

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.

Jim joined CHKD in 1994 as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He previously served as Senior VP of Richmond Memorial Hospital and held senior management positions at Texas and Minnesota hospitals. Jim became CHKD's Chief Executive Officer in 2003.

As a result of Jim's visionary leadership, CHKD solidified its reputation as an internationally acclaimed pediatric hospital. During his tenure, CHKD built the first and only Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center in Hampton Roads, the region's only pediatric outpatient surgery center, the state's sole pediatric inpatient rehabilitation unit, and the region's first pediatric urgent care center. In response to the growing community concern about a lack of pediatric mental health services in Hampton Roads and across Virginia, Jim led the construction of an innovative 60-bed mental health hospital and outpatient center. The initiative marks a historic expansion of CHKD's mental health services for children, bringing nearly twenty child and adolescent psychiatrists and dozens of other mental health providers to Hampton Roads to address the region's youth mental health crisis.

The Hampton Roads region is home to one of the largest concentrations of active-duty military in the country. CHKD is one of the nation's leading providers of healthcare to military dependents, and Jim has led more than two decades of tireless and growing commitments to providing outstanding medical care to the children of our servicemembers. For that, we owe CHKD and Jim a debt of profound gratitude.

Amy Sampson, a trusted member of CHKD's leadership team and the Board's unanimous choice, will succeed Jim as President and CEO. Amy already has a long and distinguished career at CHKD. Serving for over 30 years in a variety of roles, including strategic planning, government relations, marketing and communications, philanthropy services, community outreach, experience services, the donor milk bank, the call center, and volunteer services. Of Amy's many accomplishments, she has been instrumental in developing CHKD's mental health initiatives, spearheading efforts to secure federal, state and local government approval and financial backing for CHKD's \$224 million pediatric inpatient psychiatric facility. I am excited about the vision, energy and enthusiasm Amy brings to the CEO role, and I know she will continue Jim's and CHKD's outstanding record of service to our region's children.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Dahling embodies CHKD's mission—"Health, Healing, and Hope for All Children"—and his vision will live on in the spirit of those working tirelessly to provide the highest quality of care to Virginia's children. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. James Dahling for his nearly thirty years of service to CHKD and the Hampton Roads region.

#### RECOGNIZING ANTOINE WALKER

### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Antoine

Walker as he ends his twenty-two year career as Information Technology Director on the Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic Staff. He began his career in 2001 and over the years has done a remarkable job ensuring that the Members and Staff of this distinguished Committee have had a safe and effective work environment.

Antoine grew up with an Army father and French mother. They moved from place to place, but he spent most of his youth in Florida. He came to us from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a Systems Administrator for then Ranking Member Charles B. Rangel, and he now retires as Information Technology Director. Antoine has had a fine record of public service. He has managed and maintained the Committee's multiple servers, provided hands on assistance to Members and Staff of the Committee, and worked hand in hand with the Recording Studio and House Information Resources to ensure our Committee operated seamlessly not only day to day, but also ensuring that the Committee continued to function during the Historic Covid Pandemic. In fact, because of Antoine's meticulous management of the Committee's Continuation of Operations Program, we were the first Committee to hold a successful virtual hearing and set the precedent for the rest of the U.S. House.

I would like to recognize Antoine for being an invaluable asset to the Committee on Ways and Means. His attention to detail, sense of humor and all-around good disposition have endeared him to his many colleagues and friends. His self-defense classes, held in one of our hearing rooms during recesses, went a long way in captivating his coworkers. He holds a 4th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and 3rd degree black belt in Jujitsu.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Antoine Walker and all that he has accomplished for the Committee. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

#### HONORING GIADA ROSCH

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Giada Rosch, a high school student from Arvada, Colorado for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Two years ago, Giada created and donated fifty sensory resource bags to the Arvada Fire Department to support local citizens with sensory challenges. She also formed a sensory training program for local businesses and non-profit organizations to help them learn how to make appropriate accommodations for community members with sensory needs. While developing these resources and educational programs, Giada secured more than \$500 in donations to contribute to the creation and expansion of her program.

Her dedication as an advocate for the one in six people nationwide who experience sensory discomfort has made Giada an agent of change in the Arvada community. Her training programs have educated several hundred community leaders and contributed to the accessibility of her hometown. Giada's dedication and passion for helping her community

exemplify the spirit and resiliency of a Girl Scout, which is why she has been awarded the 2021 Girl Scouts Gold Award.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional district, I thank Giada Rosch for her dedicated service and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SONYA AND MIKE CAMPBELL

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the dedicated service of Sonya and Mike Campbell, longtime owners of the Hanover True Value Hardware Store. For over 50 years, Sonya and Mike faithfully served their community with a helping hand and an easy smile. Their store has been an institution of downtown Hanover, and over the decades they helped so many to improve their homes, yards, garages, and offices. Mike and Sonya are embarking on their well-earned retirement this year, and their presence in Hanover and the Upper Valley Region will be sorely missed.

Sonya began working at the True Value store in 1976 as a teenager, at the same time I was attending Dartmouth College in Hanover. In 1991, Sonya bought the store and became the owner. She remained the owner for more than three decades, maintaining the hardware store that locals came to love and rely on with her family by her side. The strong family ties are part of what makes the store so authentic to Hanover and the Upper Valley community—it is run by people who care about their neighbors and want to help in any way they can. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of visiting Sonya and Mike's store many times, and during each visit they reminded me of the values of hard work and kindness in the community.

Sonya and Mike's dedication to their community runs deep, and there are few in Hanover and the Upper Valley who have not felt their positive impact. From serving as a long-time resource for the town's older residents—fixing flashlights, replacing keys, and helping with household repairs—to working with the local newspaper, the Valley News, to provide free copies of the paper to Hanover High School graduates so they had a record of the news on the day they graduated, Mike and Sonya are always looking for ways to help their neighbors.

I wish them well in their retirement and know that their presence in downtown Hanover will be sorely missed.

#### HONORING COAST GUARD COMMANDER KIMBERLY YOUNG-MCLEAR

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Kimberly Young-McLear, a Commander in the United States Coast