

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-Bebe.

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.

JASON SMEDLEY

**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 Lieutenant Colonel Jason Smedley, a native of Little Rock and decorated Marine Corps veteran, who will serve as the commandant of the brand-new Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy.

His distinguished military service includes multiple deployments, working within the Pentagon, and a Purple Heart when serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Back home in Little Rock, Colonel Smedley has continued his service in the Marine Corps Reserves. He has also strived to serve within his community, including time as a volunteer firefighter.

Colonel Smedley has proven his dedication time and time again to the United States Marine Corps, his home state of Arkansas, and the youth of our communities.

I thank him for his distinguished service, and I am confident that he will be an inspiring leader for the lucky students of the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy.

Semper Fi Colonel.

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**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF LT. COL. GEORGE CARRUTHERS**


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**HON. CHIP ROY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel George Carruthers. October 22, 2023, marks Lt. Col. Carruthers 100th birthday and the awarding of the prestigious French Legion of Honor medal—the highest level of recognition awarded by the French Government for his service to the country during WWII.

Lt. Col. Carruthers began his military career by joining the Army Air Corps at nineteen years old, where he proceeded to be a 2nd Lieutenant Bombardier during WWII. During the war, his B-17 was shot down, and he spent 22 months in the German POW camp Stalag Luft 3, home of the Great Escape, the largest escape by allied Air Force personnel of the war.

After the war, he went on to have a thirty-plus year career in the United States Air Force, being awarded numerous medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, several Air Medals, and the Purple Heart in recognition of his outstanding and selfless service.

We are able to live free today because of the courage of men like Lt. Col. Carruthers, who put their lives on hold and answered their country's call when it needed them most. Love of family, country, and a life dedicated to service sum up the character of Lt. Col. Carruthers, a member of the Greatest Generation. These stories will inspire future generations of Americans to pursue a life dedicated to causes greater than themselves. I hope this testament to Lt. Col. Carruthers' life serves as an acknowledgment of the immeasurable debt

of gratitude owed to him by the American people. On behalf of Texas' 21st Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Lt. Col. Carruthers and his dedicated service to our country. Today, a grateful Nation thanks him.

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**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS MONTH**


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**HON. PAUL TONKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize October as National Spina Bifida Awareness Month and to pay tribute to my constituents with Spina Bifida and their loved ones. Additionally, I recognize October 25th, as World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day.

There are currently an estimated 166,000 individuals in the United States living with Spina Bifida. According to the CDC, each year approximately 1,400 babies born in the United States have spina bifida. Those diagnosed with Spina Bifida can expect to spend most of their lives in a wheelchair, or walking with braces, and face the prospect of dozens of surgeries they turn 18.

I have been honored to attend numerous events in the Capital Region, including the Spina Bifida Walk and Roll and the Spina Bifida Dare to Dream Gala, both of which are held by the Spina Bifida Association (SBA) of Northeastern New York, that have raised funds for research, brought awareness to the public, and told the stories of those in our community with this disease. I am heartened to attend events like these, which do so much to honor those with spina bifida, as well as their friends, families, and caretakers.

I am so impressed with the breakthroughs in research that have helped to give those living with this disease a more fulfilling life. Thanks to the work of organizations like SBA, new medical treatments and technologies have been developed that allow most people with Spina Bifida to live a normal life span, ensuring they can have a full career, get married, and start a family—no different than those without this disease.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that organizations like the Spina Bifida Association continue to receive the funding and support they have earned. I also will continue to support federal research funding for better understanding the condition, the cause, and treatments. I hope that together we can continue to raise awareness.

**JULIA BULLOCK****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 honor Julia Bullock, a longtime Searcy resident and the National Guard's 2023 Armed Forces Military Spouse of the Year.

Julia serves as the Soldier and Family Readiness Group coordinator for Headquarters Company, 2-153 IN, and as one of the coordinators for the overall Battalion.

In her role, Julia tirelessly works to help soldiers and their families access resources within the community that can help them through major issues, especially home and food insecurity.

She also serves as an advocate for the Guard, frequently speaking to Arkansas elected officials to advocate for long-lasting solutions to these challenges for our military families.

Julia and her husband, Michael, an Arkansas Army National Guardsman, reside in Searcy with their children. I extend my sincere gratitude to her and her family for their tremendous service.

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**HONORING SCHOOLSFIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY**


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**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union for International Credit Union Day. SchoolsFirst is a long-time community staple in my district, and I am delighted to celebrate their growth.

In 1934, a group of 126 Orange County school employees pooled together \$1,200 to found SchoolsFirst, formerly known as the Orange County Teachers Credit Union. The first branch was opened in Santa Ana. SchoolsFirst has since expanded to become the state's largest Credit Union and the 5th largest in the Nation.

SchoolsFirst serves over 350,000 school employees who live or work in Orange County and their family members. They have 22 branches in Orange County alone and 70 across California. As a member-owned credit union, SchoolsFirst has been steadfastly committed to returning excess earnings to its members. Nationwide, they have over \$25 billion in assets and over 1 million members.

I am grateful for SchoolsFirst's charitable contributions to the community. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, please join me in celebrating SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and their contributions to our Orange County community.

**CONNOR HARVEY****HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this month, I had the opportunity to attend Connor Harvey's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Connor has been scouting for ten years, beginning as a cub scout, and then crossing over as a boy scout in 2017, quickly rising through the ranks. He has earned over thirty merit badges and has held several leadership positions in the troop including Historian, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. For Connor's