

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Peter gets results the old-fashioned way—by earning them—through tireless advocacy, vision and forging lasting relationships. When he sees a need for action, he doesn't just talk about it, he rolls up his sleeves and does something to protect cherished natural places for everyone.

Peter's success at advocacy draws on his experience as former Chief of the National Park Service Office of Legislation in the Carter/Mondale Administration and lead environmental staffer and later Commissioner for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency under former Governor Wendell Anderson. He worked closely with the late Congressman Vento and late Senator Durenberger to secure passage of legislation designating MNRRA as a national park in Congress in 1988. He was appointed the first chairman of the Mississippi River Commission by the Secretary of the Interior to develop a comprehensive plan for MNRRA and founded Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR in 1993 and remains on its board.

Later, he worked with former Vice President Walter Mondale to expand the St. Croix River Association. He is an outspoken supporter of protecting Mid west national parks from ever present development pressures, particularly when they threaten the water resources and scenic beauty of our national parks.

After his effective service in the public sector, Peter had an equally distinguished career as an executive for two Minnesota tech companies, St. Jude Medical, Inc. and Control Data Corporation, before retiring in 2005. Throughout his various roles, he remains engaged in the community and in protecting our special natural places.

Peter served as past chair of the St. Croix River Association Board, Trust for Public Land Minnesota Advisory Board, and the National Park Conservation Association Upper Midwest Regional Council. He is also a Trustee of Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin and chair of the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota Board.

His ongoing work for protection of resources and increased federal funding for parks, has earned him numerous and well-deserved honors, including NPCA's Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award, Wild Rivers Conservancy's Nelson-Mondale Legacy Award, and the Department of the Interior Public Service award in 1995 from then-Secretary of Interior Babbitt.

It has been a privilege to call Peter a trusted ally, advisor, and friend throughout my service in Congress. I have always found him to be a knowledgeable and passionate advocate for the issues he cares about, and I look forward to joining Peter and family later this week at an event to honor his decades of extraordinary public service.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in this well-deserved tribute to Peter. I wish him, his wife Mary, and his children and grandchildren all the best.

HONORING JULIANA FARMER

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Juliana Farmer, who was

cruelly taken from us too soon at the Old National Bank Shooting in Louisville on April 10th.

Juliana was known by her friends and family as a beautiful soul inside and out, who made people better just by talking to her. A Henderson County native, Juliana moved to Jefferson County three weeks prior to the shooting to work as a loan analyst while simultaneously pursuing a degree in business administration at Ivy Tech Community College.

When I spoke to Juliana's mother, she described her daughter as "a sensitive person who loved everyone and everything, she was a joy to have as a child, a very intelligent woman . . . she was a dedicated woman who had a pure heart and cared."

Juliana will be remembered by her friends, family, loved ones, and the people of Louisville as a hardworking and loving daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BECCA BALINT

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present on May 30, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 238, YEA on Roll Call No. 239, and YEA on Roll Call No. 240.

HONORING SHUKRI JAMA

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shukri Jama, a dedicated member of my team for the last three years. Since December 2019, Shukri has loyally served the constituents of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District.

Shukri was born in a refugee camp that bordered Somalia and Kenya. After arriving in the United States, she moved to Minnesota, as part of the UNHCR Refugee Resettlement Program. Shukri later moved to Nebraska where she attended middle and high school. She later received her bachelor's degree in political science at South Dakota University. Her experience as a Somali refugee inspired her to pursue a career in public service.

During Shukri's time in my office, she has proven to be a talented, brilliant, and capable young woman. During her tenure, she has helped our constituents through answering our phone lines, responding to letters, managing our robust intern program, and helping the overall functioning of our office. It has been my pleasure to get to know Shukri and watch her develop her confidence and skills. I am incredibly grateful to her, along with my entire staff who work tirelessly to advance the interests of Minnesotans and the American people. Shukri has been an invaluable asset to my team, and I cannot wait to see the incredible things she will achieve.

