

making him the longest-serving sheriff in the history of the State of Georgia. Born in 1932 in Bonaire, Georgia, Mr. Talton was a Houston County commissioner and a dairy farmer before being elected sheriff in 1972.

When he first took office, Mr. Talton was responsible for a department of just 28 employees, which has grown to over 300 today. Additionally, Houston County had a population of 63,000 in 1972 and now boasts over 170,000 residents, which Mr. Talton has selflessly dedicated his career to protecting and serving. He is a shining example for all law enforcement officers to aspire to.

Family and friends describe Sheriff Talton as a "role model," a "servant," and a "peacekeeper." He has embodied the meaning of each of these words to their fullest during his time as Sheriff of Houston County. I wish Mr. Talton a long and healthy retirement, surrounded by the family and friends he has served tirelessly throughout his esteemed career.

I would like to thank Sheriff Talton for his years of service to our community and our country. It is an honor to represent such outstanding constituents like him in the Eighth Congressional District of Georgia.

EMILY PETERSON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

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

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

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

RECOGNIZING MS. LUCETIA
MANWARING

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Lucetia Manwaring as she marks her retirement from public service after 30 years as a congressional staff member. As a Casework Manager in my office, Ms. Manwaring has established herself as a dedicated and distinguished professional with a demonstrated record of achievement.

Lucetia has served our country in many ways, including in the U.S. Navy from 1989 to 1993. During this time, she served on the U.S. Navy Submarine Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Nuclear Repair Division; served honor-

ably in U.S. Desert Storm campaign; and was a member of the U.S. Ready Reserve from 1993 to 2000. In addition, she has received several awards, including the Navy Wide Command Award, the National Defense Service Medal for Desert Storm, and a Naval Citation.

Lucetia received her Master of Science in Human Services from Capella University, and her Bachelor of Business Administration from Davenport University. She was a member of the Dean's List upon completing both degrees. Since 1994, Ms. Manwaring has helped thousands of constituents throughout the state of Michigan. Her tenure began as a staff member for my uncle, retired U.S. Congressman Dale Kildee. She met Congressman Dale Kildee while serving in the Navy and began her career as a staff member shortly thereafter. Upon his retirement, I was grateful to have her join my staff as well.

Ms. Manwaring's career is a true example of public service. Throughout her career she has been a tireless advocate for her community and her work has had a lasting impact on the lives of hundreds of Michiganders. I am grateful to be represented by such dedicated employees who work hard to make our community and Nation a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Ms. Lucetia Manwaring for her unwavering commitment to public service and extend my heartfelt gratitude for her years of service to our great country.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN BRIDGET
GREENE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize Captain Bridget Greene of the United States Marine Corps, for her service to Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District and my national security team as my 2023 Defense Fellow.

Captain Greene started in our office as a First Lieutenant, this year's youngest defense fellow in Congress. From leading her Marines as a logistician for Marine Aircraft Group 24 stationed at Kaneohe Bay, to serving as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, she has made immeasurable contributions to the Marine Corps and to the Joint Force prior to joining our office as a part of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship Program. She brought her operational experience—especially her expertise of the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility—to our office and Armed Services Committee work, sharpening the tactical effectiveness of our National Defense Authorization Act policies focused on strengthening the American military's advantage in deterring aggression vis-à-vis China.

Like Peeps in the microwave, her influence was ever expanding. As duty called, Captain Greene not only crafted brilliant legislation to support in-theater logistics and streamline our military partnership with allies and partners, she also worked day-in and day-out with Wisconsin's veterans, and provided unconventional and matchless counsel on bill designations to guarantee awareness of my policy pri-

orities, notably the Deterring Attempts at Dirty Deals by Youngsters Act. While she is a native New Yorker, she quickly adopted the Northeast Wisconsin ethos by embracing a love of cheese curds, dairy animals, and Al Johnson's rooftop goats.

Through her responsibilities, she exemplified the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fidelis"—Always Faithful. This eternal and collective commitment to the progress of our nation and steadfast loyalty to the Corps is evident in every moment of her service to my office. From recruiting future Marines in our intern cohorts simply by being an example of what a Marine is and could be, to being a trustworthy and honest adviser on the most pressing issues of national security, and all the while demonstrating the highest class and unwavering kindness to my constituents and my staff, during her time here, she is a truehearted patriot and I am proud to call her a fellow Marine.

