

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Wendy Knight for her passion and dedication to provide good customer service to the Warren County community.

RECOGNIZING MR. MINORU  
HAMADA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BLAKE D. MOORE**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the abundant and exceptional life of Mr. Minoru Hamada as he celebrates his 100th birthday. Born in Ogden to Japanese immigrants, Mr. Hamada embodies the best our country has to offer and has made Utah proud.

When much of the nation turned a suspicious eye toward their Japanese American neighbors following the Japanese Empire's attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Hamada saw an opportunity to demonstrate his allegiance to the United States. He volunteered for the military, joining with other Japanese Americans to serve as members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Many of his fellow soldiers in the 442nd were incarcerated in internment camps created to house Japanese Americans in accordance with President Roosevelt's executive order.

Mr. Hamada and his fellow Japanese American soldiers saw the war as a chance to fight totalitarianism abroad and racial prejudice at home. The 442nd remains the most-decorated unit in U.S. military history for its size and length of service. As a member of the American forces fighting German and Italian fascists for control of the Italian peninsula, Mr. Hamada was wounded in battle. He served in uniform for another two years.

After the war, he married his sweetheart, Martha. They were married for 61 years until she passed in 2007. They delighted in raising two kids and now have two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mr. Hamada continued his service to Utah's defense community, making dental prosthetics at Hill Air Force Base and for a local dentist in Layton.

It is through the service and sacrifice of individuals like Mr. Hamada that allow all Americans to live in freedom. His life is a model of courage, selfless-service and altruism that we can all learn from.

I thank Mr. Hamada on behalf of his fellow Utahns and a grateful nation for his service and wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE  
BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN  
NATIONAL MONUMENT EXPAN-  
SION ACT

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act" with U.S. Senator ALEX PADILLA (D-CA). I thank Congressman MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA04) and U.S. Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA) for their support as original cosponsors.

Our bicameral legislation would expand the National Monument to include 3,925 acres of adjacent federal land in Lake County, California known as the "Walker Ridge" tract. Second, it would provide new opportunities for federally recognized tribes to enter into co-management agreements for the National Monument with the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Third, it would rename Walker Ridge to "Molok Luyuk," meaning Condor Ridge in the Patwin language of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and other Native American peoples indigenous to the area. Lastly, it would direct the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to complete the management plan for the National Monument, which has remained unfinished since 2015.

President Obama issued Presidential Proclamation 9298 in July 2015, establishing the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. This set the boundary as encompassing federal land surrounding the Lake Berryessa reservoir but omitted the Walker Ridge tract. My legislation (H.R.761/S.393) in the 114th Congress with then-U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Congressman THOMPSON to establish the National Monument would have included the Walker Ridge tract within the boundary.

On October 17, 2022, I and other members of California's Congressional delegation called on President Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to expand the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. We also called on Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland to order the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to officially rename Walker Ridge. I hope that the Biden Administration will act on our request, which is supported by the Lake County Board of Supervisors and Tribal Council for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

Conserving California's special places has been a lifelong passion throughout my tenure in the state legislature, as Deputy Secretary of the Interior during the Clinton Administration, and now as a Member of Congress. Walker Ridge, soon to be known as Molok Luyuk, is one of those special places. It was an honor to represent Lake County as the U.S. Representative for California's Third Congressional District from 2013 to 2023. I look forward to finishing the job for my former constituents in Lake County by expanding the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument for future generations to enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members of the California delegation to join me in cosponsoring the "Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act." We must conserve this unique landscape and honor the Native American peoples who walked this land long before our country was founded.

HONORING ADRIAN MILES  
FORREST

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Adrian Miles Forrest.

Adrian Miles Forrest was born on July 17, 1992, to parents George Sr. and Stephanie

Forrest and reared in Grenada, Mississippi. Mr. Forrest attended and graduated from Grenada High School and furthered his studies at Holmes Community College in Goodman, MS. Mr. Forrest then furthered his career by attending Mississippi Valley State majoring in Music Education, where he accumulated more knowledge in arranging and recording.

With a God given gift and talent, throughout his years being exposed to Gospel Quartet background, Mr. Forrest is known for his collaborations with many others with his bass guitar and guitar riffs in hip hop, gospel, southern soul, rhythm and blues, and traditional blues. Mr. Forrest is also known in the blues society as the bassist for the late McKinley Morganfield, better known as "Muddy Waters", great nephew Keith Johnson, which is also known as the Keith Johnson and The Big Muddy Band.

On February 5, 2023, Mr. Forrest made black history. He is the first black male in Grenada, MS, to receive his first Grammys Award. He and his team won the Best Roots Gospel Album, which is called The Urban Hymnal featured by Tymble and the Aristocrat of Bands, better known as Tennessee State Marching Band.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Adrian Miles Forrest for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

RECOGNIZING MARY JANE  
MURPHY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Mary Jane Murphy. Mary Jane was born on March 20, 1923. As we celebrate her 100 years of life, we think of all the memories and stories that she has and continues to share as a citizen of this great county. Mary Jane was born and raised in Somerton, Pennsylvania and has spent her life in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. Mary Jane obtained her bachelor's degree in education from Temple University in 1944. She spent many years as an educator first as a teacher in Northeast Philadelphia and then as a fourth-grade teacher for 25 years in the Neshaminy School District. She is a mother and was the devoted wife of 67 years to her husband, Harry Evans Murphy, Owner of the W&HF Evans Greenhouse which was family operated for 110 years. Mary Jane raised 5 children and is the grandmother to 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact Mary Jane has had throughout her life, and we wish Mary Jane countless blessings.

RECOGNIZING PLANTER'S HARD-  
WARE AND BUILDING INC. FOR  
OVER A CENTURY IN BUSINESS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Runyan family,

who has been operating Planter's Hardware & Building Inc. for over a century.

