

supply. They provide continued support for agriculture in Lake County which includes farmers, ranchers, and agriculture-based companies. The Bureau also helps young people pursue agricultural education and careers, as well as community education in local agriculture industry and practices. To best advocate for agricultural interests, the Bureau collaborates with local, state, and federal political leaders, government officials, news media, and other organizations.

The Lake County Farm Bureau serves on state and local advisory groups including the Lake County Cannabis Task Force for Ordinance, the Lake County Advisory Committee, the Big Valley GSPAC Committee for Sigma Compliance, the Clear Lake Blue Ribbon Committee, and the FWS Clear Lake Hitch Conservation Strategy Committee.

By effectively advocating for our agriculture community and furthering education on agricultural issues, the Lake County Farm Bureau has greatly strengthened our district. The Bureau aids locals by advising on business practices and teaching educational courses, Lake County Farm Bureau has consistently represented an important perspective on matters affecting the agriculture industry at local, regional, state, and federal levels.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Farm Bureau is deeply appreciated for their 100 years of service and commitment to our agriculture community. Their advocacy has helped California grow by supporting those feeding our communities.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2023. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the local D.C. trial court, the D.C. Superior Court, based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, this bill would clarify that the term sex, which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Last Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

D.C. has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. does not have the authority to amend the non-discrimination law that applies to D.C. jurors. Therefore, until D.C. is given control over its local courts, an act of Congress is required to clarify that LGBTQ+ jurors are protected from discrimination.

As the Supreme Court said in *Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete Company*, "discrimination within the courtroom raises serious questions as to the fairness of the proceedings conducted there. [B]ias mars the integrity of the judicial system and prevents the idea of demo-

cratic government from becoming a reality." Similarly, the Court, in *Batson v. Kentucky*, which was a juror discrimination case based on race, said, "The harm from discriminatory jury selection extends beyond that inflicted on the defendant and the excluded juror to touch the entire community. Selection procedures that purposefully exclude black persons from juries undermine public confidence in the fairness of our system of justice."

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMENS ARMED SERVICES ACT AND TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF WOMEN VETERANS

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Act, and the long tradition of the woman veterans who have honorably and courageously served this great Nation.

Since the founding of our Nation, women have always played a pivotal role in our country's military. It wasn't until the Women's Armed Services Act was signed into law by President Harry Truman on June 12, 1948 that women were allowed to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force.

So today, on the 75th anniversary, I am proud to stand here to thank all past and present women who have served and sacrificed as military members and veterans.

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, the Big Flats American Legion Skinner Ernest Memorial Post 1612 in Big Flats, Chemung County, New York, hosted the second annual Chemung County Women Veterans Recognition Day to honor and remember the sacrifice and service of women veterans. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Big Flats Legion and all those involved in coordinating the event and their dedication to celebrate and honor their fellow female veterans and service women.

It is my humble honor to ask my colleagues to join me in remembering these brave, dedicated, and courageous women who previously served, currently serve, and those seeking future service to our country.

HONORING ABIGAIL DAUS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abigail Daus for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Abigail is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and has achieved great things there and throughout her life, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Stu-

dents like Abigail—who strive to make the most of their education develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Abigail's hard work, determination, and perseverance and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Abigail Daus on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

TRIBUTE TO CASIE KILLGORE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Casie Killgore of Santa Barbara, California.

Raised in Santa Barbara, Casie Killgore has always been committed and involved in her community. As an educator, Casie has dedicated her career in making a difference and leaving an impact in her student's lives. She started her career as a sixth-grade teacher in the early 2000s and has been the Principal at Franklin Elementary School for nearly 15 years.

Casie is a leader who cares about providing the best support for her students, parents, and staff. She is always thinking of innovative ways to support her students and how to bring programs on campus to support what is best for her students and for the families.

Her leadership has helped to create resources like the Franklin Neighborhood Center. Always thinking of her students, Casie has also partnered with organizations throughout the community to provide the support required to assist her students accomplish their future goals and inspire them to continue their education.

Having her community interest in mind, Casie has stepped up to provide resources on campus for students to learn essential life skills and create options for her students. Casie is committed to motivating her students and prepare them for success by providing programs such as Language Arts, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, STEAM programs and so many more.

Her campus has become a trusted resource for so many families that continue to return to the school for its programs, even after the students have graduated and moved on to other schools.

Casie believes in investing in the students, the school, but also in the entire Eastside neighborhood. Casie's dedication extends beyond the school, bringing resources to support the community and the families who call the Eastside their home. She has nurtured trust with the families who know their children will get the education they deserve and will have access to the opportunities to reach their future goals.

Her service goes beyond her work in education, as she serves as a board member on

Central Coast nonprofits including Old Spanish Days, the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation's Education Outreach program, and the Mariachi Festival.

I am honored to recognize Casie's dedication and commitment in developing and providing opportunities and resources for the students, school staff, and the families at Franklin Elementary School and surrounding community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Casie Killgore, for her exceptional service and commitment to her students and her community.