I wish Bridget the best of luck as she continues her Marine Corps career. She will no doubt excel and impress in her future endeavors, to the benefit of this country. I thank her for her service to the military and the people of Wisconsin, over the course of this year.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE
HONORABLE JOHNNY WAYNE
"JUDGE" McLARTY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of The Honorable Johnny Wayne "Judge" McLarty who died on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Baptist Memorial Hospital—North Mississippi.

Born on May 28, 1950, to the late Clara Mae and John Murry McLarty, Judge spent his entire life in Oxford, dedicating his heart and soul to his community. Serving as a judge since 1979, he was the second-longest-elected Justice Court Judge in the State of Mississippi. Renowned as a devoted Ole Miss Sports enthusiast, he earned legendary status in Left Field and ushered in countless fans over the years. While he cherished his Rebels, his greatest joy came from supporting the Lafayette County School District and its athletic programs.

Throughout the years, he actively participated in various roles, including coach, umpire, and videographer. He even drove a bus route for nearly two decades. As a charter member of the Splinter Valley Hunting Club, he enjoyed numerous days engaged in hunting and fishing. Judge was a dedicated member of Taylor Baptist Church and the Mason Lodge #33 in Oxford, fostering cherished friendships among his fellow masons. In addition to his judicial duties, he volunteered as a deputy with the sheriff's department, served as a 911 dispatcher, and worked as an EMT at Oxford-Lafayette County Hospital. His ability to fulfillment in his career was a testament to his passion.

Judge was not only a central figure in numerous professional and personal circles but, most importantly, the cornerstone of his family. He never missed a significant event in the lives of his children and grandchildren, going

so far as to livestream a graduation from his hospital bed. His unwavering commitment to his career, friends, and family endured until his final moments. Mere hours before his passing, he was sworn in for his 12th term as Justice Court Judge, a ceremony presided over by his longtime friend, Judge Howorth. Even now, his thoughts centered on his loved ones and the community he was honored to serve.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Debbie Tatum McLarty, and his sister, Jeanette Wells. Judge is survived by his daughter, Deanna McLarty Massey and her husband, Bruce; son, Chad McLarty and his wife, April; brothers-in-law, Dewey Wells and Jimmy Tatum and his wife, Theda; seven grandchildren, Austin McLarty (Caitlan), Lee Murray McLarty, Alexis McLarty, Taylor Jackson, Bailey Jackson, Rex Massey, and Smith Massey; and two great-grandchildren, Myles McLarty and May Ann McLarty.

HAPPY 105TH BIRTHDAY TO BIG
LAKE'S STELLA HUSO

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stella Huso ahead of her upcoming

milestone birthday. January 8 marks Stella's 105th birthday, making her the oldest Gold Star Mother on record. Stella's story is one of resilience, patriotism, and unwavering dedication to her family and country.

Born in 1919, Stella has seen more than most of us can imagine, from the Great Depression and World War II to the Cuban Missile Crisis and Apollo 11 mission. Through it all, Stella has remained a pillar of strength for her family and community and channeled her energy into activism.

After losing her son Wayne to an enemy artillery shell in Vietnam, Stella became a relentless advocate for our Nation's veterans and their families. She has offered solace and support to countless military families in their darkest moments.

Stella has been a dedicated community activist in her hometown of Big Lake. She taught Sunday School at her church, and eventually became the Sunday School Superintendent. Stella was also involved in local politics and served as caucus convener for the Big Lake area.

Stella is a true patriot. She has written letters to the editor advocating for respect of our nation's flag and the Pledge of Allegiance and remains one of the most active members of the Big Lake and Buffalo American Legion Auxiliaries.

As she marks her 105th birthday, let us celebrate Stella and her incredible life. We hope

that her activism and strength will inspire generations of Minnesotans yet to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF LIEUTENANT JESSICA WYMAN

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Lieutenant Jessica Wyman of the Nashua Fire Department, who, on November 28, 2023, passed away after her battle with cancer.

Lieutenant Wyman was not only an exemplary public servant working two jobs as a firefighter and an ER nurse, but also a trailblazer for women in the fire service. She was the first female firefighter to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Nashua Fire Department history. She also led week-long summer camps to help women get involved in the fire service.

Lieutenant Wyman will be remembered as many things: a hero, a professional, a civil servant, a trailblazer, a community leader, and a friend. My heart is with Jessica's husband, Chris, her family, and the Nashua Fire Department. May she rest in peace.