

consideration the bill (H.R. 3799) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for health reimbursement arrangements integrated with individual health insurance coverage:

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3799, the CHOICE Arrangement Act.

According to research by NFIB, small businesses have ranked the cost of health insurance as their number one problem for 32 straight years. Republicans are spearheading innovative health care solutions to bring down health care costs for small businesses.

The CHOICE Arrangement Act does a great job giving employers more choices and flexibility in how they help provide health coverage for their employees, without Washington being involved.

In 2019, the Trump Administration finalized rules that allow employers to establish "Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangements" for their employees. These ICHRAs are employer-funded arrangements that employees can use to purchase their own health insurance plan in the individual market and pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

The CHOICE Arrangement Act appropriately codifies these regulations, ensuring that this option will remain available.

While employers of all sizes may find this approach of interest, it is particularly important as a means for small employers to offer health coverage for employees and their families without having to manage a complex health insurance plan and with more predictable costs.

The different health insurance choices available, such as CHOICE Arrangements, Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangements, or the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, are unknown to 70 percent of small businesses. This measure would ensure that those businesses be notified about these options' availability and their tax advantages so that they can decide how best to serve their employees' health care preferences.

These arrangements also help facilitate coverage portability, because employees can continue their individual health insurance plan if they change jobs.

The current regulations also allow the flexibility for employers to offer to employees both an ICHRA and excepted benefit coverage, such as dental or vision coverage. I am pleased this bill will preserve the same option to have both CHOICE Arrangements and these other benefits.

The CHOICE Arrangement Act includes other provisions similarly designed to assist small employers and their employees with respect to health coverage options. I urge support for this important measure to provide options for American workers and families.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF  
CRAIG MEADOWS

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Montgomery County Administrator Craig Meadows. Craig is set to retire in November, having served as County Administrator since August 2009. Before his current

position, Craig also served as city manager of Bedford, Virginia from 1998 to 2005 and then of Monroe, North Carolina, from 2005 to 2009. In addition to County Administration, Craig has served in leadership roles with multiple state and national organizations, including the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Local Government Management Association, and the International City/County Management Association. Additionally, he has been involved with several local organizations, including New River Valley Water Authority, the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority, and the Economic Development Authority.

Described as "accessible and approachable", and a "champion for Montgomery County," Craig successfully facilitated more than 20 construction and renovation projects during his time as County Administrator, addressing education, public safety, recreation, and key infrastructure needs of the county. Under his leadership, the county experienced positive economic growth and was one of the few localities in Southwest Virginia to gain population since 2020. I congratulate Craig Meadows, on a job well done. I know that his colleagues and the residents of Montgomery County will greatly miss his efforts in his role as County Administrator. He deserves to enjoy retirement with his wife, Rhonda, along with their children and grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING ARKANSAS SCHOOLS  
IN CODING COMPETITION

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and Arts, Conway High School, eStem Charter High School, Little Rock Central High School, and North Little Rock Center for Excellence for advancing to the state coding competition.

Out of more than 160 teams, these five are part of 16 teams that were selected to advance to the state competition.

The top three finishing teams will receive monetary rewards of \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place for each member of the team.

The money will be placed in a 529 college savings plan account to help those students with their journey towards earning a college degree.

I thank the Our Kids Code for providing the grant money for the winning teams, and I congratulate the students for qualifying for the state competition.

RECOGNIZING THE 2023 INSTITUTE  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES AND  
DEVELOPMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2023 recipients of the IES Sales Excellence Awards presented by the Institute

for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

A recipient of the 2023 Lifetime Achievement in Sales Award is Susan Shapero, Vice President and General Manager of U.S. Public Sector for Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). With more than 20 years of holding leadership positions at HPE, Susan has retained her passion in assisting vital operations within the federal government along with state and local communities.

Another recipient of the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Awards is Joe Ayers, Vice President and General Manager of U.S. Industries for Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). By being a leader at HPE for more than 8 years, he oversees all aspects of the business, including sales, marketing, customer experience, services, and integration of new acquisitions.

