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HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
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DOYLE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 2nd Lieutenant Logan J. Doyle. A native of Carrollton, Texas, Logan recently graduated from West Point Academy and has been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. On July 2nd Lieutenant Doyle began his career as an aviation officer in Alabama, at Fort Novosel. Prior to his graduation from West Point, 2nd Lieutenant Doyle served as an intern in my Washington D.C. office and was an excellent member of our team. He was a very hard worker, and I enjoyed my time getting to know him. Lieutenant Doyle is a recipient of the General William E. Read Pentathlete Award which is rewarded to the cadets who achieve a Term Quality Point Average of 4.00 or greater and a letter grade of A— or better in all academic, physical, military science, and military development courses. He was also awarded the Superintendent's Award for Achievement for being in the top 6–20 percent of his class across all programs and the Sewell Tappan Tyng Memorial Award for having the highest rating in nuclear Engineering. I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Doyle on his graduation and thank him for his heart of service.

RECOGNIZING THE SMALL
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th anniversary of the Small Business Administration.

For 70 long years, the SBA has helped countless American entrepreneurs achieve their dreams. By fostering the growth and health of small businesses, the SBA has ensured that small businesses remain the backbone of the American economy. Today, we recognize the SBA's dedication and invaluable contributions to supporting innovation, economic opportunity, and ensuring the American economy remains vibrant, inclusive, and resilient for every American.

The SBA's loan guarantee program has created millions of jobs, stimulated economic growth, and allowed countless Americans to realize their potential and follow their American Dream. Furthermore, the SBA has proven its commitment to helping socially and economically disadvantaged small business owners. Through its 8(a) Business Development Program, the SBA provides support, mentorship, and access to government con-

tracts to those who would otherwise not have the opportunity to succeed. Additionally, the SBA has recognized the contributions of American women to the economy by establishing the Office of Women's Business Ownership, which empowers Women-owned small businesses to thrive.

In times of crisis, the SBA has played a crucial role in disaster recovery by providing low-interest disaster loans to businesses and homeowners who need them. This was made clear when our country faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, in which the SBA played a crucial role in keeping our economy afloat with its relief programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me to honor the SBA for its service to small businesses over these past 70 years of dedication to keeping the spirit of entrepreneurship alive in our great Nation.

HONORING EDUCATOR STEVEN
LONZO FOR HIS EXEMPLARY
SERVICE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Steven Lonzo of Lansing, Michigan, an educator who made a tangible and lasting impact on his students and on the community. As the final bell rings on his educational career, I honor his extraordinary devotion to shaping, lifting up, and supporting the next generation.

Steven Lonzo began his teaching career in Coloma, Michigan, and soon after joined the Lansing School District as a middle school language arts teacher. Little did a young Mr. Lonzo know that the district would become his world, his home, and his heart over the next several decades. Over the course of his career, Mr. Lonzo touched the lives of students at Lansing's Dwight Rich Middle School, Eastern High School, Everett High School, Harry Hill Vocational Center and Success Program, Sexton High School, and finally Willow Elementary, the building where he has served as principal for the past 11 years.

Beloved inside each of those buildings, Mr. Lonzo's impact was also felt outside the classroom walls, as he constantly sought opportunities to improve the quality of life for his students, his staff, and the community at large. Those efforts include donating tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to Lansing students through businesses he owned with his wife, Re'Shane, establishing a clothing closet for students and families, coordinating the purchase of boots and warm winter gear for students in need, ensuring no school families went without holiday meals or gifts, and organizing a 5K run to raise awareness of human trafficking and stranger danger in the Lansing area.

From the beginning of his career, Mr. Lonzo understood that educating a child extends far

beyond reading, writing, and arithmetic, and throughout his career he sought to meet the needs of the whole child, the whole family, and the whole community. In addition to his successful school career, he and his wife used their various entrepreneurial projects to further this goal, including their commercial real estate group focused on redeveloping blighted and distressed properties in communities that need economic partnerships, like Lansing's Saginaw Street Corridor. Mr. Lonzo also understands that not every student has the same educational needs, which is why he launched the DRM International Learning Center, a state licensed vocational trade school headquartered in Lansing that has been operating since 2002.