On behalf of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in hon-

oring and thanking Shukri for her service. Her contributions to my office and the constituents of the 5th District will be forever cherished. It was an honor to get to work alongside her to advance a more just world. Shukri's quick wit and love for Taylor Swift will be missed in the office each day, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITY
INSTITUTE

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the Humanity Institute, in Locust Grove, Georgia, which is creating a space for all who seek natural healing, personal enlightenment, and to become better versions of themselves. Conceived by founder Harshad Patel, the institute will be a center for wellness and charity. Underpinning the Humanity Institute's approach is a commitment to peace and unity for individuals of all cultures, ethnicities, and religions.

The Humanity Institute plans to utilize Ayurveda. Originating in India over 3,000 years ago, Ayurveda is a system of healthcare which highlights the interconnectedness of the mind, body, and spirit as well as the importance of reducing stress. The institute will have a team of certified Ayurvedic medicine practitioners, specialists, and coaches working together to achieve positive health outcomes. Visitors will be able to meet a specialist and receive an individualized treatment plan. Therapies will include yoga, meditation, acupuncture, and herbal medicines. The campus, which is currently under development, will also offer an Addiction Recovery Center to aid those struggling with substance abuse. Together, these approaches are intended to address physical and mental health in conjunction.

The institute will provide visitors with a welcoming, educational environment where they can focus on eliminating stress and finding inner peace with the support of knowledgeable staff members. Overall, the Humanity Institute aims to create a community where visitors can both find support and help support others.

In addition to supporting the physical and mental health of visitors, the Humanity Institute is committed to assisting those in need. The proceeds from the institute will support charitable activities within the United States and throughout the world. These efforts include assisting victims of human trafficking, combating poverty, reducing hunger, conserving our natural environment, and promoting harmonious interpersonal and lifestyle management.

Mr. Speaker, founder Harshad Patel has an ambitious yet essential goal. The Humanity Institute is working diligently to develop its campus and to create a destination for wellness and peace. I want to commend the Humanity Institute for its efforts.

HONORING THOMAS “TOMMY”
ELLIOTT

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, Tommy Elliott, who was cruelly taken from us too soon at the Old National Bank Shooting in Louisville on April 10th.

Tommy was a pillar of the Louisville community and a friend to all. Most importantly, he was a friend of ours.

I knew Tommy for a long time, and my wife, Chris, worked with his wife. Tommy loved life, and we loved sharing our life with him. He was the definition of a true friend.

An Elizabethtown High School and University of Kentucky alum, he devoted his life to helping others through serving on the board of numerous organizations and nonprofits throughout Kentucky, as well as mentoring some of the most prominent members of our community. Tommy will always be remembered as a true public servant, dedicated father and husband, and inspirational leader to all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 238—H.R. 2792; YEA on Roll Call No. 239—H.R. 2795; and YEA on Roll Call No. 240—H.R. 2796.

HONORING COLONEL THOMAS O.
PEMBERTON

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate Colonel Thomas O. Pemberton, Commander of the 434th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom Air Reserve Base, for his retirement from the U.S. Air Force Reserve this month.

Colonel Pemberton's distinguished career in service to our nation has spanned nearly four decades. During that time, Colonel Pemberton's professionalism and persistence has advanced the mission of the United States Military and inspired countless other men and women to be the very best they can be.

First entering active duty in 1985, Colonel Pemberton has flown numerous aircraft in his career, amassing more than 5,800 flight hours as a navigator and a pilot. Colonel Pemberton's service has taken him bases across our country, including numerous roles at Grissom alone. It has also included mobilization and deployments in support of Operations Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom as well as other contingencies across the globe.

