

submarine construction programs and provided a vital long-term pillar of economic development for our region. He is a true friend of Connecticut. Now, we have set our sights on evolving the global security net by meeting the pillars envisioned through the AUKUS alliance. That work continues to this day.

Neil has also shepherded endless other projects from idea to reality throughout his tenure in my office—from essential infrastructure work to build a new train station in Enfield, to dredging in the Long Island Sound, to being instrumental in the development of an off shore wind facility at the Port of New London. Lastly, Neil, as Chief of Staff, has been a great leader of my office's team, both in Washington and Connecticut. He is a good listener. He has kept every person feeling respected and engaged, particularly during challenging events for the Hill's workforce, including the pandemic and the insurrection on January 6. The high retention rate of staff in my office is a true compliment to Neil's intelligent, empathetic engagement with a talented, hard-working group that is always focused on a wonderful part of Connecticut.

Mr. Speaker, Neil has been a force for good in the House of Representatives over these past 20 years. His institutional knowledge of Congress, his legislative skills, and his tenacity to serve the people of our district are things I hold closely. I am proud to have watched him grow several generations of our team into the self-sustaining institution that it is today. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the staff who dedicate themselves and put in the legwork to advance our district and national priorities, particularly those who have remained in service to the House for decades like Neil and contribute to the brain power of this body's critical work.

We specifically owe thanks to Neil and his family for their sacrifice to better our country, namely his wife Kristen, whom he met through his career on the Hill, and their children, Caroline and Ellie. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Neil McKiernan's storied service and contributions.

CONGRATULATING THE HANOVER
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce on their 100th anniversary.

In 1923, the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce was founded to represent and promote the interests of local businesses. As Hanover has grown, the Chamber of Commerce has grown with it and now offers a variety of services and opportunities to its members, as well as continuing to advocate for its members' interests.

Out of roughly 7,000 Chambers of Commerce in the United States, less than 2 hundred are accredited by the United States Chamber of Commerce. Even fewer possess a 5-star Accreditation, and the Hanover Chamber of Commerce is one of them. This Chamber offers a diverse list of resources and

events to its members and is always looking for ways to promote local businesses. Its dedication to its members and the businesses it serves truly earned those 5 stars.

Communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have benefitted from strong economies due to the hard work of chambers of commerce, and that is especially true of the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

As they celebrate their 100th anniversary this year, I want to congratulate and thank the staff and the Board of Directors of the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce for strengthening the economy of Pennsylvania's 11th district. Their commitment to their community is truly inspiring, and I wish them all the best in the years to come.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO
BENNETT HILLS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas—24 Hometown Hero, 9-year-old Bennett Hills from North Richland Hills. At 7 years old, Bennett started dreaming of one day becoming a LEGO master. Now, as a fourth grader at Liberty Elementary, he's one step closer to that dream. He was recently named a finalist in LEGOLAND's '2023 North American Mini Master Model Builder' contest. Bennett was tasked with creating an original LEGOScape that depicted his hometown through the LEGOLAND Discovery Center of Dallas/Fort Worth. He chose to proudly fill it with Dallas' Reunion Tower, Fort Worth's famous Stockyards, cowboys, longhorns, oil rigs, and even construction cranes to represent the growing Dallas/Fort Worth area. He is now one of 13 Mini Master Model Builders from around the U.S. who will represent Dallas/Fort Worth in LEGOLAND's nationwide competition, in hopes of claiming the national title. I want to congratulate Bennett on his hard work and wish him the best of luck at the national competition.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF CATTY
MOORE

HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to pay tribute to the distinguished career of Wake County Public School System Superintendent Catty Moore. It's my privilege to recognize her invaluable contributions to the families and students of Wake County and to wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Superintendent Moore received her bachelor's degree at North Carolina State University before earning her master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She's currently pursuing a doctoral degree at East Carolina University.

She began her career as a high school French teacher in the Nash-Rocky Mount Public School system, before moving to teach in

Wake County at Enloe High School. She then became the assistant principal of Enloe before moving to Apex High School and finally working as the principal of Sanderson High School. During her time at Sanderson High School, she was awarded Principal of the Year by the Wake County Public Schools and was awarded Regional Principal of the Year by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

She became Wake County Public School System's Superintendent in 2018 and is the first woman and first Latina to serve in the role. She was awarded the Superintendent of the Year by the North Carolina PTA in 2021 for her "steady and focused leadership" throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and was awarded National Superintendent of the Year by Magnet Schools of America in 2022.

Under Superintendent Moore's leadership, Wake County has made significant strides toward ensuring the safety and well-being of its students by conducting a comprehensive school-by-school safety audit, writing the district's first equity policy, and pioneering covid safety protocols in a time of great uncertainty.

I'd like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Wake County Public School System's Superintendent Catty Moore for her years of service to North Carolina and wish her all the best in her retirement from the Wake County Public School System.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Superintendent Catty Moore.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF RONALD LEWIS FELTON

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the late Ronald L. Felton, a true champion of civil rights and social justice, veteran, husband, father and grandfather from Northeast Pennsylvania who has left an indelible mark on the fight for civil rights and social justice through his profound dedication to uplifting the marginalized and advancing equality.

After serving with distinction in the U.S. Air Force, Ron settled into Wilkes-Barre where he worked tirelessly to bring about positive change in the vibrant community. He demonstrated unwavering dedication not only as a devoted family man but also as a committed professional. His tenure as a system analyst at Prudential, IBM, and the Times Leader newspaper showcased his pursuit of excellence.

