

of Servicemen at the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ryan has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Receiving his education from Columbia College and Liberty University, 1SG Dubuque's service has made him a respected leader among Michiganders. In addition to his time with Army Recruiting, 1SG Dubuque also served multiple tours in Iraq. Choosing to defend our Nation's values both at home and abroad, 1SG Dubuque has continually shown his desire to lead those around him. His years of service in our Nation's military, both in recruitment and in deployment roles, has had a lasting effect on the community and his absence from our Armed Services will be felt across the state of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize First Sergeant Ryan Dubuque for his 21 years of service in the U.S. Army. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to 1SG Dubuque and wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING DENISE RUSHING

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denise Rushing, whom I have named the 2023 Climate Crisis Champion for Lake County because of the important work she has done to address the threat and impacts of climate change on California's 4th Congressional District.

Ms. Rushing has prioritized energy, environmental, and climate issues throughout her career. Her degree in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University informed the environmental work she has done with private firms and business start-ups. Her executive experience includes her flagship work as Director of Energy Efficiency for PG&E, where she pushed the market to adopt networked meter data for more efficient energy readings.

As a public servant, Ms. Rushing implemented her ecologically inspired approach to community and cultural transformation with incredible success. Over her two terms representing the Lake County's Third District on the Board of Supervisors, she championed two of the largest public solar energy installations in the western United States. Ms. Rushing also initiated the formation of key wildfire safety plans, new wildlife preservation sites, and two county-wide working groups on Energy Sustainability and Food Security. Her leadership has paved the way for Lake County to be awarded two state-wide honors for renewable energy and cultural projects: the Green California Energy Innovator of the Year Award and the Green California Leadership Culture Award.

Since her tenure in public office, Ms. Rushing has continued to find ways to dedicate herself to environmental advocacy in our community. She served multiple terms on the Sierra Club Lake Group Executive Committee, most recently as the committee chair from 2018 to 2021. Ms. Rushing is also the co-founder of Rockhaven Ecozoic Center, an

eco-spiritual nonprofit. Additionally, she volunteers as part of the Pachamama Alliance's Awakening the Dreamer and Climate Advocacy programs. She even offers her expertise to others in permaculture design certificate programs and regenerative land management courses for educators. She also provides free renewable energy education curriculum for the residents of Lake County.

Mr. Speaker, Denise Rushing is a dedicated leader in energy and environmental advocacy. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Lake County's 2023 Climate Crisis Champion.

CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF HINSDALE ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Hinsdale, Illinois. A place that has been a pillar of Cook and DuPage counties for nearly two centuries.

Hinsdaleans have long played an important role in shaping the community. It was thanks to Hinsdaleans that the village undertook numerous civic improvements that were ahead of their time. In the 1890s civic projects such as a water pumping station, a sewage system, electric street lights, street paving, and sidewalks contributed to the village's appeal.

I am honored to represent the Village of Hinsdale and thousands of Hinsdaleans in Congress.

Happy Sesquicentennial, Hinsdale. Here's to the next 150 years.

HONORING MRS. ANGIE WOMBLE RAWLS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES AT PEARL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Angie Womble Rawls on the occasion of her retirement as Director of Choral Activities at Pearl High School.

Mrs. Rawls has dedicated her 30-year professional career in the Pearl Public School District to cultivating excellence in education through her role in the fine arts. Not only has she taught her students how to read music and stay on key, but she has also helped build leaders through guidance, encouragement, and persistence. Mrs. Rawls has provided her students with exciting opportunities and has given them lasting joy in music.

Mrs. Rawls has been recognized by her peers as a phenomenal pianist, an award-winning choral director, and a respected clinician and adjudicator. Her choirs regularly receive all-superior ratings, and she has played an in-

tegral role in building a legacy of success in the Pearl Schools choral activities program. Mrs. Rawls received the Ernestine Ferrell Award, the highest honor for a choral director in Mississippi, in 2018, the Heart of the Arts Award for the State of Mississippi in 2019, and the Mississippi Music Educators Association Outstanding Music Educator of the Year Award in 2020. Mrs. Rawls was named 2022–2023 Teacher of the Year for the Pearl Public School District in recognition of her dedication to her students and for her substantial role in the success of the district overall.

