

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.

One of Medford VFW Post's last surviving members of the "Greatest Generation," Fred proudly answered the call to serve our country in 1943. Originally born in Philadelphia and starting work as an apprentice tool maker, Fred put everything on hold to serve during World War II. Through his work and service, he exemplified integrity and resilience even as his regiment landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and suffered grave losses. In treacherous circumstances they persevered, and Fred continued to serve in various other capacities like Operation COBRA. Even after being wounded by grenade fragments, Fred rejoined his unit in time for the breakthrough of Seigfried Line. Toward the end of his service, Fred was an integral part of helping Allied Forces during the Battle of the Bulge, and later joined the offensive effort during Operation PLUNDER.

Upon his return home as a Sergeant, Fred became a deservedly decorated veteran. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the European Service Medal, and received five stars. At home, he continued his career as a tool maker, and began involvement with local organizations. Most notably, he joined the Medford VFW Post, and served in numerous leadership positions. Eventually, he became the Post Quartermaster, and dedicated his time to managing the financial affairs of the organization. Much like his service to our country, Fred went above and beyond as a leader, and achieved the distinction of All State Quartermaster.

It is clear that no matter the field, Fred has made an indelible impact on our lives. We are proud to have Fred call New Jersey's 3rd District home, and to have been fortunate enough to benefit from his contributions. We thank him for all the ways he has served our community and country as a whole. As Fred continues to enjoy serving others and time with his family, we wish him many more years of good health and continued happiness.

RECOGNIZING FIRST KOREAN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD my letter recognizing First Korean United Methodist Church's 100th Anniversary:

DEAR MEMBERS OF FIRST KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: I offer my sincere congratulations to everyone at First Korean United Methodist Church as the congregation marks its 100th anniversary of ministry to the community.

For the past century, First Korean United Methodist Church has been an important part of the Korean American community, providing a welcoming home and vital services. The work you do in the community, from developing programs which help the next generation of Korean American leaders thrive to providing ministry for all people regardless of age and gender, has changed countless lives.

Through commitment, dedication, and the strong faith of the leadership and the congregants, First Korean United Methodist Church has made so many feel at home, and I am proud to be your representative in Con-

gress. I look forward to working with the community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER,
Member of Congress.

MAY CONSTITUENT OF THE
MONTH, ILIMA MARTINEZ

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Ilima Martinez as my May Constituent of the Month. As the Founder and President of Umeke Organization, Ilima works to preserve Hawaiian culture and traditions.

Ilima has more than a decade of experience of doing this work and this year, Ilima used her experience to organize the first annual Southern California Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Festival to celebrate the rich history of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in our community. I have no doubt she will continue to make a difference in our region.

During Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional efforts of individuals like Ilima Martinez who volunteer their time and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm so grateful for CA-49 residents who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our residents and community, and I'm proud to honor Ilima Martinez as my May Constituent of the Month.

HONORING MARK GHILARDUCCI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with the members of the California delegation, to honor Mark Ghilarducci, the director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), for his 40 years of public safety service.

Born in San Mateo, California, Mr. Ghilarducci received his Bachelor of Science in Physiology from University of California, Davis. Afterwards, he joined Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government as a part of their fellowship program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

Mr. Ghilarducci started his career at the federal level working on homeland security, emergency preparedness, and disaster response. Mr. Ghilarducci was an executive member of the Advisory Board for the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System from 1990 to 2003. Here he led federal search and rescue operations after the 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City. From 1997 to 2000, he also served as federal coordinating officer with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additionally, Mr. Ghilarducci was a critical advisor to the state of Louisiana and Governor Kathleen Blanco after Hurricane Katrina.

In California, Mr. Ghilarducci has occupied several integral public safety positions. He served as deputy state fire chief of special operations for California's Office of Emergency

Services (Cal OES), where he led the development and creation of the state's internationally recognized fire and rescue mutual aid system. In 2014, he was appointed director of Cal OES by Governor Jerry Brown, and again by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019. Over the course of his tenure as director, he guided California through 130 federally declared disasters such as an enduring drought, five of California's largest wildfires, including the tragic Camp fire, and the COVID pandemic. He also serves in Governor Newsom's cabinet as his homeland security adviser, using his experience to advise on matters of terrorism and cybersecurity.

Mr. Ghilarducci has also been a member of numerous state bodies that have shaped California's emergency preparedness, response, and recovery approaches. From 2001 to 2003, he co-chaired both the Governor's Strategic Committee on Terrorism and the California Standardized Emergency Management System Technical Committee. Governor Newsom also appointed Mr. Ghilarducci as chair of the California Earthquake Authority Board of Directors and the California Wildfire Catastrophic Response Council, as well as the executive board member of the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Some of Mr. Ghilarducci's most notable policy achievements include the modernization of California's 911 system, his facilitation of the State Threat Intelligence and Assessment System, the design and implementation of the nation's first Earthquake Early Warning System, and the design and operation of the California Cybersecurity Integration Center. Furthermore, he was a vocal advocate for the California Disaster Assistance Act which authorized over \$300 million in funding towards building a more resilient and safer California.

Mr. Ghilarducci is known for his motto "one team, one fight" as well as his honesty, integrity, and respectful nature. He spends his spare time with his wife Linda Ghilarducci and two children, RJ Ghilarducci and Alexandra Ghilarducci.

Mr. Speaker, Mark Ghilarducci has undoubtedly made our Nation and the state of California a safer place for our constituents.

APPRECIATING MR. JACOB
JERNIGAN FOR HIS 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 Mr. Jacob Jernigan for his service to the people of California's Eighth Congressional District as a member of my staff. A native of California, Mr. Jernigan joined my office in 2018, playing a critical role in my office for over four years. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Jernigan demonstrated a sincere commitment to the people of California, serving as Outreach Manager and ultimately using his vast experience and knowledge to become a Legislative Assistant in my office.

By listening to community members, writing legislation, and advocating for constituents, Legislative Assistants are fundamental to ensuring the priorities and concerns of Americans are comprehensively addressed. Mr.