

on environmental policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Anaika Seide for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
MARK BROWNELL

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service and remarkable career of Air National Guard veteran Lieutenant Colonel Mark Brownell.

LtCol Mark Brownell began his career as a flight nurse with the 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the New York Air National Guard. During his impressive 23-year career in the service, he provided critical care and medical support to countless individuals in need across the United States and numerous combat zones.

LtCol Brownell's first deployment was in 1990, when the 139th AES was deployed during Operation Desert Shield in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In 1991, LtCol Brownell was assigned to Logbase Charlie on the Iraq-Kuwait border as a Medical Airlift Staging Facility (MASF) Nurse, overseeing care and patient movement of over 350 American and international coalition soldiers, along with civilians.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, Mark was recognized for Outstanding Achievement as Flight Nurse, working in the MASF of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. He would assist in the evacuation of over 9,000 casualties from the United States and partner forces from the Multinational Force—Iraq. He also participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007 and served as the Chief Nurse at the Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Center, relocating more than 2,500 injured and wounded soldiers.

In between tours in Iraq, LtCol Brownell was deployed across the United States to assist in rescue and recovery operations during Hurricane Katrina of 2004 and Hurricane Ike of 2007. He provided critical nursing care during aeromedical evacuation flights out of New Orleans and served as the Assistant Officer in Command of the MASF assisting in recovery efforts during Hurricane Ike, resulting in the successful movement of over 300 patients.

Outside of military service, Mark was a volunteer at the Tribes Hill Fire Department. During his 45 years of service to the department, he spent more than a decade as its Chief. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Mark Brownell's utmost dedication to public service and serving our country.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS
MUCHMORE'S SERVICE TO OAK-
LAND UNIVERSITY AND TO THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Muchmore, a member of the Board of Trustees of Oakland University and the Honingman Law Firm in Detroit, Michigan. His contributions to his university, community, and his state are worthy of commendation.

Dennis was born and raised in Charleston, Illinois, and stayed in town after high school to attend Eastern Illinois University. After graduation, he attended graduate school at Michigan State University, where he completed a Master's in Public Administration.

In the 1970s, Dennis began a long career of public service to the state of Michigan and his community. He served as a consultant to the Select Committee on Municipal Finance, an Administrative Assistant to multiple senators, and for four years was the Senior Vice President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Dennis also served as executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the chair of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. His work in government culminated by serving as Governor Rick Snyder's chief of staff from 2010 to 2016.

Though he is no longer working for our state government, Dennis still interacts with government daily as the Co-Leader of Government Relations and Regulatory Practice at Honigman Law Firm. He has been involved in major projects like the purchase and maintenance of the high-speed AMTRAK line between Detroit and Indiana and the Gordie Howe International Bridge, a public bridge connecting the city of Detroit and the Canadian city of Windsor that is currently under construction. These projects have and will greatly increase the ability of commuters, tourists, and commerce to reach our great state.

As a Trustee for Oakland University, Dennis has overseen a period of substantial renovation on campus in order to better serve the faculty and students and bring the university into the 21st century. Renovations to Varner Hall, O'Dowd Hall, and South Foundation Hall, among others, have made campus life more enjoyable for all and made the university more competitive with Michigan's other fantastic institutions. Later this year, construction will begin on a new Visitor Center that will "redefine the visitor experience for everyone who walks through the gates."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Dennis Muchmore has accomplished. Whether in public or in private, Dennis has always taken the time to improve the lives of Michiganders everywhere. We thank him for his continued service, and are excited to see what he will help develop here in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVAL
RESEARCH LABORATORY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the Naval Research Laboratory's contributions to our Naval Services, the Nation, and the pursuit of scientific discovery and innovation. On July 2, 2023 the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) reached a momentous milestone—its 100th anniversary. Throughout its century of service to the Navy and our Nation, this renowned Laboratory has had a powerful impact on U.S. naval power and national defense.

