

a year. In his new role, he was able to enlist 30 individuals and 12 Officers.

In November 2016, he reported to the "Black Knights" of Strike Fighter Squadron 154, serving multiple roles including assurance supervisor and maintenance controller. With this job, he directed 13 work centers, totaling 150 personnel.

A few years later in 2020, he began a new role as Force Individual Augmentation and Exercise Manager. In total, he served a total of 23 years of honorable and dedicated service. Today, he is a highly decorated officer, with distinctions including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and 9 other awards.

Outside of his career, Mr. Phung is also joined by his three children and two goddaughters.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and commemorating the outstanding career and accomplishments of Cuong "Vince" Phung.

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RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESORT BEAR CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Resort Bear Creek Fire Department for 75 years of continued service to the residents of Petoskey and for their upcoming celebratory event being held on August 17, 2023. Resort Bear Creek Fire Department has been a staple of the community for decades and has become the standard in fire prevention and mediation for Petoskey residents throughout their history. Their desire to educate others on safe practices pertaining to fire management and control has had a direct hand in the prevention of countless tragedies within their constituency. I am heartened by the department's impact on local residents and am confident that their exemplary leadership will continue for years to come.

Fire departments across Northern Michigan have the immense task of keeping a vast wooded area safe from the possibility of fire. The residents, their homes, and local businesses rely on professionally run and operated departments like Resort Bear Creek to ensure that their investments and livelihoods remain protected. Their work has been a blessing to all within their service area and I cannot thank them enough for their efforts over these past 75 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Resort Bear Creek Fire Department in Petoskey, Michigan and their celebratory event being held on August 17, 2023. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish everyone involved in the Resort Bear Creek Fire Department's history of success the best in their future endeavors and a successful celebratory ceremony.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF JANELLE SPOHN OF OZARK, MO.

**HON. ERIC BURLISON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Janelle Spohn, a student at Ozark High School located in Ozark, Missouri, in my district.

Ms. Spohn has been selected as a 2023–2024 recipient of the CBYX Scholarship. She is one of 250 high school students nationwide to be so honored. The CBYX Scholarship is a U.S. Department of State-sponsored program and stands for Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. It was inaugurated in 1983, and since its inception, the CBYX program has allowed 27,000 American and German participants to expand their intercultural understanding.

Ms. Spohn and the other scholarship recipients will spend the next school year in Germany living with a host family, attending a German high school, and participating in language and cultural immersion training to gain a better understanding of German culture, language, and everyday life.

CBYX scholars also have the chance to visit Germany's parliament—the Bundestag—meet with government officials, participate in intercultural seminars, and explore Germany. Scholars return home to the United States with a new perspective on global affairs and German social, economic, and political life.

Ms. Spohn is the daughter of proud parents Michael and Montessa Spohn, and according to her school principal, Jeremy Brownfield, "Janelle is an outstanding student maintaining a weighted GPA above a 4.5. She is able to do so while a majority of her course load are honors courses, balancing academics with a busy schedule of extracurricular activities including wrestling and choir. She is beloved by her teachers and known for being kind and an incredibly hard worker. She is also quick to help students in need. We are excited for her to have this wonderful opportunity to study abroad but her presence will be missed by classmates and staff alike during the upcoming school year."

Mr. Speaker, I think you can understand why we are so proud to have Janelle Spohn as a constituent. We look forward to hearing about her year in Germany and how her experiences as a citizen diplomat will shape her future. We congratulate her on her achievements.

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RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONONGAHELA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the congregation of the Monongahela Church of the Nazarene in Monongahela, Pennsylvania for 100 years of service to God and the surrounding community.

The Monongahela Church of the Nazarene was originally organized with 24 members on

July 25, 1923, the small group of members sought God's will for their lives. The congregation held tent meetings until the physical church was built and established nearly a decade later. Rev. Frank Strickler from the California Church of the Nazarene, aided by David Mitchell, became the Church's first Pastor. Throughout the years, the church was blessed with the spiritual leadership of nine Pastors.

