

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 EXEM-  
PLARY 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

Camp Upton in New York before being relocated to Camp Wheeler in Georgia for basic training. He applied for Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, but before a new class could begin, he was sent to Baltimore to ship out overseas to North Africa as an infantryman in the 36th Division. The division moved from North Africa to Italy where PFC Levin was wounded and taken captive by the Germans in the Battle of the Rapido River near Monte Cassino. He spent 13 months as a prisoner of war at numerous prison camps, most notably Oflag 64. Here, PFC Levin was deprived of food and dug through trash cans to survive. In January 1945, he was rescued by Soviet Russian forces and later returned home to the U.S. in April. After the war, he was discharged and returned to civilian life on account of his Adjusted Service Rating Score.

In recognition of his outstanding military service, PFC Levin was awarded a Purple Heart and the POW Medal for his time as an American in Prisoner of War Camps. As a civilian, he returned to North Carolina State to complete graduate study before moving to Danville, Virginia to pursue a career in the textile industry with Dan River Mills. In Danville, he met Carlene Hardy, his wife of 71 years. They now reside in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

On April 30, 2023, PFC Levin turned 103 years old. His incredible service and sacrifice in World War II represent the best our Nation has to offer, and we will look up to his leadership for generations to come. On behalf of North Carolina's Ninth District and our entire country, I would like to extend him my most heartfelt appreciation for his courage and leadership. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing him and his family the best going forward.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Private First Class Robert Levin for his outstanding service and leadership during World War II.

HONORING DR. KARENINA  
"KAREN" RELUCIO

**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 Dr. Karenina "Karen" Relucio for receiving the Napa Solano Medical Society's (NSMS) Professor Emeritus Award and for her service to the residents of Napa County and California's Fourth Congressional District.

The Napa Solano Medical Society's Professor Emeritus Award is not granted every year. This high recognition is reserved to a few individuals who have shown exemplary commitment to healing and teaching medicine to colleagues and other young physicians in the community.

In her role as Napa County public health officer, Dr. Relucio was a member of the Napa County Health and Human Services Executive Leadership Team. She led the department's public health and policy work by engaging and supporting a staff of 75 employees.

Dr. Relucio was also essential to Napa County's response to the COVID pandemic. She served as the incident commander for

local pandemic response, where her community-centered, strategic approach to crisis management made her a vital resource to the district. During the pandemic, Dr. Relucio was also director-at-large of the NSMS Board of Directors and often hosted weekly meetings with NSMS members to dispense critical information pertaining to the pandemic. She further coordinated medical volunteers to deliver essential COVID testing kits and personal protective equipment to Napa County. Her ability to assess and address operational issues from a management and a physician's perspective was integral as part of "Live Healthy Napa County," a multisector effort centered on generating collective improvements to health and wellness, the social determinants of health, and health equity.

Dr. Relucio's outstanding dedication to public health has been recognized with many other recent awards. In 2020, she was named the Napa Solano Medical Society Physician of the Year. She was also previously selected by Senator Bill Dodd to be honored by the Legislative Women's Caucus as a Woman of the Year in 2021. Similarly, Dr. Relucio was the Napa Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2022.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Karen Relucio has dedicated her life to ensuring the health and wellness of those in our Napa community.

RECOGNIZING THE NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM OF BROWN COUNTY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Neville Public Museum of Brown County for once again receiving accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition afforded to the Nation's museums.

Starting from humble beginnings in 1915, nine members of the Green Bay Art Club came together and held a one-week exhibit in the basement of the local library to showcase objects from the Greater Green Bay Area. Following increased interest, the library soon ran out of space and in 1923, Mr. and Mrs. George Mason of New York City donated \$60,000 to build a permanent museum. In return for their donation, the Mason family asked that the museum be named after Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Neville in honor of their dedication to the Green Bay community. On 1927, the Neville Public Museum opened to the public.

Throughout the years, the Neville Museum has continued to showcase the happenings of the world to the people of Northeast Wisconsin. As their mission states, the Neville Public Museum has continued to bridge the multi-generational communities through exceptional exhibits and innovative programming. In recognition of the continued work and dedication, the Museum received accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums. Receiving this award represents the difference the museum has made in education, the local economy, and on the diverse cultures and heritage within our communities by displaying history science, and art. The Neville Public Museum is now one of the twenty-one museums in the State of Wisconsin with accreditation.

The Neville Public Museum joins just over 1,100 currently accredited museums. Accreditation is a rigorous process that consists of a year self-study, an independent body of museum professionals, and a visitor committee report. Museums seeking accreditation must undergo this process every 10 years and this is an incredible feat for the Neville Museum. Of the over 33,000 museums nationwide, the Neville Museum once again joins an elite group of museums in the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Neville Public Museum of Brown County for receiving accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the museum's Executive Director, Beth Kowalski-Lemke and to the entire Neville Museum staff on this outstanding honor.

HONORING SERGEANT SARAH  
PARKE, 2023 OFFICER OF THE  
YEAR

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Sarah Parke of the West City, Illinois Police Department in recognition of her being named the 2023 Officer of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Over Sgt. Parke's decade of service with the West City Police Department, she has received numerous accolades for her performance and professionalism. And her quick actions have helped save multiple lives.

Sgt. Parke received an award for saving the life of a man who collapsed on a treadmill in 2019. If not for her intervention before paramedics arrived, he may well not have survived. In 2021, Sgt. Parke again saved the life of an unresponsive man by performing CPR until a delayed medical response could arrive.

In July of last year, the West City Police Dispatch received a 911 call only stating, "It's so hot." Sgt. Parke raced to the scene of the house fire and courageously saved a man by dragging him from a burning building while putting out the flames on his clothes.

Last November, she performed CPR on a man who collapsed outside of a restaurant, obtaining a pulse before medical staff arrived.

Sgt. Parke's service does not end when her work shift does. In her personal time, she gives back to her community, including by initiating the "Backpack Project," which aims to help homeless people by providing them with warm clothing, toiletries, and other essentials.

Sgt. Parke also oversees the West City Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" program, which raises funds for children in need and provides shopping trips, decorating, and a major Christmas party for them and their families.

Please join me in recognizing Sergeant Sarah Parke, 2023 Illinois Officer of the Year, and wish her continued success in strengthening and protecting her community for years to come.