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Whereas, CDR Flannery's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal and other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

Proclaimed, that as CDR Flannery embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy. I would like to send him my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

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NATIONAL MOBILITY AWARENESS  
MONTH

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that Congress recognize May as National Mobility Awareness Month. Millions of Americans across all age groups—six million of whom are veterans that have served our country—have had their mobility impacted due to an injury or a medical diagnosis. Unfortunately, Americans with physical disabilities report experiences of inadequate transportation and mobility options as a major challenge in their daily lives.

This May, the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association—an association of automotive mobility professionals dedicated to improving the quality and safety of accessible transportation solutions—is celebrating the 11th National Mobility Awareness Month to increase public awareness of automotive mobility transportation issues and highlight solutions to illustrate that people with disabilities can live active and mobile lifestyles.

Customized auto mobility solutions change lives and allow people with disabilities to pursue and maintain meaningful employment, participate in the activities of daily life, improve their physical and mental health, and enjoy the freedom of the open road. Accessible transportation solutions are truly life-changing, and raising awareness is critical because Americans with disabilities should know about the accessible and adaptive transportation solutions that support a healthy, fulfilling, mobile lifestyle. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and supporting National Mobility Awareness Month.

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CELEBRATING THE 58TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 58th anniversary of

Head Start, a program launched in 1965 as a comprehensive, anti-poverty, child development program. The program President Johnson envisioned as an eight-week summer program for a few thousand children has since served over 37 million children and their families.

For 58 years, Head Start has promoted school readiness for children in economically disadvantaged families, those families suffering from homelessness, and children in the foster care system by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. Head Start offers programs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories, including programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and in migrant and seasonal communities.

Head Start serves nearly 43,000 children and their families in Florida alone. Over the past year in my state, almost 33,000 children have been kept up-to-date on health screenings, over 19,000 children have received preventative dental care, and over 32,000 families have received support services. In addition, Head Start employees conducted over 109,000 home visits.

Early in my professional career, I worked as a Head Start teacher, a job which helped position me to better serve my vulnerable constituents here in this chamber. As I reflect on that experience, I am awed by the profound impact Head Start has had on our society, and I am proud to have played a role, both as a Head Start teacher and a Member of Congress in helping disrupt generational poverty.

The Head Start promise is simple: every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to reach their full potential. As we celebrate the 58th anniversary of this extraordinary program, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Head Start and its staff for their invaluable contributions over the past 57 years to building opportunities so that every child can thrive.

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TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL  
SELBY

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rear Admiral Lorin Selby, U.S. Navy, as he prepares to complete a naval career that began with his graduation from the University of Virginia in 1986 and concludes with his 3 years of service as the 26th Chief of Naval Research.

As the Chief of Naval Research, Rear Admiral Selby is responsible for the operations of the Naval Research Enterprise, which comprises approximately 5,000 people in 23 locations, and more than 1,000 partners. The dedication required of this mission is extraordinary, and our Nation has benefited from Rear Admiral Selby's steadfast leadership.

Over the course of his career, Rear Admiral Selby excelled as an undersea commander. He served as the commanding officer of the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS *Greenville* (SSN 772). Prior to command, he

served at sea aboard USS *Puffer* (SSN 652), USS *Pogy* (SSN 647) and USS *Connecticut* (SSN 22). During these assignments, Rear Admiral Selby conducted several deployments to the Western Pacific, Northern Pacific, Northern Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. Ashore, he served as a company officer and instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, the deputy director of the Navy's liaison office to the U.S. House of Representatives and as the Submarine Platforms and Strategic Programs branch head in the Submarine Warfare Directorate on the Navy Staff. Following selection as an acquisition professional, he served as the program manager for both the Submarine Imaging and Electronic Warfare Systems Program Office and the Advanced Undersea Systems Program Office.

As a flag officer, Rear Admiral Selby served as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Centers (NSWC) and as the Navy's chief engineer and the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Deputy Commander for Ship Design, Integration and Naval Engineering (SEA 05). Rear Admiral Selby's contributions to the Navy, Marine Corps and Nation have been significant. The new 30-Year Naval Science & Technology strategy focuses on taking back our technological advantage to give our Warfighters the technology they need to win in a future conflict. He has provided the Naval Research Enterprise (NRE) with a blueprint for the future of our fleet and force.

Among his many achievements, Rear Admiral Selby led innovative and new experimentation collaboration exercises to get new technologies into the hands of our Sailors and Marines; pioneered new advances in laser weapons, including putting the most powerful laser on a ship in this nation's history; designed and initiated the SCOUT experimentation campaign to increase productivity and agility; furthered the Navy's capabilities in Artificial Intelligence; worked closely with international partners to bring increased knowledge and capabilities to our Sailors and Marines including awarding 158 new international research grants in 25 countries; advanced naval capabilities through execution of greater than 3,000 research grants and contracts in the United States valued in excess of \$12 Billion; sponsored 480 college and 180 high school interns, more than 1,000 Naval Horizons STEM essay contest awards, and the Annual RoboSub competition with 39 teams from 11 countries; designed an alloying modification to the Columbia Class SSBN propeller; supported brilliant work being done by hundreds of small businesses, including Small Business Innovation Research grants; and truly lived up to the motto he often reminded his team to follow: "Reimagine Naval Power."

