

successful future. I am extremely grateful for his efforts and encouragement which have touched and benefited the lives of so many.

Mr. Hildreth has led by example throughout his career and has made immeasurable contributions to our community. Crain's Creek Middle School and other schools throughout the district are better today because of his passion and hard work. I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation for his dedicated service to our youth and wish him the best as he continues to educate and inspire those in his classroom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Mr. Mark Hildreth for being named Moore County Schools Alternate Teacher of the Year.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LT. GORDON EUGENE THOMPSON

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the life and service of Second Lieutenant Gordon "Tommy" Thompson, a Montanan Marine fighter pilot with VMF-224 who failed to return from a combat mission over Guadalcanal on August 31, 1942.

Gordon was a skilled rancher and excellent student, graduating from Moccasin High School in 1937 as valedictorian. After attending Montana State College, "Tommy" decided to chase his dreams of flight and joined the U.S. Navy's flight training program in August 1941. A task made even more daunting when the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into World War II months later. Gordon never wavered in his commitment to his country. Despite knowing the dangers, he saw his training through and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and deployed to Guadalcanal.

The United States had yet to fully expel Japanese forces from Guadalcanal when Lt. Thompson arrived on the island. His first mission was to monitor enemy activity and prepare for a possible counterattack. Unfortunately, the oxygen system in his F4F Wildcat fighter malfunctioned, leaving him unable to pilot his craft.

After being declared "missing in action," Lt. Thompson was awarded the Purple Heart, which was sent to the parents, Lachlan and Ita, back in Moccasin along with other medals for his bravery. After repeated inquiries into the search for their son, the Thompsons were unable to learn more about Gordon's death.

Although postwar searches for Lt. Thompson's remains were unsuccessful, in the summer of 2018, a local man recovered Gordon's Marine identification tag in his garden. After deploying researchers to the area, a team of Department of Defense specialists finally discovered Gordon and his missing aircraft. Lt. Thompson was officially listed as accounted for on July 13, 2022, to the relief of his family and friends. I'm happy to say that he will soon be laid to rest back home in Moccasin, Montana.

Lt. Gordon Thompson's story is that of courage in the face of immense danger. Like many others like him, Gordon carried out his duty

and paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms we all enjoy. I want to thank Lt. Thompson for his bravery in World War II and thank his family for their resilience. I'm proud to acknowledge Lt. Gordon Eugene Thompson for his service, and it is a privilege to honor him and his family in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING CONCHITA HSU AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Conchita Hsu as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Conchita Hsu has served as the president of the Florida Chapter of Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) since January 2022 and as elder advisor of the Orlando Chapter of International Buddhist Progress Society since January 2017. From 2013 to 2016, she served as the president of the Orlando Chapter of BLIA. Under her leadership, the BLIA chapter has played an active role in the Central Florida community, including leading relief efforts after Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, supporting communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping underserved members of the community, sponsoring local schools, hosting the Abolition 2020-Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration, partnering with local institutes for cultural exchanges, and more. The chapter has been recognized with the Orange County Public Schools' Crystal Awards and the Orange County Mayor's Outstanding Community Service Awards numerous times in the past decade. Conchita also served as principal of the Chinese School of Chinese American Association of Central Florida from 2005 to 2009 and as the chief executive officer of Orlando Guang Ming Academy from 2016 to 2021, promoting Chinese literacy and culture. She has also served as a contributor to the Florida Asia Trend Magazine, volunteered with the Tzu Chi Foundation Central Florida Chapter Outreach Program, and is active as an interpreter for various non-profit organizations as well as for patients in hospitals. She has called Central Florida home since 1996 with her husband David and is the proud parent of two grown sons—who are now a doctor and a college professor—and one grandson.

RECOGNIZING MIKE GRIMM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Mike Grimm and to celebrate his retirement from The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Grimm has dedicated his life to conservation and ecological studies throughout Northeast Wisconsin, and he has been instrumental with my "Save the Bay" initiative since its inception.

