

United States Army Private First Class John J. King.

John "JJ" King was born on March 22, 1920 in Troy, New York to Jennie and Herbert King. In 1940, at the age of 20, he enlisted in the United States Army. As a member of the Army's 36th Infantry Division during the Second World War, Private King was trained as a Rifleman and participated in campaigns across Europe, including the Naples-Foggia, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Sicily, and Southern France campaigns. After five years of active-duty service, Private King was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned home to Troy.

For his courageous service in combat, Private King was highly decorated. His recognitions include the American Defense Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with a Bronze Arrowhead, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Mr. King spent eight years working at the Allegheny Ludlum Steel Company. During that time, he continued his service to his community as an active member with both the Disabled American Veterans and the Civil Air Patrol. Mr. King was a devoted husband, son, and father; he regularly attended services at his local church and loved spending time with his wife, Josephine, and their three daughters. Sadly, in September of 1959, at the age of just 39, Mr. King passed away following a long decline in health. He was survived by his three children, five siblings, and his beloved wife.

Throughout his life, Mr. King showed exceptional dedication to his country, his community, and his family. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to recognize the sacrifices and celebrate the courage of Private First Class John "JJ" King.

**RECOGNIZING CONGREGATION KOL
TIKVAH'S SISTERHOOD'S 25TH
ANNUAL WOMAN OF VALOR HON-
OREE, DR. BARBARA WEINSTEIN**

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Congregation Kol Tikvah's Sisterhood's 25th Annual Woman of Valor Honoree, Dr. Barbara Weinstein, and her significant contributions uplifting children and families in need in South Florida.

Barbara has dedicated her life to the support and enrichment of children. Following a career as a teacher, she joined Family Central as CEO in 1985. Since then, her mission has been to ensure South Florida's children are given a fair start in life. She has worked tirelessly to eliminate the increasingly long wait list for services, provide every family in need financial assistance with critical child-care services, and provide a support system for parents.

Barbara and her husband, the Honorable Peter Weinstein, have two sons, Andrew and Michael, and a daughter-in-law, Anne. She is the proud grandmother to Amanda, Matthew, and Daniella.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Dr. Barbara Weinstein's outstanding contribu-

tions to the children and families of South Florida. She is truly an inspiration to us all, and we cannot thank her enough for committing her life's work to help so many in need.

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
GRAY BOBO**

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Gray Bobo. Gray is a junior at Indian Land High School and currently serves as the President of the South Carolina Society of the Children of the American Revolution, the oldest patriotic youth organization in the Nation. Children of the American Revolution was founded in 1895 and trains civic-minded citizens, develops strong leaders, and promotes a love of our great Nation. As part of his role in the society, Gray participates in community service projects and learns about his American heritage. He also organized a state project called "Hanging on the Edge of Freedom" which supports learning about lesser-known battles and conflicts that took place in South Carolina during the American Revolutionary War.

Many of these lesser-known battles rallied support for the Patriot cause and served as important steppingstones to the Patriot victories that secured our Nation's independence. The courageous men who fought in these battles deserve to be remembered and recognized. Gray has been committed to raising awareness of Hanging Rock Battlefield Park with supporting its interpretive exhibits, leading efforts to clean up the grounds of existing graffiti, blazing hiking trails, and sharing the stories of the men who fought in battle.

Gray's leadership in the Children of the American Revolution organization and his dedication to this project has taught countless others about our rich history and the role South Carolina played in the American Revolution. He rightly believes one of the best ways we can maintain our freedom is by telling the stories of the conflicts, skirmishes, and battles in which our brave patriots first fought for independence. Gray is on track to raise \$25,000 for the project, including a \$10,000 competitive grant from the SC 250 commission.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Gray for his outstanding leadership and service to our state. I wish him the best of luck throughout his future endeavors, as I know he will continue to find great success in all that he does.

**RECOGNIZING TERESITA
BATAYOLA, 17-YEAR PRESIDENT
AND CEO OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Teresita Batayola for her

many years of service for International Community Health Services and to congratulate her on her retirement as ICHS President and CEO.

Teresita guided ICHS from only two neighborhood clinics to a regional health care network with eleven service sites. She also led ICHS through their COVID-19 pandemic response, navigating the implementation of testing sites and telehealth as well as vaccination. Her work has been instrumental in shaping ICHS into an organization that serves over 27,000 patients. Additionally, Teresita's community service is not limited to her work for ICHS. She has served as the Aging in PACE Washington Board President, was appointed by President Biden to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and has brought together local leaders to push back against anti-Asian hatred.