The recipient of the 2023 Woman in Sales Executive Leadership Award is Alyssa Merwin Henderson. Alyssa is the global Vice President of LinkedIn Sales Solutions. Since joining LinkedIn, Alyssa has held numerous leadership positions.

The 2023 Entrepreneurial Sales Leader of the Year Award is presented to Tien Wong, being the first ever recipient of this award. Tien Wong is a technology entrepreneur, CEO, and angel investor. He is Chairman and CEO of Opus8, Inc. He is also Chairman of Lumious, along with Lore Systems, Inc. Along with his other positions, Tien is the Founder and Host of the Big Idea CONNECTpreneur Forum, a global community of over 25,000 founders, CEOs, angels, VCs, CXOs and business leaders.

The recipient of the 2023 Member of the Year Award is Bob Greene, a nationally recognized corporate sales trainer and strategic business advisor. Through his position as CEO of rcgworkgroup.com, he provides tailored solutions to companies of all sizes.

The 2023 Sales Speaker of the Year Award is presented to Queirra Fenderson. Queirra is an Award-Winning Speaker, ICF Professional Certified Coach (PCC), and CEO of The Ambition Studio®. Queirra has worked to ensure that The Ambition Studio® improves employee retention and safeguards talent pipelines by offering credentialed expertise.

The 2023 Jay Nussbaum Rising Sales Star of the Year Award is presented to Mayssa Haddad. Mayssa is a Senior Manager at Amazon Web Services (AWS) within the Public Sector Partner Programs team where she leads ISV and CoSell programs for the AWS Public Sector Organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Susan Shapero, Joe Ayers, Alyssa Merwin, Tien Wong, Bob Greene, Queirra Fenderson, and Mayssa Haddad for their innovative and effective leadership and in congratulating them on being recipients of the IES Sales Excellence Awards.

RECOGNIZING ARTS SAVING  
HEARTS**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bilva Vedamurthy and the organization he started, Arts Saving Hearts.

Bilva is a student at Monte Vista High School in Danville, California, and the founder of Arts Saving Hearts. Inspired by his love of learning and discovery, Bilva started Arts Saving Hearts during the COVID-19 pandemic to help artists in our community learn new skills and to promote a self-sustaining lifestyle. Arts Saving Hearts works with local artists to showcase and sell their work, with 100 percent of proceeds going toward helping disadvantaged communities around the world. The organization has received art from students, teachers, and professional artists from all over the Bay Area. Thanks to the contributions of these local artists, Bilva has been able to raise money to support COVID-19 victims and others in need in our community.

The organization works with a variety of local nonprofits and businesses. Bilva has worked extensively with the Edgewood Center for Children and Families in San Francisco to help provide mental health services to children. Arts Saving Hearts also works with Plaza Chiropractor, Indian Red Cross Residential School for Hearing-impaired Kids, and other community partners to support underserved groups. Bilva's work has been instrumental in supporting our community's youth and in helping to connect young people with necessary mental health resources and treatment.

Please join me in honoring Bilva Vedamurthy and Arts Saving Hearts for their important work.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
HATCHETTS**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the marriage of Jerry and Bonnie Hatchett. Jerry and Bonnie celebrated 50 years of marriage this year, marrying on June 2, 1973, after 2 years of dating. During their many years together, Jerry and Bonnie have been blessed with 3 sons, who have in turn blessed them with multiple wonderful grandchildren. They started a successful trucking business, Hatchett Transportation, Inc., in 1982, which they still own and operate today.

Jerry serves as President, while Bonnie serves as Secretary and Treasurer. I congratulate Jerry and Bonnie on their 50 years of marriage. I know that finding a partner to go through life with takes a whole lot of luck. Being married for 50 years, going through life's many ups and downs, takes a whole lot of work. I only hope that others are as fortunate as them to be able to spend so many years with the one they love. I pray that Jerry and Bonnie have many more happy and healthy years together ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE ARKANSAS  
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the reopening of our magnificent Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts.

