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Mr. Pendergraph has served on the Wheatland City Council since 2003, faithfully advancing the interests of Wheatland residents and helping usher his community into a new era of prosperity. As a prominent member of the Economic Development Sub-Committee, Mr. Pendergraph played an indispensable role in ensuring Wheatland's economic stability. Moreover, his leadership on the Pool and Sewer Ad-Hoc Committees played a critical role in improving the resources and services available to his community. His efforts not only modernized Wheatland's infrastructure, making it safer and more efficient, but also improved Wheatland residents' quality of life.

As the Vice-Chairman of the Feather River Air Quality Management District, Mr. Pendergraph also collaborated with local leaders across Yuba and Sutter Counties to promote and improve their communities' air quality. Mr. Pendergraph's advocacy on this issue was essential in reducing emissions and safeguarding the people of Wheatland from the health impacts of air pollution.

Mr. Pendergraph's dedication to public service extends beyond his role on City Council. Following over 2 decades of brave service in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Pendergraph continued to proudly support his fellow veterans and current servicemembers through his 10 years of work with the Department of Defense at Beale Air Force Base. In addition, Mr. Pendergraph diligently serves his community outside his professional career as a proud member of the Wheatland Lions Club.

While his presence on the Wheatland City Council will surely be missed, Mr. Pendergraph's years of service to the residents of Wheatland have left an indelible legacy. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. Pendergraph's service to the people of Wheatland and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEPUTY SONNY JOHNSON

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and work of Deputy Sonny Johnson of the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Johnson led a dutiful life of public service and was known to those around him as one who emitted selflessness. Deputy Johnson leaves behind a family and community that will miss him dearly.

Deputy Johnson was born July 24, 1962, in Czechoslovakia, later moving to Germany where he spent most of his youth. In the late 80's, Deputy Johnson moved to the United States, earning citizenship and beginning his career in service to Wyandotte County. Deputy Johnson became a deputy with the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office on August 07, 2008, proudly serving his entire career in the adult detention center where he worked multiple positions—including acting supervisor. Those who knew him would say that no deputy was prouder to put on the uniform and wear a badge each day.

Deputy Johnson's compassion and service did not end with his career—he cared for his community. As Wyandotte County Sheriff Daniel Soptic shared, Deputy Johnson would walk by his coworkers and greet them with a kind “Hey Bubba,” his way of asking after you to see how you were doing. He was devoted to family, to caring for his chickens, and to bringing laughter to those he loved. He loved his wife, Nadine. Those who knew Deputy Johnson best know he would do anything, for anybody, at any time.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Deputy Johnson will be remembered by many for the way he loved his job, he loved his family, and he loved the country he served.

NO VOTE ON ANTI-CHOICE H.R. 26 AND H. CON. RES. 3

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 26 and H. Con. Res. 3, two pieces of legislation that yet again seek to limit access to reproductive health care and insert politics into personal reproductive health care decisions.

H.R. 26 is a deliberately misleading bill that effectively politicizes abortion care and criminalizes doctors. This bill is offensive to those who face pregnancy complications and opens the door to political interference when families are making difficult, complicated, and often heartbreaking medical decisions. This legislation is based on false claims; it vilifies families and the doctors who care for them, and carelessly misleads the public about these rare and complicated scenarios. When a family is dealing with the unthinkable, an infant that will not survive, they should be able to hold and comfort their child and peacefully say goodbye. If this bill were to become law, forced medical intervention would cut short parents' final moments with their child, and doctors across the country would face extreme penalties simply for doing what is best for their patients.

H. Con. Res. 3 is nothing but a political move by the extreme Republican House majority that is both disingenuous and puts actual health care clinics at risk. Let me be clear: I condemn violence in all its forms. However, this resolution only focuses on protecting “pro-life pregnancy centers” and “faith-based women's health clinics”—not medical facilities. Here's a fact: attacks on abortion providers and clinics are on the rise, increasing 128 percent in just one year. The resolution before us falls short of fully condemning political violence, and I encourage my colleagues to stand together and condemn all violence, so that everyone can have the freedom to access reproductive health care without fear.

COMMENDING THE INCLUSION OF AN ALL-FEMALE DIVISION IN THE QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL PEE-WEE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 2023

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the importance of promoting inclusion and equity in sports by promoting women and girls' sports, and to commend the efforts of our neighbors to the North in promoting such inclusion and equity with the addition of an all-female division at this year's Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, one of the largest pee wee hockey tournaments in the world.

The United States and Canada enjoy both a vibrant rivalry and partnership in the sport of ice hockey. Each year, that rivalry and partnership is on display at the Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament.

