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RECOGNIZING DR. SUSAN MICHAEL WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA IS HONORING AS A CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Dr. Susan Michael, is the Director of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem and a member of its board. Susan's studies and travel to Israel over the past 45 years have allowed her to skillfully handle a variety of issues regarding biblical and modern Israel. To that end, Susan is a remarkably gifted author, teacher, and speaker. She has produced highly cited articles, podcasts, and educational resources, serving many throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, these women, including Dr. Michael, have left an indelible mark on countless lives. They are pioneers whose examples have—and will continue to—inspire many. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their unwavering dedication. This honor is truly well-deserved.

TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HEROES  
ELIZABETH PICKETT AND  
NOELLE DORGAN

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

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Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Heroes, Elizabeth Pickett and Noelle Dorgan. Over the summer, when a woman dialed 9-1-1 as her husband experienced a cardiac event, Elizabeth and Noelle stepped up to help save a life. As Emergency Communications Specialists for the Grapevine Police Department, they successfully guided the caller through the steps of CPR. Thanks to the clear instructions

of these first responders and the caller's immediate action, the patient was able to be saved once paramedics arrived. Recently, Elizabeth and Noelle earned well-deserved recognition from the Grapevine Fire Department for their heroic efforts. Their composure amidst this intense situation was the difference between life and death. I want to thank both Elizabeth and Noelle for their dedication to serving the community and their efforts to tend to the safety and health of Texas-24.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Dr. Larinda King, is an entrepreneur and inspiration to many. Dr. King has been an Elite Executive Senior Sales Director with Mary Kay since 2019, with her team ranking #1 in 2021. Dr. King has founded several community organizations, including a church, and is also Executive Director of Remnant Kingship Academy. In addition to these roles, she is also an expert broadcaster in television and radio.

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RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ETHELYN SZAD BELL OF BONHAM, TEXAS

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

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Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Ethelyn

Szad Bell of Bonham, Texas. Mrs. Bell served in the United States Army Nurse Corps in the Second World War and will turn 100 years old on October 4, 2023.

Mrs. Bell was born in Wallingford, Connecticut on October 4, 1923, to Charles and Gertrude Szad. As the Second World War raged on, Mrs. Bell heard President Franklin D. Roosevelt's appeal to the Nation for additional hospital staff, so she enlisted in the United States Army on March 26, 1945. She completed basic training for Army nurses at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and set sail to the Philippines with the Army Nurse Corps on the hospital ship USAHS *Charles A. Stafford*. During this time, Mrs. Bell provided care for wounded soldiers in a tent city within the Philippine jungles. She later transferred to Nagoya, Japan, and tended to American GIs in a converted hospital. For her service and efforts, Second Lieutenant Bell was awarded a citation from President Harry S. Truman, and she was honorably discharged on June 19, 1946.

After the Army, Mrs. Bell worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney, Texas. In 1947, she met her husband, fellow Army veteran Charles Bell, on a blind date. They married a year later on October 16, 1948, and moved to Prosper, Texas. Together, they raised 2 children, Tom and Cindy. Mrs. Bell later worked as a school nurse at the North Ward and West Ward Elementary Schools in McKinney until her retirement in 1978. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and visiting casinos. I am honored to commemorate Mrs. Bell today on reaching her centennial.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize Mrs. Bell's remarkable journey and service to our Nation. May God bless Mrs. Bell as we celebrate 100 years of life and joy.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Charmaine Hedding, is a global development manager in the non-profit sector. In this role, she focuses on the protection of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East and Africa. A fierce proponent of religious freedom, she has also assisted in many humanitarian projects, including the evacuation of over 9,000 people from Afghanistan. Today, she also consults for government agencies, authorities, and faith-based organizations.

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HONORING JEFFERSON COUNTY  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK AND RE-  
CORDER PEG PERL

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peg Perl, the Chief Deputy Clerk and Recorder for Jefferson County. She was chosen by the U.S. Department of State's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to help oversee a recent Uzbekistan election in July 2023. Ms. Perl was stationed at an election site in Namangan, near the Kyrgyzstan border. She and her fellow delegates reviewed the set-up process, voting, counting, and reporting of results late into the night. Ms. Perl's commitment to service and democracy helped to ensure voting was accessible and protected during this election.

Ms. Perl has over 20 years of experience in election administration, voting rights, and government ethics at the national, state, and local levels. She helped design and enact Colorado's modern voting laws as well as many state and city campaign disclosure reforms while serving as Senior Counsel for the non-partisan Colorado Ethics Watch. In 2017, she was named one of the Top Women Attorneys by Law Week Colorado. Prior to moving to Colorado in 2010, Ms. Perl served as a non-partisan counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Ethics Committee and as a policy attorney with the Federal Election Commission. She has shown a lifelong dedication and devotion to the ideals of democracy, and today we recognize her commitment to service.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Jaci Velasquez, is a Grammy nominated and platinum-selling Christian artist who has recorded albums in English and Spanish. Since her debut at 16, she has had 16 No. 1 hits, authored three books, acted in seven movies, and has appeared on 50 magazine covers. Jaci has also received 7 Dove Awards, a Premio Lo Nuestro Award, 3 Grammy nominations, 2 Latin Grammy nominations, and an American Music Award nomination.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Joni Eareckson Tada, is a hero to

many. In 1967, Joni was left paralyzed by a diving accident but quickly emerged from rehabilitation, determined to help others who have similar disabilities. Her autobiography, Joni, has been adapted into a film and was also translated into 15 different languages. Today, she serves as the CEO of Joni and Friends, which serves to assist those who are disabled and in need of assistance. Through this organization, Joni has delivered over 220,000 wheelchairs in developing nations and has hosted over 64,000 families at Family Retreats and Getaways. Joni also had the unique opportunity to serve her country on the National Council on Disability during the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Sharon Daughterty, founded Victory Christian Center in 1981 alongside her husband. After his passing, Sharon served as the lead pastor for five years. Over time, Victory thrived and developed into a large church community with a K-12 school, Bible School, camp, and a community center. This church has also planted over 2,000 Bible Colleges in 102 countries and has played a supportive role in missions across the globe.

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