Rear Admiral Selby has been instrumental in the development of both the Navy of today and of tomorrow. His selfless commitment to serving our Nation has better prepared it to respond to threats around the world. He leaves a legacy of service and dedication to the Navy. With our deepest gratitude, we wish him the very best in retirement after an impressive and impactful career.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
CHIEF OF THE RESERVOIR FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT SCOTT  
BERRY

**HON. MICHAEL GUEST**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Chief of the Reservoir Fire Protection District, Scott Berry. Chief Berry is a second-generation fire fighter who began his career as a volunteer at the Reservoir Fire Protection District. Over a 34-year career, Chief Berry has remained loyal to the same fire district and has led firefighters in the Reservoir District since 1996.

For his exceptional leadership, Chief Berry was elected as the President of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association in 2012 and was selected as Mississippi Fire Chief of the Year in 2022. Chief Berry has also contributed to the wellbeing of his community—serving as Chairman of the Mississippi Burn Camp for Kids and a CPR/First Aid Instructor. Outside of his community service activities, Chief Berry spends his time as a dedicated husband to his wife, Christy Lane, and loving father to his 2 daughters, Sarah and Rachel.

On behalf of Mississippi's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank Chief Berry for his service to his community and state.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
DENNIS ALFONSO

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my constituent and friend, Dennis Alfonso. My friendship with Dennis dates back to our time together at Stetson University College of Law. I remember him as a bright, funny and humble guy who was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need and who had a strong desire to make a positive impact on the world. By all accounts he fully realized that ambition. For more than two decades, he served as a tireless advocate for those in need throughout our community, representing the District School Board of Pasco County and the Pasco County Clerk of Court. Anyone in need of advice, legal or personal, knew they could turn to Dennis. Everybody who had the pleasure of interacting with him would always walk away feeling better. Even more importantly, Dennis was a devoted husband and father. In recent years, his eyes would light up when he would tell me about how well Alex and India were doing. Sadly, Dennis passed away on May 13, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife and family. May his memory be eternal.

CONGRESSIONAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage, and dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Thirteen years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Lieutenant John Hurd, Lieutenant Nicholas Pruitt, Sergeant Robert Hendrickson, Detective Tyler Ackerman, Detective Imran Din, Detective Christopher Foy, Deputy Michael Davis, Deputy Nicholas DiFilippo, Deputy Amy Dunkum, Deputy Camilo Garcia-Fajardo, Deputy Kevin Gonzalez, Deputy Joshua Groover, Deputy Connor Hartley, Deputy Stephen Hill, Deputy Tristan Knutson, Deputy Alexis Lyon, Deputy Joseph Maggio, Deputy Kelli McLaughlin, Deputy Andrew Rodman, Deputy Hurly Smith, Deputy Adam Spatafora, Deputy Serissa Thompson, Deputy Randall Walker, and Deputy Aaron Winslow of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Special Agent K. Dino Balos of the ATF, Officer Joshua Small of the Bradenton Police Department, Trooper Taylor Leford of the Florida Highway Patrol, and Master Detective Juan Lazu, Jr. and Detective Michael Fernandes of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Major William "B.G." Dixon of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Preservation of Life Award: Detective William Mulligan of the Bradenton Police Department, Trooper Kevin Tomberlin of the Florida Highway Patrol, Deputy Alexander Maldonado and Deputy Kevin Reich of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Thomas Fraser and Officer Alex Hurt of the Holmes Beach Police Department, Detective Grace King, Deputy Ryan Emkey, Deputy Jared Leggett, Deputy Michael Mahoney, Deputy Micah Osornio, Deputy Christian Ruiz, Deputy Monica Ruiz, Deputy Matthew Schwartz, Deputy Reaghn Simandl, and Deputy Ty Simandl of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Unit Citation Award: Florida Highway Patrol Troop C Criminal Interdiction Unit: Sergeant Joshua Malloy, Trooper Jeremy Fields, Trooper Wesley Kelly, Trooper Deryck Lewis, Trooper Chris Nottingham, Trooper Sergio Pearce, Trooper Eric Schaub, K-9 Flip, K-9 Titan, and K-9 Lobo; Manatee County Search and Res-

cue: Deputy Jared Leggett of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

HONORING ANAHEIM PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anaheim Public Library from my district, who is being honored as a finalist for the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

This honor recognizes museums and libraries' services to their communities. Through innovative programs and partnerships with nonprofits, the Anaheim Public Library helps close economic gaps, expand digital inclusion, and ensure that our students access to the education they deserve. The Anaheim Public Library is an important resource to our community and provides critical resources, including WiFi and laptops, food and diapers, and even mobile educational programs that travel to schools, parks, and senior centers. Last year, the library's mobile services reached more than 235,000 members of our community in Anaheim.

The work that the Anaheim Public Library has done to support and transform the lives of people like me, makes me proud that they are honored as a finalist for the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

RECOGNIZING TESS MATTINGLY  
FLOREK FOR HER YEARS OF  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND  
COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Tess Florek of St. Veronica Catholic School, who for nearly a decade has dedicated her career and scholarship to educating children in their early years. Throughout her years of service as a schoolteacher, Mrs. Florek has made remarkable contributions to the lives of students, parents, and her school community.

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Tess attended San Jose Catholic Grade School and spent her summers with family in New Orleans. After graduating high school with an International Baccalaureate degree, Tess attended Florida State University to become a Bachelor of Music. Upon the completion of her degree, she elected to earn her master's degree in the same field from the University of North Texas. In 2017, she earned her second master's degree in education from Marymount University.

Despite her remarkable academic accomplishments thus far, Mrs. Florek is continuing her scholarship at Marymount University, where she is in the final year of her second master's degree in education through the Marymount University graduate program in Catholic School Leadership.

As of the 2022–2023 academic year, Tess Florek has completed her 7th year teaching