Mr. Grimm began his career in the field of ecology and conservation with his studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and later a Master of Science in Natural Resource Planning. He joined The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 1991, and later moved to Door County in 1994 to create the "Door Peninsula Project." Since then, he has served as a conservation ecologist throughout the region and has taken part in planning, researching, and restoring different land management projects on behalf of TNC.

Mr. Grimm has been a leader when it comes to TNC's philanthropic missions and has played a pivotal role with land acquisition projects throughout the region as well. He has extensive knowledge of the diverse ecological and biological landscapes of northeast Wisconsin, and he has conducted a significant number of ecological assessments throughout the region. His research and conservancy efforts have been profound, and he has worked hard to preserve and protect our unique northeastern Wisconsin landscapes and wildlife.

Furthermore, Mr. Grimm has been a key component of the Save the Bay initiative since its inception in November of 2015. He led the first Lower Fox Watershed Workgroup meeting for the program in 2016 and has facilitated meetings throughout the region for the past eight years. Mr. Grimm has invested many hours towards this collaborative program and has significantly contributed to its success. He has been instrumental with the formulation of goals and priorities for the initiative, and has played a substantial role with planning, preparation and idea generation.

Mr. Grimm's work throughout Northeast Wisconsin has been nothing short of incredible. His presence at The Nature Conservancy will be missed, as well as his thoughtful leadership at Save the Bay meetings, but the work he has done and projects he started will continue forward and will preserve his legacy. Mr. Grimm's impact on the community will not soon be forgotten and I would like to urge everyone to join me in thanking Mr. Grimm for his great career and his many years of service to Northeast Wisconsin.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FALMOUTH COMMUNITY TELEVISION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Falmouth Community Television. Founded on May 31, 1993, Falmouth Community Television is a nonprofit community media center that creates content covering the issues that matter most to the people of Falmouth, Massachusetts. Highlighting oral histories, scientific discoveries at Woods Hole, documentaries, political dialogues, local government discussions, as well as sporting and school events, Falmouth Community Television produces media to represent and serve the local community. Through unfiltered coverage, Falmouth Community Television strives to uplift diverse voices across its platforms and encourage civic engagement and conversations

surrounding public discourse. Whether broadcasting town emergencies and other vital information or working with local nonprofit organizations and community groups to communicate their programs and services, Falmouth Community Television is a pillar of the Upper Cape.

Not only does Falmouth Community Television work to represent the people of Falmouth through the media that it broadcasts, but it also encourages members of the community to participate in the media production process. At the Falmouth Community Media Center, a state-of-the-art facility completed in 2019, people of all ages can take a variety of video production workshops and classes. Using the two production studios, as well as a post-production space, animation suite, audio booth, and podcasting and vlogging set, community members can access and utilize the training and technology necessary to bring their media ideas and concepts to realization. Additionally, Falmouth Community Television offers the Youth Producers Club. This after-school program helps students to develop storytelling skills and learn more about media production and literacy. Across all of Falmouth Community Television's offerings, members can learn more about their community, the television production process, and how to be a critical consumer of media.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the 30th anniversary of Falmouth Community Television, and I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the organization for its service and wishing Falmouth Community Television all the best in the years to come.

HONORING MARIE RELOSA
FULLWOOD AS A DISTINGUISHED
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA
FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
ISLANDER HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Marie Relosa Fullwood as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Marie "Michi" Relosa Fullwood was born in Baguio City, Philippines to Juancho Alfonso Relosa and Marie Chlupp on December 2, 1983. She graduated from Sta. Clara Parrish School in 2001. Upon graduation, she moved to the United States to join her parents.

After she arrived, she spent the next two years exploring the culture and every opportunity that the country would offer her. She worked many jobs to assist in supporting her family. At the age of 20, she joined a small landscape company that only had two employees. Her responsibilities consisted of but were not limited to implementing cost reductions, handling the accounts receivable and accounts payables, and handling all human resources issues. She later became the landscape designer of the company. Michi did not know how to do any of this. She did not attend college of any sort but her husband Eddie taught her everything she needed to know when it came to running the family business. She credits him and God for this amazing, successful journey.

