

Guard, on the occasion of her retirement from Federal service.

In December 2019, during my tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, Commander Young-McLear testified before our Committee and the Committee on Oversight and Reform in a joint hearing titled, "Righting the Ship: The Coast Guard Must Improve its Processes for Addressing Harassment, Bullying, and Retaliation." The hearing was the culmination of an 18-month investigation into how the Coast Guard mishandled Commander Young-McLear's allegations of harassment and bullying based in part on her race, gender, and sexual orientation and failed to protect her from prohibited retaliation. The hearing, along with the issuance of a joint staff report on the results of the investigation, prompted the Coast Guard to implement several recommendations to improve its anti-harassment policies, investigative processes, and civil rights manual. Commander Young-McLear's courage in coming forward led directly to these critical changes to root out harassment and bullying and drive accountability within the Coast Guard.

In the years since, Commander Young-McLear has continued to be an advocate before Congress and resource for victims and whistleblowers across the government, while steadfastly serving the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Commander Young-McLear has served with distinction in several roles at DHS, including as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, as a professor at the Coast Guard Academy, and as Senior Advisor at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Among her many contributions, Commander Young-McLear developed and delivered over 10 academic courses to more than 800 Coast Guard cadets across business, marine science, and cyber systems majors; played a key role in developing the Coast Guard's first Cyber Strategy and CISA's first Strategic Plan; and successfully advocated for policies enhancing diversity, inclusion, and equality across the Department.

Commander Young-McLear's bravery, perseverance, and integrity provide a model for civil servants across government. Her valuable contributions throughout her 20-year career have informed Congress' oversight and legislative work, including that of the Committee on Homeland Security, and improved the Coast Guard's ability to execute its mission by reinforcing the need for all servicemembers to act with honor and integrity.

I am proud to have worked with Commander Young-McLear during her tenure at the Coast Guard. I rise to honor her service and wish her well.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL ERIC A. MCCOY ON COMPLETING HIS ASSIGNMENT AS COMMANDER OF THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Col. Eric A. McCoy on completing his assignment as the 37th Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

Colonel Eric A. McCoy, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was commissioned as a Sec-

ond Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps on May 15, 1998. He is a distinguished military graduate of Morgan State University. Colonel McCoy's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Mental Health, a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Master of Science in Policy Management from Georgetown University, and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes the U.S. Army Ordnance Officer Basic Course, U.S. Army Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course, U.S. Army Combined Arms Staff and Services School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

Prior to his assignment at Anniston Army Depot, Colonel McCoy served as the Director of the Subsistence Supply Chain, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and Meritorious Unit Commendation. He is authorized to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Army Staff Identification Badges.

Colonel McCoy commanded a 15,319 acre organic industrial base installation with an annual budget of over \$750 million and 2,284 building/structures. As ANAD commander, he was responsible for force sustainment through the depot's repair, overhaul, and modification of combat vehicles, artillery systems, howitzers, bridging, small arms, components and subassemblies, locomotives, and rail equipment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Col. Eric A. McCoy on completing his assignment as the 37th Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

HONORING DON LOMBARDI

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Lombardi of West Metro Fire Rescue for being awarded the International Association of Fire Chief's Metropolitan "Metro" Chiefs Division Russell E. Sanders Lifetime Achievement Award.

Fire Chief Don Lombardi has been with the West Metro Fire Protection District since 1991, one of the largest fire districts and EMS providers in the state of Colorado, serving a population of nearly 300,000 citizens, covering 108 square miles. A graduate of the University of Colorado, as well as the Executive Fire Officer Program with the National Fire Academy, Chief Lombardi leads the agency's efforts to protect Colorado from household fires and wildfires across the state.

In addition to his work on West Metro Fire, Mr. Lombardi has co-authored recent Colorado Firefighters Heart and Cancer Benefit legislation and has served as chair of the Colorado Firefighters Heart and Cancer Benefit Trust and the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' executive board. As wildfires driven by climate change continue to threaten the lives and communities of Coloradans, leaders like Don

Lombardi ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Western Denver Metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I congratulate Don Lombardi for receiving this award and thank him for his leadership and public service for the Colorado community.

RECOGNIZING LICKING WILDCATS BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team on becoming the Missouri Class 3 State champions.

On June 1, 2023, the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team made it to the championship game for the first time since 1994, and for the first time since 1989 they brought home the championship. It is clear from the scale of celebrations that followed the victory, which included an impromptu parade with an escort from the Sheriff's Department immediately following the game, and their appointment as the grand marshal for the Rodeo Parade, that the effects of this victory rippled through their community.

The Class 3 State Champions, Derek Mendenhall, Karson Walker, Cole McCloy, Keyton Rinne, Cole Wallace, Malachi Antle, Kannon Buckner, Garrett Gorman, Brently Morris, Silas Antle, Kale Cook, Logan Gorman, Austin Stephens, Jordan Ritz, Rusty Buckner, Keyton Cook, and Kellar Davis, led by Assistant Coaches Cole Roark and Chris Harris and Head Coach Harv Antle, deserve to be praised for all the hard work and dedication that led to their state championship Victory.

This achievement is a testament to the excellent leadership of the coaching staff and the skill, drive, and passion of all the players on the team.

It is my great pleasure to honor the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team for their momentous state victory.

SALUTE TO WOMEN VETERANS

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to observe Women Veterans Day on June 12th and thank all the American women that have directly and indirectly served with our Armed Forces.

Seventy-five years ago, in 1948, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act was passed.

On June 17, 2023, my constituents in Kerrville will gather to salute the military service of female veterans in my district.

Over the summer, I will highlight 20 accounts of military service from Texas's 21st Congressional District, including veterans:

Lt. Colonel Edith Shacklette Haynes, Captain Earlynn Black Harding, Private First Class Rae Tausig Weisbruch, Petty Officer 3rd class Virginia Lewandowski Saip, Specialist Mary Redmon Casillas, Staff Sergeant Ruth Neely

Cremin, Staff Sergeant Shirley Adams Hill, Technical Sergeant Leslie North, Airman Katherine Anderson, Colonel Vicki Taylor Marsh, Chief Master Sergeant Cheryl McCall Bunyard, Corporal Lillian Southern Stovall Beard, Storekeeper Second Class Diann Sutton, Major Dolores A. Putnam, Technical Sergeant Jennifer Dwyer Dewey, Sergeant Nikki Johnson Caines, Colonel Susie Jones McCalla, Captain Deborah A. Dombeck, Lt. Colonel Kimberly Rhoades, Petty Officer 3rd class Kristy Putman Harris, Petty Officer 1st class Keri D. Camella.

On behalf of 21st Congressional District of Texas, I want to thank our veterans, including these incredible women, that have served our country with honor and distinction. A grateful Nation thanks them.

RECOGNIZING THE MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY ADULT DAY CENTER FOR 100,000 HOURS OF SERVICE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Mount Washington Valley Adult Day Center for their 100,000 hours of service to New Hampshire's elderly. The MWV Adult Day Center continues to serve as a shining example of the compassion and companionship that care communities strive to provide for residents. This organization understands the importance of treating New Hampshire seniors with the respect and care they deserve, and the struggles they face as they age.

The MWV Adult Day Center holds close the importance of dignity, and the ability to provide joy in kind care, friendly faces, and an understanding of the loss and discomfort that comes with age. Their work honors the vital contributions of the elderly during their working lives, and the prominent, long-standing roles they play in their communities. They ensure New Hampshire seniors are treated with the respect and care they deserve, and emphasize the importance of developing social connections in retired life.

Through therapeutic services that provide guests with support groups and socialization, and a wide array of creative, personalized activities, MWV Adult Day Center maintains the mental, physical, and social well-being of its seniors. It fosters vital connections among New Hampshire's senior population that are necessary to form systems of support and comfortably engage with a new community. As the importance of senior connections and care options grows in rural centers, the Adult Day Center remains integral in providing inclusive care, affordable pricing, and consistent ease of access to Granite Staters. The MWV Adult Day Center's upcoming Evening to Remember celebration of 100,000 hours of service is a crucial milestone in a continued mission to further committed care for New Hampshire seniors.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend them all for their dedication to providing our seniors with the resources they need to live comfortably and happily, and the tireless com-

passion that drives their service. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SDI PRESENCE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to highlight SDI Presence, a Chicago-based IT consultancy and managed services provider, for its distinguished service to the community. Through its ongoing engagement with Chicago's educational institutions and initiatives, SDI has helped create a pipeline for students from underserved communities to prepare for rewarding careers in the city's emerging technology sector.

