

For the last 30 years, Bill has consulted on export controls, first from his home near Washington, D.C., and then, virtually, from East Lansing, Michigan, where he moved in 2015. In 1989 he co-authored the book, "United States Export Controls," which he updated regularly through 2013 and is still today considered the definitive volume on the issue. In recent years he has continued to provide expert commentary on export controls with respect to China, Russia, and global issues like the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. At 100, Bill is still widely regarded as a leading national expert on the topic.

Since leaving the federal government, Bill has pursued his passion for working for world peace by participating in the Friends Committee on National Legislation and other organizations with a global focus. For a full century, he has lived an extraordinary life of principled service, and continues to give back to the Nation and global community he so intricately understands and loves. As he now celebrates his 100th birthday, I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on this milestone and thanking him for his myriad contributions.

HONORING REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS LIEUTENANT SAMUEL WALDRON AND DRUMMER ARCHIBALD ARMSTRONG AS THEY RECEIVE PLAQUES IN SALINE'S OAKWOOD CEMETERY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Revolutionary War Veterans Lieutenant Samuel Waldron and Drummer Archibald Armstrong on the occasion of the laying of a plaque in their honor at Oakwood Cemetery located in Saline, Michigan by the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember two men who served their country during the Revolutionary War. Their service to our Nation at the time of its birth is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Lieutenant Waldron first enlisted in the Continental Army as a private in 1776. He was later promoted to First Lieutenant in the New Jersey Militia and served in this position for the remainder of the war. He died in Washtenaw County, Michigan in 1837 at the age of 75.

Archibald Armstrong was a native of New York City, New York. As a 10-year-old boy, he was taught by his father to be the drummer for his father's militia company. Although the minimum enlistment age was 16, exceptions were made for quality drummers. Archibald moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan where he passed away at the age of 82.

Both Lieutenant Waldron and Drummer Armstrong are remembered for their honorable military service and dedication to our Nation. They are just a few of the native and adopted Michiganders who fought for our country during the revolution. It is important for us to

honor the veterans of our community who fought for the freedom of our Nation, a value we continue to hold dear today. We are thankful for the path these soldiers laid out for past, present, and future Americans over two centuries ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the honorable men Lieutenant Samuel Waldron and Drummer Archibald Armstrong as they are memorialized in Saline, Michigan. We join with Americans everywhere in extending our thanks to the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Ypsilanti Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Sarah Caswell Angell DAR for their work remembering these important men. Today and every day, we honor the brave patriots we lost in the fight for our independence. We are grateful for their military service and their willingness to fight for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

CELEBRATING RAYMOND LOPEZ OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 444

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Raymond Lopez on being named "Knight of the Year" by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 444.

Raymond was born in New York City on September 18, 1941. After graduating from Harren High School, he worked in the city's Garment District. In 1960, Ray enlisted in the Army and served his country honorably for four years, one of which he served in Vietnam.

Upon returning home, Ray married the love of his life, Gloria, on June 27, 1964. He went on to work as a parking lot supervisor for the Museum of Natural History and LaGuardia Airport. Ray then began the position of railroad clerk for the New York City Transit Authority, before receiving a promotion to collecting agent on the money train.

Ray retired from the Transit Authority after 22 years of service in 1990. Ray then began working in the Hudson Valley at New York Stewart International Airport in New Windsor, New York.

Ray joined the Monsignor Henry O'Carroll Council No. 444 of the Knights of Columbus in Newburgh, N.Y. Council No. 444 was established on September 5, 1899, and currently has over 150 members.

Ray quickly moved up the ranks and became a third-degree knight and served Council No. 444 as Grand Knight from 2020 to 2022. This year, Council No. 444 is honoring Ray for his service to the Knights of Columbus by recognizing him as "Knight of the Year."

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 444 have worked tirelessly to support food pantries, disaster relief, assistance to the homeless in the community, vocations development, the Special Olympics, and many more worthy nonprofits. I am honored to recognize Raymond Lopez's many contributions he has made to the Council and our community.

In addition to his work at the Knight of Columbus, Ray is a dedicated husband to his wife, Gloria, and loving father to his 2 children, Annette and Raymond Jr. He is also the proud grandfather of 6 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Raymond Lopez. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his service to our country and our community.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW AUTHORITY OF THE TENNESSEE OLD-TIME MUSIC AND DANCE ASSOCIATION TO BESTOW THE TITLE OF THE NATIONAL BUCKDANCING CHAMPION

HON. SCOTT DESJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a cultural staple in Middle Tennessee that has left an indelible mark on the history of the Volunteer State for over a century. Each year, communities across Tennessee unite in celebration of the rich tradition of rhythmic flatfoot buckdancing through the National Buckdancing Championship.