Steven Lonzo once said that choosing to become an educator changed the course of his life. I say that in turn, his choice changed and shaped the lives of the thousands of students who were fortunate enough to benefit from his service. The same is true for the many teachers, staff members, and parents he mentored along the way. As he concludes his educational career, it is fitting that we recognize the profound and enduring legacy of motivation, compassion, and expertise he leaves behind. On behalf of Michigan's 7th Congressional District, I thank him for choosing service over self and wish him a happy retirement with his wife, children, and grandchildren. His service to the community will forever be remembered in the Lansing School District.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO
CHIEF BENNY NEWMAN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, the late Irving Police Department Chief, Benny Newman. Chief Newman passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at the age of 91. He served as Irving's police chief from 1978 to 1994. Prior to joining Irving Police Department, Chief Newman served in the National Guard Reserves and spent 23 years serving in the Dallas Police Department (DPD). During his career with DPD, Chief Newman received 16 commendations, was awarded the Certificate of Merit, and rose to the rank of Captain. Chief Newman went above and beyond for our community outside of his time in uniform. He played an instrumental role in creating the Irving Police Athletic League (PAL), which provides classes and camps to hundreds of youths each year in Irving and surrounding communities. As a leader in our community and a dedicated public servant, Chief Newman has left a lasting impact in North Texas, for which we are forever grateful. I am grateful for all Chief Newman has done for our community, and I'm praying for his friends and family.

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RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND NOBLE MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OF LT. COLONEL DONALD BRYANT RUSSELL

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and noble military and community service of Lt. Colonel Donald Bryant Russell who passed away at the age of 102. Known as a quiet and unassuming individual, Lt. Col. Russell served his country for 31 years on 4 different continents in the United States Army and the United States Air Force. Later in his life he served his community of Colorado Springs, Colorado through his VFW Post and mentorship activities with Alcoholics Anonymous.

In 1942, Lt. Col. Russell left early from Purdue University where he was studying mechanical engineering, to join the Army Air Corps after the attack of Japanese forces on Pearl Harbor. He detailed in his application to the Army that he had a lifelong ambition to fly aircraft which had been influenced by his father's experience as a pilot before him. This desire led him to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he became a pilot spotting submarines in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Later, he became a member of the United States Air Force where he proudly served in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and numerous countries.

During Lt. Col. Russell's service in the Korean War, he displayed gallantry and intrepidity. On July 16, 1950, while participating in an aerial armed reconnaissance flight near Chochiwan, Korea, the flight sighted an enemy armored tank column. On the first aerial pass at this column, Lt. Col. Russell encountered intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and his aircraft was badly damaged: losing his left-wing tip and the tip tank, plus significant damage to his left aileron and flaps. Disregarding his own personal safety, Lt. Col. Russell continued to hold his position in the formation and pressed his attack to the minimum altitude and range. Though his aircraft was very difficult to handle, Lt. Col. Russell scored a direct hit with a rocket on 1 tank, blowing the turret completely off and destroying several supporting vehicles. Upon returning to his home base, his plane was required to make a no-flap landing after dark and was found to be damaged beyond repair. In recognition of his remarkable valor, Lt. Col. Russell received the Silver Star. He also received numerous other awards for his military service, including a Bronze Star Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Meritorious Service Award.

During his military career, Lt. Col. Russell received his master's degree in logistics at the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Subsequently, he served four additional tours.

