

served in the American Revolutionary War. Upon completion of their service, Mr. French's descendants settled in Madison County, Alabama.

Growing up in Decatur, Alabama, Bob graduated from Decatur High School in 1952 before attending the University of North Alabama. Bob knew service to his country was important to him, leading him to attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in Newburg, New York. From there, he attended the University of Alabama where he earned his bachelor's degree and went on to receive his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Bob went on to serve in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict as a communications operator in the intelligence field. For his efforts, he received three medals and an Honorable Discharge after completing his service.

Bob, using his law degree, has published a multitude of papers in addition to his outstanding accomplishments as a trial lawyer. He has tried some of the most famous cases in Alabama history. Before 2001, Bob maintained a caseload that included more than 100 cases a year.

Perhaps his biggest accomplishment was marrying his late wife, Celeste. Together, Bob and Celeste raised three wonderful children: daughters Michelle and Tammy, and son Tommy. Tommy and his wife Sandra Kay are the parents of two grandchildren, Trevor French and Victoria French Ignacio. Tammy is the mother of Bob's third grandchild, Katie Prewitt. Bob and Celeste were dedicated members of the First Baptist Church of Fort Payne. For 36 years, Bob taught a bible class at the church that consistently saw more than 100 members attend.

Bob's call to be a spiritual guide to others was realized when he began teaching a college-level class on spiritual development. Guiding those who took his class by proclaiming the teachings of Jesus Christ led Bob to complete a six-volume work expanding on the Gospels found in the Bible.

As counsel to the DeKalb County Board of Education, Bob was lead counsel in America's foremost school prayer case. The United States Supreme Court decided this case, which allowed student-initiated prayer in public schools.

Bob has received numerous awards through his church, civic organizations, his profession, and other organizations.

I am honored, not only to represent, but to also recognize such an incredible individual and great American. He is a shining example of the accomplishments that can be realized when life is built on hard work and great faith.

This Nation is blessed by men such as Robert B. French, Jr. and we as a Nation are thankful for his dedication to making Alabama and the United States a better place to live. We wish him many, many years of success and congratulate him on his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING BETTY STOUT'S 101ST BIRTHDAY

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable constituent, Betty

Stout of Pennswood Village in Newtown. Betty was born on September 30, 1923, in Trenton, N.J., and is now turning 101.

Betty was known during her childhood in Trenton as the "The Little Mother of Rutherford Avenue," because of the long hours she spent caring for her younger brother, Gary. Her father worked even longer hours, leading a band, playing the organ in local movie theaters, and delivering newspapers before the crack of dawn.

After graduating from Trenton High, Betty worked for the Trenton Banking Company. She married Ralph Stout, who also worked there, in 1947. Ralph had a liberating effect on her life, mainly by encouraging her to do many of the things she had not been able to do as a child. They were wonderful dancers and excelled at bridge. Betty learned to swim and play golf, a sport that gave her great pleasure until she was 90. She was an active member of the Hopewell Valley Golf Club for 50 years. One of her grandchildren jokes she even looked down on the 9-holers.

Betty was a member of Ewing Presbyterian Church for many years before joining Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. She now attends services at Pennswood. She volunteered with the Children's Committee of Mercer Hospital. Betty is adored by her three children, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. At her 100th birthday party, one of the grandchildren described her as the hub of the family's wheel. At the age of 94, she served as the celebrant at another grandchild's wedding.

At Pennswood, Betty is surrounded by loving friends and staff. To be her friend or a spoke on her family's wheel is a rare, and always rewarding privilege. To be on the Pennswood staff is often to become her friend. Her capacity for friendship is matched by her passion for setting wrongs right. Happy Birthday, Betty.

#### RECOGNIZING ROSEMOUNT POLICE SERGEANT SHAWN MCMENOMY

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor Rosemount Police Sergeant Shawn McMenemy for his courageous service during the tragic February 18th incident in Burnsville, MN which lost officers Matthew Ruge and Paul Elmstrand and firefighter/paramedic Adam Finseth.

