

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

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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

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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

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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 Sheriffs 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

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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.

Mr. Logan's leadership is clear. In 2019, OSG was recognized as one of the 50 Fastest Growing Companies in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area. Additionally, Obsidian Solutions Group was listed as one of the most successful businesses on the INC 5000 list. And in 2020, Mr. Logan was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce. Today, we celebrate another achievement of many more to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tyrone Logan, the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2023 Small Business Person of the Year for the Virginia District Office.

HONORING SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL GELLER UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Senior Airman Michael Geller of the 3rd Wing for earning the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, Senior Airman Michael Geller joined the servicemembers of the 349th Air Mobility Wing in meeting a challenge of colossal scale, when they helped execute the draw-down of forces from Afghanistan. Senior Airman Michael Geller and the 349th Air Mobility Wing played a critical role in the largest non-combatant evacuation operation in history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. They directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated in the United States Air Force.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed during Operation Allies Refuge. These valiant servicemembers, like Senior Airman Michael Geller, put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many and epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Senior Airman Michael Geller of the 3rd Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

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Ms. Jackson was born in San Francisco, California and attended Scripps College in Claremont, California where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Ms. Jackson's work is fundamental to our state and nation's progress in implementing clean energy solutions. She sits on the California Department of Food and Agriculture State Board, where her expertise on sustainable farming plays a critical role in developing new agriculture policy. Ms. Jackson also founded the philanthropic organization Grounded, which funds clean energy projects, develops nature-based approaches to lowering atmospheric carbon levels, and provides legal advances on indigenous and environmental rights.

Additionally, in partnership with the Department of Energy, she launched the Clean Energy Freedom campaign to create a workforce pipeline to fill 900,000 new clean energy jobs. This effort was an instrumental component of President Biden's executive order invoking the Defense Production Act to accelerate our nation's production of key clean energy technologies.

Ms. Jackson has also responded to the climate crisis with international action. As a co-founder of the Keystone Species Alliance, she partnered with government officials in Mexico to introduce legislation protecting keystone species such as bees, mangrove trees, and salmon. In further collaboration with the Mexican government, Ms. Jackson created a coalition of nations who committed to protect biodiversity to lower the amount of carbon in our atmosphere.

Ms. Jackson sits on the board of many environmental organizations whose missions include exposing criminals committing offenses against wildlife, educating the public on Arctic and ocean protections, and generating innovative green policies that will advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Finally, as Chair of US Allies to Stop Ecocide, she endeavors to make the systemic, severe destruction of our natural environment a crime against peace at the International Criminal Court.

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

HONORING SSGT. JAMES "REX" SHOUN

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent SSGT. James "Rex" Shoun. It was my honor to pin Staff Sergeant James "Rex" Shoun for his service to the U.S. Air Force.

SSGT. Shoun of Elizabethton, Tennessee enlisted in basic training which took him from Lackland, TX to Lowery, CO, and onward to Thailand as a member of the 635th Munition Maintenance Squadron.

He returned to the U.S. to receive additional training as security police and deployed to Texas, Okinawa, and Guam where he was responsible for guarding B52 strategic bomber aircraft and their munitions.

HONORING WAYNE SCHMIDT AND HIS 14 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Senator Wayne Schmidt for his 14 years of service in Michigan's State Legislature. As a State Representative and Senator, Wayne's work had an immeasurable impact on the people of Northern Michigan, and his commitment to his community cannot be overstated.

After graduating from Traverse City Central High School and the University of Chicago, Senator Schmidt began his distinguished career in the Grand Traverse region, where he served for five terms on the Traverse County Board of Commissioners. In 2008 he was elected to the State House of Representatives, where he served for three consecutive terms before being elected as the State Senator representing the 37th District. His many legislative accomplishments during his time in office included streamlining government regulations, promoting job creation, and helping turn a \$1.5 billion state government deficit into a \$500 million surplus. Outside of his work in public office, Senator Schmidt has given his time to many local community organizations, including the Boardman Neighborhood Association, the Traverse City Kiwanis Club, the Economic Club of Traverse, the National Cherry Festival, the Downtown Traverse City Association, Grand Traverse Area Right to Life Association, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Wayne Schmidt for his lifetime of service to Grand Traverse County and his 14 years in Michigan's State Legislature. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Senator Schmidt and wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT KURT BROWNING

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Pasco County Schools Superintendent Kurt Browning, who was recently named Superintendent of the Year by Magnet Schools of America. This is a tremendous accomplishment and exemplifies Mr. Browning's tireless work to expand school choice in Pasco County. Since being elected Superintendent in 2012, he has worked to provide quality learning experiences for all students. Superintendent Browning's team has facilitated the opening of 26 new magnet schools and other rigorous programs aligned to fields of study based on community need