

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

up and down our state. I am proud to be their Congresswoman, and especially as a member of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I am proud to be their champion in the House of Representatives.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to everyone at the Selbyville Volunteer Fire Company for this historic accomplishment and thank them for their selfless service. Here's to the next hundred years.

PLANT VOGTLE'S UNIT 3
OFFICIALLY ONLINE

HON. RICK W. ALLEN
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Southern Company and all of the co-owners on their historic accomplishment of Unit 3 at Plant Vogtle officially coming online this week.

Plant Vogtle, located in Georgia's 12th District, is now home to the first newly-constructed nuclear unit in the United States in more than 30 years, with Unit 4 shortly to follow.

Announced earlier this week, Unit 3 is fully operational and will provide 24/7 baseload power to 500,000 Georgia homes and businesses for decades to come.

A project of this magnitude does not come to fruition easily, but the persistent efforts and dedication since 2012 have culminated in what can only be defined as a major win for all Georgians and America as a whole.

Seeing the results of the meaningful collaboration and hard work that made this possible is truly a blessing.

I am beyond proud that Georgia-12 is leading the way in America's nuclear energy expansion; congratulations to Southern Company, Oglethorpe Power Company, MEAG Power, and all involved for this historic accomplishment.

CELEBRATING DETROIT CITY
CHESS CLUB

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I want to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the Detroit City Chess Club and congratulate its members as they celebrate 20 years.

Under the incredible leadership and vision of Mr. Kevin Fite, Detroit City Chess Club's founder, students from across Detroit Public Schools have been recognized regionally and nationally for their skills. Inspired by the popularity and success of the teams he coached at Detroit's Duffield Elementary and Middle Schools; Coach Fite founded the Detroit City Chess Club in 2003. He leveraged a partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts to provide a permanent home for students to play outside of regular school hours.

Since then, Detroit City Chess Club has strived to engage young people in the game of chess. The club has grown from only a hand-

ful of members at its inception to reaching thousands of students and adults alike. The Detroit City Chess Club has played all over the world, winning 15 National titles, 16 regional championships, 28 state championships, and hosting 4 individual No. 1 players in the U.S.

The 12th Congressional District is proud to recognize the Detroit City Chess Club, its members, and volunteers for their outstanding contributions to our community as we wish them well on 20 years of gamesmanship, education, and camaraderie.

HONORING OFFICER ANTHONY
FERGUSON OF THE
ALAMOGORDO POLICE DEPART-
MENT

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of Anthony Ferguson, a dedicated public servant who was killed in the line of duty while serving as a police officer in my district.

Officer Ferguson spent eleven years serving his community as a member of the Alamogordo Police Department. As a field training officer in the patrol division, he trained countless other officers to protect and serve. On July 16, 2023, Officer Ferguson was senselessly killed in action while protecting his fellow New Mexicans.

Officer Ferguson is remembered by his family, friends, and fellow officers as loyal and courageous in the performance of his duties. His sacrifice in the line of duty serves as a solemn reminder of the bravery and commitment of our law enforcement officers. His loss is felt across the state, and my deepest condolences go out to all who knew and loved him.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our law enforcement officers that can never be fully repaid. We must strive to honor Officer Ferguson's memory by continuing to support and appreciate those who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I thank Officer Ferguson for his service, and his ultimate sacrifice for the community of Alamogordo. We must not let his bravery be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL GOODNOW

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an outstanding individual in my district, Bremerton City Councilmember, Michael Goodnow. This year marks a significant milestone as he helps organize the 27th Kitsap Pride Festival, his 25th year assisting, a momentous occasion that celebrates diversity, inclusion, and equality in our community.

Councilmember Goodnow has been an unwavering champion for the rights and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community in Bremerton

and beyond. Through his tireless efforts and dedication, he has fostered a spirit of unity and acceptance, creating a safe and welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Beyond his role in organizing the Kitsap Pride Festival, Councilmember Goodnow has been a strong advocate for social justice issues throughout his tenure in public service. His commitment to equality extends far beyond this event, as he actively works to promote equal rights, combat discrimination, and improve the lives of marginalized communities.

Some of the roles he's had in the community include the Executive Director of the Roxy Theatre, Director of the Kitsap County AIDS Foundation, Project Coordinator at the Pride Foundation of Seattle, and Coordinator at the Kitsap Health District, working on HIV prevention in the late 1990s. Michael is also Bremerton's first openly gay elected City Councilman and first openly gay City Council President.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join my constituents in congratulating Councilmember Michael Goodnow on this remarkable milestone. His unwavering commitment to equality and inclusivity serves as an inspiration to us all. May we continue to support and uplift individuals like Councilmember Goodnow, who work tirelessly to build a more just and equitable community for everyone.

RECOGNIZING MRS. AMANDA EARL

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Amanda (Hall) Earl for her dedication to the people of California's 22nd Congressional District and to thank her for her public service to our country.

Mrs. Earl was born in Grapevine, Texas to Doug and Krista Hall. After graduating high school, she would go on to attend the University of Oklahoma, where she became a sister of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. In 2014, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and public relations. Following her graduation, Mrs. Earl began her political career working on state campaigns across Oklahoma. Eventually, her outstanding work ethic and grasp of public policy issues led her to Washington, where she would begin working as a Research Assistant for the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, under the leadership of Chairman James Inhofe.

Shortly after, she joined Senator Inhofe's personal office as a Legislative Assistant, working on major policy issues such as energy and water. Mrs. Earl worked under Senator Inhofe until 2019, when she left the Senate to become a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, where she worked on the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, Endangered Species Act regulatory reforms, and oversight of the National Park Service. Mrs. Earl joined my Washington D.C. office at the beginning of the 117th Congress, serving as my Legislative Director. Her portfolio included some of the most important issues for the 22nd district, such as energy,