I thank Mrs. Rawls for her dedication to Mississippi's future leaders and for her success in bringing the joy of music to so many in our state. May the Lord continue to bless her and keep her.

HONORING NADINE ELMGREN ON HER RETIREMENT AND 42 YEARS OF SERVICE IN MONTESSORI EDUCATION

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Nadine Elmgren for 42 years of service as a Montessori Educator. Of her 42 years in Montessori Education, Nadine spent 35 years in The Children's House, acting as the Young Children's Community Guide, Primary Classroom Guide, Teacher Mentor, and Elementary Classroom Guide. Her undeniable drive to support her students and the community is applaudable, and she has had an immense impact on the lives of those she has worked with throughout her extensive career.

Upon graduating from Marylhurst College with a bachelor's degree in education, Nadine began her certification process for Montessori Education. She has continually strived to be an example for her students, as well as a reliable and trustworthy influence during their formative and perhaps most important years in school. Nadine has demonstrated what it truly means to be an exemplary educator, contributing to the academic and social growth of countless children throughout her time in Montessori Education.

Prioritizing the success and wellbeing of her students, Nadine has personally sacrificed much in her endeavor to change her students' lives for the better and to prepare them for their bright futures. It is a loss for the region that Michigan's First District will be without Nadine when school starts next fall, but her retirement is the culmination of years of hard work and an unwavering dedication to putting her students above herself. She deserves our gratitude for her tireless efforts to help those around her and the community in its entirety.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Nadine Elmgren for her decades of service to the Montessori Education system, including 35 years at The Children's House. She has led by example for her career and has been truly cherished by her coworkers and students alike. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Nadine and her family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING KATIE JACKSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katie Jackson, whom I have named the 2023 Climate Crisis Champion for Sonoma County because of the important work she has done to address the threat and impacts of climate change on California's 4th Congressional District.

Ms. Jackson was born in San Francisco, California and attended Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

Ms. Jackson is an exemplary leader in the fight against greenhouse gas emissions. In 2016, she spearheaded an effort at Jackson Family Wines to become the largest onsite solar energy generating winery in the United States. Ms. Jackson also led the development and implementation of the company's Rooted for Good: Roadmap to 2030. This sustainability and climate action plan will transition Jackson Family Wines to completely regenerative farming practices and halve the company's carbon footprint over the next decade. Moreover, the plan will put her family's business on the path to becoming carbon-net-negative by 2050.

Ms. Jackson is committed to expanding sustainable practices not just in her business but in the entire wine community. She has been a leader in pushing for reforms in the international wine community that promote environmental stewardship. For example, as a co-founder of International Wineries for Climate Action, she works to mobilize wineries around the world to commit to fifty-percent absolute carbon reductions by 2030 and being carbon-net-negative by 2050. International Wineries for Climate Action was the first wine or agriculture organization to become a member of the United Nation's Race to Zero Campaign.

In addition to her work on reducing emissions, Ms. Jackson has done exceptional work on conservation. She has secured many Safe Harbor Agreements through her company to conserve habitats for endangered species including the California tiger salamander and the coho salmon. Moreover, she supported the reintroduction of thirty thousand coho salmon eggs into Yellowjacket Creek to support salmon population growth in the Russian River. Ms. Jackson has also led Jackson Family Wines to partner with the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians to undertake a major groundwater recharge project in the Alexander Valley.

Mr. Speaker, Katie Jackson is an exemplary leader in sustainable viticulture and endangered species conservation. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Sonoma County's 2023 Climate Crisis Champion.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDREA
LEVY GOLDMAN**HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of my friend, An-

drea Levy Goldman, who sadly passed away on December 10, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones.

