

School Firefighter Program. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following graduates:

Sydney G. Bates; Braden A. Dasher; Callie J. Desrosier; Alec T. DiLeonardo; Ian S. Dingman; Regan N. Kelley; Peter D. Mangone; Connor J. Marshall; Casey W. Martin; Hunter J. Piotrowski; Eric S. Verrier.

Mr. Speaker, the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department is 1 of the best fire departments in the country and in the world. I commend the department as well as the public school system for partnering in the creation of this program. I also applaud these young people for their desire to learn more about the department and for their interest in protecting our community. Northern Virginia is fortunate to have such dedicated young citizens. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these students on their successful completion of their program and in wishing them great success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD SEID FOR  
HIS EFFORTS TO BETTER THE  
LIVES OF VETERANS ACROSS  
THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Howard Seid for his numerous efforts to better the lives of veterans across Ontonagon County and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Through his bountiful service, charitable nature, and continued leadership, Howard has become irreplaceable to the people of the great State of Michigan.

None are more deserving of recognition, as Howard has gone above and beyond in his commitment to the local communities of Northern Michigan. Prior to his work with veterans, Howard served in the United States Air Force, where he held the roles of Trainer Pilot, Airlift Pilot, and Wing Commander. After 27 years, he retired at the rank of Colonel. His devotion to the people of his country and fellow servicemen remains steadfast.

It is difficult to fully encapsulate all the ways in which Howard works to better the lives of veterans. Since 1992, he has been an active member of The American Legion Post 92. In 2017, he became the chapter's Commander and continues to hold that position today. Under his leadership, the post has become a profitable and active community center with many veterans attending weekly events. Similarly, he has served both as the Western U.P. representative on the U.P. Veterans Community Action Team and as Vice-Chairman of their Steering Committee for the past 6 years. Furthermore, Howard has been instrumental in ensuring that veterans in the U.P. have access to sufficient medical facilities and treatments. As a volunteer for Disabled American Veterans, he has logged over 10,000 hours transporting individuals to doctor appointments and hospital visits. Additionally, he works to honor veterans across the Upper Peninsula, organizing events like an annual veteran fishing day on a private and handicap-accessible pond. Since retiring from the Air Force, Howard has spent years serving veterans, and his efforts have provided a much-needed support for our military heroes.

Outside of his work for veterans, Howard is an active and charitable community member. He has been responsible for planning and executing Rockland community's annual Christmas gathering for the last 7 years. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, he ensured that every child received a hand-delivered gift from Santa traveling atop a firetruck. In addition, he serves as a member of the Ottawa Lions Club, St. Paul Methodist Church, U.P. Sport Fishing Association, and Rockland Volunteer Fire Department. As a Colonel, a veteran, a volunteer, and a Yooper, Howard has consistently put the needs of others before his own.

Mr. Speaker, It is my honor to congratulate Howard Seid for his decades of service to fellow Michigan veterans. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Howard all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO  
MADDY SEXTON

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Maddy Sexton of Southlake Carroll. Earlier this year, Maddy was in a car heading to school with a friend when her friend began to experience a medical emergency. Maddy demonstrated maturity beyond her years and handled the situation perfectly—she immediately pulled over, called Southlake Fire, and helped take care of her friend before Southlake Fire quickly arrived.

I thank Maddy for going above and beyond to look out for her friend through her vigilance, quick thinking, and maturity. It is an honor to join Southlake DPS in recognizing Maddy for her contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTION DAY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Adam Holliday Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and thank them for their work to preserve our Nations heritage, while educating our next generation on the importance of upholding our constitutional values.

As Constitution Day approaches, we remember the words of Benjamin Franklin who was asked by a group of citizens as he exited the Constitutional Convention what type of government had been created.

He replied: "A republic, if you can keep it."

Each day we strive to uphold the Republic that was created that day in Philadelphia.

Both in the halls of Congress, and across the country we must remain committed to protecting our constitutional rights that have helped us to become the most prosperous Nation the world has ever known.

As we celebrate Constitution Day, we remember our founding fathers and strive to uphold their legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET  
AMEND CARVER

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of my dear friend Janet Amend Carver, a dedicated public servant who passed away on July 23, 2023, at the age of 90.

Born January 7, 1933 near San Jose, California, Janet graduated from high school in 1949 from Immaculate Heart High School in Hollywood. In 1954, she graduated from the University of Redlands with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Far East history. While at Redlands, she was the editor of the college newspaper and a stringer for the Los Angeles Times. Janet then pursued graduate studies at the University of Oslo on a scholarship from the Storting (Norwegian Parliament).

Janet moved to Washington, D.C., where she joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1955 and in 1957 joined the staff of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (CA). Later, she served as the district manager for most of Northern Virginia for the 1980 Census and ended her working career as a staff member for Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

In 1963, Janet embarked on an admirable career as a volunteer with many different Virginia Democratic Party organizations. Her tireless efforts earned her widespread recognition. Janet joined the Fairfax County Democratic Committee in 1965, campaigning for progressive candidates in opposition to the then ruling Byrd Machine. She held numerous positions over the years, including member of the Virginia Democratic State Central Committee; First Vice Chair of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee (CDDC); First Vice Chair of the 11th CDDC; and 3-time chair of the Springfield Democratic Committee. In 2002, she received the 8th CDDC's Eagle Award for outstanding lifetime achievements in civil rights and public service. In 2008, she was elected to represent Virginia's 11th Congressional District in the Electoral College where she cast her vote for then-candidate for President Barack Obama.

Beyond her professional achievements, Janet was an avid traveler, camper, and bird watcher. She visited all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, and many countries in Europe, Africa, and South America.

Janet instilled in her children their civic duty and sacred right to vote in every election. Her kindness and lively spirit touched the lives of many, leaving a mark on those who knew her.

