

modernized, digital format. By obtaining her Quality Assurance Certification in the Priority Dispatch Protocol programs, Ms. Hart expanded the capacity of her team and highlighted her willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done. It is the daily efforts of support team members, like Ms. Hart, who enable our law enforcement officers to meet the needs of the community. Her peers, commanding officers and the community-at-large have recognized that Ms. Hart routinely goes above and beyond the call of duty to promote public safety and to support her team, even in the most difficult of circumstances. The impact of her efforts have left a lasting imprint on the lives of those she serves.

HONORING LEWISVILLE POLICE
CHIEF KEVIN DEAVER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary leadership and public service of Chief Kevin Deaver as he retires as Police Chief for the Lewisville Police Department (LPD). Chief Deaver has served in this role for LPD since August 22, 2018, completing a 35-year career in law enforcement, 25 of which have been with the City of Lewisville.

Chief Deaver began his law enforcement career with the San Angelo Police Department in February 1989, before joining the LPD in August 1998. During his career, Deaver has worked as a Patrol Officer, Motorcycle Traffic Officer, Canine Officer, Narcotics Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Narcotics Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Community Services Captain, Patrol Captain, Administrative Services Assistant Chief, and the Patrol Operations Assistant Chief. In addition, he served as a field supervisor for the North Central Texas Narcotics Task Force.

Chief Deaver is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Arts and Applied Sciences with a concentration in Criminal Justice, Public Affairs/Community Service, and Sociology. Chief Deaver is also a graduate of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration's School of Police Supervision and Management College as well as the FBI-Law Enforcement Trilogy Series which consists of the Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute, and the Executive Leadership Institutes. Additionally, Chief Deaver holds a Master Peace Officer Certification from TCOLE.

In leading the LPD, Chief Deaver has worked to build on the culture established by his predecessors, Chief McFadden and Chief Kerbow, of always ensuring the Department stood for professionalism. During his tenure, Chief Deaver advocated for the construction of the new Tittle McFadden Public Safety Center and played a major role in the design of the building. He secured STEP pay for police communication and detention personnel and worked with Lewisville Fire Chief Mark McNeal to create the City's first Mental Health Crisis Team (CoCare), implemented FLOCK technology throughout the City and commissioned a staffing study for the department that led to staffing increases over the last five years. Fi-

nally, he led the department through successful re-accreditation of LPD in 2022 as one of 50 recognized Texas Law Enforcement Program agencies while also guiding the Department through the annexation of Castle Hills, COVID-19, and the protests following the brutal killing of George Floyd. Chief Deaver has honorably carried the mantle of law enforcement leadership during one of the most challenging periods our country has witnessed.

On behalf of the constituents of the 26th Congressional District of Texas, I join the City of Lewisville in appreciation of the professionalism and steady leadership he has shown, caring both for his employees and the community the Lewisville Police Department serves each day.

We are all indebted to him for the character, innovation and servant heart he brought to his duties, and I wish him and his family a long and satisfying retirement.

RAYMOND RIDGWAY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past December, it was my pleasure to attend Raymond Ridgway's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Throughout his scouting experience, Raymond has gained invaluable life skills, particularly in survival skills and how to be a great leader. To achieve the rank of eagle scout, he chose to freshen up the Education Wing at Quinton Baptist Church in Quinton, South Jersey. Recognizing the importance of their church in the community, he took on the task of painting the walls and installing storage cubbies in the Education Wing. His efforts have not only improved the physical environment, but he has also created a more welcoming and functional space for education and community gatherings. Beyond scouting and his commitment to service, Raymond enjoys bowling, music, and working at his job. It was a pleasure to attend his Eagle Scout Court of Honor and I wish this young man all the best. God Bless Raymond and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING NICK AND AMIE
COSTANZO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick and Amie Costanzo of Arvada, Colorado for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Entrepreneurs of the Year Award.

