

who had been held hostage in New York City. This is the second highest recognition award a sworn member of the Rialto Police Department may receive.

On May 2, 2022, Detective Watson began following up on a missing juvenile report. Her instinct, initiative and discipline led her to believe the girl's disappearance was not voluntary. Her determination led her to take extraordinary steps to notify local agencies and coordinate with the New York Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to save this child's life and fly her back to Rialto to be reunited with her family on Mother's Day.

Detective Watson's actions made national news, bringing credit to herself and to the entire Rialto Police Department. This is just one example of the outstanding job performance, high degree of initiative and ability in an extremely critical situation that Detective Watson demonstrates on a daily basis. That's why I am proud to recognize her.

**HONORING AIR FORCE VETERANS
BARRY AND DORIS RICE**

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents, U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Barry Rice from Jacksonville, Alabama, and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Doris Kimery Rice, a native of Greeneville, Tennessee for their distinguished military and civil service. They both joined the Air Force at the end of the Vietnam War.

The couple met in technical school at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado in 1974. After technical school, they went to their respective assignments of Robins Air Force Base in Georgia and Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. TSgt Rice served as an avionics specialist, repairing radio and communication equipment; while SrA Rice served as a supply troop where she processed materials for arrival and departure.

They were married in November 1974 and after assistance from U.S. Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, they attained a joint spouse assignment at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. They then served together at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada. SrA Rice completed her four years of enlistment and rejoined the civilian sector. She later pursued a vocation in elementary education when her children became school age. The family was assigned to Eglin AFB, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida where they worked and served for 14 years. During this timeframe, TSgt Rice pulled a remote assignment to Keflavik NAS, Iceland, and Saudi Arabia during the First Gulf War.

After TSgt Rice's retirement from military service, he worked as a computer specialist for a publishing company in Murfreesboro, TN. During the Yugoslav Wars, the couple served as relief volunteers, where they aided refugees resettling in Nashville. TSgt Rice then decided to join the U.S. State Department Foreign Service. The Rice family lived in the Washington, D.C. area with assignments to the countries of Zambia, Cyprus, Israel, and Lesotho, where TSgt Rice worked for the dip-

lomatic corps, while SrA Rice volunteered at soup kitchens, unwed mothers' houses, crisis pregnancy centers, and local missions. They are now retired and continue to serve others in their hometown of Greeneville, Tennessee. Please join me in honoring TSgt and SrA Rice for their long careers of service to our Nation.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BEEF
MONTH**

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, as National Beef Month ends, I rise to recognize the enormous impact that the beef industry has on Colorado, our nation's economy, and our western way of life.

The American beef industry is the world's largest producer of beef and accounts for 21.7 percent of the world's total beef production. With 91.9 million heads of cattle and roughly 720,000 beef farms in the United States, the beef industry accounts for the largest share of total cash receipts among agricultural commodities and accounts for 35 percent of all U.S. farms.

This multi-billion-dollar industry employs hundreds of thousands of hard-working American men and women, most of whom work for family-owned, small businesses. With cattle raised in all 50 states, beef has grown to be the second most popular choice of meat in the United States and has contributed greatly to both domestic and international economies.

Often a great source of essential nutrients such as protein, zinc, iron and B vitamins, high-grade beef provides our bodies with the strength needed to thrive and grow throughout all stages of life. Lowering bad cholesterol, building muscle, and improving cognitive health are among the many benefits derived from a healthy, balanced diet that includes protein-rich animals such as beef. For years critics have unfairly alleged that the resources needed to sustain such an industry have done damage to our environment and raised greenhouse gas emissions, when in reality, the beef industry has undergone tremendous technological, genetic, and management reforms in an effort to preserve our environment. As ranchers who rely on healthy soil and good seasons for the well-being of their cattle, cattle ranchers have long placed environmental stewardship at the forefront of their operations.

Today, I show my appreciation for the hard-working men and women of the American beef industry who rise before the sun each day and work tirelessly to provide food to our nation. Working alongside their partners in the agricultural sector, the American beef industry has been a key contributor to our nation's fight against food insecurity and has provided much needed, nutrient-dense food for the world's population.

