

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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RECOGNIZING ARDEN CAHILL  
ACADEMY, A PROMINENT INSTITUTE  
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.

The original school campus consisted of one building on a two-acre site and later became the administrative office building. Buildings and classrooms were added yearly to accommodate the growing enrollment. The buildings were designed to house preschool, kindergarten, and elementary classes in separate quarters with special areas for library, art, music, and drama. Arden Cahill Academy's expansion did not only include classrooms, but they also provided a rich experience for their students by adding two swimming pools and an outdoor basketball court.

From the very beginning, it was Mrs. Cahill's desire to provide an airy country environment where children could discover and enjoy God's natural gifts while also pursuing knowledge. In 1976, a ten-acre tract of land was acquired for the purpose of building a new school. Riding stables and a country farmyard were added to the property in the summer of 1976 for use in the summer camp program and to offer horseback riding as an extra-curricular activity during the regular school year. In 1982, Jefferson Parish expropriated the property to build the Boudreaux Elementary School. Soon after, a twelve-acre tract in Lake Timberlane Estates was purchased for the new school site. In 1985, stables and an equestrian arena were erected on the rear of the property, Bayou Stables, as it is now called, was used for summer camp and extracurricular horseback riding lessons.

In 1986, construction began on two of the five buildings that comprised the master plan. These buildings were designed to provide a facility that would complement the academy's curriculum of academic excellence and cultural enrichment to finally bring the Cahill's vision to life. The buildings situated on Wall Boulevard along Bayou Fatma included classrooms, a library, a dining room, an art studio, a music room, a 300-seat theatre, a gymnasium, and a junior Olympic swimming pool. In September 1988, the first class of students from nursery through the eighth grade entered the Wall Boulevard campus while the school on Faragut Street continued with an infant and early childhood program. The first graduation on the Wall Boulevard Campus was held on May 19, 1989. In the summer of 1990, Building B, an 8-classroom building, was constructed to house the nursery and preschool making it possible to add additional sections in the lower school. In September of 1995, the foundation was poured for a 16,000 square foot, two story building which was occupied in March of 1996. The new building includes 14 classrooms, a state-of-the-art science lab, a technologically advanced computer lab, and academic offices.

I am humbled to virtually deliver the keynote address to Arden Cahill's first high school graduation. I am equally humbled that my great-nephew Cameron Smith is a member of this year's graduating class. My nephews, Cameron and Larry both attended Arden Cahill in the most difficult times of their life. After the sudden passing of their father, Larry Smith, their mother, China Carter Smith went into Kidney Failure and had to begin dialysis treatment, while also dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic and battling Cancer. My niece, China and Mrs. E Arden Cahill both transitioned in 2021. Mrs. Cahill, after a long battle with Alzheimer's passed away on July 15, 2021. Exactly 4 months later our sweet China passed away on November 15, 2021.

The founders' vision to create a school with an intimate setting to incorporate nature and natural environments and the arts into an educational experience was so important for both Cameron and Larry's educational experience and personal development. Today, there are 9 seniors graduating. I know this is a hallmark event for them, and for Cameron and our family in many ways.

The Board of Directors of Arden Cahill Academy is comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Cahill's children, Harry "Chip" Cahill, III, Jack Cahill, Mary Kevin Cahill, Kelly Cahill, and Chris Cahill. Carrying on their parents' legacy, they remain dedicated to providing the Westbank with an exceptional school for years to come. After more than 50 years of educating children on the Westbank and the surrounding areas of the city, the Cahill family is excited about the expansion plans and looks forward to continuing the mission to uphold the standards that Mr. and Mrs. Cahill established, thus forever keeping their dream alive. I know that this school will be an important fixture in the lives of many to come, as it has been for my nephews and my family.

I am so blessed and grateful to have this opportunity and to extend my great-nephew, along with his classmates, well wishes for a successful and bright future. My prayer and dream are that each member of this class continue to make us proud. And extreme well wishes to Arden Cahill Academy, as they continue to change the lives of those they educate, the future leaders of this great country. God Bless them and their path.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOP-  
LIN POLICE CHIEF SLOAN ROW-  
LAND

**HON. ERIC BURLISON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2023*

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of Chief of Police Sloan Rowland, a true public servant whose dedication and commitment to his community have left an indelible mark on the city of Joplin, Missouri.

For 35 years, Chief Rowland has selflessly served the people in various public safety positions, starting as an emergency medical technician in Kansas and eventually rising through the ranks to become the chief of police.

After joining the Joplin Police Department in 2003, Chief Rowland advanced from officer to corporal, sergeant to lieutenant, and assistant chief, before ultimately assuming the role of chief of police in 2019. His ascent is a testament to his leadership skills and his unwavering commitment to public safety.

Chief Rowland also led the department and the community through a time of heartbreak and grief, when a gunman shot and killed Corporal Ben Cooper and Officer Jake Reed, and injured Officer Rick Hirschey in March of 2022.

On June 1st of this year, Chief Sloan Rowland will retire after 20 years of service to the community of Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Chief Rowland on his upcoming retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to our community. Chief Rowland has not only served as an exceptional

law enforcement leader in Joplin but has also been an exemplary role model for law enforcement professionals throughout the Nation.

It is my honor and privilege to have him as my constituent, and to recognize him today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER  
OF THOMAS "TOMMY"  
GILLILLAND

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2023*

Ms. STEFANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and honor the legacy of career public servant Thomas "Tommy" Gillilland.

Mr. Gillilland was born in Bladen, Nebraska in 1932 and spent his childhood in Glenwood, Iowa. As a young man, he attended the University of Iowa and Wentworth Military Academy, before receiving both his undergraduate degree and a master's degree in International Relations from American University. A proud American patriot, Mr. Gillilland served his country as a commissioned officer in both the Army Reserves and the Iowa National Guard.

Throughout his life, Mr. Gillilland demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving others. As a young professional entering the work force, he and his wife Cory chose to move to Micronesia and spent several years working with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in the pursuit of self-governance. Following his work abroad, Mr. Gillilland returned to the United States and began working for the federal government in Washington, D.C. He spent time at the Department of State, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Treasury, becoming a well-regarded expert in the congressional legislative process.

Upon his retirement from the public sector, Mr. Gillilland and his wife fulfilled a lifelong dream and opened an art gallery in Saint Augustine, Florida, before settling in Willsboro, New York. He continued his public service as the Chairman of the Willsboro Zoning Board of Appeals and a member of the Willsboro and Essex County Republican Committees.

Mr. Gillilland was a passionate musician, known as a vocalist for his beautiful low range. He sang in multiple church choirs and was an active member in the American Association of Barbershop Singing in America. However, nothing was more important to Mr. Gillilland than the success and happiness of his wife, their 3 children, and 7 grandchildren.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Gillilland as an extraordinary public servant, patriot, and staple of his community.

HONORING FRED HARTMAN

**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 honor Fred Hartman, a U.S. Army veteran who bravely served during World War II, as he celebrates his 99th birthday this Memorial Day.