In 2000, Reverend Raymond DiCamillo became the current Pastor of the church. Under his leadership, the Monongahela Church of the Nazarene remains committed to reaching the lost, helping those in need, and loving those they meet. With the Holy Spirit guiding them, they look forward to building on this storied history for the next 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, the Monongahela Church of the Nazarene's story is deeply rooted in our great Nation's origins. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate them on their 100th anniversary and thank them for their service to southwestern Pennsylvania's faith community.

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TRIBUTE TO DEACON BENJAMIN SWINTON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a faithful servant, trusted counselor, and cherished community leader, Deacon Benjamin "Ben" Swinton. Deacon Swinton, a lifelong friend and supporter, transitioned from this life on July 26, 2023, in Sumter, South Carolina. His compassion and kindness will be sorely missed.

Mr. Benjamin Swinton was born on September 10, 1929, in Sumter, South Carolina. He attended Sumter City Schools and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1954, where he was a gifted athlete. Upon graduating high school, Mr. Swinton pursued higher education at North Carolina A&T University and completed his coursework at Morris College in Sumter, graduating Magnum Cum Laude. Mr. Swinton also dutifully served our nation in the United States Army.

After graduating from Morris College, Mr. Swinton pursued a career in public service. He served as a counselor and planner at the Wateree Community Actions Agency before joining the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Center, where he served for 21 years before his retirement. In these capacities, Mr. Swinton was uplifting to many members of the Sumter community.

Deacon Swinton was a man of faith. He was a lifelong member of the Salem Missionary Baptist Church and served the Church as a Sunday School teacher, a combined choir member, the Director of Christian Education, and Sunday School Superintendent. Additionally, he served on the Deacon Board with distinction.

Mr. Swinton was also a dedicated family man. He is survived by his loving wife, Dollie Woods Swinton to whom he was married for 68 years. Together they had 1 son, Benjamin Anthony Swinton, who preceded him in death. He is also survived by a daughter, Juanita Balls Williams, brothers Harry W. Swinton and Roosevelt (Naomi) Swinton, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that our colleagues join me in honoring the remarkable life of Deacon Benjamin Swinton. His long life of service as a counselor and spiritual leader made an indelible impact on his community and will be remembered by all who were fortunate to know him.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAY-FRE SENIOR CENTER

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Ray-Fre Senior Citizens Club in Raymond, New Hampshire, for the 50th anniversary of their location on Main Street and the 55th anniversary of the club's founding. Ray-Fre was established in 1968 when the Raymond and Fremont senior centers chose to combine. By 1973, they had a permanent location, elected officers, and by-laws. Ray-Fre offers a variety of games, activities, and volunteer opportunities open to those 55+ including line dancing, cribbage, Meals-on-Wheels, and knitting. Their continuous community-building, festivities, and engagement opportunities help our seniors age gracefully and with dignity, connecting them with friends and family in a lively atmosphere.

Aside from games and festivities, Ray-Fre offers our seniors the opportunity to maintain a healthy lifestyle, learn about new technology, and participate in local community service. Each week, members may take part in walking groups or video exercises, participate in computer classes to remain fluent in technology and learn new skills, or volunteer for Meals-on-Wheels. Additionally, the knitting group meets Mondays to make hats for cancer survivors, infants, and the homeless and provided over 1,900 articles in 2021. Ray-Fre's impact extends far beyond their seniors and strives to make a difference in the community.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend Ray-Fre for their devotion to community-building, service, and engagement. Their 55 years as a club complements their immeasurable positive impact on the community. I greatly appreciate the work they do for our seniors and the opportunities provided to them.

HONORING TROOPER JEFFREY DUNLAP

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trooper Jeffrey Dunlap, a devoted public servant, for his heroic actions on the evening of Monday, July 3. For more than 13 years, Trooper Dunlap has served in the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, risking his life every day to protect and serve the people of Buncombe County.