The beef industry is deeply ingrained in American culture and has been a valued economic partner in many communities across the United States and the world. Eastern Colorado, which I represent in the U.S. House of Representatives, has the ten most agriculture producing counties in Colorado, with 2.85 million heads of cattle valued at over \$2.8 billion. This ranks Colorado 10th in the United States

for total cattle and makes it the 4th largest exporter of beef in the United States.

These hardworking men and women deserve our gratitude. I am proud to honor their work during National Beef Month.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF NANCY
RISTER**

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I commend the exceptional career of Williamson County Clerk Nancy Rister as she celebrates her 25th anniversary of outstanding public service to Central Texas. Her contributions have made the members of her community's lives better and have helped make Texas a great place to live and work.

Nancy's resume is one to be admired and respected. It tells the story of a woman unafraid to contribute both her time and energies to the highest levels of public service as well as to a multitude of organizations that rely on volunteerism and social engagement to make good communities great.

She has done what all public servants are honored to do: put the needs of the people first. Implementing physical records to an online forum that's available for all citizens, decreasing turnaround time for deeds, and improving the organization and professionalism of the County Clerk's office, are just a few examples of the accomplishments that Nancy has achieved in her esteemed career. Over her quarter century in office, she has worked tirelessly to ensure that Williamson County residents receive the world-class public service they deserve.

Nancy's anniversary is a testament to her admirable career and a milestone in a life of service. I join her colleagues, friends, family, and the citizens of Williamson County in celebrating and honoring her 25 years of hard work and dedication.

**APPRECIATING MISS ELLE EKMAN
FOR HER SERVICE ON MY STAFF**

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in appreciation of Miss Elle Ekman for her service to the people of California's Eighth Congressional District as a member of my staff. Miss Ekman joined my office in December 2021, having previously served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. Her critical firsthand experience and knowledge of the needs of our servicemembers made her a natural choice as Military Legislative Assistant in my office.

The role of the Military Legislative Assistant is critical to my work serving on the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. From developing innovative legislation to identifying the most pressing concerns facing our military, Miss Ekman's work each day ensured that I was able to effectively represent the brave men and women who put their lives on the line for our country.

As Military Legislative Assistant, Miss Ekman was instrumental in ensuring the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 addressed the critical issues facing our servicemembers, military families, and military installations. In this essential legislation, Miss Ekman helped advance over forty legislative priorities to enhance our military's readiness and resiliency. Miss Ekman was an integral member of my D.C. staff, and her excellent work will have a lasting impact on servicemembers across America.

Miss Ekman has joined the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, as a Senior Research Analyst. I and all the members of Team Garamendi wish her all the best in her new position. During her tenure on my staff, Miss Ekman approached her work with an upbeat outlook, a demonstrated ability to think outside the box, and a passion for innovation. These same qualities will serve her well in her future endeavors.

While we will miss her, we all look forward to what Miss Ekman will do next. She will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi, always.

REMEMBRANCE OF KATHRYN HARRISON

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the extraordinary life of Kathryn Harrison, who walked on last Sunday at the age of 99. Kathryn was an extraordinary woman of vision, leadership, and determination.

Kathryn was a key leader for her Grand Ronde tribe, and indeed for Native Americans everywhere. Her amazing life resulted in numerous honors and widespread recognition for her testimony before Congress that ultimately led to the restoration of Grand Ronde's federal recognition. After the restoration, Kathryn was instrumental in developing ways to capitalize on tribal resources for the lasting benefit of both the people of Grand Ronde, and indeed all Oregonians.

She was patient, thoughtful, determined, and always had a great spirit and a terrific sense of humor. I am honored to have been able to work with Kathryn on tribal issues for over 20 years. She led with dignity and focus simply by being in the room. We are all better people for being touched by her life and her services of giving back. I count myself lucky that our paths crossed many times. She was a powerful symbol of determination—helping secure justice for tribal people and providing inspiration for Native Americans across the country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 213, and YEA Roll Call No. 214.