Janet leaves behind her beloved husband of 65 years, John; her cherished children and their spouses, Wendy, Ted (Mary), and Andy (Terri); her treasured grandchildren, Elisabeth, Derek, and Annemarie; her dear sister and brother-in-law, Carole and Ernie Labastida; nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Janet Amend Carver. Her leadership and commitment to public service was inspirational, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO ANNE POTTINGER

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Anne Pottinger, who is highly involved in our North Texas community and always finds a way to help others. She is a leader in numerous non-profit organizations, including the Freedom Mobility Foundation in Southlake and Holidays & Heroes in Fort Worth. Through her work with the Freedom Mobility Foundation, Anne helps to provide mobility equipment like track chairs to those in need.

I want to thank Anne for going above and beyond for our North Texas veterans and military families.

RECOGNIZING JAMES A. PROVOST  
AS THE 2023 UPPER PENINSULA  
VETERAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize James Provost for being named the 2023 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Through his continued service, charitable nature, and strong leadership, James has become an essential part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The U.P. Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of past commanders of various service organizations throughout the peninsula. It is given to recognize Yooper veterans who go above and beyond in their service to their local communities and fellow veterans. None are more deserving of this honor than James. Prior to his work with veterans, James served in the United States Marine Corps, where he was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and two Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citations. His devotion to the people of his country and community has not wavered since returning from military service.

It is impossible to fully list all the ways in which James works to better the lives of U.P. veterans. Since the organization's founding in 2014, he has been the Chairman of the Marquette County Veterans Alliance. Similarly, he has served on the Marquette County's Veterans Affairs Committee for the past 9 years. As a member of the committee, he works on the veterans crisis team, finding resources and housing for individuals in need. Furthermore, James has played a pivotal role in ensuring that veterans in the U.P. have consistent access to medical services. Through his fundraising efforts, he has helped the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 22 Veteran Transportation Program to purchase new vehicles and has personally logged thousands of hours transporting veterans to doctor appointments and hospital visits. Notably, in 2016 James was responsible for the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall's arrival in Marquette. He organized

many commemorative veterans events to coincide with the tribute. Since returning from the Vietnam War, James has spent years as an advocate for veterans, and the initiatives that he has begun have created the infrastructure of support that our military heroes need and deserve.

Outside of his work for veterans, James is an active community member. After providing the loan to start the Marquette County Youth Football League in 1990, he became the league commissioner for the following 20 years. In addition, he coached Marquette Junior Hockey for 12 years, serving twice as Vice President. Later, he founded the Central Upper Peninsula Hockey League and served as both Marquette Senior High School and Northern Michigan University's Goal Judge for over two decades. His contributions to his community have been previously recognized by Senator PETERS, Senator STABENOW, Governor Whitmer, and myself. Just last year, he was also honored as the 2022 Marquette County Veteran of the Year. As a service-member, a veteran, a volunteer, and a Yooper, James has consistently put the needs of others before his own.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate James A. Provost for his decades of service to fellow Michigan veterans and for being named the 2023 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish James all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SETH SCOTT

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my departing Chief of Staff, Seth Scott, for his years of service to the people of Arizona's Fourth Congressional District. It's a bitter-sweet day. Seth has worked with me for more than a decade—half of that here in the House. I often say hiring him was the best career decision I've ever made.

Few have as broad experience in government, law, media and politics. He cut his teeth in the Arizona Governor's office, Congress, and local government and ran several important political campaigns before returning to Arizona State University for law school. At the City of Phoenix and here in Congress, Seth has led my office with a steady hand. His acumen while serving as my Chief of Staff was always in clear view, and all the accomplishments we achieved would not have been possible without him at the helm.

His fierce intellect, sharp political instincts and deep policy expertise have made him an invaluable and sought-after adviser.

But it's his loyalty, integrity and a work ethic second to none that have endeared Seth to all who have worked with and under him. As deftly as he's handled complex legislative matters, he has also cultivated and mentored a generation of young staffers.

Seth has the talent and determination to succeed anywhere he chooses—but the people of Arizona are fortunate that he has chosen to devote his career to serving his community.

He has been a great friend and trusted confidant of mine, and he will continue to be well after he departs—though perhaps with a few less late-night and early morning phone calls. I wish him all the best as he takes on this new challenge.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO CHIEF JIMMY PERDUE

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our TX-24 Hometown Hero, retired police chief Jimmy Perdue. Chief Perdue spent over 40 years in public service, 18 of them serving as the North Richland Hills Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety. Under his leadership, the North Richland Hills Police Department earned "Recognized Status" from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Best Practices Recognition Program in 2011, a status which the department continues to maintain year after year. He also served as a past President of the North Texas Police Chiefs Association and as the President of the Texas Police Chiefs Association from 2022–2023.

Chief Perdue continually displayed his dedication to public service by developing the Women of Law Enforcement Conference, leading the city's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, overseeing the design and construction of the North Richland Hills Animal Adoption and Rescue Center, and bringing the SHIELD program to life, a 3-day training course for NRH police officers. I commend Chief Perdue for going above and beyond for our community and congratulate him on his retirement. He will be missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC  
TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION  
ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the District of Columbia Electronic Transmittal of Legislation Act, which would permit the Chair of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit legislation to Congress in the form of the Chair's choosing, including electronic form. This bill would bring the congressional review process for legislation enacted by D.C. into the electronic age. Last Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

While I do not believe there should be a congressional review process for D.C. legislation—and I have introduced a bill to eliminate the review process—this bill would not change the review process, except that it would give D.C. flexibility in the form it transmits legislation to Congress. This bill's only purpose is to reduce administrative burdens on D.C. and Congress.

The D.C. Home Rule Act requires the Chair of the D.C. Council to transmit legislation to