Every year, the Entrepreneur of the Year award recognizes an individual or team's commitment, investment, and innovation as a business owner in the Arvada community.

The Costanzos have owned and operated the Marco's Pizza franchise in Arvada and surrounding communities for over 10 years. Recently, they had a vision of opening a space in northwest Arvada that would provide a community gathering space. That vision be-

came a reality in 2022 when the Costanzos, along with three business partners, opened up Freedom Street Social, which has become a place many residents frequent to have fun and build community.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Nick and Amie Costanzo for this award and thank them for their commitment to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, on January 11-12, 2024, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 7, "YEA" on Roll Call No. 9 and "NAY" on Roll Call No. 10.

I strongly oppose H.R. 788, the Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act, which would undermine our ability to hold corporations accountable for unlawful conduct. I also strongly oppose H.J. Res. 98, the joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status." As a constant proponent of collective bargaining rights, I would never vote to undermine workers and I will continue to support their rights and employer accountability. Last, I support H.R. 839, legislation to increase transparency of China's exchange rate policies.

MARTY PAGLIUGH

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past December, I had the honor of attending the dedication of the Avalon Public Safety Complex to a longtime friend of mine, Mayor Martin Pagliughi, or as I know him, Marty. Marty's commitment to the fire department and his lifelong dedication to public service to Avalon have been truly commendable. Marty has been a guiding force for the community and his tireless efforts have proven great results. In 2020, Avalon benefited substantially from his leadership, saving \$1.6 million on flood insurance—a testament to his commitment to the town's well-being. Furthermore, since 2012, he has served as the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, demonstrating his unwavering dedication to safety and preparedness. In honoring Mayor Pagliughi and his legacy, we celebrate a man whose tireless service has enriched the lives of Avalon residents and set a shining example for us all. The Avalon Public Safety Complex now proudly bears the name of Avalon's former Mayor Martin Pagliughi, and it was my pleasure to attend the event. It was an honor to work with Mayor Pagliughi over these past few decades and this momentous event serves as a fitting conclusion to his remarkable 36-year career in public service.

God Bless Marty and God Bless the United States of America.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 570.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
MILITARY SERVICE OF AIRMAN
BOBBY RAY STINSON

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize and extend gratitude to Airman Bobby Ray Stinson for his honorable military service during the Vietnam War Era.

Airman Stinson was a man defined by his resolute and enduring love of country. Airman Stinson joined the United States Air Force in August 1964. Soon after, he was assigned to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During this assignment, Airman Stinson served as an aircraft mechanic. He dreamed of one day becoming an Air Force Pilot like his father-in-law. However, due to a service-related injury, Airman Stinson instead received an honorable discharge from the Air Force.

Following his military service, Airman Stinson returned home to his beloved wife, Shirley Jean in Tennessee. As a stalwart patriot, he made sure the American Flag flew high in their front yard in Blountville. In his civilian life, Airman Stinson served a multi-decade career at Eastman Chemical. At Eastman, Airman Stinson's leadership and character proved indispensable. He helmed the maintenance division, where he oversaw and managed large-scale machinery repair and power operations until his retirement in 1998.

Airman Stinson's word was his bond. His colleagues, friends, and neighbors knew him as a man of integrity, honor, and conviction. As a father, he taught his three sons, Mike, Travis, and Jeff Stinson of Blountville, Tennessee the difference between right and wrong, the value of hard work, and to never take the easy way out.

Even in his retirement, Airman Stinson's duty of service never wavered. Both as an active member of the Ruritan Club and a dedicated volunteer to the Blountville First Baptist Church, he would always lend a hand whenever he could. Airman Stinson loved to spend time with his family, especially his six wonderful grandchildren. A year before his passing, Airman Stinson and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. He is remembered by all who knew him as a great Christian man, who always stood true to his faith in God.

Please join me in honoring the life of Airman Bobby Ray Stinson and for his patriotic service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I am not recorded for votes on November 2, 2023.

