

Their schedules are incredibly busy at school with tutoring other students and leading clubs like National Honor Society, student council, FBLA, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Mock Trial, debate, Model UN, Quiz Bowl, and more.

Outside of school, these students' interests range from the arts and music to almost every sport.

And their service is exemplary, as these students have volunteered with numerous organizations that are making a difference in central Arkansas including: Arkansas Blood Institute, School for the Deaf, Salvation Army, AR Kids Read, and several other local and national nonprofits.

Counselors and principals gave these students glowing recommendations, describing them as: hardworking, honest, dependable, ambitious, and resilient among other notable qualities.

I am always pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of those in my district, and these are certainly some of the best and brightest among our young people.

Congratulations to this talented group of students.

CHIEF FONG

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I want to honor Chief Petty Officer Philip Fong Jr., a remarkable individual who has led an impressive life and career. Chief Fong's career in the Navy began in 2002 where he immediately excelled in his training. His first assignment was on the USS *Reuben James* where he advanced all the way from the rank of E-2 to Second-Class Petty Officer. Shortly after, he was transferred to Italy where continued to rise through the ranks. His unit completed important work, directly supporting Presidential Missions, Joint Task Force, and much more. In 2008, he contracted Cerebral Malaria and encephalitis during a deployment to Monrovia, Liberia, leading to a long hospitalization and rehabilitation. After battling the long rehab, Chief Fong pushed on and continued his impressive career. In 2009, Chief Fong was selected for orders at the Naval Special Warfare schoolhouse where he achieved remarkable milestones, including being selected as the Command Sailor of the Year and promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 2012. Chief Fong's dedication continued as he served in various roles, including as Operations and Training Chief at the Navy Operational Support Center in Tampa, where he managed over 600 Navy Reservists' travel and orders. His final tour of duty saw him handpicked to work for the United States Special Operations Command, Warrior Care Program, where he made significant contributions. Chief Fong has also proven himself to be an incredible athlete as he had the opportunity to represent Team USA for the 2018 Invictus Games in Australia and 2022 Invictus Games in the Netherlands earning gold and bronze medals for rugby and rowing. In addition to his outstanding career, Chief Fong is a devoted husband to Sylvia and a proud father of three sons, Phill, Will, and Dill. I applaud Chief Fong

for his dedication, resilience, and remarkable accomplishments throughout his career and I thank him for his service. God Bless Chief Fong, and God Bless the United States of America.

REMEMBERING RICHARD E.
SANTSPREE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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

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 Santspre 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 four grandchildren.

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

LAST SALUTE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I want to honor the mission and dedication of the Last Salute. Last Salute, a nonprofit veteran's organization, is dedicated to providing profound and dignified funeral ceremonies that pay homage to the honor and dedication of military service. Their services adhere to the high standards expected by both

families and deserving service members. These ceremonies encompass various elements, including the dignified transfer of remains through military transport, a Civil War cannon artillery salute, the solemn tolling of a memorial bell three times, a three-volley rifle salute, the rendition of Taps, and the meticulous folding and presentation of a memorial flag. Furthermore, Last Salute commemorates fallen individuals by placing their prayer card or image into their Memorial Prayer Box, signifying their enduring membership within the honor guard. Last Salute provides its services at no cost and relies solely on donations to sustain its vital mission of honoring the fallen and upholding the values of military service. Their services help honor the sacrifice of our fallen soldiers in the most commendable way, and I thank them for their dedication to their mission. God Bless Last Salute and God Bless the United States of America.

IN MEMORY OF ROY KIDD

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor a legendary Kentuckian, Roy Kidd. He was a renowned football coach at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky and he passed away on September 12, 2023.

Coach Kidd was born in Corbin, Kentucky on December 4, 1931. He was a star athlete at Corbin High School, playing 3 sports. He attended Eastern Kentucky University, where he was an outstanding quarterback and also played center fielder. His coaching career began at the high school level where he coached from 1955 to 1961. He entered the college coaching ranks at Morehead State University and moved to ECU one year later. Coach Kidd served as head football coach for thirty-nine years, retiring in 2002. He amassed an outstanding record, winning over 300 games, with two I-AA national titles and two runner-up titles. Coach Kidd's teams had 25 consecutive winning seasons. He was twice named the NCAA Division I-AA National Coach of the Year and received the prestigious American Football Coaches Association's Amos Alonzo Stagg Award.

Coach Kidd was well respected and beloved by his former players. He was a staunch ambassador for his alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University. His impact on the university was significant, resulting in the football stadium being renamed Roy Kidd Stadium in his honor and the street in front of the stadium named Roy and Sue Kidd Way. He was a member of the ECU Hall of Distinguished Alumni, the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame, the OVC Hall of Fame, and the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association's highest football award is named the Roy Kidd Award.

Coach Kidd is survived by his wife Sue. They were married for 62 years and have 3 children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Richmond.

Roy Kidd was highly respected as a coach and a leader throughout the Commonwealth of

Kentucky. He was a man who of integrity who contributed greatly to his players by the lessons he taught both on and off the football field. I am honored to lift up his contributions to Kentucky before the United States Congress.