RECOGNIZING TERRY DEARDEN

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terry Dearden, Director of Government Relations for the New Jersey Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, and all her years of service to our community. Terry will be retiring from her distinguished 18-year career of advocating and supporting New Jersey veterans, National Guard, Reserve, and active servicemembers.

Terry has been an invaluable resource to me and my office staff as we navigate complex military issues on the Armed Services Committee. Her support has been crucial to my constituent services team for any number of requests we receive every single day. From answering questions on state benefits to ensuring a veteran can lay with dignity in their final resting place, she has always dedicated her work to helping those around her.

Throughout my time working with leadership at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Terry was always there to act as an instrumental person in arranging tours and visits for myself and our team. At any available opportunity, she would include my office in exciting advancements on our base like the refueling flight exercises of the 108th Air Wing, tours of New Jersey National Guard facilities, and medal ceremonies honoring those who served, so we could also be more involved in helping our servicemembers and veterans. Through her leadership, Terry worked to show our constituents and servicemembers across the State the commitment and dedication of those who answer the call of serving our country as well as the legacy of our veterans.

I thank her for her years of dedicated service to New Jersey servicemembers, their families, and our veterans. I wish Terry many happy years in retirement with her husband Ed and four daughters.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen, New Jersey. Throughout its long history, New Hope Baptist Church has been a spiritual center for prayer, education, fellowship, and service to the community, and it is my honor to join the church leadership and congregation in marking this significant occasion.

Established in 1923 by four deacons, including the grandfather of the church's current pastor, New Hope Baptist Church began humbly, initially renting space for worship. Over the years, the church has been led by dedicated pastors whose vision and leadership oversaw the growth and obligation of the church. The purchase of the property where the church still stands today began under the leadership of Rev. J.J. Dale, with anticipated

opportunity for expansion. Rev. Joseph J. Dale directed the completion of the current sanctuary, from its groundbreaking in 1970 to its first service in 1972.

Its current pastor, Rev. Dr. Ronald Owens, serves as the 12th pastor of the church, where he worshiped as a child and was also ordained as a deacon, and licensed and ordained as a preacher of the gospel. He has dedicated over 30 years of service to the congregation, and throughout his pastorate the church has grown immensely, boasting a membership of over 500. In addition, under his leadership, New Hope Baptist Church has dedicated itself to social action, serving the needs of people through worship and outreach ministries. The clergy, staff, and members of New Hope Baptist Church endeavor to carry on its mission and ensure a viable future.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my great honor to pay tribute to New Hope Baptist Church as it celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. New Hope Baptist Church is a mainstay of the community, and this incredible milestone is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING ARDEN CAHILL ACADEMY, A PROMINENT INSTITUTION OF LEARNING IN LOUISIANA

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a prominent institution of learning located in Louisiana's Second Congressional District, which I am so proud to represent. Arden Cahill Academy was founded in 1968 by Arden and Harry Cahill as a private academy dedicated to the interest of early childhood education. As the Head Mistress of the academy, Mrs. Cahill chose, Mrs. Diana Wright, Mrs. Joy Vickery, Mrs. Dolly Stakelum, Mrs. Patricia McMullen, and Mrs. Marjorie Snyder as members of the original faculty. Each of these ladies contributed greatly to the creation and formation of the philosophy of the academy.

The history of events leading up to their decision to start a school is significant because Mrs. Cahill's prior teaching experiences greatly influenced the vision that she had for Arden Cahill Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Cahill's interest was to establish a school where the focus would be on the whole child. The school's philosophy is "to create a wholesome environment for learning where each child may grow and mature intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically, and morally to the best of his ability. It is the hope that through the good example and guidance of dedicated teachers each child will be encouraged to develop strength, confidence, and love for his fellow man and inspired to seek truth and knowledge."

Inspired and encouraged by the successful progress and development of the first group of students, Mrs. Cahill made the decision to expand the program and continue the process of education by adding one grade each year within the elementary school. The first eighth grade graduation was held at Lakewood Country Club in May 1977.