Andrea was born on March 27, 1985, to Mark Levy and Jo Ann McClosky Levy. She was the granddaughter of Donald and Judy McClosky, and Richard and Beatrice Levy. She was the middle sister to Brian and Evan. She was the twin flame to her husband, Adam Goldman, and a loving mother to Bryce. She was also a proud aunt to her nieces and nephews Mason, Decker, Sunday, Layla, and Henry.

After graduating from Pine Crest School in 2003, Andrea earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Florida and a Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling from Nova Southeastern University.

Andrea was a proud third-generation Floridian who loved spending time with her family, traveling, hiking, going to the beach, volunteering with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and supporting the Florida Gators and Miami Dolphins.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering the life of Andrea Levy Goldman. May her memory be a blessing to her family, friends, and those whose lives she has touched.

HONORING VIETNAM ERA
VETERAN JOHN STEWART**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent and Vietnam era veteran John Stewart of Telford, Tennessee who served in the United States Army from 1967 through 1970. He was stationed in Korea, as well as Vietnam, where he served as a heavy equipment operator.

Stewart was first stationed in South Korea working on clearing roads in the winter for convoys near the Joint Security Area. While working there he witnessed the famous POW exchange of the Navy soldiers who were captured by North Korea on the USS *Pueblo*. In October of 1969, he was deployed to South Vietnam where he transported construction machinery.

After finishing his tour in Vietnam, he safely returned to his home in the United States in late 1970.

HONORING LIEUTENANT BRIAN
GIDDIS FOR OVER 25 YEARS OF
SERVICE IN THE GRAND TRA-
VERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OF-
FICE**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Lieutenant Brian Giddis for over 25 years of service in the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office. Throughout his time working in the department, Brian has displayed professionalism and respect for law and order while working to protect his community and its citizens.

Upon graduating from Montague High School in 1987, Brian pursued higher education at Delta College. After ranking 3rd in his class for Basic Police Academy Training at the college, Brian served as a part-time patrolman at the Hart and Montague Police Departments until becoming a deputy of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office in 1997. Committed to his work, he has had a lasting impact on the local community and the department.

Deserving of unwavering respect and recognition, Lieutenant Brian Giddis' decorated career underscores his faithful commitment to the people of Grand Traverse County and epitomizes the ideal police officer. Grand Traverse County, and all of Michigan's First District, owe Brian our praise and gratitude for his time and devotion to his county over the past 25 years as a public servant.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Lieutenant Brian Giddis for his decades of service to the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office. His continued commitment to and sacrifice for our communities is something we must not take for granted. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Brian and his family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING TYRONE LOGAN,
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRA-
TION'S 2023 SMALL BUSINESS
PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR THE
VIRGINIA DISTRICT OFFICE**HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tyrone Logan, the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2023 Small Business Person of the Year for the Virginia District Office.

Over the last 40 years, America's strongest economic growth has been driven by small businesses and their employees. Currently, small businesses employ half of our country's workers. Entrepreneurs like Mr. Logan are an example of the American Dream, and today we celebrate his hard work and innovation.

Mr. Logan has an unwavering record of serving our Commonwealth and our country. He started his military career with the U.S. Marine Corps and later transitioned to the U.S. Navy, where he took part in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. During his time with the armed forces, he served as a Master Explosive Ordinance Disposal Technician and supported Special Operations Forces and Ground Combat Elements.

In 2010, Mr. Logan co-founded Obsidian Solutions Group, a company focused on America's homeland security, private sector security, and overall national security. Today, he serves as Obsidian Solutions Group's CEO, where he leads a team that focuses on integrating innovation and technology. Obsidian Solutions Group is an adaptive and flexible organization that emphasizes service and remains focused on putting mission first—working directly with our defense and intelligence communities to keep our communities safe. That's why Virginia's Seventh District is proud to be the home of OSG facilities, showrooms, and—most of all—its dedicated employees.