For the past two years, Colonel Pemberton has served as the 38th commander of the 434th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), a unit responsible for operating and maintaining all of Grissom Air Reserve Base. In this role, Colonel Pemberton has ably commanded the largest KC-135R Stratotanker unit in the Air Force Reserve Command, which runs refueling missions around the world. With nearly 1,900 military, civilian, and contractor personnel at Grissom, Pemberton's steady leadership has proved instrumental in the success of the Hoosier Wing. In addition to his upstanding service in the Air Reserve, countless Hoosiers have testified to another important aspect of Colonel Pemberton's life: his commitment and devotion to his family.

Indiana's Second's Congressional District, the Hoosier state, and our entire nation are all better off because of Colonel Pemberton's service and leadership. I am proud to call Colonel Pemberton a friend and to congratulate him on a mission well accomplished. I and Hoosiers throughout the Second District and beyond, wish Colonel Pemberton and his entire family nothing but the best as he prepares to embark on the next exciting chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN MAYSAA
OUZA

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Air Force Captain Maysaa Ouza, a native of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong, a trailblazer for religious freedom and advocate on behalf of victims of crimes.

Captain Ouza is a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn and the University of Toledo College of Law in Toledo, Ohio. She first became interested in serving in the U.S. Air Force in 2018. An Arab American woman who wears the hijab, Captain Ouza blazed the trail for those who would follow in her footsteps by successfully petitioning the Air Force to reconsider its nationwide policy regarding religious accommodations. She is the first Air Force judge advocate (JAG) to wear a hijab in uniform. Captain Ouza currently serves as a JAG officer at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio, where she advocates on behalf of survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Please join me in recognizing Captain Maysaa Ouza, for her outstanding service, as we welcome her back to Dearborn, Michigan as the Grand Marshal of the City of Dearborn's ninety-seventh Memorial Day festivities.

HONORING DEANA ECKERT

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Deana Eckert, who was cruelly taken from us too soon at the Old National Bank Shooting in Louisville on April 10th.

Deana was a selfless person above all and found the most joy in pouring love into her friends, family, and everyone she encountered. A Kentucky native and Western Kentucky University alum, Deana truly devoted her life to uplifting others. She had worked for Old National Bank since 2016 and was a beloved wife and mother to two children.

Deana's father said he would always remember his daughter for her generosity and “how good and sweet she was.” Her husband and daughter said that “she never met someone she didn't leave a lasting positive impact on,” and that she was the “kindest, most loving and compassionate” person.

Deana will be remembered by her family, friends, and neighbors in Louisville as “a rainbow of love.”

RECOGNIZING ELBIT SYSTEMS OF
AMERICA—30 YEARS OF SERVICE,
PERFORMANCE, AND INNOVATION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of one of America's critically important defense technology companies—Elbit Systems of America, of Fort Worth, Texas. I congratulate the company and its 3,400 employees nationwide for their three decades of service and performance.

The men and women of Elbit Systems of America embody the spirit of innovation and have made invaluable contributions to our national defense and the welfare of our communities.

Founded in 1993, Elbit Systems of America has become a beacon of success within the defense industry. Over the past three decades, the company has continuously embraced innovation and leveraged cutting-edge technology to deliver superior defense capabilities to our aimed forces.

As a leading provider of innovative defense solutions, Elbit Systems of America has consistently demonstrated its commitment to excellence and has played a vital role in ensuring our national security. Through its unwavering dedication, Elbit Systems of America has established itself as a trusted partner in equipping our military with the tools they need to safeguard our nation.

Beyond its impressive track record in defense technology, Elbit Systems of America has also exemplified a deep sense of corporate social responsibility. The company's commitment to giving back to the community is commendable, and its charitable contributions have had a profound impact on numerous organizations and causes.

I must also acknowledge the hard work and dedication of its employees, many of whom have worked there from the company's modest beginnings, accumulating decades of expertise while simultaneously supporting key charitable organizations. As a Fort Worth native, I have known a number of Elbit Systems of America employees for many years. They are my neighbors, fellow parishioners, and friends. I can attest that they are joined together by a shared commitment to the company's mission to create and deliver innovative