

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Mamie Williams Garrett. Her service as a teacher, business owner, community leader and parishioner continue to impact her community every day. All who are fortunate to know her have been touched by her elegance and fortitude in countless ways. We congratulate her on a life well lived and wish her continued good health and happiness in the days to come.

HONORING CONGREGATION BETH  
SHALOM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congregation Beth Shalom as it celebrates its 70th Anniversary.

Congregation Beth Shalom was founded in 1951 by The Napa Jewish Group and was established as a synagogue in 1953. Over the years, Congregation Beth Shalom has grown and expanded, and today it is a thriving center of Jewish life in the Napa Valley area. The Congregation consists of over 200 households at present with a full-time Rabbi, Synagogue Director, and Educator and Music Director. Members of Congregation Beth Shalom hold elected positions on the Napa City Council.

The Congregation continues to serve not only the Jewish people of Napa, but also the larger Napa community. Congregation Beth Shalom has played an integral role in aiding others, including their participation with the Table, the Refugee Resettlement Fund, and Citizen's Legal Services. Notably, the Congregation's Rabbi actively participates in the Interfaith Council, which contributes towards the formation of a more inclusive community embracing all faiths, cultures, and orientations.

Congregation Beth Shalom provides Jewish educational programs to the youth community of Napa. A non-sectarian summer program, Camp Chaverim, is led by the Congregation and serves children from the community annually. This camping program brings together children of all faiths and backgrounds to create a meaningful and inclusive environment and experience. Congregation Beth Shalom also provides reading assistance at many primary schools. The Congregation maintains crucial involvement with and support for the young people of Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Congregation Beth Shalom has contributed to the community of Napa Valley over the past 70 years.

RECOGNIZING WESTMORELAND  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S  
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department's 75th anniversary. Since 1948, the department has provided critical

services and support to Westmoreland residents.

The WVFD covers over 150 miles of roads and serves approximately 5,000 residents of Westmoreland County, Virginia. The WVFD's membership consists of 28 active volunteers committed to community service and public safety. From rescuing boaters on the Potomac River to responding to house fires in Montross, these volunteer first responders are always ready to serve those in need.

On May 6, 2023, the WVFD will host a celebration of its 75th anniversary. The event will feature local food vendors, fire safety challenges, and demonstrations of fire prevention equipment. I look forward to attending the event, and I commend WVFD for its 75 years of excellent service in Virginia's First District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to rise with me today to honor and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department. May God bless the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department as it continues its dedication to community service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ROOFING  
WEEK

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association headquartered in Rosemont, Illinois, and its efforts to designate the week of June 4 through 10, 2023, as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing-related businesses and workers across the country, as well as the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance that quality roofing has on every home and business in the U.S.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the Nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members who represent the entire roofing supply chain. Using its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures across America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hard-working individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 4 through 10 by supporting numerous charitable projects, employee training programs and other activities across the Nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

HONORING MAUDIE BEATTY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maudie Beatty for her selfless and dedicated service to the children, families, and community of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. For 35 years Maudie has taken in and cared for over 300 foster children, demonstrating the valuable attributes of compassion and generosity to those around her who are the most vulnerable and in need.

As a beacon of hope in the community, Maudie is one of the exemplary constituents that it is my honor to represent from the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. It is, undoubtedly, these heroes who too often go unrecognized that are the foundation of what makes this country the greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN NIKOLAI

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor the life of an outstanding public servant, Corrections Officer Kevin Nikolai.

Officer Kevin Nikolai was born in Wausau to Joanne Carol (Baars) and Terrence Nikolai on January 26, 1982. He was raised in Kronenwetter, WI with his two older siblings, Kim and Scott. After graduating from Mosinee High School in 2000, Officer Nikolai attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. After graduation he began his employment with the Outagamie County Jail serving as a Collections Officer. Serving with the Outagamie County Sheriffs Office, Officer Nikolai dedicated his life to serving the people of Outagamie County and Northeast Wisconsin and I thank him for his years of unwavering service.

Throughout Officer Nikolai's career with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office, he was known by his fellow officers as the one who was always willing to lend a helping hand and for his ability to communicate with those around him. Serving as an instructor, Officer Nikolai positively impacted his coworkers and endeavored to leave a positive impact on the world. Officer Nikolai's legacy will live on and be remembered by everyone who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, today the people of Northeast Wisconsin thank Officer Kevin Nikolai for his extraordinary service and devotion to his community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, including his son Logan, and to all of the people who were touched by his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, I was unavoidably

detained and unable to cast my vote on three roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 185; NO on Roll Call No. 186; and NO on Roll Call No. 187.

HONORING THE 2023 OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME FOR VALOR INDUCTEES

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor will hold a ceremony at the statehouse in Columbus today to mark the induction of its 2023 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to only a few hundred Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic actions in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the House seven inductees from Ohio's Fourth Congressional District:

Specialist Fourth Class William Arnold, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam war.

