

the university's accounting club and serves on several other university committees. He previously was recognized as the MSSU Outstanding Teacher and was awarded the Regional Teaching Excellence Award from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. His research interests include accounting humor and accounting ethics.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Dr. Huffman's commitment to excellence in teaching. There can be no more noble calling than preparing the next generation of young people for a productive work life.

CONGRATULATING SASHA COLBY  
OF WAIMĀNALO, RUPAUL'S  
DRAG RACE SEASON 15 WINNER

**HON. JILL N. TOKUDA**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hawaii-born Sasha Kekauoha, more famously known as Sasha Colby, on being crowned the winner of "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season 15. I am so proud that a fellow Windward girl, hailing from the homesteads of Waimānalo, has earned the title of America's Next Drag Superstar.

With her historic win, Sasha became the first person of Native Hawaiian ancestry to compete and win the competition, the fourth trans contestant to ever win Drag Race U.S., and the first American Drag Race winner to have also won the annual Miss Continental drag pageant. RuPaul herself even referred to Sasha as, "the kind of talent that comes around once in a generation."

Born and raised in Waimānalo, Hawaii, Sasha is the youngest of seven children and attended Kailua High School. Her drag journey began when she started taking dance classes at a local studio. Having grown up in a very religious household, Sasha spent much of her youth as a closeted trans person, living in constant fear of being found out. However, dance gave her the opportunity to be herself and meet and be with others that identified as LGBTQ+.

Through that dance studio, Sasha met her drag mom and made friends who would become her second family. Together, they showed her what life could be like living as a trans woman and helped introduce Sasha to the drag performance scene.

Sasha, a seasoned drag legend with 20 years of experience, had one of the most accomplished runs on RuPaul's Drag Race. She showed an undeniable confidence in her approach to nearly every challenge. Sasha came into the finale with the strongest track record of any of her competitors—along with never landing in the bottom in any of the show's challenges, she also racked up four challenge wins over the course of the season, more than any other queen on the show.

From the very start of the 15-week-long competition, Sasha put her vulnerabilities front and center for the world to see, often drawing upon her Native Hawaiian and Irish heritage and childhood trauma as sources of inspiration for her performances.

Throughout Drag Race, she authentically represented her Hawaiian culture both in her looks and interviews, talking about the legacy

she's building for her home state and about being māhū. Māhū are "third gender" individuals who fulfill spiritual and social roles in traditional Hawaiian culture. Centuries ago, four large stones were placed on Waikīkī Beach to honor four māhū, "extraordinary individuals of both male and female spirit," who brought their healing powers to O'ahu from Tahiti. Today, trans people are still among the most revered members in the Hawaiian community.

Sasha also used her platform to share with the nation and the rest of the world the stories of Hawaii, Polynesian culture, and the trans experience in America. For example, on the show, she introduced audiences to the history of Honolulu nightclubs like The Glades Nightclub in the 1950s and 1960s. The Glades would get raided weekly by police and for "misrepresenting" themselves as female drag queens and trans women would have to wear a button that read, "I'm a Boy," or face the possibility of being arrested and paying a hefty fine.

Seventy years later, we are seeing increasing attacks on LGBTQ+ rights that particularly target trans people and drag queens including state laws banning drag queen performances and gender affirming care. In her own words, Sasha says, "I am literally the living embodiment of what they [state legislators] want to eradicate." But these anti-trans attacks have not deterred Sasha at all. She said it best during the Drag Race finale: "This goes to every trans person, past, present and future," she said. "Because we are not going anywhere." Sasha's win is not only well deserved; it gives us hope.

I look forward to all that Sasha will accomplish as a leader, a proud māhū, and an activist, and I know that she will continue to serve as a beacon of light and hope to so many people across the country and around the world who are afraid or unable to be fully themselves.

Congratulations to Sasha Colby. She is truly every drag queen's favorite drag queen.

HONORING ENSIGN STEPHEN  
DICKMANN

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Naval Officer Stephen Dickmann of Greeneville, Tennessee for his distinguished service during the Vietnam War, from May 1965 to August 1967.

Ensign Dickmann served as Supply and Disbursing Officer and General Quarters Cryptography Officer aboard USS *Richard B. Anderson*, named after Medal of Honor recipient USMC PFC Richard B. Anderson. Anderson was deployed in the area of the Mekong Delta and the waters off the coast of Vietnam, the South China Sea, the Gulf of Siam, and the Gulf of Tonkin. Anderson engaged in search and rescue and surveillance operations and shore bombardment in support of ground troops.

Ensign Dickmann's Supply Department was responsible for maintaining the inventory of repair parts, as well as paying and feeding the crew, the ship's laundry, the ship's store, and the ship's barber shop until he was medically

discharged. It was subsequently determined he had been exposed to Agent Orange.

RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE NA-  
TIONAL CENTER FOR THE AD-  
VANCEMENT OF AVIATION ACT  
OF 2023

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleague, Rep. STAUBER, in re-introducing the bipartisan and bicameral National Center for the Advancement of Aviation Act of 2023. Our Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation has worked for years to make American skies the safest in the world, and to strengthen the industry workforce to maintain the highest standards of aviation excellence.

Our legislation, the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation (NCAA) will support and promote collaboration among civil, commercial, and military aviation sectors to address the demands and challenges associated with ensuring a safe and vibrant national aviation system through research, education, and training. This will also contribute to the economic growth of \$4.7 billion in the aviation industry as noted by the International Air Transport Association (IATA, 2022). According to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the global economic impact could be impacted either directly or indirectly. This suggests that the NCAA Act would increase opportunities in the job market impacting the economy positively. Furthermore, the National Center for Advancement in Aviation could support the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Flight Plan 21 through optimizing training opportunities to provide the aviation industry a pool of diverse and qualified professionals from varied backgrounds.

Too often in the past, innovation and lessons learned from various aviation sectors have not been shared in a collaborative or timely manner, especially with rapid developments in new technology. Our bill helps break down silos across commercial aviation, general aviation, and military aviation sectors. This will not only improve safety and best practices, but also expand opportunities for those interested in the aviation workforce—for the young and not so young, from those just starting out, to those with experience who want to move into other fields within aviation.

The NCAA Act focuses on four key areas with an emphasis on aviation workforce development. First, it will support education efforts and provide resources to curriculum developers so educators at all levels have the tools and training to educate the next generation of aviation professionals.

Second, the National Center for Advancement in Aviation will provide a forum to leverage and share expertise across industry sectors, including the dissemination of existing high school education curriculum to develop and deploy a workforce of pilots, aerospace engineers, unmanned aircraft system operators, aviation maintenance technicians, or other aviation maintenance professionals needed in the coming decades.

Third, it will serve as a central repository for economic and safety data research and analysis allowing a comprehensive perspective of

industry information that would improve safety for all stakeholders.

Finally, it will support symposiums and conferences to facilitate collaboration across the industry and develop future advancements for the aviation and aerospace community.

This legislation also allows the FAA to focus on safety, certification, and air traffic operations. Diversity

Our aviation and aerospace industry supports over 10 million jobs and contributes more than \$1.2 trillion per year to the national economy. More than 130 organizations including schools, airports, airlines, manufacturers, unions, and other entities involved in aviation and aerospace have expressed strong support for this legislation. The list of organizations supporting this legislation is provided below.

AAR Corp, ACI Jet, Aeronautical Repair Station Association, Aerospace Center of Excellence, Aerospace Industries Association, Aerospace Maintenance Council, Air Care Alliance, Air Line Pilots Association, International Air Medical Operators Association, Air Wisconsin Airlines, Airbus, Aircraft Electronics Association, Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Airlines for America, Alabama General Aviation Alliance, Alaska Airlines, Alaska Airmen Association, Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation, Allegiant Airlines.

Alliance for Aviation Across America, Allied Pilots Association, American Airlines, American Bonanza Society, American Yankee Association, Arizona Airports Association, Arizona Flight Training Working Group, Arizona Pilots Association, Arizona Safety Advisory Group, Arkansas General Aviation Association, Armed Forces Aero Club, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Association of California Airports, Atlas Air Worldwide, Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, Aviation Spectrum Resources, Inc., Aviation Technician Education Council, California Pilots Association, Cape Air, Cargo Airline Association.

Cessna Flyer Association, Choose Aerospace, Inc., Citation Jet Pilots, Inc., Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations, Colorado Aviation Business Association, Commemorative Air Force, Community and Airport Partnership for Safe Operations, CommutAir, Compass Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Delta State University.

EAA Type Club Coalition, EAA Warbirds of America, East Central Ohio Pilots Association, East Hampton Aviation Association, Empire Airlines, Endeavor Air, Envoy Air, EVAC, the Emergency Volunteers Air Corps, Experimental Aircraft Association, ExpressJet Airlines, FAST, FedEx Express, Flight School Association of North America, Flying Knights Flying Club, Flying Physicians Association, Friends of Linden Airport, Frontier Airlines, Fullerton Airport Pilots Association, General Aviation Council of Hawaii, General Aviation Manufacturers Association.

Glasair Aircraft Owners Association, GoJet Airlines, Grumman Owners & Pilots Association, HAECO Americas, Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, Hawaiian Airlines, Helicopter Association International, Horizon Air, International Air Transport Association, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Council of Air Shows, Inc., International Council of Airshows Foundation, Iowa Aviation Association, JetBlue Airways, Kentucky Aviation Association, Kimmel Aviation Insurance, L3Harris Technologies, Ladd Gardner Aviation Insurance, Inc., Lancair Owners and Builders Organization, Lewis University Airport.

