

COMMEMORATING ARMED FORCES
DAY AND THE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO SERVED AND SACRIFICED
FOR OUR FREEDOM

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of our brave men and women for Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2023.

Armed Forces Day is a 73-year tradition to thank all of those who are currently serving, as well as those who have served and sacrificed to defend our freedom. It is because of their duty, honor, and courage that the United States of America remains free today.

This Saturday, the Western New York Armed Forces Committee will host its 60th "Diamond Jubilee" Military Ball to celebrate the life, sacrifice, and accomplishments of service members and veterans who call our community home. Fourteen service members, across six branches of our Nation's military will be recognized and it is my honor to read their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as a tribute to their service, and the service of their brothers and sisters in arms.

The Service Persons of the Year From the U.S. Army:

United States Army: Staff Sergeant Morgan L. Stewart

United States Army Reserve: Staff Sergeant Kyle C. Charsley

Army National Guard: Specialist Manny D. Cruz

The New York Guard: Staff Sergeant Joseph R. Szczygiel

The Service Persons of the Year From the United States Marine Corps:

United States Marine Corps: Sergeant Andres Trevino

United States Marine Corps Reserve: Corporal Alexander A. Karamcelis

The Service Persons of the Year From the United States Navy:

United States Navy: Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Aaron M. Bell

United States Navy Reserve: Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Trista L. Dickerson

The New York Naval Militia: Electrician's Mate Chief John Gerard

The Service Persons of the Year From the United States Air Force And Its Components:

United States Air Force: Staff Sergeant Nina A. Robbins

United States Air Force Reserve: Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Livergood

New York Air National Guard: Staff Sergeant Dhruva S. Poluru

The Service Persons of the Year From the United States Coast Guard:

United States Coast Guard: Marine Science Technician 1st Class Anthony R. Urbana

United States Coast Guard Reserve: Machinery Technician 2nd Class Kyle J. Schroeder

Western New York and the Southern Tier are home to many proud service members and veterans, and our community has a long and proud tradition of military service. It is my honor to recognize their bravery.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank our law enforcement officials who everyday put their lives on the line for the protection of our communities. I also want to remember those who have been injured or have lost their lives in the line of duty. There are 562 Louisiana law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in service, and just this past week in my district, Cpl. Shawn Kelly was shot and critically wounded in Denham Springs after he responded to a call for help. Cpl. Kelly was not required to respond to the call for help. He was serving as a traffic officer but showed up to help his officers in need because of his strong call to service. Cpl. Kelly is currently in the hospital fighting for his life.

Law enforcement officers aren't in it for the money. Officers are overworked, underpaid, and underappreciated. Every day, when they head into work, they kiss loved ones because it may be the last time they are home. Law enforcement officers risk their lives to serve as the line between chaos and civil order in our community, and for this, we must thank our law enforcement officers and recognize them as the heroes they are.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on May 15, 2023, due to a delay with my flight. If I were present for Roll Call votes, I would have voted Aye for the following votes:

Roll Call No. 213, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3089—NDO Fairness Act; and

Roll Call No. 214, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, H. Res. 363—Expressing support for recognizing "National Police Week".

CONGRATULATING DR. C.R. RAO
FOR RECEIVING THE INTER-
NATIONAL PRIZE IN STATISTICS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Dr. Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, or C.R. Rao, for receiving the International Prize in Statistics on April 1, 2023. Often referred to as the Nobel Prize for statistics, this award recognizes his seminal 1945 work, Information and the Accuracy Attainable in the Estimation of Statistical Parameters, as fundamental to the modern field of statistics. This 2023 award comes after more than 80 years of profound contributions to sta-

tistics that continue to influence disciplines as diverse as medicine, computer science, genetics, and the social sciences. Dr. Rao has not only produced groundbreaking research; he has also supported and educated multiple generations of aspiring mathematicians and scientists.

