

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join Congressman BOYLE, Congressman EVANS, and me, in honoring and commending Patrick Eiding of the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO, as we celebrate his retirement and dedication to serving the organization and their many working families throughout his career.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS
SCHROEDER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Nicholas Schroeder, a firefighter with Garden City, Michigan Fire Department on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Nicholas Schroeder has served the Garden City Fire Department since November of 2013. He decided to pursue a career in public service after graduating from Gabriel Richard Riverview High School in 2010. He attended Schoolcraft College for emergency medical technician (EMT) and paramedic training, as well as the fire academy. He worked in the private sector after completion of his training, and at the age of 21, he joined the Garden City Fire Department as a firefighter-paramedic.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Nicholas has served on multiple committees and taken numerous trainings, most notably the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Fire Investigation 1 & 2 with the Michigan State Police, and firefighter safety and survival. After a competitive testing process, completing pump operations training, and working in the capacity of acting engineer, Garden City and the 12th Congressional District are proud to congratulate Nicholas on his exceptional training and experiences to take on this new role. Not only has Nicholas been dedicated to public service for our district, he also enjoys spending time with his family, including wife Chelsey and twin daughters.

Please join me in recognizing Nicholas Schroeder for his outstanding service to the people of Garden City in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we congratulate him on his new role.

CELEBRATING THE APPOINTMENT
OF FRANK WHITE III TO CEO OF
THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense pride that I rise today to recognize and celebrate the appointment of Frank White III as the new Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) CEO, via a unanimous vote by the KCATA Board of Commissioners. An experienced leader, innovative thinker, and dedicated professional, it is clear why Frank has been given such profound responsibility.

Frank's journey with KCATA began in 2016 as a Senior Marketing Manager, where his dedication to the Agency and the community it

serves was recognized by many. He rose through the ranks to achieve positions such as Chief Marketing Officer, a role in which he earned three first place American Public Transportation Association AdWheel Awards; Director of Strategic Planning and Development; and vice president of RideKC Development Corporation. Frank continued to grow within the industry and in 2019 he graduated from the Eno Transportation Senior Executive Program, a prestigious transportation leadership development program.

Frank stands out as a trailblazer in the community and opens a new door as the first African American CEO in the storied history of KCATA. His role is crucial to the local economy and essential to the everyday lives of thousands in the Missouri-Kansas bi-state area. He continues to prepare us for the future, working to make the public transportation system more efficient and effective for current and future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Frank White III in his new position of CEO of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. Having known Frank for many years, his recent accomplishments come as no surprise to me. Frank holds himself to a standard of excellence that is contagious to those around him—one of the many qualities that make him a great leader. The future of KCATA and the livelihoods of thousands in the bi-state area are in good hands.

REMEMBERING LEE LARKEY

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Lee Larkey, of Avon, Minnesota, who passed away on December 15, 2022.

Lee was born in Great Falls, Montana on July 15, 1939. Though he was born in Montana, Lee was a faithful and devoted Minnesotan who dedicated his life to the service of others. After graduating from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota in 1961, Lee joined the United States Air Force. During his time in the service, he rose to the rank of Captain and was honorably discharged in November of 1972.

Following his time in the Air Force, Lee began work as a Revenue Agent for the Internal Revenue Service. After his retirement, he continued to help friends and family prepare tax returns and negotiate resolutions to difficult tax cases.

Lee spent countless hours championing the pro-life movement through his involvement with Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. At the Minnesota State Capitol and at the U.S. Capitol, Lee advocated on behalf of the unborn and fought for the rights of the most vulnerable in our society. He was also an active member of the Republican Party at the state and local levels. Members of our office will remember Lee as an engaged constituent and a passionate advocate for limited government and fiscal responsibility.

Outside of politics, Lee enjoyed spending time in his garden with his wife, where they grew a variety of herbs and vegetables together. He was also an active beekeeper, rais-

ing bees and selling their honey through his business, Honey Hut.