SDI Presence, led by Executive Chairman and founder David Gupta and CEO Hardik Bhatt, has played a pivotal role in new apprenticeship and mentorship programs that support the city's vision of cultivating talent as diverse as the communities it serves.

One of these programs, aptly named DiverseTech, is an innovative partnership between leaders in the private sector IT space, including SDI Presence, and the City of Chicago. DiverseTech fulfills a critical role in the human infrastructure of Chicago's economy by preparing students and recent graduates to fill some of the city's most in-demand IT jobs. The partnership recruits apprentices from historically underrepresented communities, leveraging the talent of our region's community college system. This year alone, DiverseTech will train, guide, and mentor at least 25 apprentices in areas such as cybersecurity and digital services to meet the growing IT needs of city government and Chicagoland's advanced technology sector.

Additionally, through a unique partnership with Chicago's Kennedy-King College, SDI has supported the college's Tech Launchpad program, a pipeline drawing talent primarily from the city's South and West sides. With gifts from SDI and access to the firm's unparalleled apprenticeship network, Tech Launchpad has grown rapidly, extending its reach with plans to help transform the lives of more than 600 students in the next two years.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would like to recognize and extend our collective gratitude to SDI Presence for its contributions to the people of our area. I look forward to seeing the impact of its work across the Chicagoland region and the Nation as the graduates of its programs go on to become a new generation of America's tech leaders.

HONORING MS. MARY BEGLEY

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Ms. Mary Begley for her 28 years of service as principal of Arlington Science Focus Elementary. Ms. Begley has demonstrated unwavering dedica-

tion and commitment to the success and well-being of students, teachers, and staff.

Principal Begley has consistently exhibited exceptional leadership, fostering a positive learning environment and promoting academic excellence. She has shown exemplary professionalism, integrity, and compassion in all interactions with students, parents, and the wider community.

Principal Begley has played a vital role in the growth and development of Arlington Science Focus since its inception, implementing innovative educational programs and initiatives that have positively impacted student achievement. Principal Begley has cultivated a supportive and inclusive school culture, fostering a sense of belonging and promoting diversity and inclusion. Principal Begley has been a hands-on source of inspiration and motivation, encouraging students and staff to strive for excellence and reach their full potential.

Principal Begley has been instrumental in establishing strong relationships with parents, collaborating with them to create a collaborative and nurturing learning environment. Principal Begley has been the recipient of numerous awards for her work, including Arlington County Principal of The Year; the National PTA's Outstanding Principal; the Greater Washington Reading Council's Administrator of The Year; and the Jaycee's Woman of The Year, among many other distinguished honors.

U.S. Representative DON BEYER of the 8th Congressional District of Virginia, including the Arlington Science Focus school community, expresses his deepest gratitude and appreciation to Principal Begley for her outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedication to the school.

I recognize Principal Begley's significant contributions to the success and growth of the school and acknowledge her tireless efforts to create a positive and enriching educational experience for all. I extend warmest wishes to retiring Principal Begley for a well-deserved retirement, filled with joy, good health, and fulfillment in all future endeavors.

The Arlington Science Focus community pledges to carry forward the values, principles, and achievements fostered by Principal Begley, ensuring the continued growth and success of the school.

Once again, I ask that we recognize and thank Ms. Begley for such an impactful tenure and wish her the best in her retirement.

HONORING HIKE DOGGIE, INC.

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hike Doggie, Inc. for earning the Rotary Club of Golden's Ethics in Business award.

Hike Doggie, Inc. provides an important service to our community by providing a way for busy dog owners to ensure their pets are getting quality time outdoors to improve their health and quality of life. As dogs need the time and space to exercise and socialize with other animals, Hike Doggie, Inc. has created an avenue to let dogs of all sizes and breeds explore the great Colorado outdoors while allowing their owners a break to run errands,