Dr. C.R. Rao was born as the 8th of 10 children to Telugu speaking parents in the southern Indian state of present-day Karnataka. He demonstrated an impressive comprehension of mathematics from an early age and received a master's degree in mathematics at just 19 from Andhra University. With a desire to pursue a research career, Dr. Rao would go on to positions at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in Kolkata; Kings College at the University of Cambridge; University of Illinois, Urbana; University of Buffalo; University of Pittsburgh; and Pennsylvania State University. Over his, long career, Dr. Rao has published more than 400 research papers; authored 14 books, and become among the most prominent statisticians in the world. In addition to the International Prize in Statistics, Dr. Rao is also a recipient of the National Medal of Science, presented to him by President George W. Bush, and the Padma Vibhushan, awarded to him by Indian President K.R. Narayanan.

Throughout Dr. Rao's career, he has remained dedicated to supporting the next generation of statisticians and mathematicians. After completing his Ph.D. at Cambridge University under the guidance of the renowned statistician Sir Ronald Fisher, Dr. Rao returned to ISI so he could help develop the field of statistics in a newly independent India. In over 40 years at ISI, he developed a rich community of scholars. Dr. Rao's successful leadership inspired curiosity from colleagues around the world. He regularly welcomed visitors to Kolkata who wished to see firsthand his ability to spot talent and inspire young scholars to advance the fields of pure and applied mathematics, biology, genetics, economics, and other social sciences.

At age 60, Dr. Rao moved to the United States to help establish at research center at the University of Pittsburgh and to continue his love of scholarship and teaching. But Dr. Rao never lost his commitment to Indian scholarship. He later founded the C.R. Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science at the University of Hyderabad, to further ensure that aspiring statisticians and mathematicians could receive a world-class education in India. In both the United States and India, Dr. Rao has advised the research of over 50 Ph.D. candidates and many former students have carried Dr. Rao's influence into prominent roles in academia and government.

While pursuing his impressive work, Dr. Rao remained a devoted husband and father throughout his life. His beloved wife, C. Bhargavi, remained with him for 69 years of marriage before her passing in 2017. She provided a constant source of support. Dr. Rao is now 102 years old and lives with his daughter in Amherst, NY. With the support of his daughter, Dr. Rao remains involved in the research community to this day.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest congratulations to Dr. Rao for being awarded the prestigious International Prize in Statistics. His dedication to advancing our understanding of mathematics is equal to none, both in his own work and through the countless former students who carry on his legacy.

COMMEMORATING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF PIHRL AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY ROBERT H. MCKINNEY SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 26th anniversary of the Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL) at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, founded by Professor George Edwards in 1997.

PIHRL is the first U.S. law school program of its kind to which the United Nations granted "Special Consultative Status" which underscores the PIHRL's remarkable commitment to and contributions to the United Nations' efforts of global promotion and protection of human rights.

PIHRL has embarked on an extraordinary range of global activities, including facilitating over 250 law student intern placements and consultancies in over 75 countries on 6 continents, working with human rights organizations, U.S. and foreign governmental bodies, academic institutions, and inter-governmental organization such as the UN.

I commend the PIHRL, Professor George E. Edwards and all current and former students and affiliates for their tireless work and significant contributions to legal scholarship in international human rights law.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF POLICE CHIEF FRANK KAMINSKI

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and long career of Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski. Today is Chief Kaminski's last day on duty.

I have had the opportunity to work with Chief Kaminski on numerous occasions, and I have always found him to be a dedicated and capable public servant. He has served as the Chief of Police for the City of Park Ridge since 2009, where he was brought out of retirement to serve the community in which he lived and revitalize that local Police Department. He succeeded, creating a Chief's Advisory Board (an initiative he also brought to Evanston, Illinois) and re-envisioned the City's department-wide philosophy behind the concept of community policing.

Prior to his service in Park Ridge, Chief Kaminski spent thirty-three years with the Evanston Police Department. He led the department for two decades before retiring in 2006. During his tenure, he presided over a dramatic 55 percent reduction in the index crime rate, and just like in Park Ridge, Chief Kaminski was a constant advocate behind the concept of community policing. He championed a host of local initiatives in this capacity, including the Citizens Police Academy, the Chief's Advisory Board, and a Police-Chaplain-Clergy Team to further deepen interactions between the Police Department and the public.

