

TRIBUTE TO JANNA NICHOLS—
CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRES-
SIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Woman of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Janna Nichols of San Luis Obispo, California.

A longtime resident of San Luis Obispo, Janna Nichols, has been a leader and advocate by providing support and resources to some of the most vulnerable in our community. Since 2009, Janna has been the Executive Director of 5Cities Homeless Coalition, a local non-profit, assisting individuals who are homeless or facing homelessness.

Through Janna's leadership and insight, 5Cities Homeless Coalition is working to strengthen community by mobilizing resources and providing support and hope for individuals at risk of being homeless or are already homeless. She not only provides the services that are crucial to assist those in need, but engages her community to fully understand the complexities of homelessness and invites those to get engaged in creating and implementing solutions to reduce it.

When Janna sees a need in the community, she steps up and mobilizes by bringing other agencies together and finds the funds to make projects come to fruition. Janna found the funding and the resources to make the newly opened Cabin Project in Grover Beach a reality. The 20-cabin project contains a bath house, community room and on-site case managers contributing to the success of the project.

Janna is well liked and respected in the 5Cities community in San Luis Obispo County. She has many agencies who consistently show support, donating their time and goods to the project she manages under the 5Cities Homeless Coalition. She has a strong connection to the Central Coast, and a proven track-record of community involvement through her partnerships with local restaurants, the Arroyo Grande Community Hospital, and other non-profit, state, and local agencies.

Janna has inspired change and empowered others by enabling her staff to know their clients and understand the situations that bring them to the 5Cities Homeless Coalition. Janna has created a safe place for people who are vulnerable in our community, developing a welcoming space to come and find the support they need.

I am honored to recognize Janna for her continued commitment to provide services and resources to individuals and families on the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Janna Nichols, for her incredible service to her community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOHN
REED

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of John Reed, a history teacher, civil rights activist, and cherished member of the Cape Cod community.

The third of five children, John was born on September 28, 1950, to parents George and Rachel Reed. John was raised in Dorchester, Massachusetts. It was in this same the neighborhood where John first met his wife, Karen, in junior high. The two attended Dorchester High School together and had their first date at their junior year prom.

After graduating from Dorchester High School in 1968, John attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he received both his bachelor's and master's in history and education. Tutoring his classmates and peers all throughout school, John always had a passion for mentoring and helping others from a young age. John continued this passion as a teacher at Barnstable High School in 1973, where he taught history for 35 years. During his time at Barnstable High School, John served as a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the National Education Association, as well as a member and the President of the Barnstable Teachers Association.

John constantly strove to support and better the lives of his students, especially his students of color. In 1993, John took on the role of Barnstable High School's attendance and equity officer. John also started the Imani Club, which celebrates and advocates for students of color at Barnstable High School. The club's name comes from the Swahili word for faith and belief. John's commitment to improving equity and diversity in schools did not go unnoticed, John was awarded the Human and Civil Rights Award from the Massachusetts Teachers Association in 1993 and the H. Council Trenholm Memorial Award from the National Education Association in 2008.

John's efforts to further human and equal rights were not just limited to the classroom. John served as the President of the Cape Cod chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for 17 years from 1991 until 2008. Additionally, he founded the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission in 2005, as well as the Barnstable County Human Rights Academy for students across Cape Cod. John was also a co-founder of the Zion Union Heritage Museum in Hyannis, which celebrates the African American and Cape Verdean population on Cape Cod.

Sadly, John left us too soon on February 10, 2023, at the age of 72. A celebration of life is being held on April 29, 2023, to celebrate and reflect on the lasting impact John has left on the lives of his students and so many others across Cape Cod. Whether during his time at Barnstable High School, his years as the Cape Cod NAACP President, or his work with the Zion Union Heritage Museum, John's dedication to advancing civil rights and giving a voice to marginalized communities serves as an example to all.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of John Reed and ask that my colleagues join

me in recognizing his lifetime commitment to supporting and advocating for those in his community.

HONORING CLINTON MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYM-
PIAD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the Clinton High School and Clinton Middle School Olympiad teams for both bringing home the state championship in Charleston this month and qualifying for the National Science Olympiad Tournament in Kansas this May.

