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RECOGNIZING AUBREY MILLER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Aubrey Miller of Arvada, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Aubrey traveled to South Korea to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Aubrey for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is a privilege to recognize Aubrey's many accomplishments.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: JAMEELAH HANIF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Jameelah Hanif as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Jameelah is a community organizer, family advocate, and champion for children. She is the Founder, CEO, and Executive Director of Watch Me Grow, Inc, a non-profit organization that provides resources and training for parents. Jameelah facilitates the Parent Leadership Training Institute to help parents advocate for their children and families. She has been a small business owner for 10 years, providing quality childcare and family services to over 150 children. Jameelah has also been the Chair of the Solano County Local Child Care Planning Council and the Solano County Licensed Family Child Care Association. She has a degree in Child Development and Family Services, and completed the Solano County Parent Leadership Training Institute, Leadership Vallejo, and EmergeCA programs. Since the beginning of 2022, Ms. Hanif has organized monthly youth-led community clean-ups to expose our youth to community service and to develop community pride, attracting over 350 participants. Ms. Hanif is currently the

Vallejo leader of All Children Thrive California initiative, a community-led movement working towards creating protective community environments that allow all children to thrive. Jameelah has been a strong voice for children and families in Vallejo and with her passion for this work she will continue to expand her advocacy locally and regionally.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Jameelah Hanif for her positive contributions to our community.

PAYING REMEMBRANCE TO AIDEN ORTIZ ON THE OCCASION OF HIS PASSING

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is with a heavy heart I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Aiden Ortiz, who was tragically struck and killed by a vehicle at age twelve on September 25, 2023. His family, friends, and community are devastated by this sudden loss. A sixth grader at Melva Davis Academy of Excellence. Aiden Ortiz was known as a selfless, caring son and friend to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

As a father of two myself, it is nearly impossible to imagine losing one's child. I treasure every moment with my sons, and losing a child so suddenly is every parent's greatest fear.

Aiden was caring and always put others ahead of himself. According to his baseball coach, Rodney McNealy, Aiden has been a part of the league since Tee-ball and made a name for himself in the Majors Division of the Adelanto Little League, where he played for the Rockies last spring. Aiden was a true sportsman whose passion for baseball and life was contagious.

While Aiden's life was tragically cut short, he made a tremendous impact on every life he touched. Aiden is survived by his mother Allyssa, his stepfather, Alex, and his two siblings. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with Aiden's family as they navigate this difficult loss.

I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning Aiden's passing and celebrating his life.

CELEBRATING THE ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVITIES OF THE CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in recognition of the Chester Historical Society's annual scarecrow celebration in Chester, New Hampshire. Each year, as the weather cools and the leaves fall, hundreds of new faces appear in the town of Chester as residents decorate scarecrows in support of the Chester Historical Society. These stylized scarecrows represent everything from pop cul-

ture icons to historical figures and local heroes, but together they tell the story of a small town celebrating community and a beloved tradition.

From scarecrows depicting Paul Revere on horseback to a Star Trek-inspired Taylor Swift, each scarecrow is a unique expression of the creativity of Chester residents. For 14 years, this celebration has served as an opportunity for residents to showcase their artistic skills with money raised from the sale of scarecrow kits supporting the efforts by the Historical Society to promote the history of the town and continuous education about local culture. Along Routes 102 and 121, hundreds of scarecrows line the street demonstrating that the Chester Historical Society succeeds in spreading history and happiness across town.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Chester Historical Society for preserving this cherished tradition and to commend them on the work they have done to educate town residents on local culture. I look forward to a continued partnership with the town of Chester, and I cannot wait to see the creativity displayed in this year's crop of scarecrows.

RECOGNIZING AUDREY BULLER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Audrey Buller of Arvada, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Audrey traveled to Zambia to study abroad.

