

war in Ukraine, building a power plant with that equipment became [politically] impossible. Ukraine needs the equipment that we have. It is a perfect match.”

The association of Bulgaria and Ukraine for energy liberation is another extraordinary example of the war criminal Putin’s miscalculation of the courageous people of Ukraine who have resisted valiantly for freedom. In America, Republicans and Democrats have united to support Ukraine with 100 billion dollars in aid. The European Union of 27 nations is reaching 100 billion dollars in aid. Germany has reversed neutrality to unprecedented support of Ukraine as NATO has achieved the remarkable inclusion of Finland and imminently Sweden with strong support from Japan, Republic of Korea, and Australia.

This year marks 120 years of diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and America. Americans are so appreciative of the friendship with the talented people of Bulgaria as we rally together for mutual economic and security benefit. Bulgaria is well represented in Washington with Ambassador Georgi Panayotov as South Carolina appreciates the honorary Bulgarian Consul Don Tomlin of Columbia. The bi-partisan Bulgaria Caucus in Congress promotes warm relations with Democratic Congressman BRAD SCHNEIDER and me as Republican Co-chairman.

#### HONORING NICK WALLACE

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Nick Wallace. He is a celebrated executive chef, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, who leverages his innate talents to highlight the beauty of food, redefine the Southern experience, and introduce the world to Mississippi-inspired cuisine.

Drawing inspiration from his early training with his grandmothers, Nick’s culinary style combines his family-farm origin with French technique, resulting in a modern, Mississippi-influenced cuisine infused with Nick’s own culinary innovation experience and understanding of flavor profiles.

Nick is the owner of CHURN Creameries 2022, Nick Wallace Culinary, Nick Wallace Catering, and Nissan Cafe by Nick Wallace. In addition to flexing his leadership skills as an executive chef at some of America’s prominent museums and hotels, Nick has been featured in domestic and international television programming, including Food Network’s Comfort Nation (Season 2); Chopped, Chopped: Alton’s Challenge, and Cuthroat Kitchen; Food Network Canada’s Firemasters; and Voyage’s (France) Unexplored America—Mississippi. Most recently, Nick appeared on Bravo’s Top Chef (Season 19) and CNN’s NOMAD with Carlton McCoy.

Through the years, Nick has garnered regional and national recognition, including being selected by the James Beard Foundation to present five Mississippi-themed dinners in New York City; participating in 50 States—50 Chefs (Flavored Nation); being named “Best Chef of Mississippi” (2020); gaining consistent inclusion in the peer reviewed “Best

Chefs America” list; and earning “Best Chef” (Jackson, MS) recognition for 4 consecutive years.

Additionally, Nick is the founder of Creativity Kitchen, a nonprofit aimed at providing nutrition education, exposure to farm-to-table practices, and access to flavorful, healthy meals and culinary experiences for young, public-school students and their families (Jackson, MS). Most recently, Creativity Kitchen partnered with Whole Food’s 5 percent Community Giving Program, helping to add a percentage of store profits as donations to an area elementary school.

Committed to his community and using palate-pleasing cuisine to touch lives, Nick is a Co-Chair of Share the Gulf and a board member for Hunger Free America. He also participates in partnerships with organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Dole, Novo Nordisk, and Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing my former staff member, Nick Wallace for his dedication to the food insecurities within the state of Mississippi.

#### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE DICKERSON PARK ZOO

#### HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023*

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Dickerson Park Zoo located in Springfield, Missouri.

The zoo was founded in 1923 on 100 acres of land that was acquired from the estate of Jerome Dickerson. It houses more than 500 animals that represent 160 different species. Last year alone, some 200,000 people visited the zoo.

But the zoo is more than a location where visitors can see exotic animals. A staff of about 60 full-time and 25 seasonal employees, as well as 100 volunteers, are dedicated to the mission of connecting people with animals to encourage discovery and inspire conservation. In 1985, the park became involved with the Species Survival Plan, a consortium of groups working to save animals from extinction. The following year, the zoo became accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

More than 60,000 people a year participate in the zoo’s conservation education programs held in the park’s educational center. Additionally, its Zoo to You programs visit schools, libraries and residential care centers around the state.

The zoo also provides outstanding research and medical care for all the animals and rehabilitates injured or orphaned native raptors through its Raptor Rehabilitation Program. Once the birds are deemed healthy enough to survive on their own, they are released back into their natural habitat. The zoo also is one of only five in the country that participates in a giraffe blood bank, and it recently became home for an orphaned cougar cub from the state of Washington.

Just like humans, preventive care is paramount for the animals and the zookeepers play an important role in the wellness staff as

they spend a great deal of time with the animals and become very perceptive to subtle changes in an animal’s health.

