

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,

water, trade, environmental work, healthcare, and agriculture.

Not only did Mrs. Earl have an incredible grasp of these complex and challenging issues, but she dedicated an enormous amount of time to building relationships with relevant stakeholders in the Central Valley—even traveling to the district multiple times to meet with farmers, energy producers, hospital leaders, and more. She was also critical in leading my legislative team's work on the House Appropriations Committee, ensuring the Central Valley had a seat at the table when it came to funding the federal government.

One of her most significant accomplishments during her time in my office was her leadership on the Working to Advance Tangible and Effective Reforms (WATER) for California Act. This sweeping water legislation was made possible because of the months of effort on behalf of Mrs. Earl, and I am incredibly grateful for her work on this issue which is so critical for Central Valley communities and our local economy. After nearly a decade spent in both Oklahoma and Washington D.C., Mrs. Earl would depart my office in March of this year and return to her beloved home state of Texas with her husband, Andrew. While her welcoming personality, signature quick wit, and leadership in our office are all greatly missed, I am incredibly excited for Mrs. Earl as she begins this exciting new chapter of her life. Knowing Amanda, her character, work ethic, and compassion for others, I have no doubt there are many great things ahead for her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mrs. Amanda (Hall) Earl for her service to our country and wishing her the very best in this next chapter of her life.

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of the end of

hostilities in the Korean War. From the freezing temperatures of the Chosin Reservoir to the race to the Yalu River, over 1.8 million men and women from our Armed Forces fought with distinction and bravery.

Unfortunately, the Korean War still lingers today as the armistice was never intended to be a permanent peace treaty. The armistice established the Demilitarized Zone on the 38th parallel and currently divides the free Nation of South Korea and the communist regime in North Korea.

Since the end of hostilities, South Korea has forged a historic and beautiful relationship with the United States and is 1 of our closest allies in Asia. Today, South Korea remains prosperous, democratic, and unwavering in the face of communist aggression. Each year, we are reminded that the costs of freedom come with a heavy price, and we are grateful for all service members who demonstrated integrity and courage in the struggle for self-determination.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize our Nation's veterans in their valiant efforts to defeat the threat of communism. We must continue to stay vigilant and strive to maintain order and stability in the region. I will continue to advocate for efforts that will unify the Korean people once again. Our Veterans' sacrifices to uphold freedom and liberty in the Korean Peninsula will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY J. "TED" CONNORS

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and legacy of Timothy J. "Ted" Connors. Ted was a strong community leader, husband, father, and grandfather who dedicated his life to serving New Hampshire and the communities of Portsmouth and Newington. During this difficult time, my thoughts and condolences are with the Connors family, including Ted's loving wife, Elisabeth, and his children, Captain Timothy J.

Connors II, Thomas Connors, and Annelise Hartley.

Ted's persistent and positive work to uplift his community began in local politics. He found his passion in serving the community, becoming the city's first popularly elected Mayor at 26 years old. His work as Mayor to expand housing for low-income and elderly residents resulted in him continuing his public service at the Portsmouth Housing Authority. Ted's kind demeanor and infectious laugh facilitated his rare ability to work with almost anyone. He brought numerous important and historic projects to fruition like the Strawberry Banke Museum and the initial plans for Prescott Park.

A lifelong member of St. Catherine's and Immaculate Conception parishes. Ted's passion for the community extended beyond the political sphere and saw him engage with numerous projects including the renovations of his Alma Mater, St. Patrick's School. His work supporting affordable health care with Seacoast Mental Health, and the Foundation for Seacoast Health, benefited countless families across the state while ensuring that those with severe mental illness had access to the care they deserved. Ted continued his service to the State of New Hampshire by serving decades as the Chairman of the NH Racing Commission, and then as Chair of the Newington Select Board. While we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to Ted, today we recognize his sincere generosity and immeasurable impact on the Seacoast community.

Ted will be fondly remembered by the communities he touched and those he loved for years to come. His legacy of service and commitment to Portsmouth, Newington, and the Granite State will live on. The compassion and purpose for which he served, to better the lives of those less fortunate, is an inspiration to those who come after him. I would like to once more extend my condolences to the Connors family and wish them all the very best in this time of grieving.