The Science Olympiad was founded in 1984 as the premier team STEM competition in the nation and provides standards-based challenges to 6,000 teams at 425 tournaments in all 50 states. Winning the State Olympiad is a tremendous accomplishment alone, but the fact that Clinton has a history of excellence in the Science Olympiad is even more impressive.

Clinton has been involved in the Olympiad since 1986, and I am proud of Clinton's continued success in this competition. Clinton Middle School, formerly Bell Street Middle School, has won the State Olympiad title nineteen times in the last twenty-one years, and Clinton High School has won the State title twelve of the last fifteen years.

I would like to congratulate the coaches and the members of Clinton's State Championship Science Olympiad Team for their win this year.

This year's middle school team included: Jackie Alcudia, Liam Bell, Rylee Bell, Madison Boyter, Lauren Ficklin, Sam Hunt, Salaam Jenkins, Jacob King, Matthew King, Shayne Kiselak, Hank Lanford, Landen Lowman, Kelly Nelson, Sidney Nelson, Arohi Patel, Shrey Patel, Ada Tiller, Brian Phillips, Aubrie Watts, Ben Wiggins, and Marlee Williamson.

This year's high school team included: Kaelyn Bell, Jules Darden, Keegan Fortman, Julieta Garcia, Becca King, Anna Litzenberger, Addison Lowman, Shane Nelson, Junia Nolan, Wes Ray, Helen Sarah, Bailey Suarez, and Rachel Vondergeest.

And of course, we have to remember the coaches because a team is only as good as its leadership: Head Coach Terri O'Shields, David O'Shields, Kevin Cox, Michael Mack, Jason Smith, Ami Vaughan, Allison Lanford, Stan Walsh, Jimbo Langston, Scott Shiflet, Dianne Summer, Sharon Lone, David Bell, Katie Scarlett, Maggie O'Shields, and Asheton Wilbanks.

Clinton High School defeated fourteen other high school teams to win and brought home the gold medal in Astronomy, Bridge Building, Chemistry Lab, Dynamic Planet, Environmental Chemistry, Forestry, Remote Sensing, and Wifi Lab. Clinton Middle School defeated all of its competition in each event.

Congratulations to the students of Clinton High School and Clinton Middle School for another Olympiad State Championship. Their success is a testament to their talent, hard work, and dedication.

South Carolina is rooting for them as they compete in the National Science Olympiad

Tournament next month. They all have bright futures and are the innovators of tomorrow—the sky is the limit. I thank them and God Bless.

RECOGNIZING THE LENA AMERICAN LEGION POST 342 ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Lena American Legion Post 342 on its 100th Anniversary.

Post 342 was founded on February 1, 1922, when the founding members came together to sign the Legion constitution forming the Lena American Legion Post. For 100 years, the Lena American Legion Post 342 has upheld the vision of legions across the country to the highest degree. Post 342 proudly carries the names of Lena natives and World War One veterans, Corporal Everett Doney and Private Desire DeGrave.

Corporal Doney was born on October 3, 1893. He enlisted in the armed forces in 1917, serving with the Company M, 127th Infantry Regiment of the 32nd Division of the U.S. Army in France. Corporal Doney was killed in action on August 4, 1918. He is laid to rest in the soldier's section of Evergreen cemetery in Oconto, Wisconsin.

Private DeGrave was born on April 8, 1896. He enlisted in the armed forces in 1917 and served with the 150th Machine Gun Battalion of the 42nd Division, American Expeditionary Force in France. Private DeGrave was killed in action on July 27, 1918. He is laid to rest at St. Charles Catholic cemetery in Lena. The legion carries on the memory, service, and sacrifice of Corporal Doney and Private DeGrave through their vision of strengthening America by improving the lives of veterans, the military, and their families.

