones. Married to Candyce O. Weiss in 1968, the pair have three sons; James, Jeffrey, and Jonathan; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. On a clear summer's day, Justice Jennings and his family can often be found driving up Broad Street in an automobile from his beloved classic car collection.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Town Justice William Jennings for his exceptional leadership and his enduring contributions to his community.

#### CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN HONDURAS

##### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call this chamber's attention to concerning developments in Honduras that pose a growing economic risk for Central America's Northern Triangle region.

Earlier this year, Honduran President Xiomara Castro announced her government's intent to pursue substantial investments from China after establishing diplomatic ties with the PRC in March. The Castro administration is also seeking to effectively nationalize U.S. public and private investment in Honduran special economic zones, where U.S.-led businesses are operating and focused on the creation of nearshoring facilities and bolstering the Honduran tourism industry. The elimination of these zones would constitute a violation of 50-year legal stability agreements guaranteed under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement. This is counterproductive to both bilateral economic development and stability for Hondurans. We all know that better jobs and economic opportunities in country benefit Honduran families while reducing the pressures that lead to irregular migration.

In July, I cosigned a letter urging the State Department and U.S. Trade Representative to protect U.S. interests in Honduras. Earlier this week, the State Department announced visa restrictions on Honduran individuals involved in what the Department described as an anti-democratic scheme to name an Attorney General and Deputy AG without the required votes through violence and intimidation. I commend the State Department's efforts and continue to stand with those seeking to strengthen democracy and rule of law in Honduras.

KELTON KEHL

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

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

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

## INTRODUCTION OF THE IDEAL ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Incentivizing Dual-Eligible Alignment (IDEAL) Act.

This legislation seeks to better coordinate and improve care for dual beneficiaries enrolled in integrated special needs plans (D-SNPs). Highly integrated D-SNPs (HIDE SNPs) and Fully Integrated D-SNPs (FIDE SNPs) already manage dual beneficiaries' Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and this legislation will improve their ability to deliver needed services.

First, this legislation creates a pilot program to give Safety Net Health Plan HIDE and FIDE SNPs a rebate to provide services related to social determinants of health. We all know that a person's health is affected by far more than what happens in a doctor's office. If plans can deliver services like meals for people with chronic conditions, rental assistance, and pest eradication, they can address all the factors that contribute to the health of their beneficiaries. This five-year pilot can help inform future policy decisions as Congress weighs how to better improve outcomes. Second, this legislation provides regulatory flexibility to states to align administrative processes between Medicare Advantage and a state's Medicaid plan, allowing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and states to determine better ways to coordinate care for HIDE and FIDE SNP enrollees.

Fundamentally, the way we approach our health care system needs to change. The United States spends nearly one-fifth of GDP on health care and more per person than other economically comparable countries yet has lower life expectancy. I'm grateful for organizations like Care Oregon that provide care to my constituents and try to challenge the status quo. The federal government must be a partner in delivering care in better, innovative ways, and I believe the policies proposed here can be a part of that.

HONORING MR. HOUSTON SALTER

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible American, Mr. Houston Salter, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran who turned 103 last month on November 10th. Mr. Salter has sacrificed greatly for his Nation and community. He enlisted into the Coast Guard in 1942 during World War II, serving important and dangerous roles until 1945, such as unloading bombs from ships on Ellis Island and working port security at the Hellgate Bridge in New York City. After serving in the Armed Forces, Mr. Salter returned to his hometown of Harkers Island, North Carolina. He served his Nation and community honorably for another 28 years at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

Mr. Salter is among the highly dedicated individuals who continue serving their country after they depart from the Armed Forces. This year, Mr. Salter was presented a Proclamation of Honor by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners and recognized as the oldest living member of the Coast Guard at the branch's 233rd birthday celebration this summer. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in extending this chamber's tribute to this National Hero.

JOSE SOTO CATANO

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

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

Jose has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Jose, 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 Jose'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 Jose Soto Catano on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM EDWARD MONFORT

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Mr. William Edward Monfort, on his 107th birthday. Mr. Monfort, a Floridian and a revered member of our greatest generation, has led a life marked by exceptional service and resilience.

As a young man, he enlisted in the Navy and served with valor and distinction during

World War II. Aboard the USS Claxton and in the Destroyer Squadron 23, Mr. Monfort played a crucial role as a Chief Radioman, ensuring critical communications during some of the most pivotal battles of the Pacific Theater, including Pearl Harbor, Midway, and Okinawa.

After the war, Mr. Monfort continued to serve his community in profound ways. He co-founded Angels Unaware, a pioneering organization in Tampa Bay that provides care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

We thank Mr. Monfort for his exemplary contribution to our country, and wish him a happy 107th birthday. May his story continue to inspire us all.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HEROES, THE FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Heroes, the Fort Worth Police Department.

For several years, Fort Worth Police officers have rallied together to provide Thanksgiving turkeys to community members in need. Continuing the tradition, this year, Fort Worth police officers provided more than 600 turkeys to families in need. The officers organize turkey giveaways across Fort Worth where they also provide services such as entertainment for children or hot meals to go.

Fort Worth's Chief of Police, Neil Noakes, took an active role in distributing turkeys with the help of other officers and volunteers. Chief Noakes made note of his officers' dedication to their community and also highlighted that their roles do not end at law enforcement. By the end of the turkey giveaway, they had distributed three and a half tons of turkey to members of the Fort Worth community.

I want to thank the Fort Worth Police Department for all they do to take care of our North Texas community while also keeping us safe.

GABE PETERS

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

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

Gabe has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Gabe, 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 Gabe's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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