

which led her to pursue her American dream, arriving in the United States in 2001.

In one year, Huong earned \$42,000 from her job and was able to buy a house and car for her family. She then became the owner of a nail salon and met her husband, Nick. Together they operate King Kong Restaurant and have three daughters and a son.

Huong is very passionate about helping others and volunteering is a personal mission for her. She is currently helping six families who are facing difficult circumstances, including a 107 year old woman who needed assistance with money and medicine. Huong said she feels blessed by God with good health and a kind heart and is grateful to America for giving her the opportunity to live her dream.

Born in North Korea in 1938, Sung Jo and his family fled to South Korea in 1946 to join his father, who had fled a year earlier after facing arrest from Communist police. His father's crime? Giving a speech celebrating the liberation from 35 years of Japanese rule—something we call freedom of speech.

At 21 years old, Sung Jo was drafted by the Korean Army and served for 18 months. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in English Literature in 1963. He started working for the Holt Adoption Program in Seoul and went to the United States in 1967 and was responsible for bringing orphaned Korean children to their adoptive parents. His family joined him in July 1969, and he became a U.S. citizen in 1974.

Sung Jo started working at Nebraska Machine Production in 1972 and served as Chair of the Korean Association of Nebraska from 1995 to 1996, and as a member of the Board of Directors in 1997. In 2002, he volunteered as an interpreter at the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan in South Korea and from 2003 to 2014 he served as the Chair of the Omaha Korean American Senior Group.

In 2005 he became a Lifelong member of the National Korean War Veterans Association and received a citation in 2007 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for his services to the Korean American community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Korean War Veterans Association.

Sung Jo wanted to continue to serve as a liaison between the Korean War Veterans Association and Korean American community, so he donated face masks for Korean War veterans who could not leave their homes during the COVID pandemic.

I salute and thank each of these six honorees for their service and dedication to not only Asian Pacific communities and the Second District of Nebraska, but to America.

HONORING VALERIA CANTOR
MÉNDEZ

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 Valeria Cantor Méndez, whom I have named the 2023 Climate Crisis Champion for Yolo 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. Méndez was born in Caracas, Venezuela and attended her first two years of high

school at Mount View School in San Jose, Costa Rica. Before her senior year, she moved to Rocklin, California where she completed her final year of high school.

Ms. Méndez has prioritized environmental justice and Indigenous sovereignty throughout her academic career. She studies at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) and is working towards a bachelor's degree with a major in Community and Regional Development and a minor in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning. Ms. Méndez utilizes her personal experiences as a student along with her strong interest in environmental justice to raise awareness and generate support for climate action in the UC Davis community.

As the campaign vice-chair for Students Enacting Environmental Defense, Ms. Méndez advocates for environmental justice as an integral value of the University of California system. Ms. Méndez's dedication to climate response inspires others in the UC Davis community as she invites greater engagement on climate action for everyone from the students to the chancellor. Ms. Méndez explores the connections between environmental justice and Indigenous sovereignty by building strong working relationships between faculty and climate-allied student organizations. She also served as a student research assistant with the UC Davis Center for Regional Change, a project that builds community resiliency through environmental sustainability.

Ms. Méndez has a strong interest in combatting the effects of the climate crisis and educating future generations on issues of environmentalism. In addition to her work at the UC Davis. Ms. Méndez educates high school students through the Youth, Plan, Learn, Act Now program about the historical context of environmental justice emphasizing the contributions of Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color. Ms. Méndez is also the hub co-coordinator for Sunrise Movement Davis, a youth empowerment movement with the goal of stopping climate change.

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

HONORING HM3 RAYMOND
SHOCKLEY

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 Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class (HM3) Raymond Austin Shockley from Morristown, Tennessee for his honorable service in the United States Navy as partner of the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration.

After basic training in 1964, HM3 Shockley's first duty station was at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, now known as Walter Reed Military Medical Center, where he provided front line medical services like that of a nurse. In doing so, he met and equally cared for all his fellow service members, even President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1965 he was transferred to Camp Pendleton in California to further his training as a Marine. Still following a

commitment to serve, he went on to Okinawa, then Vietnam where he aided the wounded and experienced the horrors of war. He returned to San Diego, CA and finished his service on the USS *Sperry* AS 12 named for Elmer Sperry, a Fulton-class submarine tender repair ship. Presently, he continues his lifetime of service as Commander of our local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 59 in Morristown.