From February 8 through 19, 2023 the 2023 Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament will feature 120 teams, including an all-female division for the first time in its 62 year history.

We applaud this significant development.

The United States and Canada are the closest of friends, partners, and allies, sharing common values and goals, such as promoting representative democracy where all may develop their skills and talents to the benefit of society as a whole, including in women and girls' sports.

In 2022, the United States celebrated the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 that prohibited sex discrimination in education and opened new athletic opportunities for girls and women.

Similarly, Canada's Physical Activity and Sport Act states that the Government of Canada's policy regarding sport includes the principle to ensure the full and fair participation of all persons in sport.

Accordingly, my Congressional colleagues and I congratulate the 2023 Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament on the inclusion of an all-female team division this year for the first time in the tournament's history. We express our appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States.

CELEBRATING COLONEL ANTOINETTE GANT'S PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Antoinette R. Gant on her promotion to the rank of brigadier general in the United States Army. Brig. Gen. Gant is the first African American female, active-duty engineer to be promoted to the rank of general officer. She was officially promoted to the rank

in a traditional military ceremony at her alma mater, Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas on October 28, 2022. Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Randy George, conducted the promotion ceremony.

Gant assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) South Pacific Division in July 2021. Established in 1888 and headquartered in San Francisco, the South Pacific Division is one of 9 USACE regional commands. The region encompasses all or part of 10 states with 4 operating districts headquartered in Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

Gant is responsible for leading a workforce of more than 2,800 military and civilians, overseeing hundreds of water-resource development, military, interagency design, and construction projects valued at more than \$16 billion in support of our communities, our Nation, and our warfighters.

A native of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Gant graduated from Prairie View A&M University in Texas as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering and a commission in the Engineer Regiment. She holds a Master of Science in engineer management from Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Missouri, and a Master of Science in national resource strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Washington, D.C. She is also a certified Project Management Professional.

Gant has served in a variety of command and staff positions for engineering units state-side and abroad. Prior to South Pacific Division, Gant was commander of the USACE South Pacific Border District from July 2020 to June 2021. Gant previously served as the combined joint engineer for the Resolute Support and OFS headquarters, Kabul, Afghani-

stan, military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army-Civil Works, Washington, D.C., chief of operations for the engineer directorate, U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and the director for the Directorates of Public Works and Installation Support, ASG-Kuwait.

She has received several national and community awards, to include 2021 Black Engineer of the Year Conference Awards, Army Stars and Stripes Award recipient, the 2020 Women of Color Career Achievement in Government Award, the YWCA Women on the Move Award, Women of Influence in Government by Albuquerque Business First, BEYA Special Recognition Award, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., South Central Region Visionary Leader and Global Leader Awards.

I commend Brig. Gen. Gant on her historic achievements and thank her for her leadership and service to our country.

HONORING HOLLAND WHITE ON
HIS FOUR YEARS OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Holland Barrett White on his 4 years of service as Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember on the Pittsburg City Council. Throughout Mr. White's tenure on City Council, he advocated for vulnerable populations in his community and valiantly led efforts to revolutionize Pittsburg's infrastructure through investments in critical projects.

From his first months as Councilmember, Mr. White demonstrated his staunch spirit of

innovation and leadership by playing an instrumental role in establishing Pittsburg's first Community Services Ad-Hoc Committee. Focused specifically on improving the services available to underserved members of the community, this committee directly led to the formation of a new program providing recent Pittsburg residents with vital information and resources regarding the immigration process.

During his tenure on City Council, Mr. White exemplified a genuine commitment to combating systemic injustice and racism in our society. Through Mr. White's work, the Pittsburg Police Department invested \$10,000 towards implementing the Pittsburg My Brother's Keeper Initiative, which addresses the persistent gaps in opportunity faced by youth of color. Under Mr. White's leadership as mayor, Pittsburg invested \$1.49 million through the My Brother's Keeper Challenge towards ensuring all youth, regardless of their race or ethnicity, can achieve their full potential.

In addition, Mr. White also worked tirelessly to modernize Pittsburg's power infrastructure and guarantee internet access for all. Using his extensive knowledge as a member of the Pittsburg Power Company Board of Directors, Mr. White's advocacy was essential in prompting the City Council to authorize a new project to expand internet services for individuals most in need.

While his presence on the City Council will surely be missed, Mr. White's 4 years of service to the residents of Pittsburg have left an indelible legacy. Mr. White is a vibrant young leader and I eagerly anticipate his future work. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. White's dedicated service to the people of Pittsburg and wish him the best in his future endeavors.