

and the city police departments of Moorhead, Dilworth, Glyndon, Hawley and Detroit Lakes.

In 1993, Barrett became a full-time investigator for the North Dakota State Attorney's office. He worked there for two years prior to being called home to Dilworth to serve as the city's first full-time detective. During that time, he also served as a Clay County Sheriff's Deputy and a courtroom security officer.

In 2003, Barrett joined the Buffalo Police Department as a Detective and has been with the department since. He is the incoming chairman of the Minnesota Children's Justice Act Task Force, where he has served as a voice for law enforcement for the past six years.

As a court-certified expert witness in sex crimes investigations since 2010, Barrett has instructed law enforcement, county attorneys, medical personnel, and victim advocates on sex crimes investigations on behalf of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

A pivotal moment in Barrett's career came in 2021 during the tragic Allina Health Clinic shooting in Buffalo. As a result of his bravery and role on the initial entry team during the attack, he was awarded the Medal of Valor by the Buffalo Police Department in March 2022. The medal is the highest possible award given by law enforcement.

Through his heroic service to our communities, Barrett has kept thousands of Minnesotans safe. While the community of Buffalo will miss him, we thank him for his years of service to our community and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of May 15, 2023, I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 213 and YEA on Roll Call No. 214.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF THERESA GULLO

### HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with Ranking Member BOYLE, to recognize and honor Theresa Gullo on her retirement after 38 years of service to the Congress and the nation at the Congressional Budget Office.

Through her leadership, hard work, and analytical skill, Teri's enormous contributions to CBO have greatly benefitted the Congress and the American people. After starting her career as a CBO intern and then completing her graduate degree, Teri joined the agency in 1985 as an analyst in the Natural and Physical Resources Cost Estimates Unit of the Budget Analysis Division. Ten years later, she was the founding chief of CBO's State and Local Gov-

ernment Cost Estimates Unit, which she built up from scratch and led in the formulation of the principles and procedures that today underlie CBO's analyses of public- and private-sector legislative mandates. She subsequently was promoted to Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis and, in 2015, became the Director of CBO's Budget Analysis Division, a position in which she has supervised the work of one-third of CBO's staff.

In that capacity, Teri has played a key role—often seven days a week—in facilitating CBO's response to the challenges posed by major reconciliation legislation, the coronavirus pandemic, and rapidly evolving legislative developments. She has overseen the careful preparation of thousands of cost estimates for legislation considered by the Congress and the fulfillment of several thousand requests each year for technical information to help committees craft legislation. She has led CBO's development of multiyear projections of federal spending and its annual analyses of the President's budget request and she has coordinated CBO's scorekeeping activities for legislation considered by appropriations and authorizing committees. Teri also has played a crucial role in enhancing Congressional understanding of CBO and its work. She has worked tirelessly to identify the most effective ways for the agency to provide and clearly explain timely analysis to the Congress.

All of those accomplishments point to Teri's deep commitment to providing high-quality, objective, nonpartisan information to support the work of the Congress.

Teri also has used her considerable skills to help many others develop professionally. She has mentored numerous public servants who have become leaders at CBO, in federal and state agencies, and in the private sector. Within CBO she is respected as a manager who is honest, collaborative, compassionate, and curious. Her colleagues understand her willingness to carefully consider diverse viewpoints and opinions, so that even when a decision is different from the one they might have preferred, members of her staff always have felt heard and valued. Teri has demonstrated how to embrace change and to view new challenges as opportunities to accomplish goals in new ways.

Teri's achievements have been recognized by many, including the American Association for Budget and Program Analysis and the National Academy of Public Administration. The people she has guided and mentored throughout her career serve as her lasting legacy to CBO and the broader federal budget community.

We thank Teri for her dedicated and skillful work for the American people and wish her well in retirement.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOSSELL BAKHEET ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an out-

standing student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Jossell Bakheet of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jossell's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2027. Attending one of our nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jossell brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2027. While attending Olentangy Orange High School in Lewis Center, Ohio, Jossell participated in student government, medical club, Spanish Honorary Society, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Jossell played lacrosse and field hockey, and she served as team captain in both. After high school, she attended the Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jossell Bakheet on her offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Jossell will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. EDGAR "BEE" ERNEST WILHELMS, JR.

### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Edgar "Bee" Ernest Wilhelms, Jr. of Reynolds County, Missouri. Edgar Ernest Wilhelms, Jr. was born in Exchange, Missouri on September 12, 1925, to Edgar and Wessie Wilhelms. On May 15, 1943, Bee was united in marriage to Lucille Haywood. On December 3rd of that year, he was inducted into the U.S. Army where he served until January 7, 1946. During his time in the Army, Corporal Wilhelms, Jr. served in the European Theater of Operations, was assigned to the Headquarters Battery of the 758th Field Artillery Battalion and participated in three major campaigns: The Rhineland Campaign including the Battle of Hurtgen Forest; the Ardennes Campaign including the Battle of the Bulge, and the Central Europe Campaign. His awards included the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two service bars and three campaign stars, the Army Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Ribbon, WWII Army Occupation Medal with Germany Bar, and the Rifle Sharpshooter device.

Mr. Wilhelms was a loving husband, father, friend, and a proud lifelong member of the VFW Post 6660. Mr. Wilhelms departed this life just short of his 98th birthday on May 10, 2023. He was the last remaining World War II veteran in Reynolds County, Missouri.

On behalf of the people of southern Missouri, I am proud to honor the life of Mr. Edgar Ernest Wilhelms, Jr.

HONORING IGA NEPHROPATHY  
AWARENESS DAY**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize May 14th as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day. IgA Nephropathy is a rare autoimmune disease that causes a person's immune system to attack the kidneys. In the United States, fewer than 200,000 people are diagnosed with this incurable condition per year. Yet, it is one of the most common diseases affecting the kidneys other than those caused by high blood pressure or diabetes.

Although IgA Nephropathy can develop at any age, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) notes that it most often affects younger Americans, usually appearing between the teen years and the late 30s. Tragically, according to the IgA Nephropathy Foundation, as many as half of those affected by IgA Nephropathy will develop end-stage kidney disease and eventually require dialysis or a kidney transplant. Sadly, IgA Nephropathy can recur in the transplanted kidney, and after a period of increased quality of life, families find themselves in yet another familiar battle.

The diagnostic journey to IgA Nephropathy tends to be long. There are usually little or no immediate signs and symptoms. The disease causes inflammation that can trigger complications, including high blood pressure and chronic kidney disease. In fact, many patients are not diagnosed until they show some of these complications and blood or protein in the urine.

IgA Nephropathy was first identified in 1968, and it is viewed as a condition without a cure. While some patients have been able to delay kidney decline and failure through lifestyle changes, supplements, and medication, many others have seen no effective treatments for almost four decades.

This is all beginning to change, and IgA Nephropathy patients finally have the tangible hope of new treatments here today, and a growing number of clinical trials are underway. Mr. Speaker, this new hope results: from a combination of a number of things, including the renewed medical cures innovation environment Congress helped foster on a bipartisan basis with the drafting and enacting of the 21st Century Cures Act. Rare kidney diseases, in particular had been an area of little to no development in promising treatments for those suffering from these devastating diseases. The FDA approved the first-ever medication for IgA Nephropathy in late 2021, and progress is picking up even more speed, as earlier this year, the FDA approved another new drug therapy which proved to demonstrate rapid and sustained proteinuria reduction—a key to maintaining healthy functioning of the kidneys.

These advancements in IgA Nephropathy treatment and hope for more on the horizon, are providing lifechanging care options for so many patients struggling with this chronic disease. It's important we help raise awareness of this condition to counter the fear and uncertainty that can come with an IgA Nephropathy diagnosis. More needs to be done to develop the means for patients to manage their conditions and live normal lives even while dealing with this cruel disease.

IgA Nephropathy May 14 is the 19th anniversary of its founding, the IgA Nephropathy Foundation. On May 14th, 2004, Bonnie Schneider and her husband established the IgA Nephropathy Foundation from their home. Eddie, their 13-year-old son, had been recently diagnosed with the condition, and they saw firsthand the unmet need for answers, resources, and a supportive community for individuals with IgA Nephropathy and their families.