The annual National Buckdancing Championship has recently experienced a change of venue, with the Tennessee Old-Time Music and Dance Association now shouldering the responsibility of commemorating this time-honored tradition. Through their production of the Thomas Maupin Festival, affectionately known as MaupinFest, in Unionville, Tennessee, the Tennessee Old-Time Music and Dance Association has played a pivotal role in preserving this significant piece of American cultural heritage. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Uncle Dave Macon Days Association, who diligently oversaw the National Buckdancing Championship annually since 1986 when Congress entrusted them with this duty, up until 2019. Since its inception in 2019, the Tennessee Old-Time Dance Association has organized MaupinFest and has continued to bestow the title of National Buckdancing Champion on behalf of Uncle Dave Macon Days. In light of this transition in production, the Uncle Dave Macon Days Association has expressed their desire to transfer the responsibility for the National Buckdancing Championship permanently to the Tennessee Old-Time Music and Dance Association.

MaupinFest aims to pay tribute to Mr. Maupin's dance style, which stands as the quintessential representation of traditional Tennessee rhythmic flatfoot buckdancing, distinct from the more common clogging. Mr. Maupin's old-time buckdancing style merits preservation as a cherished Tennessee treasure. Therefore, I proudly announce that henceforth, the title of National Old-Time Buckdancing Champion will be conferred by the Tennessee Old-Time Music and Dance Association. This ensures that this historical American art form receives the recognition it so rightfully deserves.

HONORING VERA PUNKE

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my constituent, Ms. Vera Punke, for turning 108 years old last month.

Vera was born on August 29, 1915. She celebrated her birthday with friends and family around, along with an abundance of Arlington dignitaries. Vera has been a highly successful businesswoman, community organizer, co-founder of the Woman's Youth League of Rhode Island, Den Mother, Brownie and Girl Scout Leader, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. She has been an exemplary volunteer at The Jefferson community and remains as active, engaged, energetic, and decisive as ever.

Vera always remains available to anyone needing a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on, a sympathetic listener to anyone just wanting to talk, and an inspiration to anyone who knows her life's story. She lives by her personal motto: "If I have helped ease one ache or pain, I have not lived in vain." Arlington is honored to celebrate her accomplished life and this milestone birthday.

HONORING KANKO ZONOU

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of

Kanko Zonou, my congressional staffer who has consistently served my office and the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Kanko has proven to be a very articulate young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors. Kanko has assisted my office in various areas, such as legislative research, constituent outreach, and team management. She had demonstrated an excellent drive and a continuous willingness to learn.

Kanko Zonou was born in Lomé, Togo and raised in the state of Georgia. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Georgia State University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science. At Georgia State University, she served as Women's Rights chair for the NAACP, and she received the Nell Hamilton Trotter Student Leadership Award for her service. During her junior year, she presented two research projects centered around economic issues at the Southern Political Science Association's 2022 annual conference. Kanko is currently a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Her experiences have empowered her to advocate for human rights, as well as social justice.

Upon transitioning from my office, Kanko will continue to work in legislation as she fights for justice.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kanko Zonou for her exemplary character, dedication to teamwork, and willingness to learn.

SALUTING THE CLEMENCEAU
HERITAGE MUSEUM**HON. ELIJAH CRANE**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Clemenceau Heritage Museum for their unwavering dedication to preserving the rich history of Arizona's Verde Valley. Originally opened in November 1991 through the efforts of the Verde Historical Society, the museum showcases artifacts and pieces of historical significance that are indicative of the rich heritage of both our district and state.

Since 1991, the members of the Verde Historical Society have been committed to ensuring that our community's history is honored and maintained through the museum's educational services to the public. The Verde Historical Society's vision made the museum a reality and their continued faithfulness enables the history of Verde Valley to be appreciated by all residents of the valley today. The countless hours they devote to the upkeep of the museum is commendable, and through their work, the history of the region is kept alive.

The Museum's exhibits and displays have blessed our community with a steady reminder of where we came from and the factors, including mining, ranching, and farming, that empowered our society and economy to prosper.

I applaud the Verde Historical Society for their commitment to presenting the history of the region and for carrying the torch necessary for current and future generations to enjoy and benefit from our heritage.