

REMEMBERING RICHARD E.  
SANTSPREE

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor and remember the life of United States Army veteran Richard Edward Santspree.

Richard was born in Troy, New York on July 28, 1950. After graduating from Cohoes High School, Richard enlisted with the United States Army in October 1967. He served in the Army for three years, rising to the rank of Specialist Fourth Class, before he was honorably discharged in October 1970. For his service, Richard was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and M16 Expert and M14 Sharpshooter badges. Richard remained with the Army Reserves until 1973.

Returning to civilian life, Richard married the love of his life Christine Hogan Santspree in April 1971. They moved to Cohoes and started their family together, raising three children; Kimberly, Richard Jr., and Thomas. Richard spent his professional career with General Electric in Schenectady, working as a machinist for four decades before retiring in August 2010.

Richard was a well-rounded member of the Cohoes and Troy communities, participating in his local church, veterans' organizations, and recreational activities. He was a member of the Cohoes Moose Club, the Cohoes-Waterford Elk's Lodge 1317, and the American Legion Ruane Post 476. Richard competed in a league at the Cohoes Bowling Arena, along with the Cohoes Rod and Gun Club's Dart and Horseshoe League. Richard assisted with St. Rita's Church's annual bazaar, as well as the Rod and Gun Club's kids' fishing contest at the Van Schaick Island pond. More than anything, he was a proud family man who enjoyed travelling and spending time with his wife, children, and three grandchildren.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the life of Mr. Richard E. Santspree, defined by exemplary service to his community and his country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF UKRAINIAN AIR FORCE MAJOR ANDRII PILSHCHYKOV

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize the life and service of Ukrainian Air Force Major Andrii Pilshchikov, a fighter pilot who tragically lost his life in the fight to defend his country from the Russian invasion. Mr. Pilshchikov reached the rank of Captain in the 40th Tactical Aviation Brigade of the Ukrainian Air Force, before being posthumously promoted to Major.

Born in Kharkiv only 30 years ago, Andrii fulfilled his life-long dream to fly some of the fastest and toughest airplanes in the world. From a young age, Andrii was fascinated with

airplanes and jets and eagerly took on the little-known hobby of "Planespotting," in which participants track the movement and record photos of desired aircraft all around the globe. As soon as he could, Andrii enrolled in Ukraine's Ivan Kozhedub National Air Force University. It was in this academy that Andrii learned to fly MiG-29 fighter jets, which he would go on to fly during the current war to save his country. Andrii's peers and instructors were so impressed with his abilities that he was assigned to be an instructor for certain classes even though he was still a cadet.

After graduating from the academy in 2018, Andrii joined the 40th Tactical Aviation Brigade at Yasykiv Air Base, where he would become an Air Force Captain. During his first year, Andrii traveled to my home state of California, where he completed an internship with the 144th Fighter Wing of California's Air National Guard in the City of Fresno. As he learned how to fly F-15 fighter jets, Andrii took his learning experience in California very seriously, earning the nickname "Juice" because he would only order juice as he refrained from alcohol. He took this nickname back home with him, and for a time he was the only pilot in the Ukrainian Armed Forces with an official call sign: "Juice."

After leaving the Air Force for only a brief period, Andrii did not hesitate to sign up again for service in February 2022 as the Russian invasion threatened the people and very sovereignty of Ukraine. It was not long before he resumed flights, fighting to keep Ukrainian skies safe over Kyiv and other major battle areas. During Andrii's service, he flew over 100 combat missions and destroyed dozens of the enemy's command posts. In May 2022, Andrii was awarded the Order for Courage (3rd Class) for his valiant service.

Because of his keen interest in promoting the modernization of Ukraine's Air Force, and his proficiency in English, Andrii and a small contingent of his colleagues were sent to Washington, D.C., to illustrate and emphasize the urgent need to supply Ukraine with F-16 fighter jets. I had the honor of meeting Andrii. After his visit to Capitol Hill, the Ukraine Fighter Pilots Act was introduced, which I was proud to cosponsor.

I want to express my deepest appreciation for the invaluable service rendered not only to the nation of Ukraine, but in the fight for democracy itself, by Major Andrii Pilshchikov. My deepest condolences go out to his family, the people of Ukraine and all those impacted by his loss.