On the evening of July 3rd, Trooper Dunlap stopped his vehicle to assist a stranded motorist on I-26 West. In a horrific turn of events,

the motorist pulled out a gun and shot Trooper Dunlap in the chest. Thankfully, the round was stopped by Trooper Dunlap's bulletproof vest, and he was able to swiftly return fire. In the face of imminent danger, Trooper Dunlap neutralized the threat, saving his own life and protecting the lives of innocent bystanders. Following the shooting, Trooper Dunlap was taken to a local hospital and has since been discharged.

The true essence of heroism is the willingness to sacrifice one's own personal safety for the protection of others. Trooper Dunlap has and will continue to show up to work every day willing to place himself in danger for the greater good. I thank Trooper Dunlap, for exemplifying what it means to protect and serve.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Capital Planning Commission District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would remove the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), a federal agency, to review or approve the development of District of Columbia-owned real property. This bill would also remove the requirement that the D.C. Mayor get NCPC's approval before selling D.C.-owned real property and allow D.C. agencies to transfer jurisdiction over D.C.-owned real property among themselves without NCPC's approval.

Under federal law, NCPC has approval authority for the development of D.C.-owned buildings located in the "central area," including the location, height, bulk, number of stories and size of such buildings. D.C. is required to consult with NCPC on D.C.-owned buildings outside the central area, but NCPC has only advisory authority in those areas. The central area is defined by the concurrent action of NCPC and the D.C. Council and currently consists of the Downtown and Shaw Urban Renewal Areas.

NCPC's authority over D.C.-owned real property is unnecessary, as demonstrated by the virtual absence of its use to disapprove sales or development, and violates D.C. home rule. The federal government should not be able to slow or block the development of D.C.-owned real property or add to the cost of development.

This bill is an important step to increase home rule for D.C. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote because I was meeting with constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 379.

CELEBRATING WINAMAC COIL SPRING'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN BUSINESS

**HON. RUDY YAKYM III**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Winamac Coil Spring, Inc. on 75 years of doing business in Indiana's Second Congressional District.

For more than 7 decades, Winamac Coil Spring has been a leading manufacturer of compression, extension single and double torsion springs, and wireforms.

I am proud to represent the "RV Capital of the World" in Congress. The work Winamac Coil Spring has done for 3-quarters of a century has played a meaningful role in allowing our District to have and maintain that distinction.

The professional, quality work Winamac Coil Spring does is not limited to the recreational vehicle industry, however. From agriculture to appliances, construction to industrial, Winamac Coil Spring serves a wide variety of industries and markets, with an ironclad commitment to customer satisfaction always at the forefront.

Additionally, Winamac Coil Spring's example as a successful family-owned business is an inspiration to those looking to start their own companies, as well as a source of pride for many Hoosiers.

Congratulations again on reaching this impressive milestone. I thank them for their many contributions to Pulaski County and communities through the Second District. I wish them continued success and many more years in business and anniversaries to celebrate going forward.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE SELBYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

**HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2023*

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Selbyville Volunteer Fire Company. Just over 100 years ago, a group of young men saw a need in their community, decided to act, and established this company. Now, a century later, it has grown into what it is today—a critical part of the Selbyville community with a legacy of exceptional service.

In addition to this occasion being a chance for fellowship and comradery between those in uniform, it is also an opportunity for the rest of us, whom the members of the Company serve, to pause and express our gratitude for their selfless and dangerous work.

To these firefighters: we in Delaware know the risk each of them takes when they put on their uniforms and go to work each day. And to take on these risks is as remarkable as it is inspiring. Our state would not enjoy the same peace of mind without people like them answering the call and volunteering their time to protect our communities.

In Delaware, we are incredibly proud to have so many wonderful volunteer firefighters