Yesterday, the IgA Nephropathy community and partners came together to raise awareness about this disease while celebrating the strength of the patients and caregivers who battle this daily. Their hope is that this important day will drive people to check their risk and recognize symptoms, including getting routine urinalysis, improve awareness among primary care physicians, build a more robust network of support for patients, and encourage further research to build on the new therapies helping to improve the lives of those battling this disease—and to one day find a cure. As a Texan, I know that it is not our challenges that define us but rather how we rise above them. The IgA Nephropathy Foundation and the IgA Nephropathy community are working to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the IgA Nephropathy Foundation for creating this important opportunity to improve awareness. Today, I stand with the many Americans and their families, doctors, and other caregivers who must battle this disease and continue educating the public and partnering with those working on new treatments. We honor them all this IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

CELEBRATING ISRAEL'S 75TH  
ANNIVERSARY**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Israel is a shining beacon of democracy in the Middle East. As she celebrates her 75th anniversary, I appreciate being joined by my colleagues to mark this important milestone of affirming our support for the U.S.-Israel relationship.

As chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, I am grateful to mark the historic 75th anniversary of Israel with a strong commitment to the partnership of our two countries.

Since its creation, the United States has supported the Jewish state with bipartisan support from Congress, working to build a strong security, intelligence, and defense relationship enshrined by shared values and mutually strategic interests.

A strong and secure Israel is a vital pillar of the national security policy of America in the Middle East for mutual benefit of stability for all countries of the Middle East.

Congress has continually worked to support Israel with annual security assistance, defense cooperation, and an emerging relationship in key areas, including agriculture, high tech, homeland security, cybersecurity, science, space, and health.

Both of our countries are committed to democracy and justice, and we continue to look

for new ways to integrate Israel into the region, such as expanding the historic Abraham Accords that were promoted by President Donald Trump that normalized ties between Israel and our Arab allies—the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan.

Instead of boycotts and isolation, I am encouraged that our Gulf allies see the future of Israel as working with the Middle East to tackle regional problems.

Most importantly, Congress has marked the historic Abraham Accords by passing the Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2021 and encouraging more of our Middle East allies to deepen and expand their cooperation with Israel.

Israel is the democratic anchor of the Middle East, and Congress will continue to support important regional cooperation through partnerships for peace and prosperity, including the Negev Forum.

We support Israel's right to defend herself against terrorism, and we are inspired by the Israeli resistance in the face of mounting threats. The borders of Israel are continually threatened by Iranian-backed groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Congress reaffirms its support for Israel's security by annually funding \$500 million for cooperative missile defense programs to help Israel meet these growing threats funded by the Iranian regime.

Without lifesaving defensive systems like the Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow 3, both Israelis and Arabs living in the region would be more endangered than ever.

Israel is also threatened by continued efforts of the Iranian regime to get nuclear weapons. We are all concerned by the Iranian regime advancement of highly enriched uranium, advanced centrifuges, and its ballistic missile program, which it has never stopped despite every effort of the Iran nuclear deal, which was such a fraud.

Sadly, the Iranians never stopped developing ICBMs to attack Israel and attack, ultimately, of course, sadly, the people of the United States.

When the extremists chant "death to America, death to Israel," they pledge to wipe Israel off the map by vaporization.

We will continue to support efforts to enforce sanctions on the Iranian regime to cut off their resources and commitment to obtaining nuclear weapons.

As we look to the growing challenges ahead and compete with the Chinese Communist Party, we must continue to work with our trusted and strategic ally to advance U.S. interests, as we also need to address war criminal Putin in his invasion, aggression, and mass murder being conducted, sadly, in Ukraine as we speak tonight.

I am grateful to have authored H.R. 1777, the United States-Israel Future of Warfare Act, to meet increasing threats in areas of emerging technology by establishing a research and development fund to deepen defense collaboration with Israel.

Having visited Israel on several occasions, including the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem in 2018, a highlight of my service has been to lead the House delegation to the U.S. Embassy May 14 opening in Jerusalem with Ambassador David Friedman, fulfilling promises made, promises kept by President Donald Trump.