JAMES COUCH

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to congratulate James Couch, who is one of only two students from Arkansas to receive a Horatio Alger scholarship this year.

The scholarship program is one of the largest in the country, providing educational funding to exceptional students who have overcome significant adversity.

Mr. Couch just finished his junior year at North Little Rock High School where he certainly proved to be an exceptional student.

His involvements include Student Council President, Little Rock Kappa League President, and member of Beta Club, Math Honors Society, Key Club, and National Honor Society. He also placed third in the state wrestling competition.

In an interview with Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Mr. Couch talked about the application process. He wrote about his definition of the American dream and losing a loved one, his aunt. I commend his dedication to write about these important moments of his life.

He commented that his guidance counselor motivated him to apply for the scholarship. This kind of mentorship and encouragement truly makes a difference in schools across our state.

Mr. Couch hopes to attend college in Washington, D.C. and ultimately become a surgeon. What an exceptional goal to dedicate one's life to caring for others.

Congratulations again to Mr. Couch.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I want to shine a spotlight on an issue that tugs at our hearts and demands our attention—Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. It's a time when we unite to acknowledge the brave young souls and their families who face an unimaginable battle against this devastating disease. But in the face of adversity, we witness incredible courage, strength, and resilience. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month serves as a call to action. It reminds us that while we cannot control the occurrence of this disease, we have the power to change its outcome. We can support research to find new treatments, increase awareness to foster early detection, and provide emotional and financial support to families in need. In this battle, I want to particularly commend South Jersey natives Carey Italiano and June Sieber for their tireless efforts and dedication for this

cause. It is because of good people like them that we stand a chance in this fight. It is important we shift our focus to this important cause, and together, let's stand up for the brave children fighting this battle and strive for a brighter, cancer-free future for all our children. God Bless those fighting to bring awareness to this disease and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN "KATHY" M. DAVIS

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in recognition of Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt.) Kathleen Davis, who passed away earlier this month. An Air Force veteran, a loving wife and mother, and a strong, determined woman, Kathy Davis embodies the values of personal perseverance and pure patriotism. Her selfless dedication to her family, our state, and our nation speaks to the courage and conviction she brought to the uniform and to our community. Today, we honor the life of Kathy Davis, recognizing her spirit of service and sacrifice.

Born and raised in Dover, New Hampshire, Kathy spent her life in service to others. After starting her career at the Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, Kathy made her return to the Granite State, working at Pease Air National Guard Base in Portsmouth. For 30 years, Kathy served as a member of the United States Air Force, continuously challenging herself to improve, encouraging others to work hard, and offering support to members of her own community. After retiring from the military, Kathy and her husband Michael moved down south to the Carolinas. Persistent and hard-working, Kathy used her retirement to go back to school and earn her certificate as a personal trainer. In her final days, Kathy returned home to New Hampshire, spending her time in the Lakes Region of Meredith.

Kathy will be fondly remembered for her strength and support by all those who knew her across the state and around the country. I want to commend Kathy on her legacy of service, and I want to offer my sincere condolences to her husband, children, parents, and the large network of family and loved ones that will continue to uphold her memory. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Kathy for her many years of service to our state and Nation.

CONGRATULATING SENIORS FROM RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to congratulate 21 rising and graduated seniors from Riverview High School in Searcy.

Each of these gifted students have taken and passed a dual-credit history course from their high school in partnership with Arkansas State University-Beebe.

With this complete, they will already be ahead in their college education and be set for success wherever they may go.

I was delighted to welcome these talented students to our Nation's Capital just a few weeks ago and show them the history of the United States firsthand.

To make the trip, these young men and women tirelessly raised the funds themselves by working concession stands and hosting car washes.

Their hard work inside and outside of the classroom will ensure that they achieve excellence in their future endeavors.

It's wonderful to see the hard work of our students and I wish them continued success in their future education.

CELEBRATING BARBARA L. MCQUADE'S SERVICE TO HER STATE AND HER NATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Barbara L. McQuade, currently a professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School. Her service to her nation and the state of Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Barbara earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1987 and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1991. She began her career at the law firm of Butzel Long in Detroit before serving as a clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. From 1998 to 2010, Barbara was an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan on top of being a professor of law at Detroit Mercy School of Law from 2003 to 2009.

In 2010, Barbara was appointed by President Obama to be the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, the first woman to serve in that position and a post she held until 2017. During her tenure, she oversaw cases involving public corruption, terrorism, corporate fraud, and healthcare fraud, among others. A brilliant legal mind, Barbara has been quoted in the New York Times, Politico, Newsweek, and Time Magazine as well as serving as a legal analyst for NBC News and MSNBC. Back here in Michigan, Barbara has been a recipient of the Neal Shine Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership as well as The Detroit News Michiganian of the Year Award. Since 2017, she has served as the Law Professor from Practice at the University of Michigan Law School.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Barbara L. McQuade's service to our nation and to our great state of Michigan. No matter what position she has held, she has always been a bulwark against those who would prey on the weak from positions of power. Barbara is an incredible role model for public servants everywhere, and the future of our country is brighter with her teaching our children. I thank Barbara for her service.