Further, HM3 Shockley wishes to personally share, "To all the men and women that were a part of my military life, you all will remain my brothers and sister forever."

Join me in thanking HM3 Shockley and letting him know he truly made a difference.

HONORING MAJOR WARREN
SCHWAB FOR HIS DISTIN-
GUISHED MILITARY SERVICE
AND 102ND BIRTHDAY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize retired aviator Major Warren Schwab for his distinguished military service and for recently celebrating his 102nd birthday. Flying B-24 Liberators during World War II, Warren valiantly took part in over 20 missions during the largest and deadliest global conflict in history. Upon its conclusion in 1945, he continued his military career by serving in both the Korean War and Vietnam. Warren's commitment to the state of Michigan and to the defense of our Nation has been unwavering and serves as an inspiration to many.

Born in 1921, Major Schwab grew up during the Great Depression and enlisted in the military shortly thereafter. Upon entry into our armed forces, Warren demonstrated exemplary tact and bravery in every mission he was part of. Notably, he led the way on June 6, 1944, by conducting morning bomb raids on enemy positions across the Normandy Coast and Munich. His unparalleled gallantry and commitment to his peers is undeniable and worthy of recognition.

Major Warren Schwab is a living testament to all who have sacrificed in service to our country. Surviving one of World War II's most dangerous positions with some of the highest mortality rates of all enlisted personnel in the war, Major Schwab chose to continue his service to our country and his community. His recent 102nd birthday on February 24th prompts all residents of Michigan's First District to cherish and thank those servicemembers who reflect Mr. Schwab's caliber of devotion and sacrifice. We are blessed as a Nation to have Veterans like Major Warren Schwab.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Major Warren Schwab for his service in the U.S. Armed Forces and for his 102nd birthday, celebrated on February 24, 2023. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend our utmost respect and gratitude to Major Schwab for his military service, and our congratulations for his recent birthday. I would also like to extend my best wishes to him and his family in their future endeavors.

HONORING MR. ODED NORKIN

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Oded Norkin, an extraordinary public servant who over the past year has provided extensive humanitarian assistance to the Country of Ukraine. When Russia began its illegal invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Mr. Norkin answered the call and selflessly dedicated his time to sourcing and delivering critical aid to the most vulnerable citizens of Ukraine. For Mr. Norkin, this was personal: his grandparents, Sara and Moshe Norkin, were killed in the streets of Odesa, Ukraine, in 1941, during the Holocaust. Mr. Norkin, who was born in Israel and served in the Israeli Army during the 1973 war before immigrating to the United States in 1978, has become a pillar of the community in Mid-Michigan. A man of action, he immediately looked for ways to help.

Mr. Norkin, alongside the Greater Lansing Jewish Federation and concerned citizens across the State of Michigan and beyond, gathered donations for the people of Ukraine. Separate from his activism, Mr. Norkin serves as the Vice President of Michigan Flyer, a public-transportation bus company. Because of this, he was able to translate his knowledge of the transportation industry into lifesaving help for the people of Ukraine. In the early days of the war, Mr. Norkin, together with a team of volunteers, helped evacuate elderly and infirm citizens of Odesa and Kharkiv to safety. Mr. Norkin and his team also secured five vehicles—four ambulances and one commercial vehicle—and necessary medical supplies and emergency equipment to be sent to Ukraine. The Greater Lansing Jewish Federation raised donations to cover the cost of an ambulance, defibrillators, and additional first aid supplies.

The ambulances were refurbished, supplied with emergency equipment specific to conflict zones, and delivered to cities across Ukraine. Mr. Norkin transferred the first of these ambulances to Odesa in March 2022. Within a month, a second and third ambulance were sent to Dnipro full of supplies to help aid vulnerable citizens. The fourth ambulance was later sent to Kyiv, and a commercial evacuation vehicle was sent to Chernivtsi.

Mr. Norkin has galvanized support for the Ukrainian people across Michigan and beyond. He has partnered with civil society leaders in Israel and Romania who have supported his efforts and connected him with like-minded individuals who assisted in completing these missions.