She is now the vice president of No Limit, Inc. and Eddie is the CEO. They employ almost 100 people and support the \$15/per hour minimum wage initiative. That's the starting pay for each and every employee. In 2018 and 2022, No Limit, Inc. was awarded Business Partner of the Year by the Osceola County School District. No Limit, Inc. continues to support Thacker Avenue Elementary by helping create a garden for the 21st-century program and donating garden supplies for students. They also support staff activities which promotes a positive school culture.

Michi feels she is truly living the American Dream. She says it takes dedication, commitment, and hard work, but it can be done.

In addition to being an entrepreneur, Michi is a loving wife, a mother of two, and a great friend to many. Working at No Limit is her livelihood, but her passion is event planning and decorating. Putting a smile on someone's face is and always will be her ultimate goal.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NON-DISCRIMINATION HOME RULE ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Non-Discrimination Home Rule Act of 2023, which would end the unique applicability of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) to the District of Columbia. My bill would protect the District's right to self-government, ensuring the District is treated the same as states, and defend LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights in D.C.

RFRA, which provides more protection for religious exercise than the First Amendment requires, applies to the federal government, the D.C. government and the territorial governments, but not to state governments. As RFRA does not apply to the states, under the principles of home rule, it should likewise not apply to the District.

While RFRA was designed to be a shield to protect religious freedom, it is being used, as evidenced by the Supreme Court's 2014 Hobby Lobby decision, as a sword to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community and women. Members of Congress have used RFRA as a justification for trying—but failing—to overturn D.C. non-discrimination laws. House Republicans have repeatedly tried since 2015 to nullify or block the District's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act, which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees and their families based on reproductive health decisions, claiming, in part, that it violates RFRA.

My bill would ensure that District residents are treated the same as residents of the states under RFRA. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on May 30, 2023, I was unable to be present for

the recorded votes on Roll Call No. 238, 239, and 240. Had I been present, I would have voted: YES on H.R. 2792, Small Entity Update Act, as amended; YES on H.R. 2795, Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act, as amended; and YES on H.R. 2796, Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act, as amended.

HONORING MARIA EDUARDO AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN
AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Maria Eduardo as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Maria Eduardo has been a clinical laboratory scientist (CLS) and AAPI manager for almost a decade in the Veterans Health System. She is a community leader known for her advocacy work in promoting diversity and inclusion. She has been instrumental in creating and implementing the Asian Pacific Island Heritage program in her community.

Born and raised in the Philippines, Maria Eduardo developed a deep appreciation for her country's rich culture and history. Her passion for cultural awareness led her to pursue her master's degree so she could share her knowledge and experiences with others.

Maria Eduardo's interest in the APIH program was sparked by the lack of representation and recognition for the Asian Pacific Islander community in her workplace. She recognized that many of her colleagues from these communities faced discrimination and marginalization due to the lack of understanding and awareness of their cultures.

In response, Maria Eduardo spearheaded the creation of the APIH program, which aims to promote understanding and appreciation of the contributions and experiences of the Asian Pacific Islander community. The program includes educational activities, cultural events, and community outreach efforts. As the founder of the Philippines Association of Medical Technologists, Florida Chapter, she is focused on their recruitment program helping fellow CLS's find job opportunities in the United States.

Under Maria Eduardo's leadership, the APIH program has made a significant impact on the community. It has helped raise awareness of the rich cultural heritage of Asian Pacific Islanders and has provided a platform for members of these communities to share their stories and experiences.

Maria Eduardo's dedication to promoting cultural diversity and inclusion has earned her numerous awards and recognition. She is a sought-after speaker on topics related to cultural awareness and has inspired many others to follow in her footsteps.

Through her work with the APIH program, Maria Eduardo has demonstrated the power of education and community involvement in creating a more inclusive and understanding society. Her legacy serves as an inspiration to all those who strive to promote cultural awareness and acceptance.