

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, nonprofits, 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

solutions to a wide range of issues impacting our communities—from education to housing stability, food security, workforce development, and crisis response.

The Greater Washington Community Foundation is now committed to leading our community in a movement that will help increase economic mobility and close our region's racial wealth gap to create a better future for our region where everyone prospers.

Please join the regional delegation and I in honoring the 50th anniversary of the Greater Washington Community Foundation on May 3, 2023. We urge all the citizens of the greater Washington area to join in celebrating this very special occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had my vote for Mace of South Carolina Amendment No. 1, to H.R. 734, the "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act" been cast, it would have been recorded as NAY. I would also like the record to show that had my vote for Motion to Recommit for H.R. 734, the "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act" been cast, it would have been recorded YEA. Lastly, I would like the record to show that had my vote for H.R. 734, the "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act" been cast, it would have been recorded as NAY.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 190, YEA on Roll Call No. 191, and NAY on Roll Call No. 192.

RECOGNIZING MADDY MALINE FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HER STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO MICHIGAN'S FIRST DISTRICT

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Maddy Maline of Manistique Middle and High School for her exemplary service to her community and her astounding achievements in and out of the classroom. Maddy has excelled in serving others, earning the rank of Eagle Scout and being awarded the Congressional Award for her generous service. Maddy has become an invaluable part of Manistique and the surrounding area and has had a lasting impact on her peers, garnering the respect of many across her community. She deserves our praise for her determination and drive in her endeavors to be an asset to Michigan's First District.

Maddy's dedication to bettering herself and her community will continue to have an enduring, positive effect on those she encounters. As she continues beyond Manistique Middle and High School and expands her horizon, we celebrate the connections she has made, the lives she has changed, and any future opportunities she will have during this monumental shift in her life.

Mr. Speaker, again it is my honor to recognize Maddy Maline for her exceptional community service and the ripple effect of positive change she has created as she graduates Manistique High School. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Maddy and her family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIREFIGHTER JASON TUCKER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life of my constituent, Pasco County Firefighter Jason Tucker. Jason served our community for 19 years as a firefighter for Pasco County Fire Rescue. Being named employee of the year for 2022, an award he earned through his dedication to his job, our community, and his fellow firefighters.

He exemplified his strength and character throughout his long and courageous battle with cancer. Firefighter Tucker continued to be involved with the department, even after his medical retirement in July 2022, routinely visiting with new-hire classes to teach the next generation the importance of cancer prevention. Through this work he has paved the way for future firefighters throughout the industry and saving countless lives. Throughout treatment he appeared at public events to speak about his illness. Jason Tucker will be remembered for his life of service and the courage he exemplified. May his memory be eternal.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. AIR FORCE CHIEF MASTER SER- GEANT ALFREDO BENJAMIN TULLE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Alfredo Benjamin Tulle—a dedicated and distinguished airman whose service to our Nation will always be remembered. We lost Alfredo last month, and our thoughts are with his wife Brenda, their 2 children, their grandson as well as his brother.

Chief Tulle was born not far from the Panama Canal—and his time in the Air Force would bring him back to Panama and other nations where his fluency in Spanish helped him earn trusted assignments working with the allied air forces. He served as a Master Technical Training Instructor at the Inter-American Air Force Academy, he taught aircraft and engine maintenance in both Spanish and English to many Latin American senior air force officers and enlisted personnel, and he was entrusted with ensuring the flight safety of the helicopter for the President of Panama. Chief Tulle was even given an honorary promotion to second lieutenant by both air forces of Panama and Mexico. What an impact he made.

Stateside, he earned the toughest assignments—and did them well. There's no other

way to earn promotion to one of the highest ranks in the Air Force over a 24-year career. After completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in June 1966, he was an in-flight refueling boom operator on board the KC-135 Stratotanker, a flight engineer for the UH-1 "Huey," and a master training instructor. At Hill Air Force Base in Utah and Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, Chief Tulle was essential to the success of the F-16 program—as a Flight Line Expediter, Flight Chief, Production Superintendent, and Chief of Quality Assurance for the 58th Fighter Wing. He wrote checklist and inspection procedures that are still in use today.

Chief Tulle retired from the Air Force as the Cold War drew down, but he maintained his love for aviation and continued to serve in the field. He served at the Navy Fighter Weapons School, Lockheed Martin and United Airlines—and even returned as a civil servant to Luke Air Force Base. There is very little that Chief Tulle did not do with his life, and we are a more secure country because of his contributions.

We are grateful for this extraordinary American and the lasting legacy he leaves behind. I thank Alfredo, and Godspeed.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHATHAM BOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department.

The Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department is an integral part of New Jersey's Eleventh Congressional District. The Department has provided outstanding emergency services, fire safety education, and prevention programs to Chatham Borough and its surrounding towns for the past 125 years.

When the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1898, it responded to emergencies with just 600 feet of hose, two hose carts, and a hand-drawn hook and ladder truck. In fact, the Department responded to 897 alarms in its first 50 years alone. And as the Department has grown and modernized throughout its extraordinary history, it is clear that the exceptional determination and bravery of the firefighters to protect the Chatham Borough community has always remained at the very core of the Department.

Beyond emergency response services, the Department has led community programs that bring our residents together each year. The annual Fishing Derby, Santa's visit on the Christmas Eve "North Pole Express," and the Fourth of July Parade, are just a few examples of the many ways the Chatham Borough Fire Department has gone above and beyond to provide lifelong traditions and memories for our community.

Whether responding to major fires, car accidents, or by ensuring disaster preparedness, I am tremendously grateful for the deep tradition of public service that has driven this Department and its firefighters for over a century. I am proud to honor the Chatham Borough