The Dickerson Park Zoo is a vital part of animal education, conservation and enjoyment for thousands of people living in and visiting the Springfield area. We celebrate them and wish them the best for another 100 years.

#### HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on July 12, 2023, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, who traveled here on June 12th answered our Nation’s call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

David Lee Allen, Louis Allen, William Paul Altgilbers, Ronald Michael Andrus, Oray Baker, Jr., Randy Barham, Donald Barker, John C. Baumgart, Dennis L. Behnke, Norman Bowens, Jr., Leroy Allen Buss, Duane A. Buttell, Jr., Freddie Cagle, David B. Carlyon, Thomas Cellini, Louis J. Cicchetti, Louis E. Ciesla, Henry Clark, James Darcy, James R. Davidson, Steven L. Devereaux, Richard Jesus Diaz, Vincent Domino, Ildephonse J. Dorado, Leslie Duncan, Gerald Fedyski, Hal Melland Finkle, Frank Freemont Fisher, William G. Fountas, Herbert E. Fuqua, Joseph P. Gagliano, Robert Halvey, Kenneth George Hauser, Phillip F. Hauze, Bruce Ramond Heldt, John E. Hielema, James Richard Hoder, James R. Hoder, Robert Horwath, Thom Howell, Ronald E. Johnson, Anthony Juszynski, Ted Alan Kachlic, Louis Kahn, George J. Kane, William Keogh, Randall J. Kethcart, Fred E. Kogler, Mitchell Koonce, Lawrence J. Kozak, Thomas W. Krakowski, James R. Kramer, Richard Krol, Leonard J. Kulasa, Madore Lanoue, Richard A. Luemen, Renzo Manfredini, Julius M. Marbury, Costante James Martello, Daniel Martinez, Michael H. Masello, Dwight Mayberry, Patrick E. McDonald, Terrence McHugh, Roy Meldahl, Wayne Raymond Melichar, Jr., Michael W. Micetic, Robert J. Miller, Sr., James J. Morgan, Eugene J. Mudgett, Kenneth J. Murawski, Richard J. Otto, Lawrence Pagliaro, Terry Pappas, George J. Parsons, Jr., John E.

Pasala, Scott G. Phillips, Leonard Porter, John J. Quigley, Terrance J. Quigley, David M. Ramirez, Michael Alexander Rechenmacher, Theodore Rounds, Andrew Rueb, Jr., Dennis Joseph Ryczek, Eugene Rymut, Jerome Rymut, Edward Saibert, Richard Sandine, James Sawyer, Russell P. Scardigli, Monroe Smith, Jr., Michael E. Sons, Dennis Soroka, Ronald Stark, Grant E. Steeve, Donald F. Swift, Irvin Termuende, Raymond Travis, William L. Troth, Stanley Tylinski, Harry E. VanBeek, Richard Lynn Wagner, John Joseph Wagner, Jr., William Ward, James Robert Wasser, Sr., William E. Waters, Howard Westphal, Frank L. White, Ronald G. Williams, Francis S. Willsey, George M. Wolk, Donald Yozeitis, Laverne C. Zorbaugh, Joseph B. Zych.

HONORING AND COMMENDING  
COLONEL KIRBY GROSS

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Colonel Kirby Gross on his retirement.

Colonel Kirby Gross has served in the United States Army as a trauma surgeon for a span of 21 years. He has been deployed 10 times totaling over 5 years of combat service. Colonel Gross has served for 5 years of combat service, after being deployed a total of 10 times. Throughout Colonel Gross's career, he served in many positions that increased his positive influence on the lives of others.

During his 21 years of service, Colonel Gross served twice as the Joint Theater Trauma System Director, and the Theater Medical Director for Operation Inherent Resolve. Here, he was able to develop medical assets which provided care to injured soldiers within the theater, therefore improving battlefield care. Throughout his many positions, he was able to demonstrate empathy towards warriors, aiding many in their return to good health.

Colonel Gross served the country in many important and influential roles. He worked as the Commander of the 772nd Forward Surgical Team (FST) to Iraq, which is where he assumed the role of Chief of Surgery of the 10th Combat Support Hospital Directors of the Joint Trauma System (JTS), Chief of Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute (DMRTI), and Chief of Surgery of the Army Trauma Training Detachment (ATTD). He has been able to use his roles to improve care for wounded warriors, positively impacting their families and our Nation.