My staff and I have had the privilege of working with Teresita on many occasions. I recently joined Teresita for a tour of ICHS's International District Medical and Dental Clinic to see and discuss the work she and ICHS are doing for health care access and equity. I have also worked with Teresita to secure Community Project Funding for the AiPACE Adult Day Center and Clinic in Beacon Hill. As a leader and advocate for her community about healthcare and addressing social determinants of health, Teresita's work has benefited many, especially in refugee and immigrant communities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Teresita Batayola for her career expanding healthcare access to diverse communities, and I wish her a happy retirement.

**CONGRATULATING FEDEX FOR 50
YEARS IN MEMPHIS**

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fred Smith and FedEx as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the start of the company's operations in Memphis. Overnight delivery was the subject of an undergraduate term paper for Mr. Smith who notes that it earned an average grade. But he put the idea into Federal Express Corporation in Little Rock in 1971. On April 17, 1973, the company began operations in Memphis with 389 people and 14 planes and delivered 186 packages to 25 cities. Over the years, Federal Express became "FedEx" and became one of the largest and best known American-headquartered companies in the world. Many of my constituents, friends and colleagues go to work at its operations in Memphis every day, where it is the state's largest private employer. FedEx's work as a supporter of charities is legendary. It is a model for what a company can do for its community. I congratulate current and former FedEx team members and look forward to commemorating another 50 years—in Memphis.

CONGRATULATING LISA
LOCKHART OF CIRCLE, MONTANA
FOR CAPTURING HER THIRD
TITLE AT THE AMERICAN RODEO

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, Montana rodeo competitors are the best in the world. In March 2023, Montana's own Lisa Lockhart demonstrated our state's rodeo prowess in front of 42,000 spectators at The American Rodeo, capturing her third national barrel racing title in the process.

Lisa attended high school in northeast Montana just up the road from my ranch in Glendive and displayed a natural talent for rodeo at an early age. Before joining the professional circuit, she distinguished herself as a student-athlete on the Montana State University rodeo team and raced on the family ranch with her two sisters.

Lisa dominates competitions nationwide, winning barrel racing competitions at the National Finals Rodeo in 2014 and 2016. But it wasn't until the founding of The American Rodeo in 2014 that her career really hit its stride.

Lisa made all of Montana proud when she brought home the inaugural barrel racing title at The American Rodeo. A feat only matched by her second victory the following year. Lisa's third victory this year solidifies her position as a barrel racing icon and serves as a reminder that she is an unrivaled talent in her sport.

All of Montana is grateful to Lisa for reaffirming our state's dominance in rodeo. Lisa's determination and grit will undoubtedly encourage many young Montanans to enter the arena and follow in her footsteps. I'll continue to watch her impressive career as she continues to cast a long shadow over rodeo.

I encourage everyone to join me in congratulating Lisa Lockhart for her third victory at The American Rodeo, and it is my privilege to acknowledge her achievements in the U.S. House of Representatives.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY,
LAMBDA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Lambda Chi Omega Chapter for its 45 years of dedication and commitment to the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.

Founded on the campus of Howard University on January 15, 1908 in Washington, D.C., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest international Greek-letter service organization established by college-educated African American women, with over 300,000 members in over 1,000 chapters worldwide. Forty-five years ago, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Lambda Chi Omega Chapter followed in their founders' footsteps to start a chapter in Hawaii.

Coined as the "First Chapter of the Pacific," Lambda Chi Omega established a legacy of leadership, service and community involvement that has significantly impacted the lives of the people of Hawaii. The vision, dedication and leadership of the founding members in establishing a legacy of sisterhood, scholarship and service continues to impact in Hawaii today.

The commitment to excellence and service by Lambda Chi Omega Chapter's founders is deeply rooted in the legacy of charter members Annie Briscoe, Sharon Brown, Dale Buffalo, Bessie Crawford, Ella Edwards, Geraldine Hale, Barbara Hayman, Dorothy Henry, Barbara Jones, Sandi (Lakin) Sumbry, Lorene McLaurin, Georgette Moon, Ada Morgan, Virginia Payton, Lorna Peck, Donna Poindexter, Jane Sayles, Marjorie Singer, Edith Smith and Dannis Thompson.