With scientific and engineering expertise, informed by its understanding of naval and national needs, NRL works in league with industry, academia, and other government organizations as it helps build sea power through mission-related research and development. In this, NRL has been enormously successful and has contributed substantially to the development of game-changing military technologies that secured the United States global technological and military leadership throughout key moments in history. NRL was pivotal in the invention of the first U.S. radar, deployed in time for the Pacific naval battles of World War II. NRL led the way with the launch of the world's first intelligence satellite, *GRAB-I*, a technology that helped keep the Cold War cold. And finally, NRL developed the original concept, prototypes, and first operational satellite of the Global Positioning System, which transformed America's military, economy, society, and the world itself.

NRL's more recent achievements include its scientific role in developing the historic first operational ship-defense laser weapon, a technology that will be vital to defeating hypersonic missiles and asymmetric threats. Another is an instantaneous emergency assessment system for airborne contaminants and weapons of mass destruction that has supported security for Super Bowls, State of the Union events, and the last four presidential inaugurations. To protect U.S. intelligence communications, NRL invented Tor (The onion router) as a way to "peel off" and separate identification from routing for internet connections. Tor's many users include the military, journalists, whistle-blowers, victims of domestic abuse, and dissidents suffering within authoritarian regimes.

These accomplishments are only representative of thousands of technologies and innovations, many of them still classified, that this remarkable Laboratory has produced since opening its gates 100 years ago. Together, they demonstrate the broad and powerful influence NRL has on our Navy and Republic through the work of dedicated Government scientists, engineers, and support personnel who serve the national interest.

The U.S. Congress congratulates NRL on its centennial anniversary and wishes the Laboratory continued success in its mission to strengthen American naval power and develop vital technologies and capabilities for defending the United States, and democracy around the world.

HONORING MICHAEL WOLF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Wolf of Wolf Vineyard services, who was named the 2023 Napa Valley Agriculturalist of the Year by the Napa County Farm Bureau. He is being honored for his lifelong contributions to Napa Valley agriculture, commitment to community service and his contributions to the Napa County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Wolf was born in New York and moved to California after graduating from Alfred University with a bachelor of arts degree in history from Alfred University. Mr. Wolf is a treasured member of the Napa community as he has held numerous leadership positions and continues to put the interests of others first.

Mr. Wolf has generously contributed to the Napa community as the founder of the Ag Health Benefits Scholarship Foundation that provides advancement opportunities for members of the Ag Health Benefits Alliance through education in agriculture or other fields. Mr. Wolf served as a past Chairman and current Trustee of the Ag Health Benefits Alliance. He serves as the Director of the Napa Valley Farmworkers where he has been a long-term supporter of their mission to support and promote vineyard workers through education and professional development.

In addition to supporting educational opportunities in agriculture, Mr. Wolf is a loyal professional member of the American Society of Enology and Viticulture and a member of the Napa Valley Wine Technical Group. He also served as the past Director and President of the Napa County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Wolf's support and hard work extends beyond agriculture. He is a continued supporter of the Queen of the Valley and St. Helena Hospital Foundations to help support a strong health care system in our community. In addition, Mr. Wolf aids the COPE Family Center that provides parenting education and a variety of family support services in Napa as well as OLE Health, a nonprofit health center serving vulnerable populations in and around Napa County.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Wolf has made immense contributions to agriculture and the Napa County Farm Bureau. There is no doubt that Mr. Wolf has been a dedicated advocate for the Napa Valley community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENTS OF AUDREY
SMITH

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Audrey Smith for earning the dean's list award at the First Robotics World Competition in Houston, Texas. Ms. Smith is one of ten students who received recognition for her leadership, team efforts, and community involvement.

A native of Rockwall, Texas, Ms. Smith is currently a rising senior at Rockwall High School. As a student, she focuses on science, technology, engineering, math, and college preparatory courses. In her junior year, she led her competitive robotics team and received numerous honors for her work, including the Honor Roll and the President's Volunteer Service Award. After graduation, Ms. Smith plans to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and study mechanical engineering.