Post 342 has continued to grow from their beginnings 100 years ago. Post 342 now has over 42 members located across the United States, who work together to teach future generations about the importance of service. The members of Post 342 are a true inspiration and example for all Americans. The continued service and dedication that the members of Post 342 have shown to not only the Lena community, but to the United States of America is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Post 342, we must recognize the outstanding service that they continue to provide to Lena and the entire Oconto County community. Post 342 takes great pride in supporting the local Lena High School and other organizations via numerous community events. Post 342 continues to be a voice for the men and women who have served our country. At Post 342 every day they put country before self, just as they did the day they joined the service. American Legion Post 342 Doney-DeGrave is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Lena American Legion Post 342 Doney-DeGrave as they come together to celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING ANDREA KRITCHER ON BEING ONE OF TIME'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF 2023

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Andrea Kritcher for being named one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People of 2023. Andrea is an exemplary nuclear engineer and physicist. She has been credited with making countless advancements in inertial confinement fusion and continues to have a lasting impact on the global understanding of nuclear sciences. As a native of the Traverse City area, Andrea deserves our praise and respect for being named into this illustrious group of individuals.

Upon her graduation from Traverse City Central High School, Andrea attended Northwestern Michigan College and the University of Michigan before studying at the University of California Berkeley to pursue nuclear engineering. Andrea then began her time at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and has become an invaluable asset to their team.

Andrea's commitment to her work is undeniable, and she has had a direct impact on countless lives across the globe. The communities of Traverse City, Michigan's First District, and the entirety of the scientific community owe Andrea our utmost appreciation for her continuous effort to expand science and human understanding beyond its current scope.

Mr. Speaker, again it is my honor to recognize Andrea Kritcher for being named one of science's most influential figures of 2023 and for her work in nuclear sciences. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Andrea and her family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YUMA PROVING GROUND

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the United States Army Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona. Although the proving ground is only celebrating its 80th birthday, the land's rich history extends beyond a century. In 1850, Fort Yuma was constructed overlooking the Colorado River crossing, and 15 years later, a second facility was constructed in 1865 to act as a supply base for Army posts across the Western United States.

Fast forward 78 years later in 1943, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened the Yuma Test Branch, while General Patton selected Yuma as the site for Camp Laguna. Although this site was deactivated in 1944, it was successfully prepared ground troops for desert combat.

In 1963, the site reopened as Yuma Proving Ground with a new, affirmed mission: to provide innovative testing for new technology and

provide adaptable training to the entire defense industry. Due to its overwhelming success, the site was designated as a Major Range and Test Facility Base only three years later.

The proving ground constructed the "Cibola Range" in 1971 for the purposes of testing helicopters, unmanned aircraft, and navigation systems. With approximately 2,000 miles of restricted airspace, Yuma Proving Ground has become a prime site for all varieties of aircraft testing. Both the Apache helicopter and the Global Position System, more commonly known as GPS, completed all their developmental testing at Yuma Proving Ground.

In addition to aircraft testing, Yuma Proving Ground offers over 200 miles of vehicle courses with a variety of road and terrain conditions. Such testing space has been utilized by the M-1 Abrams tank and the M60 Main Battle tank. All U.S. ground weapon systems deployed to Saudi Arabia during the Persian War were tested at Yuma Proving Ground.

For the past 80 years, Yuma Proving Ground has succeeded in ensuring the safe function and efficiency of military equipment for the United States defense industry. It currently employs more than 2000 Yuma residents, enabling our community to positively impact the country's national security.

It is my distinct pleasure to recognize the 80th anniversary of such an essential site in the history and success of our great state of Arizona and beyond. Congratulations to Yuma Proving Ground. I look forward to the next 80 years of triumph.

HONORING 50 YEARS OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I, alongside my colleagues, Representative IVEY, Representative HOYER, Representative RASKIN, and Delegate HOLMES NORTON, wish to honor The Greater Washington Community Foundation for 50 years of service in the region. The Greater Washington Community Foundation will commemorate this momentous milestone on May 3, 2023, with philanthropists, non-profits, businesses, and community members at the Smithsonian's National Museum for African American History and Culture.

In 1973, a group of prominent business and civic leaders—including Henry "Hank" Strong, Polly Shackleton, Davidson Sommers, Bishop John Walker, and Joseph Whyte—came together to establish a local community foundation to "promote a permanent source of philanthropic capital for the Washington Metropolitan region."

Over time, the Greater Washington Community Foundation has grown to become the largest local funder serving this region, with more than \$1.5 billion invested to build equitable, just, and thriving communities in D.C., Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Northern Virginia.

Under the leadership of CEO Tonia Wellons, the Greater Washington Community Foundation continues to galvanize philanthropic resources and strategically invest in