Lieutenant Victor Dodds, recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Navy veteran of the Vietnam war.

Specialist Fourth Class Gary Dotson, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam war.

Private First Class Willard Humphrey, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam war.

First Lieutenant Roger Leasure, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam war.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Steven Van Horn, recipient of the Silver Star, Navy veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Private First Class Ronald Wenger, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam war.

RECOGNIZING JIM WORTHINGTON

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Mr. Jim Worthington. Jim is the owner and operator of the Newtown Athletic Club based in Newtown, Pennsylvania. For over 40 years, Jim has been a leader and great friend of our district.

Jim is highly regarded in the Health and Sports club industry. He was appointed to serve on the "President's Council for Sports, Fitness and Nutrition." He has also served as President of the International Sports Club and is a strong believer in giving back to those who have served our country in the Armed Forces, both past and present.

Jim has taken special attention to the issue of suicide amongst servicemembers and Veterans. After seeking out the expertise of professionals working with the cognitive-physical relationship of Veterans health issues, Jim

Worthington partnered with local Veterans advocates to enable the Victor Six Veterans Health and Fitness Organization, resulting in zero suicides amongst its military and veteran graduates. He continues to selflessly give his time, finances, and facilities to Victor Six's participants to ensure that our community's heroes are cared for in both body and mind

Jim's pursuit for better health does not stop at the local level. He was instrumental in the push for allowing patients with life-threatening diseases to access experimental treatments through his advocacy for the "Right to Try" Act.

We are all incredibly grateful for Jim's dedication to mental and physical health. His selfless service to our community is an incredible example of citizenship and we are all fortunate to call him a neighbor and friend.

HONORING JANELLE SELICK

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Janelle Selick, whom I have named the 2023 Climate Crisis Champion for Napa County because of the important work she has done to address the threat and impacts of the climate crisis on California's Fourth Congressional District.

Ms. Selick was born in Westlake, California, and attended California State University, Chico, and California State University, Sacramento, where she obtained her master's degree in recreational administration.

Ms. Selick has been an extremely active and devoted community member. She began her service in 2013 on the City of American Canyon Parks and Community Services Commission, on which she served until 2020. In 2015, she founded the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation.

In addition to holding these positions, Ms. Selick has made many major environmental contributions such as leading the development of the Napa River Ecology Center Project which created an environmental legacy for Napa County. The Napa River Ecology Center at the American Canyon Wetlands will provide a home for important conversations on climate change and environmental action while developing the next generation of environmental stewards. Ms. Selick worked with the City of American Canyon, partners, and donors to design, fund, and manage the capital project for the ecology center. Ms. Selick has raised over \$500,000 in seed funding for project development through the capital campaign for the ecology center.

Additionally, Ms. Selick has led the development of the Watershed Explorers Environmental Education program, which now serves every fourth grader in American Canyon. As a result of this development, 305 students spend over 2,000 hours annually in environmental and watershed education. When Ms. Selick is not fighting for climate justice, she enjoys hiking and camping with her family, gardening, reading, and traveling to national parks.

Mr. Speaker, Janelle Selick is a dedicated leader in energy and environmental advocacy.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE MARY HORN, DENTON COUNTY JUDGE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the extraordinary life of the Honorable Mary Horn, Denton County Judge. Her relentless dedication to public service and remarkable contributions to our community will always be remembered.

Judge Horn began her public service in 1993 as Denton County's Tax Assessor-Collector, breaking barriers as the first woman to hold this position. She served in this role for nine years before making history once again in 2002, becoming the first woman to serve as Denton County Judge.

During her unprecedented 16-year tenure serving as Denton County's chief elected official, Judge Horn played a vital role in managing Denton County's unprecedented growth. She accomplished so much, including completing the I-35E expansion, bringing in over 3 billion dollars in road improvements by leveraging 335 million dollars in local funds with state, federal, and regional partners, and helping Denton County achieve a AAA bond rating.

Beyond her noteworthy professional accomplishments, Judge Horn was a loving wife to Jim, mother to Jennifer and James and a dear friend to many, including myself. She was a role model for all, and her passion for serving the community was contagious.

I was deeply saddened to learn of Judge Horn's passing on April 21, 2023. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time. Judge Horn will always be remembered for her unmatched contributions to Denton County, and her legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire future generations.

I thank Judge Horn for all that she has done for our community. She will be greatly missed.

APRIL CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Joe Jackson as my April Constituent of the Month.

Joe Jackson is the President of Federal Firefighters of Camp Pendleton. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton is located in the heart of my district. The Camp Pendleton Fire Department operates a training base that equips firefighters to prevent fires from running into residential areas and surrounding communities. Their work ensures the families of Marines on Camp Pendleton and the surrounding communities are kept safe from worsening year-round fires.

Joe has over a decade of experience with the Marine Corps Fire. He is an experienced Paramedic and an amazing example of the commitment and drive of the thousands of DOD Firefighters.

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Firefighters are brave individuals who put their