SIFMA

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I want to honor the accomplishments of Aiden Inman, Ethan Scattone, and William Will, students at Oakcrest High School who competed in the SIFMA Foundation Capitol Hill Challenge and placed tenth in the Nation. They participated as a part of their Stock Market and Investments class under the guidance of their teacher, Joe Cirigliano and their supervisor Nicole Gazia. This exemplary group of students participated in a 14-week competition

where they managed a hypothetical \$100,000 online portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ESG investments, and cash. Out of a student participation of over 6,500 students, Oakcrest placed in the top ten performing teams in the nation. I am incredibly proud of these students and all of their accomplishments, and I can't wait to see the big things they do in the future. God Bless these students and God Bless the United States of America.

CELEBRATING BCI SOLUTIONS, INC. INDUCTION INTO THE INDIANA MANUFACTURERS HALL OF FAME

**HON. RUDY YAKYM III**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2023*

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I am proud to recognize and congratulate BCI Solutions, Inc. in Bremen, Indiana on being inducted into the Indiana Manufacturers Hall of Fame this month.

I often say that Hoosier manufacturing is second to none, and I am proud to represent the Manufacturing Capital of the World here in Indiana's Second District. The professional, high-quality work that BCI has done for more than 80 years has played a meaningful role in allowing our District to have and maintain that distinction.

Founded in 1939 as Bremen Gray Iron Foundry, BCI has grown into a renowned name and a leading provider of castings, machining, and complex assemblies. Because of their continuous commitment to improving and investing in advancing technologies, BCI is on the forefront of providing products to the defense, agricultural, healthcare, lawn and garden and automotive industries, among others.

Additionally, BCI's example as a successful family-owned business now operating in their fifth generation is an inspiration to those looking to start their own companies, as well as a source of pride for many Hoosiers.

Congratulations again to BCI Solutions, Inc. on being recognized for this impressive distinction. I join Hoosiers in thanking them for their many contributions to Marshall County and communities throughout the Second District. I wish them continued success and many more years in business and accolades to celebrate going forward.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF CAPE COD

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2023*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in honor of Community Health Center of Cape Cod's 25th anniversary.

Community Health Center (CHC) of Cape Cod was first established in 1998 by a group of volunteer doctors and nurses committed to providing free healthcare services to uninsured residents of the Cape and Islands. CHC originally started as the Falmouth Free Clinic in the basement of Falmouth Hospital and

served 600 patients in its first year. Today, CHC serves over 25,000 patients and has locations in five towns across the Upper Cape. It was also recently announced that CHC received a five-million-dollar grant through the American Rescue Plan to open a new location to serve more patients on Cape Cod. The new facility will be LEED silver certified and include affordable housing to support the community and workforce.

Since 2003, CHC has been led by CEO, Karen Gardner. Under Ms. Gardner's leadership, CHC continues to grow and evolve to better serve its patients. Over the last two decades, CHC has built a 33,000 square foot facility in Mashpee; added oral health, women's health, 340B pharmacy, and vision services; implemented an electronic medical record system; and was designated a federally qualified health center in 2006.

Whether it be transportation or insurance costs, Community Health Center of Cape Cod continuously works to break down barriers to accessing quality healthcare. By combining the different skills and backgrounds of its board members and staff, CHC always strives to provide the best healthcare to the community that it serves, especially those from vulnerable populations. Over the last 25 years, CHC has operated with the goal of providing high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable care regardless of a person's ability to pay and has established itself as a pillar of the Cape Cod community.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I am proud to honor Community Health Center of Cape Cod, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating its 25th anniversary and wishing CHC continued success in the years to come.

BRIAN AND KEVIN MURPHY

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I would like to honor Brian and Kevin Murphy for graduating high school and 8th grade. Brian has graduated from Rustin High School with honors and headed to Penn State University in the fall where he will study Business. Kevin has graduated 8th grade with honors from St. Simon and Jude School. Kevin will continue his journey at Rustin High School next year. Both Brian and Kevin have recently assisted their baseball teams in winning their Championship games. Two amazing young men with incredible futures ahead of them. I know their family is very proud of them, especially their Aunt Allie. God Bless Brian and Kevin and God Bless the United States of America.

### RECOGNIZING THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE FUTCH FAMILY

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2023*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I would like to recognize Dawn Futch, her husband Mike Futch, and their daughter Steph-

anie Futch for their charitable service towards the people of Brevard County. After the sudden and tragic passing of Dawn and Mike's son Michael-Gene, the Futch family created the Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation.