A member of the Runyan family has been operating Planter's Hardware & Building Inc. on the square in downtown Ashland, Alabama since approximately 1916. The business got its name from its original clientele, and originally catered to the needs of local farmers. Planter's Hardware has altered its inventory to reflect changing times in favor of supplies for timber, poultry, and cabinet making. Planter's Hardware offers customers cost-effective solutions and personalized service 6 days a week.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the hard work of the Runyan family for their work in operating Planter's Hardware for over a century.

HONORING APRIL F. CHRISTON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hardworking and dedicated public service worker, April F. Christon.

April Christon was born April Spencer on April 1, 1985, in Marks, MS, to Joyce Tennin Spencer and the late James Jones. She grew up on a home with her mother and 2 of her siblings in Lambert, MS. April attended school in the Quitman County School District and graduated with honors from Madison S. Palmer High School in 2003. While in high school, April gave birth to 2 daughters. Despite being a young, teenage mother, April had hopes and dreams of a better life and was determined to continue her education. With the support and assistance from her mother, extended family members, and friends, April went on to pursue postsecondary education at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. In 2008, April graduated from MSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in Art. In 2009, April married her husband, Marcus Christon. They share 3 children together and settled in Batesville, MS.

April went on to start her career in the public service field by counseling individuals with severe mental health, behavior, family, and alcohol and drug issues. While gaining work experience and becoming more knowledgeable in her field, April decided to go back to school and pursue more education. She received her Master of Science in Continuing Education in Counseling and Psychology from the University of West Alabama in 2012. She also received a post graduate certificate in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of North Texas in 2018. April currently works for the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS) in the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, heading the Supported Employment division. April serves the state of MS by assisting Mississippians with most significant disabilities with services to obtain and maintain competitive integrated employment. She is a member of the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA) and the Rehabilitation Association of MS (RAM). She also assists with the Project SEARCH program within MDRS, which recently was awarded the 100% Outcome Award for her work with Merit Health River Region Hospital in Vicksburg, MS, and the Ex-

cellent Outcome Award for her work with MS Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, MS.

Not only does April serve her community and state in public service through her professional work, but she also serves her community through volunteering her time in various organizations and programs in Panola County. April, along with two others, founded a non-profit organization, Pure Justice, Inc., that is focused on the positive development of youth and their artistic talents. This organization was developed to provide social and educational activities for children and youth in Batesville, MS, Panola County, and surrounding areas. Within the organization, Pure Justice dance team was formed and has been a productive part of the community, promoting physical fitness and wellness, and traveling and participating in dance recitals and competitions. April is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and diligently serves in her local chapter by helping implement programs to benefit the local community. She also serves on the administrative team of Connor Disaster Relief organization, which is a disaster relief organization that helps people in Panola County and the surrounding counties with disaster relief aid. April loves the act of service—for God, her family, her community, and for the people that seek assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing April F. Christon for her dedication to serving this great State and country.

RECOGNIZING CORYDON CENTRAL PANTHERS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ERIN HOUCHIN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Corydon Central Panthers Girls' basketball team and congratulate them on a great 2022–2023 season.

Making the Indiana High School Athletic Association's State Championship game is no easy task. Every member of the Panthers team should be proud of the season they put together. The team had a tremendous performance throughout their season and into the playoffs, especially senior Ava Weber who is the program's all-time leading scorer. Corydon Centrals' program is well positioned to continue to compete for future championships. I congratulate them. They have made their hometown proud.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) 19TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the NYPD 19th Precinct Community Council. Precinct Community Councils have existed in various forms in New York since the 1940's and pro-

vide the community with a direct line of communication to their local NYPD precinct. Council members regularly meet with the precinct Commanding Officer and Community Affairs Officers to discuss public safety issues, provide feedback and input regarding local policing services, and organize events like street fairs and beautification programs for the neighborhood.

Since 1973, the NYPD 19th Precinct Community Council has brought together residents who volunteer their time and resources to ensure that the Upper East Side is a safe and thriving neighborhood. In addition to hosting an annual street fair that raises funds to assist with the needs of the precinct and sponsoring a National Night Out Against Crime event every summer, the Council constantly seeks to provide new opportunities for the public to interface with their local police officers and promote crime prevention awareness. The Council has also sponsored and recruited volunteers for NYPD initiatives including the Court Monitoring and Block Watchers programs.

I applaud the NYPD 19th Precinct Community Council and its volunteers for their commitment to public safety and the quality of life of their neighbors. I am proud to honor the Council's contributions to the Upper East Side over the past fifty years and recognize it as a successful model for police-community partnerships across the city. The legacy of the Council's work will be felt for generations and I wish for its continued success in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. ROBERT COPE

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, we shall never forget Cope. Idaho recently lost a great man with the passing of Dr. Robert Cope. Cope, as he was known, was a cattle veterinarian in Salmon, Idaho, for 44 years. In addition to his work as a vet, Cope was a public servant, serving on the Lemhi County Commission and many advisory committees and task forces focusing on natural resource issues throughout Idaho and the western United States.

Cope helped so many in the Salmon area, and the community loved him. He was genuine and good natured. What you saw was who he was, and you could expect the facts without sugar coating. Cope spent his days researching bovine diseases, educating ranchers on how to keep their herds healthy, and of course doing the hands-on work. On cold nights he could be found in a neighbor's barn helping with a new calf. He was there for everyone who needed him whether they were a rancher with a large operation or a kid in the 4-H program.

Cope was an expert on subjects such as wolf depredation and grazing, with a noted ability to find common ground between different groups. It should be known he had a great impact here in Washington on federal lands policy. My staff and I had numerous meetings with Cope when he travelled to D.C., where he made an indelible mark on all of us. His rural common sense was a breath of fresh