Lee dedicated his life to the service of his country, his family, friends, and community. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. On behalf of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, we offer our sincerest condolences to Bernadette and the rest of the Larkey family, and pray that Lee's memory will comfort their family during this difficult time.

HONORING THE ASHLAND AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2023
MEMBER AWARD WINNERS

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce in Ashland, Ohio, will hold its annual awards banquet this Thursday, March 9. I am honored to commend to the House this year's recipients, who were selected based on business performance, customer service, community involvement, and promotion of Ashland County:

Small Business of the Year: The South Street Grille, Sean and Carly Little, owners.

Manufacturing/Industrial Business of the Year: Cowen Truck Line, Tim Cowen, President.

Professional Services Business of the Year: Directions Credit Union, Jill Comer, Branch Manager.

Health and Medical Services Organization of the Year: Brethren Care Village, Mindy Scurluck, Chief Executive Officer.

Non-Profit and Social Services Organization of the Year: Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Jerry Strausbaugh, Executive Director.

Hospitality and Recreation Services Business of the Year: The Salvation Army Kroc Center—Ashland, Billy and Annalise Francis, Officers.

In addition, these four area young professionals have been selected as winners of the 4 Under 40 Award for their leadership potential and commitment to long-term career excellence:

Brianna Noel, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones.

Angela Ringler, President, Advantage Marketing.

Brittany Reep, Chief Financial Officer, Ashland County Community Foundation.

Stephen Knowlton, Integrator and Director of Innovation, Spire.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am pleased to join in the accolades for all of these distinguished professionals and thank them for their dedication to Ashland.

HONORING THE 100 YEAR HISTORY
OF CURWOOD CASTLE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a full century since the construction of a legendary landmark on the banks of

the Shiawassee River in Michigan's 7th Congressional district, which today is known as Curwood Castle. It was March 14, 1923 when the great American author James Oliver Curwood broke ground on an impressive structure to serve as his writing studio. While Owosso, Michigan may not be the first place you'd expect to find a replica of a French chateau, I am so thankful Mr. Curwood felt most inspired by his beloved boyhood home and chose to build his beautiful treasure there.

At the time, Curwood was one of the most popular authors in the world, having just published his 24th novel, with dozens of Hollywood movies based on his stories. His best-selling adventure and wilderness stories were largely molded by his travels in Canada, the Hudson Bay area, the Yukon, and Alaska. But after a tour of Europe the author came home, inspired to write a different tale by building a castle similar to the ones he'd seen in the French countryside.

As a father of three children, Curwood longed for a quiet place where he could write and host guests. His mother sold him the piece of land next to his childhood home for one dollar, and with the help of Lansing architect Harold Child, Curwood designed a glistening yellow Norman-style chateau and adorned the facade of the building with rocks as a tribute to the piles of rocks he and his brother had made as children. Unfortunately, Curwood died just four years after his masterpiece was completed, but the building lives on as a testament to his creativity and love of adventure.

In addition to his prolific writing career, Curwood was a passionate environmentalist and served on the Michigan Conservation Commission. It's not surprising then that he wished for this beautiful building to have new life after his passing, and that he bestowed the castle to the city of Owosso in his will. Over the years, the castle served as a youth center and even housed the Owosso Public Schools Board of Education, but since 1970 it has been open to the public as a museum highlighting the career and legacy of James Oliver Curwood. Every year in early June, this beautiful castle serves as the center of Owosso's Curwood Festival, drawing thousands of visitors to this small community in mid-Michigan to celebrate the life and works of its cherished son, in the place he created.

In its 100 year history, Curwood Castle has been many things: a writer's retreat; a Hollywood office; and the site of fabulous parties. Today it stands as a singular architectural treasure, the legacy of a remarkable life and a reminder of glorious days gone by. It has been inscribed in the National Register of Historic Places, and only fitting that I recognize its significance here today. Long may this Michigan castle stand.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION OBSERVING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN LESLIE "WES" MONTGOMERY AND COMMEMORATING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAZZ MUSIC

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with the great Hoosier pride and joy that I rise today to introduce a resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Leslie "Wes" Montgomery.