Through their unwavering commitment to education, health, economic empowerment and social justice, the chapter's members have made an important difference in the lives of Hawaii's residents. In addition, their contribution to the community serves as a testament to the power of collective action and the positive impact that can be achieved when people come together for a common cause.

Additionally, we must pay tribute to Bettye Jo Harris, one of the chapter's pioneers and long-time community activist who has been a leading figure in the fight for civil rights and equality in Hawaii. Through her tireless work on behalf of all minorities, the underserved and the needy, she has spearheaded civil rights advances in Hawaii, and her contributions are worth commending here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Today, I formally recognize the outstanding service and dedication of the members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Lambda Chi Omega Chapter. Let us all commend them for their tireless efforts and selfless commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others, and let us all wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN ADAN
"CHERRY" COVARRUBIAS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Adan "Cherry" Covarrubias, the Commodore for Commander, Joint Strike Fighter Wing, at Naval Air Station Lemoore, on the occasion of his Change of Command and retirement. CAPT Covarrubias is a native of Buena Park, California, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in History from the United States Naval Academy in 1998. Two years later, in December 2000, he earned his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold. Over a Navy career spanning twenty-five years, CAPT Covarrubias has served his country with honor. During his first Fleet tour, he flew the F/A-18C Hornet with VFA-113 the "Stingers" at Naval Air Station Lemoore in California until 2005. During this tour, he deployed on board USS *Abraham Lincoln* with Carrier Air Wing Fourteen from 2002 to 2003, where he com-

pleted a 10-month combat deployment and flew combat missions during Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM, and conducted opening night strikes during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2004 he completed a second deployment onboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74). CAPT Covarrubias completed several operational assignments, serving with VFA-125 the "Rough Raiders" in 2005 as an F/A-18 flight instructor; Carrier Air Wing Nine in 2007 as CAG landing signals officer and Assistant Operations Officer aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74); and VFA-146 the "Blue Diamonds" in 2009 aboard USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN-76). CAPT Covarrubias completed an assignment to the Joint Staff, J3 at the Pentagon where he served in the National Military Command Center from 2011 to 2013. He later was assigned to Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee where he managed all naval aviation manpower resourcing for commanders and below. CAPT Covarrubias commanded several strike fighter squadrons during his time in service. From 2014 to 2016, CAPT Covarrubias served as the executive officer and commanding officer of VFA-146 the "Blue Diamonds". During this tour he led the squadron to a successful transition from Legacy Hornets to Super Hornets, earning the coveted Carrier Air Wing Eleven Golden Wrench award, a top honor on the flight line. In 2018 he was assigned to Eglin Air Force Base to serve as the commanding officer of VFA-101 the "Grim Reapers" and led the deactivation efforts of the Navy's first F-35C Fleet Replacement Squadron. In 2019 CAPT Covarrubias returned to NAS Lemoore to take command of the Navy's F-35C Joint Strike Fighter training command, VFA-125 the "Rough Raiders". In 2020, CAPT Covarrubias was named Commodore of the Joint Strike Fighter Wing at NAS Lemoore, in command of all U.S. Navy F-35C squadrons. Under his leadership, a new \$100 million state-of-the-art aircraft hangar was opened in 2021 to house VFA-97 and VFA-147, the U.S. Navy's only F-35C fleet squadrons. CAPT Covarrubias also oversaw the U.S. Navy's first-ever forward deployment of the F-35C in 2021 with VFA-147 the "Argonauts" of Carrier Air Wing Two onboard USS *Carl Vinson*. CAPT Covarrubias earned several personal awards during his service including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Medals (one with a combat "V"), four Navy Commendation Medals (one with a combat "V"), a Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign, service, and unit awards. He has logged over 2,000 flight hours in the F-18 Legacy and Super Hornet as well as the F-35C. Not only is CAPT Covarrubias a highly decorated naval aviator, but he is also a fixture in the community—whether as a volunteer football coach for Sierra Pacific High School or serving on my office's Service Academy Nominations Board. CAPT Covarrubias exemplifies what it means to serve, and his dedication to our country is an inspiration to all Americans. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating and honoring Captain Adan "Cherry" Covarrubias during his Change of Command and for his years of service to our country.