The museum, located in downtown Little Rock, reopened on April 22 after almost four years since closing for renovation and expansion.

After years of planning, the museum has been reimagined into a beautiful work of art itself.

The architecture firm, Studio Gang, led the design which preserves historic elements of the building but includes other critical, interesting, and tasteful elements, making it into one of the most influential museums in the country.

The museum has much to offer, from the visual and performing arts, to full art educational experiences.

The goal is to create a cultural space where our community can engage with a diverse portfolio of artistic perspectives and come together to see beautiful temporary exhibitions and participate in the wonderful array of educational courses.

I thank all involved for their efforts in making this renovation possible and congratulate the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts for this new chapter in their history in our state.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE VIENNA ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Vienna Elementary School of Vienna, Virginia on its 150th Anniversary.

Vienna Elementary has the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating school in the Fairfax County Public Schools system. It is also in one of the oldest buildings still operating. The school serves nearly 400 children between kindergarten and 6th grade.

The faculty and staff at Vienna Elementary strive to instill a world-class education in both academic and social domains for all students, equipping them with the skills to succeed in the 21st century. They cultivate values, attitudes, knowledge, and capabilities to nurture good citizenship in a safe, diverse, and instructionally rich environment. The students at Vienna Elementary benefit from a rich legacy of instruction focused on meaningful and practical applications to students' futures.

From the PTA to local business and non-profit organizations partnerships, Vienna Elementary is deeply ingrained in our community. The school hosts annual events like Bingo Night, a Holiday Shop, a 5K Fun Race, the GRACE Arts Program, which brings volunteer docents into every classroom to connect art and art history with the curriculum, ensuring a holistic and enriching education for the next generation.

To commemorate this momentous occasion, community members will gather to enjoy cake, games, and activities for children and adults alike. The "birthday party" will also include acknowledgments of the school's history, including roots in segregation.

While we hope that all who attend will be able to enjoy, it is now more important than ever to acknowledge the systemic injustices that have pervaded our country's history. Our children have a right to know how we got to this point if we are going to task them with creating a brighter future.

Vienna is one of the most culturally rich and promising localities in Virginia's Eleventh Congressional District, and I am proud to represent this community and this school. They have striven for greatness and instilled a drive in their students to accomplish great things and to work towards a future in which we can all take pride.

Mr. Speaker, this school is a testament to the hard work of Virginia's teachers, parents, administrators, and everyone else who contributes to the education and experience of our youngest and most promising neighbors. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Vienna Elementary School for 150 years of dedicated service to Virginia's students.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF DR. CAROL WEYLAND CONNER**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Dr. Carol Weyland Conner.

Dr. Conner studied English literature at U.C. Berkeley and French literature at the Sorbonne in Paris. After watching her brother experience mental health issues, Dr. Conner was inspired to help others and earned her PhD in clinical psychology from Catholic University. After earning her degree, she practiced as a therapist in Walnut Creek, California, for 25 years. During this time, she also volunteered as a counselor at Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. Additionally, Dr. Conner acted as a spiritual director until her passing.

Throughout her life, Dr. Conner was devoted to serving her community and helping those in need. She started White Pony Express in 2013, and the organization has grown into one of California's largest food rescue programs. The White Pony Express distributes clothes, resources, and high-quality, fresh food throughout Contra Costa County. White Pony was also active in aiding victims of the 2018 Camp Fire in Butte County, transporting clothes, food, and other necessities to the community. Dr. Conner received the 2019 Andrus Award from the California AARP for her leadership on that project. She has also received numerous accolades for her leadership at White Pony Express, including the Hometown Hero Award from the Contra Costa Times, the Jefferson Award from San Francisco KPIX, and the Soroptimist Ruby Award for Women Helping Women.

Sadly, Dr. Conner passed away at the age of 80 on April 22, 2023. She will be remembered for her compassionate nature and dedicated service. Please join me in recognizing