After his final duty in Ethiopia, he and his wife, Marguerite settled in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he became an active member of the community. He was known as a "quiet helper" and never looked to seek recognition or attention and was described as "very, very humble". In 1985, after his son checked into a rehab clinic for alcohol abuse, Lt. Col. Russell joined Alcoholics Anonymous where he

served as a mentor to members until his final months on earth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring the life and service of Lt. Colonel Donald Bryant Russell, who faithfully served his country, community, family, and Colorado's 5th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING NORVILL HOWELL

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Norvill Howell for his service to the music students of Curry County in eastern New Mexico.

Mr. Norvill Howell was born in Independence, Kansas. He graduated from Eastern New Mexico University where he majored in music and went to work for the Muleshoe Texas School System. Thereafter he was hired as the Clovis High School Band Director. His 25 year tenure as the CHS Band Director spanned 1956 to 1981 where he taught generations of Wildcats. He later became the Clovis Schools Music Program Director and served in that capacity for 15 years.

During his tenure as Clovis High School Band Director, Mr. Howell instilled an aspiration to perform at an exceptional level in his band students. Known for being "tough but fair," many of his students went on to become accomplished musicians and band directors themselves. All of them attribute much of their success to the standards Mr. Howell set.

After his retirement, Mr. Howell continued his musical influence and formed the Clovis Community Band. Many former students and community members participated in it. In addition to the community band, he was also a member of a local jazz group that performed for various events throughout Eastern New Mexico and West Texas.

Under Mr. Howell's direction the CHS band received invitations to perform at the Rose Bowl Parade, the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, and won countless marching band competitions throughout New Mexico and Texas. His influence on Clovis' School Music Programs continues today as the CHS Band is known as "the band that sets the standard for excellence" at band competitions.

As a tribute to Mr. Howell and his legacy with the Clovis Schools Music Programs, the CHS Band performs in front of his home at the beginning of the school year.

Excellence, discipline, outstanding performances, and representing your school with honor are all synonymous when you mention Mr. Norvill Howell's name. He described himself as, "Just a good ole trumpet player." To his community and band students, he is so much more.

WISHING A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO EVELYN BRANDT THOMAS OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Evelyn Brandt Thomas of Springfield, on her 100th Birthday.

In 1953, Evelyn, along with her younger brother Glen Brandt, founded Brandt Fertilizer, a venture that later evolved into BRANDT Consolidated, Inc. However, Evelyn's contributions to Central Illinois extend far beyond her business success. Her philanthropic efforts have touched numerous institutions of higher learning, such as the University of Illinois Springfield and Lincoln Land Community College. Evelyn's generosity has also benefited nonprofits, including the Education Center for the Visually Impaired.

Evelyn's dedication to ensuring access to education for women in the Springfield area serves as an inspiration to our community. She has particularly focused on empowering women in the fields of business and agriculture. Her commitment to fostering young talent in these fields has helped to strengthen the next generation's passion for agriculture, business, and service to Central Illinois.

Evelyn is the embodiment of selflessness and community service. Her tireless work over seven decades has not only transformed the lives of those she has worked with but also transformed the lives of countless residents of downstate Illinois.

I know I join countless others offering the very best birthday wishes to Evelyn on this special day and I thank her for her contributions to Central Illinois.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO
PAISLEY ELLIOTT

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, 9-year-old philanthropist and Grapevine resident, Paisley Elliott. At just 6 years old, Paisley founded Paisley's Pals, a global non-profit that partners with organizations around the world to offer support and education to refugees. Her work has helped build a school at the Moria refugee camp in Greece, which is one of the most overwhelmed refugee camps in Europe, and she is now working to build a school in Uganda. Paisley spent the summer of 2019 organizing lemonade stands, handing out flyers in her community, distributing "CHANGE" jars to local businesses to collect loose change, and setting up a crowdfunding website to raise money for the school. She also hosted a "Helping Heroes" event at the Islamic Foundation of Lewisville and Flower Mound where children came together to decorate superhero capes for the children stuck in the Moria Refugee Camp in Greece. Paisley was the youngest person in the world to be nominated for the Nansen Award, given annually to one person who champions the cause