MISS NJ AND MISS TEEN NJ
SENDOFF

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past November I had the pleasure of attending the send-off party for two exceptional individuals, Miss New Jersey 2023 Victoria Moztis and Miss Teen New Jersey Ashley Greco. In this upcoming year, these two will go off to compete in the prestigious 2024 Miss America Pageant. Our Miss New Jersey 2023, Victoria Moztis, is a resident of Northfield, South Jersey and recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Rider University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. Her Community Service Initiative, "LEAP: Literacy Enhancement, Artistry, and Performance," focuses on improving literacy worldwide through her partnership with The African Library Project and advocating for arts education. Victoria's talent in musical theatre has already earned her scholarships and recognition and she will carry these incredible talents with her to the 2024 pageant. Ashley Greco, our Miss New Jersey Teen 2023, is a recent high school graduate from Waldwick, New Jersey, and started at University of Massachusetts Amherst in the Fall 2023, majoring in Public Health with aspirations of becoming a Physician Assistant. Ashley's Community Service Initiative, "Be an A.L.L.Y.—Advocating for People with Disabilities," aims to educate and raise awareness about working with individuals with disabilities, breaking the stigma that surrounds them. Her hard work and dedication have brought her far, and I know she will shine on stage next year. As Victoria and Ashley embark on this exciting journey, I wish them all the success in the world. I am proud to have them represent New Jersey, and it was an honor to celebrate them last month as part of the road to Miss America 2024. Good luck, God Bless Victoria and Ashley, and God Bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor for part of January 18, 2024. As a member of the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus, I have spent my career in public office working to protect equal access to reproductive health care for all Americans. I also believe that the government has no place to influence an individual's decision to use family planning services such as birth control or abortion.

Had I been present to cast a vote, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 19.

WILLIAM CRIPPS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I extend my congratulations to Fire Official and Firefighter William Cripps on his retirement this year after 25 years of service. Beginning his career in 1996, inspired by his father, he started at the City of Wildwood Fire Department as a part-time Firefighter and EMT. In 2000 he began working full time and in 2018 he took on the role of Fire Official in Wildwood, overseeing the Bureau of Fire Prevention. Throughout his service, William held many roles, including Cape May County Fire Coordinator, an instructor at the Cape May County Fire Academy, and a member of the Cape May County Urban Search & Rescue Team. He earned numerous awards, including the 9/11 Commendation for his response to the 2001 World Trade Center attacks and he also received Disaster Commendations for his work during Hurricane Sandy, Winter Storm Jonas, and Tropical Cyclone Ida. William's dedication shone through in the creation of the very successful Summer Cadet Firefighter youth program and the initiation of the City of Wildwood Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit. This legacy runs in the family, with his brother Charles Cripps, Jr. and son Nick Cripps also embracing the noble path of firefighting. William Cripps is a symbol of dedication, and he leaves behind a legacy that will inspire generations of firefighters to come. I thank Firefighter Cripps for keeping South Jersey safe and I wish him well in his retirement. God Bless Fire Official and Firefighter William Cripps and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING DR. LAURIE DENT

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Laurie Dent, a standout educator in our South Sound community who was recently named the 2024 Superintendent of the Year by the Washington Association of School Administrators.

As Sumner-Bonney Lake School District's Superintendent since 2016, Dr. Dent has not only shepherded school communities through numerous challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but has also transformed schools' and individual students' performance trajectories through and in spite of pandemic-related challenges. Since the start of her tenure as Superintendent, the district's graduation rate has risen from 84 percent in 2016 to 92.1 percent in 2023, an achievement that her colleagues attribute to her staunch commitment to her "100% Graduation Campaign." Beyond the numbers, Dr. Dent's commitment to this campaign has undoubtedly strengthened schools, enriched students, and deepened community connections.

I commend Dr. Dent for being a standard-bearer in our state for what excellence in education is and should be, and I am honored to