During her free time, Ms. Smith takes opportunities to further her knowledge of robotics and participates in her school's varsity tennis team, where she was the top ranked player in her sophomore and junior years. Additionally, she is an accomplished pianist, recreational shooter, and scuba diver. I'm proud to represent such talented students in my district, and I have no doubt that she will continue to be an exceptional example for her peers.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Ms. Smith's outstanding academic performance and entrepreneurial spirit. I wish her the best of luck and continued success in the new school year.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
SERVICE OF CAPTAIN CHRIS-
TOPHER GARROW

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of service of Captain Christopher Garrow.

A native of the North Country, Chris was born on July 22, 1975, and grew up in Peru, New York, attending Peru High School. Following his graduation in 1994, he answered the call of service and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He began his military career as an Infantryman before being selected to serve as a Marine Security Guard at the United States Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. Returning to Peru in 1999, Chris joined the New York State Police and continued forward with his life's mission of serving others.

Throughout his 23-year career with the New York State Police, Chris was held in extremely high regard by all who knew him. An over-achiever by nature, Chris began his career as a trooper and ultimately received the ranks of Sergeant, Station Commander, Zone Sergeant, Lieutenant, and most recently, Captain, a personal career goal of his. Excelling in various roles, Chris was a distinguished pistol expert and served as a firearms instructor, a member of the State Police Underwater Rescue Team, and a Field Training Officer.

Over a lifetime of service, Chris received several awards and distinctions recognizing his extraordinary efforts and behavior. While serving in the Marine Corps, Chris was awarded the Good Conduct Medal denoting his honorable and faithful service as well as the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Department of the Navy's highest non-combat decoration for heroism. During his time with the New York State Police, he received both a Superintendent Commendation award and a 9/11 First Responder award. Chris's distin-

guished service record is a clear reflection of his unwavering drive to set a positive example while serving those around him.

More than anything, Chris was a devoted father and husband. He met his wife, Jillian, upon returning to Peru in 1999 and the couple was married 3 years later. Soon thereafter, the pair had 2 wonderful daughters, Ella and Maggie. Whether skiing down a mountain, hanging out on a boat, or watching sporting events, Chris's greatest joy in life was spending quality time with his 3 girls.

Captain Christopher Garrow was a courageous soldier, a decorated public servant, and a loving father and husband. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize his extraordinary life of service.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE TOWN OF
NEWSTEAD

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Town of Newstead in Erie County, New York. I want to thank Supervisor Dawn D. Izydorczak and the celebration committee for putting together a fantastic week celebrating this flourishing community.

On March 27, 1823, the New York State Legislature officially voted to form the Town of Erie: a 55-square mile area of land that would be renamed as Newstead in 1831. The source of the name change is fascinating: following intense debate among Newstead's officials over a new name, it was reportedly Abigail Fillmore, wife of future 13th President Millard Fillmore, who suggested that the town be called Newstead.

Newstead's convenient location in between Buffalo and Rochester resulted in the town becoming a prominent location for trade and travel. Everyone from tourists to businessmen to soldiers visited Newstead while on their journeys to shape Western New York and the United States at-large. The centralization of shops, mills, and storage depots during Newstead's earlier decades eventually resulted in the 1918 establishment of the Village of Akron, now of regional acclaim for being home of Perry's Ice Cream.

Residents of Newstead can both recognize and be proud of their town's historical significance within Western New York. I am honored to share in this rich history by representing Newstead as their Member of Congress and look forward to watching Newstead continue to welcome new visitors, families, and neighbors.

I ask that this Legislative Body join me to celebrate the Town of Newstead's 200th anniversary.

HONORING MR. GILBERT RANGEL,
JR., RECIPIENT OF THE AMER-
ICAN DREAM AWARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gilbert Rangel, Jr., a