Mr. Norkin remains an important leader in his local community. Even while traveling abroad to deliver aid, he remains active in the Kehillat Israel Congregation and the Rotary International Service Club. Through these connections, Mr. Norkin continues to recruit, organize, and inspire others to join him in his mission to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Ukraine.

Mr. Oded Norkin continues to carry out this important work. He answers to a higher call to render assistance to those in greatest need, stands as a shining example and inspiration to all for his selfless efforts to provide humani-

tarian assistance to the people of Ukraine, and will forever be remembered.

HONORING THE LAKE COUNTY CAMPUS OF WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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 the Lake County Campus of Woodland Community College in recognition of their 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1972, the college was originally named the Lake County Center of Yuba College and offered academic and career technical courses at the Konocti Harbor Inn in Kelseyville. Two years later, it moved to Clearlake where it began to grow into the 12.7 acre facility it is today. The college was recognized as a center by the California Commission of Post-Secondary Education in 1990 and renamed "Clear Lake Campus" in 2003. It is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The college's most recent expansion came in 2012 when it added a new student services center, library, kitchen, dining room and additional classrooms. In July 2016, the college merged with the Woodland Community College and adopted its current name. Last year, the City of Clearlake announced that it would invest \$55,000 in the Lake County Campus to implement a last dollar scholarship program.

In its 50-year history, the Lake County Campus has developed a reputation as one of California's premiere community colleges, offering acclaimed courses in business, early childhood education, biology, welding, chemical dependency counseling and various other subjects to thousands. It has also helped make college more affordable by offering two years of pre-transfer work for students interested in attending other institutions. The Lake County Campus prioritizes diversity of background and thought, providing interactive classrooms that encourage an open exchange of ideas.

In 2000, the college opened its culinary department which has since grown into one of its most popular programs. Under the leadership of Chef Robert Cabrerros, the department includes the student-run Aroma's Restaurant and offers multiple certificates as well as a partnership with the United States Coast Guard.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Campus of Woodland Community College has been a source of quality education for over half a century and made immeasurable contributions to its community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that it is honored here today.

HONORING SPC. JAMES L. SCHREINER

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 Army Specialist,

5th Class James L. Schreiner of Seymour, Tennessee for his valiant service during the Vietnam War from February 1966 through January 1969.

Specialist Schreiner served 2 tours of duty with the 572nd Transportation Company in Long Binh and Bien Hoa, Vietnam, where he delivered ammunition and supplies directly to the front lines of battle. Following his military service, Specialist Schreiner returned to Chicago to raise his two sons with his wife, Diane, where he joined the Chicago Police Department as a patrolman and later homicide detective.

After 31 years of public service, Specialist Schreiner retired from law enforcement in 2002. He is deeply proud of his 2 sons, who are both colonels serving in the U.S. Army and Space Force, as well as his 6 grandchildren, one of whom is also an Army officer.

HONORING CHARLES NORTHPROP'S MILITARY SERVICE AND RECENT CELEBRATION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize retired aviator Charles Northrop for his distinguished military service and for recently celebrating his 100th birthday. Flying P51s during World War II, Charles Northrop valiantly served our Nation during the largest global conflict in history. He is a longtime resident of Traverse City and has had a profound impact on his community. Northrop's commitment to the state of Michigan and to the defense of our Nation has been unwavering and serves as an inspiration to many.

Joining the armed forces in the early 1940s, Charles was assigned to his unit and began his time in the P51 Mustang shortly thereafter. While flying for the United States, Charles became an indispensable part of our rapidly expanding wartime air wing. Upon the War's conclusion, Charles returned to the United States and started his time at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Established in 1941, Redstone Arsenal acted as a chemical weapons production center and is now one of the Nation's largest defense complexes.

Charles Northrop is a living testament to the sacrifice and fortitude of countless United States servicemen and women. He has dedicated himself to our Nation in service both at home and abroad and is the embodiment of American exceptionalism. His recent birthday on February 13th, on which he turned 100 years of age, is worthy of our recognition and celebration. I wish you a happy birthday, Charles, and thank you for your tireless service to our country and to the residents of Michigan's First District.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Charles Northrop for his service in the U.S. Armed Forces and for his 100th birthday, celebrated on February 13, 2023. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Mr. Northrop for his legacy of service and wish him a happy birthday. I would also like to extend my best wishes to him and his family in their future endeavors.