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### 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 Sellick, 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. Sellick 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. Sellick 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. Sellick 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. Sellick worked with the City of American Canyon, partners, and donors to design, fund, and manage the capital project for the ecology center. Ms. Sellick has raised over \$500,000 in seed funding for project development through the capital campaign for the ecology center.

Additionally, Ms. Sellick 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. Sellick is not fighting for climate justice, she enjoys hiking and camping with her family, gardening, reading, and traveling to national parks.

Mr. Speaker, Janelle Sellick 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

lives on the line to fight fires. With worsening wildfires affecting our district and state, their work is instrumental in preventing further damage to our natural resources and protecting our community. I have no doubt this work will continue to make a difference in our region.

In honor of Earth Month, I want to recognize Joe as a strong example of one of the many Camp Pendleton Firefighters who respond to wildfires and fires in order to protect our region and the families on the base. His work and leadership are admirable and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. His experiences and commitment to the Camp Pendleton Fire Department are why I'm proud to honor Joe Jackson as my April Constituent of the Month.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. MAURICE PRITCHETT

#### HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and legacy of a giant of our community—Mr. Maurice Pritchett. Mr. Pritchett, surrounded by his family, was called home to his Creator on April 21st, at the age of 80. The 80 years that Mr. Pritchett spent on Earth were a testament to an inherent optimism—an exercise in making his community, and in turn this world, a better place.

Raised on the East Side of our beloved Wilmington, a young Maurice Pritchett would excel in the classroom and on the basketball court. He would go on to attend the historic Howard High School and earn Wilmington All-City Honors. His academic and athletic prowess would take him from Wilmington to Dover—earning a full scholarship and attending what was then known as Delaware State College. His career with the Hornets would earn him induction into the Delaware State Basketball Hall of Fame and the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame.

And while his success on the court was evident, the true gift of his time at Delaware State University was the fostering of his true passion and what would go on to become his life's work—public education. He first taught in Cecil County, Maryland—eventually finding his way back to the school he had attended as a young boy, Bancroft Elementary. Starting as a community school coordinator, he rose to become vice principal and then principal. He served the students and families at The Bancroft School for over thirty years and in the 1994–95 school year, was honored as the National Distinguished Principal for Delaware.

Mr. Pritchett also devoted a great deal of his time helping students outside of the classroom, coaching the Delaware high school All-Stars and helping prepare our young people for the next phase of their life.

All of those accomplishments and accolades may provide some context for the skill, intellect, and work ethic of Maurice Pritchett—but they fail to paint the full picture of who he was and what he meant to our community. We're all so grateful to his wonderful wife, Juanita, and his loving children and grandchildren for sharing Mr. Pritchett with us for so many years.

An old Greek proverb reads, "A society grows great when men plant trees in whose

shade they shall never sit." Maurice Pritchett spent his life planting trees of wisdom, hope, and love in our community. We were blessed that so many of them blossomed while he was still with us—and thanks to the work in his life, his legacy will be those yet to bloom—and the shade we'll all enjoy in his name.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on two roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 188 and YES on Roll Call No. 189.

#### HONORING EDWARD F. GERBER

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Edward F. Gerber.

During his 30 years of service at Lestonnac Free Clinic, he has been relentless at finding solutions to fill critical gaps in healthcare for the most vulnerable residents in Southern California.

Edward F. Gerber expanded from one primary care medical clinic to fourteen satellite clinics offering twenty-five specialties across four counties. Just last year, with his leadership, Lestonnac Free Clinic was able to provide free medical and dental care to 10,217 patients through 30,130 visits. Since 2008, when he began as the Executive Director, Lestonnac Free Clinic has provided 359,277 patient visits.

As the Executive Director, Mr. Gerber has collaborated with over 300 like-minded organizations, recruited over 1,400 volunteer doctors and raised over \$25 million dollars to help ensure that no one in our community is forced to forgo medical attention due to cost. He also secured an additional \$3.5 million dollar donation to build a state-of-the-art two operating room surgery center that will allow Lestonnac Free Clinic volunteer surgeons to provide free surgeries, which will alleviate financial strains and community resources on local hospitals. This surgery center will be the first of its kind in the United States and will model what is possible through love and a desire to help others.

It is my utmost privilege to honor this humble and hard-working man. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the career and accomplishments of Edward F. Gerber.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE CHEROKEE HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY AND THE ADDITION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY MUSEUM

#### HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the Cherokee Historical and Preservation Society (CHAPS) on the occasion of the grand opening of a new wing at the Cherokee County Museum.

The CHAPS is a nonprofit organization founded in 1969. Their mission to "preserve our region's history and cultural heritage" is imperative. One of its goals from the start was to create a history museum for Cherokee County, South Carolina.

That goal became a reality in May of 2008, when the Cherokee County History and Arts Museum opened to the public. This May, the organization is excited to open a new wing. The Cherokee County Museum is now home to a vast collection of artifacts presented through interactive exhibits and displays.

The new wing of the museum offers brand new exhibits that will enrich visitors of all ages. The "Culture Zone" houses History Galleries, Arches, and Genealogy rooms. The improved "Kids Zone" includes a STEM Lab and Arts Experience. The "Sports Zone" has a sports Hall of Fame and training room. In addition, an immersive theater allows visitors to travel through space, into the seas, and through time.

Through the hard work of its volunteers and supporters, the Cherokee Historical and Preservation Society has established the improved Cherokee County Museum as a major educational institution to South Carolinians and visitors alike.

From its opening in 2008, to its major expansion today in 2023, thousands of students, community members, and tourists have learned about Cherokee County's unique role in South Carolina's history and culture.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize the Cherokee Historical and Preservation Society on its long-lasting impact on the community, and its great service of education to our state. Please join me in congratulating the Society on its opening of the newly expanded Cherokee County Museum.

#### HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT LEVIN FOR HIS EXEMPLARY MILITARY SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private First Class Robert Levin for his exemplary military service to our Nation during World War II.

After graduating from North Carolina State College, PFC Levin was called to service after the U.S. entered World War II. He was sent to