HONORING ANGELA BALTEZORE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angela Baltezare in honor of her retirement and contributions to our arts community.

Ms. Baltezare was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa and moved to Woodland, California in 1968. After graduating from Woodland High School in 1975, Ms. Baltezare attended Santa Clara University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre. She then attended San Diego State University where she earned her teaching credential. Following the completion of her education, Ms. Baltezare taught theatre arts at Woodland High School from 1999 until 2001.

Ms. Baltezare's participation in the Woodland Opera House began while she was in high school and performed Dames at Sea on the Opera House stage in 1975. Her work with the Opera House continued years later when she became education director, a position she held from 2002 until 2014. Then in 2014, she was promoted to her current position of executive director. In these positions, Ms. Baltezare built a comprehensive theatre and dance program, further developing theatre arts in Woodland.

When the Opera House's education program began to flourish, Ms. Baltezare assisted the expansion process of the Theatre by adding an additional location. Subsequently, the education program has grown immensely with Ms. Baltezare's guidance and enrolls approximately 350 students. In addition to her achievements with the Opera House's education program, Ms. Baltezare has made a marked impact on the Theatre itself. When Ms. Baltezare first performed at the Opera House as a high school student, the building was in disrepair with no air conditioning or seating. Now the Theatre has implemented many improvements including a state-of-the-art sound system, two museum rooms, and a new HVAC system to increase production quality and patron comfort.

Ms. Baltezare's goal of increasing production quality has encouraged participation of actors stretching several regions in Northern California. Focused on growth, she also expanded the production season to include Rising Stars Youth Theatre, allowing young actors to shine on the Opera House's historic stage.

Mr. Speaker, Angela Baltezare is deeply appreciated for her decades of service and com-

mitment to theatre arts. Her efforts have helped the Woodland Opera House grow and improve.

HONORING JOSHUA VOORHIS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joshua Voorhis for being granted the National Rise to the Future Award by the USDA Forest Service.

Joshua has been a District Ranger for the South Park Ranger District for over ten years. During his time in this role, Joshua has implemented and supported stewardship programs focused on the protection and improvement of local watersheds, as well as conserving endangered wildlife species. He is a highly motivated and outstanding manager, working closely with his staff to plan and execute projects to protect our environment.

Joshua's efforts to restore the South Platte Watershed showcased his exceptional leadership skills and dedication to public service. Those who have had the privilege of working with Joshua attest to his dependable management style and unwavering commitment to conservation efforts.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional district, I thank Joshua Voorhis for his dedicated service to our national parks as well as the citizens of Colorado.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF PUERTO RICO

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico as it commemorates its 100th Anniversary.

Established on September 19, 1923, the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico was born in a time of great economic, political, and social transformation. This organization had its genesis in the seed of military service of Puerto Ricans in the armed forces of our great Nation that was planted on March 28, 1899. On that day, eight Puerto Ricans from the town of Lares were the first to enter the United States Army in the detachment of Puerto Rican Volunteers that eventually became the 65th Infantry Regiment, our beloved Borinqueneers. Their oath of military service was the precursor of a long chain of Puerto Ricans who followed in their footsteps serving in our Nation's armed forces.

That seed grew and the strong tree of military service that took root gave its first flowering in 1917 when 60,000 Puerto Ricans responded to the Nation's call during World War I. From them, aroused the veterans that founded the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico.

Those World War I veterans and Legionnaires, took the task of ensuring that the Vet-

erans of World War II, and subsequent conflicts, had upon their reintegration into the society the maximum support of a grateful Nation. Against all odds, the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico assumed the role of leading many fights in favor of veterans at the national and state level.

They promoted the creation of the Veterans Hospital which, today is the Veteran Administration Caribbean Health Care System. They laid the foundations to create the Puerto Rico's Veteran's Bill of Rights and did not give up in their effort to include the Puerto Rican Veteran in all the programs and benefits that were granted to their peers in the states.

The post World War II transformation that our Nation faced transformed the American Legion in Puerto Rico, not only due to the increase in veterans who returned and entered their posts, but also due to the entry of women legionnaires into the organization.

On April 1945, once discharged from military service in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, soldiers Priscila Colón and Aida Martinez Rellova became the first female veterans to join the American Legion Post Number 1 in San Juan. Vega Alta Post Number 52 elected veteran Dolores Vázquez as their commander in May 1952. They and many other female Legionnaires laid the foundations that enabled the American Legion, Department of Puerto Rico to have veteran Carmen I. Rosario Diaz as its first female Commander.

The torch of veterans' rights has never failed to shine in Puerto Rico thanks to the willingness of veterans of the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and many other conflicts who assumed the responsibility of leading the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico and relentlessly advocated for veterans.

As new generations of Legionnaires rise to lead the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico, I encourage them to draw inspiration from the last 100 years of selfless service by the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MAGAZINER

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

HONORING MR. JAMES D. DAHLING ON HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. James D. Dahling of Norfolk, VA.

After serving for twenty years as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD), the only freestanding children's hospital in Virginia, Jim Dahling will retire on June 20, 2023.