When Michael-Gene Futch passed away in November of 2010, his family requested basketballs instead of flowers due to Michael-Gene's love of the sport. When over 1,500 basketballs came, the Futch family decided to donate those basketballs to underprivileged children in Brevard County.

This charitable donation led to the creation of the Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation, which aims to help underprivileged families. Since the Foundation was formed, it has grown far past donations of basketballs. While continuing basketball donations year-round, the Futch Foundation also hosts a back-to-school drive, sponsor-a-family thanksgiving, and a gift drive for the holiday season.

The Futch Family also holds an annual black-tie affair to raise money for charity. The Futch family plans to continue their many years of charity work for the children of Brevard County.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Futch family and saluting their selfless service. The Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation is an inspiration and blessing to underprivileged children, and families in our community.

### BIG SKY AVIATION

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, in April, I had the pleasure of attending the 25th anniversary celebration of Big Sky Aviation in Millville, South Jersey. As a full-service, fixed-base operator, this aviation center provides a valuable and enriching experience to our South Jersey residents through its many services. These services include hangar leasing, aircraft cleaning, jet fueling, pre-purchased inspections, airframe repairs, tie downs, car services, catering, and much more. They also offer personalized flight school programs working directly with students to create a strategy that aligns with their individual needs and objectives. The experienced team of aviation professionals at Big Sky Aviation ensure that your visit to South Jersey is as convenient and enjoyable as possible. I thank all the staff at Big Sky Aviation for sharing their passion for aviation with our South Jersey community for the past 25 years. God Bless Big Sky Aviation, and God Bless our United States of America.

### HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 349TH AIR MOBILITY WING (RESERVE)

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize the 349th Air Mobility

Wing (Reserve), assigned to the Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL. The 349th, celebrated its 80th anniversary on October 14, 2023.

The 349th AMW (Reserve), located at Travis Air Force Base, California, is the largest associate wing in the United States Air Force Reserve. 349th AMW personnel fly the C-5 Galaxy, the C-17 Globemaster III, and the KC-10 Extender, and are now transitioning to the KC-46 Pegasus. The missions of the wing's aircrews include airlifting personnel and material worldwide as well as aerial refueling a wide variety of aircraft.

The 349th AMW is also home to the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, responsible for treating patients during medical airlift; the 349th Airlift Control Flight, tasked to enter austere locations and prepare for USAF aircraft arrival; and the 349th Medical Squadron, capable of providing hospital services worldwide, in a contingency environment.

The mission of the 349th AMW is to "generate and sustain combat-ready mobility Airmen." This makes the wing responsible for training almost 3,500 Reservists who, in turn, work side-by-side their active-duty counterparts in the 60th AMW, also stationed at Travis.

In November 1943, 349th Troop Carrier Group was activated at Sedalia Army Air Field, Missouri. The 349th TCG had five troop carrier squadrons assigned, including what is now the 312th Airlift Squadron, which is still assigned to the 349th.

The 349th, like the other reserve troop carrier wings, was completely equipped and ready to move with only a few hours' notice as was the case during the Cuban call-up. Only four hours after the first call to report for duty was made, 95 percent of the wing's flying personnel had checked in and were ready to move. This proved the value of the Air Force Reserve's "Ready Now" concept and the wing's motto "In Omnia Paratus." In all things prepared.

A recall to active duty was again initiated on January 26, 1968, for the Vietnam War, and many hundreds of tons of cargo were carried across the Pacific. Upon deactivation in 1969, the 349th moved to Travis AFB, CA.

In 1972, the 349th joined the active component in flying and maintaining the C-5 "Galaxy" making the 349th a two-weapon system reserve strategic airlift wing.

On February 1, 1992, the 349th was re-designated the 349th Airlift Wing, deleting the word "military" from its name to conform with the active-duty Air Force's reorganization and realignment policies.

In September 1994, the KC-10 "Extender" tanker mission was added to the Wing and became an "Air Mobility Wing," the only Air Force Reserve unit at the time to fly three types of aircraft: the C-141 "Starlifter," the C-5 "Galaxy," and the KC-10.

With the C-17 "Globemaster III" arrival at Travis in Summer 2006, the wing and its host became the only units in the country to fly three major weapons systems. On May 25, 2006, the 301st Airlift Squadron converted from the C-5 to the C-17 and on June 25, 2006, the 945th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was activated to support the Globemaster III.

Most recently the 349th Aeromedicine Squadron deployed reserve medical personnel in support of New York City's response to the