Yet, it was Ron's role as President of the NAACP Wilkes-Barre Branch 2306 that truly defined his legacy. For an impressive 18 years touching 3 distinct decades, he led with unyielding passion, advocating for civil rights and social justice. His tireless work laid the foundation for lasting change, exemplified by his instrumental role in establishing Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday for Wilkes-Barre City employees and the renaming of Coal Street Park to Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Ron's commitment to honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and fostering an inclusive community remains an enduring testament to his character.

As the Eastern Sectional Director of the Statewide NAACP, his work transcended our

region as he championed equality on a broader scale. During the COVID-19 pandemic, his dedication to ensuring minorities had access to vaccinations showcased his deep commitment to the well-being of all.

As we reflect on Ron's legacy, we are reminded of the profound impact he had on individuals across our community. From his leadership in the NAACP to his involvement with the Prince Hall Free Masons and his dedication to his faith at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ron's imprint on the fabric of our society is unmistakable.

We extend our heart felt condolences to his wife Peggy, his son Ronald R. Felton, his cherished grandchildren, and his extended family. While the loss of Ron is deeply felt, his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. His dedication to justice, equality and community development will forever be etched in our hearts. May his life's work guide us in our ongoing pursuit of a just and inclusive society.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I was forced to miss votes due to a flight delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 365, and YEA on Roll Call No. 366.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO LISA GOODWIN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lisa Goodwin, a shepherd of altruism in North Texas. Lisa routinely goes the extra mile to give back to our North Texas community through her charitable conduct and volunteerism. Lisa has earned a well-deserved reputation for going above and beyond to help others, including using her own resources to purchase childcare products for families in need. In her free time, Lisa visits nursing home residents and refugees in the Fort Worth area to offer them companionship. When Lisa is not volunteering her time at church, she can be found helping teens register for volunteer hours.

I want to thank Lisa for being a shining beacon of light in our community.

HONORING ENERGIZER'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Energizer Holdings on its 75th anniversary in Asheboro, North Carolina.

Energizer Holdings is a dynamic and diverse company, operating within a wide range of industries and producing an equally wide range of products and services. Perhaps best known for Energizer batteries and its bunny mascot, this company also runs Rayovac and Eveready, as well as prominent auto care brands like Armor All and STP. Energizer's impact on our Nation's economy is tremendous, especially within my community in North Carolina.

Energizer set up shop in Asheboro, North Carolina 75 years ago and has since remained an economic staple of the community. Energizer hosts hundreds of high paying, local jobs and has brought in millions of dollars in economic development into the region. Yet, its impact is soon to grow even more. Last spring, Energizer announced a new investment of \$43 million into its Asheboro-based facilities that will add 143 new jobs with wages far above the average for the county. This investment will greatly benefit both the city of Asheboro and our region at-large.

Energizer is an esteemed member of our community down in North Carolina. Its economic and community impact is astounding, and I am pleased that they have called Asheboro home for the last 75 years. I look forward to continuing to work with Energizer to see what they will accomplish in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing Energizer, its leaders, and employees on this momentous occasion and to thank them for all they do for the community in Randolph County.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Parent Child Relationship Association (PCR) on the occasion of its 5th anniversary. PCR is a volunteer run non-profit organization that rose to the challenge to provide essential services to some of the most vulnerable residents of New York's Congressional District 10.

The South Brooklyn neighborhood of Sunset Park and its neighboring Dyker Height and Bensonhurst are home to New York's fastest growing Chinese immigrant community. The influx of the immigrant population invigorated local cultural and economic life, and it also brought great needs for social services. Nicole Huang established PCR in 2018, after having successfully organized local immigrant parents and youths to volunteer for community improvement projects and to provide mutual assistance.

In the 5 years since, PCR has expanded rapidly, becoming an essential service provider for Chinese-speaking community members that are in need of culturally competent services in Sunset Park. Every year, hundreds of volunteers contribute countless hours through PCR to provide services that benefit many thousands that are in need. In addition to promoting civic engagement and providing essential social services, PCR also organizes community mental health workshops and

steadfastly champions mental health awareness for youths, mothers and the elderly.

When the COVID-19 pandemic devastated New York City in 2020, PCR stepped up to serve when the community fell into crisis. From collecting PPE donation and distributing them to hospitals and senior centers, to managing a weekly community food pantry, to assisting the victims of multiple devastating fires in Sunset Park who faced threat of homelessness in the middle of the pandemic, Nicole Huang and her volunteers were always on the frontline serving and uplifting the most vulnerable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the ongoing work of PCR for the Chinese immigrant community of Brooklyn. It has made a significant contribution in making New York the vibrant city of immigrants and diverse cultures that exemplifies the promise of the United States and the American Dream.

CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify that when I join a Congressional Caucus, it does not necessarily mean that I agree with every position of the Caucus. At a minimum, my membership indicates that I seek to learn more about related issues and legislative agendas, and I look forward to a robust dialogue on topics under consideration by the Caucus. In particular, as mentioned by my colleague, Congressman BRAD SCHNEIDER, in his announcement of the Family Business Caucus, membership in that Caucus is open to all Members of Congress seeking to learn more about generationally owned family business issues.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO COLLEYVILLE HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Colleyville Heritage High School's Softball Team, who recently won the 2023 UIL Class 5A Region I championship. This is the first time in the school history that the softball team advanced to the UIL 5A State Tournament. On Saturday, May 27, 2023, head coach Allison Conaway led this group of talented young women to victory. In the regional finals they beat Northwest High School, in the third game of the round with a final score of 1 to 0. This team has shown hard work and dedication all season and this was a well-deserved victory. I commend this group of young women on their UIL Regional championship victory and representing the 24th Congressional District of Texas.