Wes Montgomery was born in my hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana on March 6, 1923 to Frances and Tom Montgomery. He was naturally gifted in the musical arts and demonstrated his talents on the 4- and 6-string guitar in his youth. He was a self-taught musician who learned to play the guitar by listening to recordings of another jazz genius, guitarist Charlie Christian. Wes Montgomery developed a unique and innovative finger style playing technique by using the thumb to play base notes simultaneously with the melodic lines. This wonderful style helped to propel his success as a renowned jazz guitarist.

His musical gifts and performances became famous in jazz clubs in Indianapolis and he was recruited to tour with the Lionel Hampton Orchestra. In 1957, he joined his brothers Buddy and Monk to perform with other bands, and later released the album, the "Wes Montgomery Trio" and "The Incredible Guitar of Wes Montgomery". One of his biggest hits and most beloved albums was "A Day in the Life", which was rated the premier album on the Billboard Jazz Album chart, 2nd on the Billboard R&B Albums chart and 13th on the Billboard 200 chart.

Sadly, we lost this incredibly bright star far too soon, when he died at his home in Indianapolis on June 15, 1968, at the age of 45. But his music and his legacy still shine in our hearts and wherever his music is played. His beautiful and heartfelt music inspired generations of other musicians, and it continues to fill us with joy today.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution to honor a Hoosier and an American music legend. I urge the House to support this resolution.

APPRECIATING AMERICA ALLY ITALY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the incoming chairman of the Helsinki Commission Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, I was grateful for the delegation led by outgoing Chairman STEVE COHEN as a bi-partisan delegation to Rome.

Welcomed by U.S. charge d'affairs Shawn Crowley, we immediately met with valued former Congressman, now Ambassador to the Holy See, Joe Donnelly, who with wife Jill, represent America well. At the Palazzo Chigi

Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Ambassador Francesco Talo reviewed the new government's support of the independence of Ukraine. Prime Minister Meloni was on the way to Kyiv.

Meeting with Undersecretary of the State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Giorgio Silli confirmed the courageous Meloni government recognizes the Chinese Communist Party is a systemic rival of authoritarians opposed to democracies.

My affection for Italy is personal in that my son Add, was an orthopedic surgeon at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples for three years, where his wife Lauren, learned Italian cooking and grandchildren, Addison, Houston, and Emily Ruth learned perfect Italian with Addison later studying architecture in Genoa with Clemson University.

The visit to Ancient Rome was a humbling reminder of our shared heritage so crucial for the development of Western Civilization. Appreciating Roman influence on America is enhanced by the more than 20 million Italian Americans who are vital for the bright future of America.

Italy is a cherished American ally as democracies with Rule of Law confront authoritarians with Rule of Gun.

COMMENDING MASTER SERGEANT MICHEAL H. SCULLY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Pennsauken Township resident Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully.

Originally born in Jamaica, Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully emigrated to the United States, living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania until 1997, when he moved briefly to Collingswood, New Jersey. Not long after his arrival in Collingswood, Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully purchased a home in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey in the neighborhood of Del-Air, where he has resided for more than 20 years. Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully joined the United States Air Force in 1994 where he served for twenty-seven years before being honorably discharged in 2021.

During his 27 years of service, Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully served in the Aircraft Maintenance group as an Electrical and Environmental systems Craftsman or Master Technician. He was stationed at Willow Grove Joint Air Base in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for 15 years. He spent his final 12 years in the service stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Throughout his time in the armed services Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully was able to see places such as Australia, Japan, Guam, Hawaii, and Poland, as well as operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, which between the two he has been 8 times.

Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully is the recipient of 37 medals and ribbons, including the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Naval Commendation Medal, Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medal, as well as the Global War on Terrorism Medal and several more.

Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully has been a brother of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity