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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,

pick up their kids from school, accomplish work tasks, or anything else they need to take care of in a busy week. It was clear to the Rotary Club of Golden that they care deeply about their customer experience—providing enthusiastic service and connecting with each customer and their dog. Additionally, they treat their employees with that same care and respect, helping to build a cohesive and passionate team.

It is my honor to congratulate Hike Doggie, Inc. on achieving the Ethics in Business award and to thank them for the excellent service they provide to our community.

HONORING MELINDA M.  
MENDELSON

**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 Melinda M. Mendelson for her dedication to serving the community of Napa County.

In 2006, Ms. Mendelson organized the Napa County community to address the lack of access to affordable health insurance and healthcare for children. Her enthusiasm for healthcare accessibility led to the establishment of the Community Health Initiative, formerly known as the Children's Health Initiative, which is a coordinated outreach and retention effort designated to improve families' participation in health coverage programs. Eighteen years and 28,000 Californians later, Community Health Initiative continues to navigate affordable health insurance and benefits in Napa, Solano, Santa Clara, and Los Angeles Counties.

Ms. Mendelson's advocacy goes beyond healthcare through her support for educational development. She worked for ten years as the Director of Development for private and public universities. Notably, the application of Ms. Mendelson's expertise led to a twenty percent increase in contributions for the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Ms. Mendelson was also a member of the English Center for International Women at Mills College in Oakland, CA. In addition to these persistent advocacy involvements, Ms. Mendelson further participated in the Napa community through the Napa Valley Vintners Auction, Napa Valley Art Council, and Napa Valley Opera House.

In 2014, Ms. Mendelson formally retired. However, Ms. Mendelson continues to display her commitment to public service and the local community through advocacy and support.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Melinda M. Mendelson has contributed to the Napa Valley community and beyond.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
JERRY OSTER

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Oster on

his 49 years of broadcasting in South Dakota. Mr. Oster is retiring from his current position as News Director of WNAX in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he has become known across five states as the voice of the station.

Following his graduation from USD-Springfield, Mr. Oster took hold of the opportunity to start in the broadcast industry at the young age of 23. With his career spanning nearly five decades, Mr. Oster has covered some of the state's biggest stories and personalities.

It is now at the age of 70 that Mr. Oster has decided to retire. Throughout his career, Mr. Oster has dedicated an incredible amount of time, talent, and service to the state of South Dakota and to his loyal listeners, whom he says are the reason he stayed in the industry for as long as he has.

Mr. Oster leaves behind a legacy of reaching out and making a difference in the lives of his listeners. A legacy modeled after his inspiration, former SDSU football coach John Stiegelmeier and his "Make a Difference" Book.

I am proud to stand today and recognize Mr. Oster's dedication to his community in South Dakota and thank him for his hard work. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. M. ROY WILSON'S SERVICE TO THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. M. Roy Wilson, the president of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan at the end of his tenure. His contributions to the lives of students and staff at Wayne State and universities across the Nation are worthy of commendation.

Prior to joining Wayne State, Dr. Wilson served as the deputy director for strategic scientific planning and program coordination at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health. Previously, Dr. Wilson was vice president of health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at Creighton University, president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and chancellor of the University of Colorado-Denver while simultaneously serving as chair of the board of directors of the University of Colorado Hospital.

Under the leadership of President Wilson for the last decade, Wayne State has seen an era of growth and prosperity. Before my time in Congress, I served as Chair of the Wayne State Board of Governors, where I was able to see firsthand President Wilson's hard work in many different areas. In 2018, Wayne State won the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' Degree Completion Award, which recognizes innovative and successful approaches to improve degree completion and ensure educational quality. Improvements were particularly seen among first-generation, low-income and minority students. As a result of efforts to promote the recruitment and retention of those who represent our global community and create the best clinical experience within our cities, the School of Medicine saw

a tenfold increase in the number of traditionally underrepresented students from 2014 to 2020.

President Wilson's tenure also saw a drastic improvement to Wayne State's campus. In 2018, Wayne State opened the new Mike Illitch School of Business in downtown Detroit, made possible by a generous donation from Mike and Marian Illitch. That same year, groundbreaking took place for two major projects: the Hilberry Gateway Performance Complex for theatre, music, dance, and the arts, and the renovation of an unused science library into the STEM Innovation Learning Center, an instructional learning environment for undergraduates that opened in Fall 2021. The university established a partnership with the Detroit Pistons to construct a new \$25 million arena for Wayne State's men's and women's basketball teams, which opened in fall 2021. The arena also serves as the home of the new NBA G League affiliate in Detroit. Lastly, the university invested \$4 million to upgrade and refresh Wi-Fi across campus to improve connection reliability and speed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Dr. Wilson has accomplished. Though his legacy will certainly live on at Wayne State University, this is simply the most recent chapter in a long and successful career in education for Dr. Wilson. I thank him for his service and wish him the best in any future exploits.

TRIBUTE TO DR. VAN DO-REYNOSO—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, Dr. Van Do-Reynoso of Santa Barbara, California.

Dr. Van Do-Reynoso is an exemplar of public service, both as a professional and as a volunteer, and as a health equity professional who has led the Santa Barbara region in advocating for the needs of all, but especially of those on the margins. Dr. Do-Reynoso came to this country from Vietnam at the age of 9, with an older sibling and no English. Nonetheless, she quickly adapted, receiving first a degree from UC Santa Cruz, then a Master's from UC Berkeley and a Ph.D. in Public Health from UC Merced.

Dr. Do-Reynoso has made health equity her mission; it was the reason she went into public health, and ultimately why she worked for and received her doctorate, all while raising three girls and holding increasingly demanding 'day jobs' as she rose through the ranks in public health, serving in both Madera and Tulare Counties.

She ultimately ended up as the Public Health Director for Santa Barbara County, taking on a demanding, large department that serves a wide range of communities.

Santa Barbara County has one of the highest child poverty rates in the state, as well as