

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

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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

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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

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

renowned member of our community who has been chosen to receive the prestigious American Dream Award for California's Fourth Congressional District. This award honors people who come to the United States and have excelled professionally, through entrepreneurship and innovation, in the arts and culture, or through community service.

Mr. Rangel grew up in his family's home in Guadalajara, Mexico. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree business entrepreneurship. He is married to Janeth Perez, with whom he has 4 children. Mr. Rangel's life has been a constant migration between California and Mexico, during which he has made significant contributions to his communities.

Mr. Rangel began his career in San Joaquin County in migrant student educational services before being appointed by the Office of Governor Schwarzenegger to aid in the development of AmeriCorps in California. He continued his work under Governor Brown and was then recruited by the Lake County Office of Education to implement a local AmeriCorps program. Mr. Rangel provided support to emergency services and translations for the Spanish speaking community during the wildfires between 2015 and 2020. In 2022, he joined Lake County Tribal Health to implement health education programs.

Mr. Rangel serves as a Board Member for the Kelseyville Unified School District and as an advisor to the Middletown Arts Center. Mr. Rangel founded his company, Equilingual, in 2021 with the mission of achieving equity through language and supporting communications between local organizations and the Spanish speaking community. Mr. Rangel's connection to both the United States and Mexico has given him a unique perspective that has enabled him to have a positive impact in communities across California.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize Mr. Gilbert Rangel, Jr. for his achievements and for enriching our community. He has demonstrated resolve in his ability to reacclimate throughout his life, channeling the experience of living between Mexico and the United States into a central aspect of his identity. It is fitting and proper that we honor him here today with the American Dream Award.

HONORING STEPHANIE UVIOVO

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Stephanie Uviovio, my intern who is transitioning from my office to continue her mission.

An FIU student with Nigerian origins, Stephanie came to my office ready to impact the international relations system. While in my office, Stephanie has pushed my agendas to great lengths—from drafting memos, to organizing information, to researching data.

In our time together, I have recognized that Stephanie is a force in international relations. Her passion has been powerful over the semester as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to justice has led Stephanie to volunteer at RESULTS where she advo-

cates for policies to champion affordable housing for all Americans. Stephanie has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on public 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 Stephanie Uviovio for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD MICKA'S SERVICE TO THE WILDLIFE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Micka, Chairman of the Board for the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, on the occasion of his retirement. The contributions he has made and the stewardship he has shown for the International Wildlife Refuge in Trenton, Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Richard was born, raised, and still to this day resides in Monroe, Michigan. A graduate from the University of Detroit, Richard has always appreciated all the natural beauty that this region has to offer. The only time he has spent away was for the seven years he spent in the Medical Corps of our United States Air Force, where he was a Captain. When he returned from the service, he spent 36 years working at La-Z-Boy's Monroe Headquarters.

While at home, Richard's hobby is caring for the outdoor spaces in Monroe County. He has spent time on the Commission on the Environment and Water Quality, the River Raisin Public Advisory Council, as well as the Monroe County Drain Commission. In 1974, he earned the Conservationist of the Year Award from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs for his work on restoring the Point Mouillee State Game Area.

For the last 14 years, Richard has served as the Chairman of the Board for the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance. The Alliance is essential to coordinating the private and public partnerships that allow the DRIWR to be an incredible habitat for our region's wildlife as well as a destination for people of all ages to come and appreciate our world's natural beauty. Richard has been there since the beginning, and his fingerprints are everywhere you look. Under his leadership, many new plots of land and educational programs have been added to the Refuge. His tenure also saw the opening of the Refuge Gateway and the John D. Dingell, Jr. Visitor Center, a project that was well over a decade in the making. Today, the DRIWR stands as a beacon for all those anglers, dog walkers, mushroom hunters, or people who just want to catch a beautiful sunset from the pier.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Richard Micka has accomplished. Since his earliest days, he was shown a passion for our wild places that few could match. Both John Dingell and I always valued his partnership, energy and wisdom, and though we will miss him as the Chairman of the IWRA, I am sure that we will continue to find him out in the

wild, educating our youth and making sure everyone appreciates the beauty that surrounds them. I thank Richard.

RECOGNIZING JULIA ANDREWS ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a devoted wife, dedicated mother, and outstanding public servant, Mrs. Julia Andrews. An event celebrating her 95th birthday was held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. Andrews is a native of Dougherty County, Georgia and she has given her life's work in service to her country. She dedicated 34 years working to support America's national security as a civilian employee at the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base. While she was providing outstanding service at the base, she did not do so alone; when Mrs. Andrews began her tenure in 1954, she joined her husband, Goliath Andrews, in service there who began his own 35-year career at the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base in 1952. Truly, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews exemplified patriotism and a sense of service to which all Americans aspire.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Andrews has paid her rent and she has paid it well. Her commitment to service is evident both in her career and in her retirement when she continued to seek out ways to serve her community and her country. A lifetime voting Democrat, Mrs. Andrews has been an endearing and familiar face to the residents of Dougherty County during election season. Year after year, Mrs. Andrews happily served as an election volunteer, working to help the citizens of Dougherty County successfully execute their civic duty. While exercising that civic duty, Mrs. Andrews' fellow citizens enjoyed and benefited from her warmth, kindness, and zeal. Undoubtedly, those qualities of hers have touched the lives of many whom she has volunteered to assist and has strengthened our democracy in a multitude of quiet but powerful and important ways.

Mrs. Andrews is a woman after God's own heart. She is a member of the Greater Third Kiokee Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. She has been and continues to be a stalwart of that Church, having become a member 82 years ago in 1941. The model of Christian virtue that she demonstrates by the way she lives her life has surely touched the lives of so many people and has been an inspiration to generations of fellow members of the Greater Third Kiokee Baptist Church. She truly embodies the words of Acts 9:36: "She was abounding in good deeds and acts of charity."

Mrs. Andrews has accomplished many things in her life, but none of these would have been possible without her faith, the love and support of her husband, Goliath Andrews, and their 4 children, Vincent Andrews, Cynthia Buckley, Janice Thomas, and the late Larry Andrews.

Mrs. Andrews is the proud matriarch of a loving and growing family that now spans