In a development that would characterize much of his career, the Chief originated and implemented a philosophy of policing that he called "The Partnership, Police and Community Working Together."

I am grateful that Chief Kaminski spent his working years in the service of two communities within the 9th Congressional District of Illinois. I have no doubt that the residents of these communities are better off thanks to his philosophy and his efforts to further interactions between the police and the public. We will all feel the loss in the absence of his continued leadership on these issues.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I thank Chief Kaminski for his service. He leaves shoes that will be very hard to fill, and I hope that Park Ridge is able to find someone who can lead the Department with the same skill and compassion that he did. I wish him nothing but the best in future endeavors.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ALAN SMITH

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated service of Alan Smith as he retires from the Contra Costa Library Commission.

Throughout his career, Alan has faithfully served his community and has played a key role in supporting Contra Costa County's library system. When I was serving as a Contra Costa County Supervisor, I was proud to appoint Alan to the Library Commission and I am immensely proud of the work he has done to serve our community during his tenure. His career with the Library Commission began in May 1997 and he served as chair from 1998 to 2001, 2003 to 2005, and once again from 2015 to 2017. He has worked throughout the State of California conducting training sessions to various library boards and commissions. Additionally, he served as President of the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC) and represented Contra Costa County on the Bay Area Library Information System's (BALIS) Advisory Board. In 2006, Alan was awarded the California Library Association's President's Award in recognition of his leadership.

As part of his service, Alan has been a fierce advocate for legislative action to strengthen our nation's public libraries. He chaired the 2006 Proposition 81 library bond measure campaign in Contra Costa County, presenting critical information on this subject and obtaining over fifty endorsements for the proposition. Alan also served as a key advisor to other State and local campaigns.

Please join me in congratulating Alan Smith on his well-deserved retirement after 26 years of service with the Contra Costa Library Commission.

CONGRATULATING DR. PAMELA GUNTER-SMITH ON HER RETIREMENT FROM YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Pamela Gunter-Smith on her retirement as President of York College of Pennsylvania (YCP).

Over the course of her ten years of service, Dr. Gunter-Smith has impacted the lives of thousands of YCP students, parents, and alumni by modernizing YCP's curriculum and expanding opportunities for students of all backgrounds to pursue higher education.

Dr. Gunter-Smith's influence has also been felt off YCP's campus. During her time as President, she consistently took steps to expand YCP's role in the greater York community. This impact is best highlighted through numerous redevelopment and community engagement projects, including the soon-to-be completed Knowledge Park, as well as her service on boards such as the York County Industrial Development Authority, WellSpan Health, and Better York.

Mr. Speaker, the tireless work of Dr. Gunter-Smith has helped to establish YCP as one of America's best northeast colleges and will positively impact YCP students and York County residents for generations to come. I thank her for her steadfast dedication to improving the lives of students, her community, and wish her well in all future endeavors.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF BRANDON BYLO, CORNELIUS RODGERS, AND ANONYMOUS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor three exceptional residents of Connecticut's Second Congressional District: Brandon Bylo of Groton, off duty Police Lieutenant Cornelius Rodgers of the New London police department, and a third, an anonymous Good Samaritan. Each of these individuals acted swiftly and decisively to save the lives of two strangers in dire distress.

On the morning of April 21, 2023, a horrific collision occurred when an oil tanker collided with a stranded car, causing both to be engulfed in flames on the southbound lane of the State of Connecticut's largest bridge, the Gold Star Memorial Bridge. This bridge, which was built in the 1940's spans the Thames River between the City of New London and the City of Groton and accommodates thousands of trucks and cars every day. In the moments following the collision, three commuters traveling from behind the impacted vehicles, Mr. Brandon Bylo, Lt. Cornelius Rodgers, and the anonymous individual saw an inferno unfolding before their eyes and instinctually sprang into action. They sprinted over to the collapsed car, supported one passenger fleeing the scene before dragging and carrying the driver out from their seat—all as the flames from the