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I commend Audrey for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is a privilege to recognize Audrey's many accomplishments.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: JANET SCOLL JOHNSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Janet Scoll Johnson as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Janet is an active and determined community advocate for environmental justice. She has served in many roles as part of her advocacy and community service. She has served for nine years as the co-coordinator of the Sunflower Alliance, which works to protect the health and safety of all Bay Area communities affected by toxic pollution and climate change. Janet also served for four years as the co-chair of the Richmond Shoreline Alliance. She has advocated for a full cleanup of toxic sites, for the preservation of Point Molate, and for public awareness of the dangers of sea level rise. Janet was a member of the Richmond-San Pablo AB-617 Community Air Monitoring Steering Committee and a lead organizer for No Coal in Richmond, a grassroots organization that works to prevent coal and petroleum coke from being shipped through the Levin-Richmond Terminal in an effort to prevent toxic dust from contaminating local air, water, and soil in nearby neighborhoods. Thanks to Janet's successful advocacy, a land-use ordinance to phase out a coal and petroleum coke handling and storage at a private terminal in the Port of Richmond was passed.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Janet Scoll Johnson for her positive contributions to our community.

COMMEMORATING DAVID AND PAT
HARTLINE DAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in commemoration of the David and Pat Hartline Day.

David is a retired LTC, U.S. Army, best-selling author and past State Commander of the American Legion. David has invested over 50 years of his life assisting veterans and their

families with the problems they face. He has been nominated for the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his service to this country, its veterans and youth programs. He been named veteran of the year by the Governor of Alabama and was proclaimed a super citizen by TBS television station.

Pat is a retired registered nurse with over 50 years of service. She is actively involved with the American Legion Auxiliary. Pat served with the American Heart Association for a number of years, where she taught principles of heart disease as well as CPR to professionals, students, and communities.

David and Pat have raised four children, ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. They currently reside on the farm that has been in the family since 1840.

The towns of Centre, Cedar Bluff, Leesburg, Gaylesville, and Sand Rock declared Saturday, October 7, 2023 as David and Pat Hartline Day.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, please join me in commemorating David and Pat Hartline Day. I thank them for their service to our Nation, our communities, and our veterans.

RECOGNIZING TIFFANY LYNN
CAVER-PUGH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Tiffany Lynn Caver-Pugh, a loving mother and grandmother who passed away in her home on August 25, 2023. Tiffany was a character of devotion to kindness and spirituality.

Born in Buffalo on March 11, 1978. Tiffany called herself a Buffalo native. As the youngest of four siblings. Tiffany's firm belief in doing what was right was exemplified in frequent spirited debates with her siblings. Her devotion to the Church placed morals at the forefront of her person. Baptized at a young age at the first Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Tiffany, along with her mother and siblings, later became founding members of Free Spirit Missionary Baptist Church under Reverend Boyd and Careathers. An active member of the Free Spirit Missionary Baptist Church until her passing, Tiffany exemplified a lifelong commitment to church service.

Tiffany, through her determined and wise personality, held herself and others to high moral standards. As her favorite saying was "What would Jesus do", she found herself

working for Aspire of Western New York and People Incorporated, two non-profit organizations dedicated to helping those with developmental disabilities lead lives integrated in the general community. Tiffany joined Aspire in 2006 during a time of expansion, with the organization seeking to represent her own life's goals: to care for those who need it. As a Buffalo native, she cared for her community through her work in the social work field. She passed shortly after her advance to management in 2021.

Tiffany is survived by a large family, including her new granddaughter whom she affectionately called "P," "CinnaBun," and "Honey Bun." I invite all present to join me in recognizing Tiffany, who was devoted as ever to family, morality, and care until the end.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: ELIZABETH HOFFMAN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Elizabeth Hoffman as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Elizabeth is the Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Solano County, an organization that provides home rehabilitation services and hosts community volunteer workdays. Her tireless work has improved the quality of life for low-income families, veterans, and disabled individuals in our district. She coordinates thousands of volunteers who help build low-income housing and community centers. This year, she has led home improvement efforts to help low-income communities and veterans' widows. She helped distribute over 2,000 Disaster Safe at Home Kits to low-income veterans, seniors, and disabled households. Elizabeth partnered with local government and community volunteers to install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, assemble raised garden beds, and distribute more than 950,000 pounds of food. Her dedication to helping low-income individuals, veterans, seniors, and disabled residents throughout Solano County is unparalleled.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Elizabeth Hoffman for her positive contributions to our community.