

his continued leadership, and I hope he has a productive visit.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR JAN PEPPER
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Pepper, CEO of Peninsula Clean Energy, for her groundbreaking work to bring 100 percent renewable energy to San Mateo County. Jan is retiring after more than 30 years of energy and utility experience dedicated to making clean energy accessible to all. Since 2016, she has led Peninsula Clean Energy, a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program made up of San Mateo County and all twenty of its component jurisdictions, serving more than 300,000 people.

As CEO of Peninsula Clean Energy, Ms. Pepper negotiated for 300 MW of new solar projects in the Central Valley of California. In 2021, Peninsula Clean Energy started providing 100 percent emission free power to all its customers, and Jan Pepper's vision has prepared the organization to provide 100 percent renewable energy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as early as 2025.

Ms. Pepper is a registered professional engineer with a B.S. and M.B.A. from Stanford University. Prior to her leadership of Peninsula Clean Energy, she worked at Silicon Valley Power, APX, and Clean Power Markets. At APX, she and her team implemented the first use of renewable energy credits which are the basis of our Nation's clean energy metrics today. With Clean Power Markets, Jan developed the Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program for the State of New Jersey. She is recognized as a national leader in renewable energy, winning the Green Power Leader of the Year Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Center for Resource Solutions in 2017.

Ms. Pepper served on the Los Altos City Council from 2012 through 2020, and as Mayor in 2015 and 2020. She believes transparency, integrity and consensus building are essential for good governance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the career of an extraordinary woman, Jan Pepper. Our Nation has been bettered because of her superb work.

HONORING CAPTAIN CHRIS
PARSONS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a Saint Paul firefighter who was taken from us much too soon. Captain Christopher Parsons was just 48 years old when he sustained a major medical event shortly after completing his shift and passed away late last

week. His untimely passing is a deep and profound loss for his loved ones, fellow firefighters, and our entire City.

Chris was born in Keokuk, Iowa, and grew up in Minneapolis in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood near a fire station in a two-bedroom apartment, sharing a bedroom with his brother. He attended Minneapolis South and Columbia Heights high schools and was recruited to play football at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Chris graduated with a degree in Psychology.

A firefighter for over 20 years, Chris started his career as a Saint Paul firefighter in 2000 and was promoted to captain in 2007, serving our community at Station 22 at Front Ave. and Marion Street in Saint Paul's North End. In addition to fighting fires, Chris served in leadership roles for IAFF Local 21, the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters, the Minnesota Fire Service Foundation, and Firefighters United Association of Saint Paul, which represents the city's Black firefighters.

Chris was well known at the Minnesota State Capitol, where he was a tireless champion for the safety and wellness of all firefighters. He worked to advance legislation banning cancer-causing chemical flame retardants, to secure financial relief for firefighters injured in their work, for measures to protect first-responders from PTSD and COVID and sought to raise awareness of the dangers faced by firefighters.

Chris had an impact on so many, myself included. Captain Parsons was a guide for me as I learned more about firefighting and the needs of the Saint Paul Fire Department. I was so fortunate to call him a friend.

He fought to save lives during his time on earth and continues to do so even now through the gift of organ donation.

Chris will be greatly missed by the IAFF Local 21 members, the Saint Paul Fire Department, the Minnesota Fire Service, and his friends and family. Flags at the state Capitol will be flown at half-staff to honor Chris until sunset on Wednesday, June 21. His funeral is scheduled for Wednesday on Nicollet Island in Saint Paul.

Minnesota has lost a stalwart firefighter, a tireless public safety advocate, and dedicated family man. I extend my deepest condolences to Captain Parsons' family and my gratitude for all those who put their lives on the line day after day to keep our community safe.

COMMEMORATING THE INCREDIBLE
SERVICE OF DHRUV
SURYADEVARA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give special recognition to Dhruv Suryadevara of Ellington, Connecticut on his receiving The Congressional Award Gold Medal. This is a truly remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime achievement, and one that he worked incredibly hard for.

Those who receive Congressional Award Gold Medals have undertaken a rigorous

course of community service and self-improvement. This involves four components: 400 hours of Voluntary Public Service, 200 hours of Personal Development, 200 hours of Physical Fitness, and a five-day, four-night Expedition/Exploration. By completing this process, participants learn new skills which they will utilize to make the world a better place. I would like to outline Dhruv's activities to show my colleagues the remarkable kind of young man he is.

For his public service, Dhruv worked with the New Hartford Voluntary Ambulance, where he took vitals, managed medical equipment, and documented calls. He exhibited personal development by enrolling in Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development's Psychology course, which he passed with flying colors, as well as obtaining his EMT certification.

Dhruv's physical fitness was demonstrated through his membership of the Founders League's JV baseball team, as well as being wide receiver and cornerback on the Kingswood Oxford varsity football team. Lastly, he backpacked through Olympic National Park in Washington state for his expedition, inspired by his family's tradition of visiting different national parks across the Nation.

Clearly, Dhruv has shown himself to be exceptional, as well as fully deserving of The Congressional Award Gold Medal. I urge my colleagues to pay tribute to his accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 277.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

JUNE 23
9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to
markup the proposed National Defense
Authorization Act for fiscal year 2024.
SR-222

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entre-
preneurship
Business meeting to consider pending
calendar business.
SR-428A