LIFT Academy, Long Island Business Aviation Association, Los Alamos Airport, Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, Maine Aeronautics Association, Maine Aviation Business Association, Massachusetts Airport Management Association, Michigan Business Aviation Association, Mid-Atlantic Aviation Coalition, Minnesota Pilots Association, Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association, Mississippi Agricultural Association, Montana Pilots Association, Mooney Summit, Inc., National Agricultural Aviation Association, National Air Carrier Association, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, National Air Transportation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, National Business Aviation Association.

National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education, NetJets, NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots, New Hampshire Pilots Association, New Jersey Aviation Association, New Mexico Airport Manager's Association, New York Aviation Management Association, North American Trainer Association, Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, Oklahoma Airport Operators Association, Oklahoma Pilots Association, Oregon Pilots Association, Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, Palo Alto Airport Association, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, Pearl River Community College, Pennsylvania Drone Association, Petaluma Area Pilots Association, Piedmont Airlines.

Piper Flyer Association, Plane and Pilot News, Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, PSA Airlines, Pure White Smoke Oil, Inc., Recreational Aviation Foundation, Redlands Airport Association, Red Star Pilots Association, Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association, Regional Airline Association, Republic Airways, Rhode Island Pilots Association, San Carlos Pilots Association, San Diego Christian College, Scottsdale Flying Club, Seaplane Pilots Association, Skill Aviation Services, LLC, Sopwith Flying Club, South Carolina Aviation Association, South Dakota Pilots Association.

Southwest Airlines, Southwest Airlines Pilots Association, Spirit Airlines, StandardAero, Start Skydiving, Inc., ST Engineering North America, Stennis International Airport, STS Aviation Group, Sturdivant Brothers Flying Service, Sun Country Airlines, T-34 Mentor Association, The Boeing Company, The Museum of Flight, Seattle, Washington, Tradewind Aviation, Trans States Airlines, Triumph Airborne Structures, Tyonek Services Group, Inc., U.S. Contract Tower Association, U.S. Parachute Association.

United Airlines, UPS, Vertical Flight Society, Veterans Airlift Command, Virginia Aviation Business Association, Washington Pilots Association, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association, Women in Aviation International, Wencor Group, Western Aero Club, Zerowait, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will address the demands and challenges our aviation and aerospace industry face today and tomorrow. I strongly encourage my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation Act of 2023.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILLY" SAPA

**HON. RYAN K. ZINKE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, the community of Columbia Falls, Montana suffered a great loss

recently with the passing of William "Billy" Sapa.

Billy was the kind of guy every small town needs. He was the owner and operator of the Blue Moon Nite Club—a local restaurant and watering hole previously owned by his parents. He was the dedicated head coach of the Columbia Falls High School Wildcats baseball team, operated his multi-generational family farm, host of the summer rodeo series, and I am proud to say he was my friend.

While Billy is known for his sense of humor and loyalty to his people, he wasn't known as one to brag, which is why it came as a surprise to many in the Flathead Valley that Billy was signed by the New York Yankees after college. He was in his first year as a pitcher and the world was his oyster. He could have done anything, a hardworking kid from a small Montana timber and manufacturing town. It was a tragic twist of fate that brought Billy back to the valley to take care of his family and led him to a life of building our little community.

Billy was a proud patriot, a loving father, and a staple in the Columbia Falls community. He loved the community of Columbia Falls and will be dearly missed. I thank Billy and the entire Sapa family for all they've done to make the Flathead Valley a great place to call home.

Rest easy brother.

#### HONORING COLONEL ROGER H. DOUGHERTY

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Colonel Roger H. Dougherty of Kingsport, Tennessee for his service in the United States Marine Corps from August 1966 to July 1999. In 1966 he entered the Corps through the Platoon Leaders Class program while attending Olivet College in Michigan. Three years later, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant; after basic training and Army Flight School he joined a USMC CH-46 flight crew where he flew with HMM-164 in Vietnam until October of 1972.

The composite squadron was the Aviation Combat Element (ACE) of the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit; during his service, his unit provided assault support for combat operations for the South Vietnamese Marines following the Easter Offensive against the invading North Vietnamese Army in and around Quang Tri. He was a part of the recapture of the Citadel in Quang Tri where all aircraft received a wall of small arms fire. For his insertion into and out of a hot landing zone he was awarded an Air Medal (AM) for individual action and two Strike-Flight Air Medals.

Following his combat tour in Vietnam he remained on active duty and became the Commanding Officer (CO) of his combat squadron from 1984 through 1986. In addition to his Vietnam awards and for his extreme bravery in the air, he earned two Legion of Merit medals, Meritorious Service medal, Defense Meritorious Service medal, and various other unit and deployment medals.