Today, Colonel Gross works diligently as an Army Trauma Surgeon in the Division of Trauma within the Section of Military, Diplomatic, and Field Surgical Affairs at Cooper University Health Care as part of the Army Medical Department, Military-Civilian Trauma Team Training Program. Colonel Gross's work has affected the lives of many, as he improved the survivability of soldiers throughout the Global War on Terrorism. His actions have influenced and encouraged an environment of achievement that will assuredly increase the survivability rate of military campaigns for our country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Colonel Kirby Gross,

on behalf of a grateful nation for his dedication to our country and those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America to the best of his ability.

Be it known to all, that I hereby honor Colonel Kirby Gross, and extend great appreciation for outstanding service to our community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.  
MARC A. NIGLIAZZO

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate the well-deserved retirement of Dr. Marc A. Nigliazzo, who has worked tirelessly to serve the communities of Central Texas through his time at Temple College and Texas A&M University-Central Texas. Nigliazzo's dedication to our home is truly unrivaled.

Throughout his career, Dr. Nigliazzo has touched the lives of all his students. From his time as president at Temple College to his tenure as the inaugural president at Texas A&M-Central Texas he always went the extra mile to insure a positive impact on his students and the community.

Dr. Nigliazzo has played a vital role in promoting accelerated learning as well as building safe and supportive school communities for our central Texas communities. His dedication to education and addressing the major challenges that Texas A&M University-Central Texas has faced has brought the school to where it is today.

His great work has not gone unnoticed. Dr. Nigliazzo was awarded the Leopard Pride for his work with the Temple College athletic program and the Temple College Board of Trustees named the administration building in his honor. These tributes speak to the justifiably high regard his peers hold him in.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I commend Dr. Marc A. Nigliazzo for his years of selfless service as well as his commitment to the betterment of higher education. He is an inspiration to our community, and I wish him only the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA'S VERY  
FLAWED K-12 MATH FRAMEWORK

**HON. MICHELLE STEEL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023*

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article written by Williamson M. Evers of California. His work explains major flaws in the draft of the California State Board of Education's K-12 mathematics instructional framework. The Board is having a final hearing today.

1. UNSCIENTIFIC TEACHING METHODS

Just as there is a science of reading instruction, there is a science of math instruction. The scientific way of teaching math includes:

having students memorize math facts (like multiplication tables and addition and sub-

traction facts) and standard algorithms (time-tested math procedures);

teaching computational procedures and conceptual understanding together (and not as progressives would have it, concepts before procedures);

stressing that getting answers to problems right and doing so quickly are components of math fluency; and

bearing in mind that committing math facts and procedures to long-term memory frees the student's mind to handle novel problems.

Instead, the progressive-education authors of the math framework want students to learn through their own inquiry and self-discovery. The authors give little emphasis to mastery of facts and standard algorithms. The authors want to organize math instruction not in the architectonic system of increasing abstraction in which it has traditionally been taught, but instead in accordance with vague, billowy "big ideas." Educational researcher Tom Loveless (retired from the Brookings Institution) says: "The previous framework was very clear that math fluency involves speed and accuracy. The proposed framework rejects speed as being even part of fluency, and that's a problem."

The newly revised framework delays fluency in multiplication and division tables until late in elementary school. This delay will spill over into subsequent math learning, and Loveless believes that many students will be unprepared for Algebra I even by ninth grade.

As I have written before (with my co-author, the late Ze'ev Wurman):

The framework promotes only the progressive-education approach to teaching math, calling it "student-led" instruction, "active learning," "active inquiry," and "collaborative" instruction. But evidence from the 1950s through recent times shows that this way of teaching math is ineffective. That evidence comes from scrutinizing carefully designed studies featuring randomized control and what are called quasi-experiments, which approximate the effect of a randomized assignment of students to different groups. Quasi-experiments look at cases, for example, where two adjoining districts with similar populations or two adjoining similar schools adopt different policies. Both sorts of studies are much stronger evidence than the case studies that progressive educators rely on.

In the spring 2012 issue of *American Educator*, the magazine of the American Federation of Teachers, top educational psychologists Richard E. Clark, Paul A. Kirschner, and John Sweller summarized "decades of research" that "clearly demonstrates" that for almost all students, "direct, explicit instruction" is "more effective" than inquiry-based progressive education in math.

Clark, Kirschner, and Sweller conclude that after "a half century" of progressive educators advocating inquiry-based teaching of math, "no body of sound research" can be found that supports using that approach with "anyone other than the most expert students." Evidence from the best studies, they emphasize, "almost uniformly" supports "full and explicit" instruction rather than an inquiry-based approach.

2. MISREPRESENTATION OF RESEARCH

Brian Conrad of Stanford's math department points out that the revised math framework contains much in the way of "false or misleading" descriptions of research on math instruction. It also cites "unpublished papers with design flaws," instead of relying solely on peer-reviewed published work. Conrad asks: Why does the framework "still not adhere to the level of