Sergeant McMenemy provided mutual aid support to Burnsville and was in the Bearcat and helped extract the mortally wounded officers and the rest of the Burnsville staff that were on scene. Sergeant McMenemy joined the South Metro SWAT team in 2018 and is currently serving as a Team Leader for the team that handles critical incidents across Dakota and Rice County.

A Hastings native, Sergeant McMenemy began his service with the Rosemount Police Department in 2011 and was previously a park ranger and correctional officer for Dakota County. He has served as a patrol officer, on the department's crime scene team, as an advisor for the police Explorer program and was promoted to Sergeant in 2015 assigned as a detective.

I'm grateful for Sergeant McMenemy's service to Rosemount, Burnsville and Minnesota. He represents the best of law enforcement and it is a privilege to represent him in Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING MECHANICSBURG LIONS CLUB

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Mechanicsburg Lions Club on their 75th Anniversary.

Chartered in 1949, the Mechanicsburg Lions Club has provided continuous service to our local community and the Lions International organization—fostering a spirit of understanding among people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. In some of their recent work, the Mechanicsburg Lions Club supported the Operation Wildcat Project Clothing initiative, volunteered at One80 Ministries preparing their new transitional living space, and volunteered for Pink Hands of Hope during a last-minute emergency cleanup. The organization also supports Boys Little League Baseball and Girls Softball leagues, Red Cross Blood Drives, Meals on Wheels, subsidizes eyeglasses and hearing aids for needy adults and children, supported the Silver Spring Township Veterans Memorial, and myriad other worthy causes.

In recent years, with more than 50 members, the Mechanicsburg Lions Club has raised and distributed approximately \$40,000 to help local and worldwide charities—proving an indispensable Godsend to our community. Every penny the Club collects is distributed to those in need, and the administration of the Club and international organization is provided for through modest annual dues, which provides maximum charitable impact. Their work focuses on alleviating humanitarian crises, hunger, childhood cancer, and support of many other critical needs truly makes our communities, Commonwealth, the United States, and the world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I'm privileged to recognize the Mechanicsburg Lions Club on their 75th Anniversary. Their work is the standard by which we should all be judged, and I wish their organization and selfless members Godspeed on their future missions.

#### CONGRATULATING OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my warmest congratulations to the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child on their 100th anniversary. I am truly grateful to be celebrating this monumental milestone with you all. The Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child was founded by the Society of the Holy

Child Jesus and has been at the forefront of empowering students not only academically but also in personal growth and social responsibility. Over the past 100 years, Oak Knoll has fostered a welcoming diverse student body of inquisitive students who think critically, embrace knowledge, respond with moral and ethical integrity, and make responsible choices that enrich their own lives and contribute to the lives of others. The Oak Knoll school has maintained a steadfast commitment to integrating faith with education, promoting a community of compassionate and informed citizens who are ready to lead and serve in a global society. The past 100 years have served as a reflection of the vibrant legacy that will continue to inspire and shape future generations. The Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child has stood as a testament to a century's worth of educational innovation, resilience, and dedication. May the schools next 100 years be filled with as much success as the past 100 years.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.  
GRADY BOURN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the dedicated career of Mr. Grady Bourn as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement after 25 years of exemplary service in the United States House of Representatives. As my Legislative Director, Grady has been a cornerstone of legislative expertise, driven by an unwavering passion for improving the lives of everyday Americans during his many years in my office.

Grady began his journey on Capitol Hill a quarter of a century ago in the office of former House Appropriations Chairman Jerry Lewis. From there, his tireless dedication to integrity and even-keeled leadership brought him to my team, where he has been an indispensable asset. I have been blessed to call Grady a part of Team Carter, and his profound influence on my legislative agenda has been felt across a wide range of issues.

As Legislative Director, Grady has been instrumental in shaping our efforts to pass high-quality legislation that protects the homeland, stands up for America's veterans, and upholds the rule of law. His contributions have directly improved the lives of Americans from all walks of life. His commitment to ensuring the success of every policy detail has been nothing short of remarkable.

Beyond his legislative prowess, Grady's leadership and mentorship have left an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to work with him. His steady guidance has not only influenced my staff but also touched staff members across the House, regardless of political affiliation. His dedication to nurturing the next generation of public servants will undoubtedly leave a legacy in the halls of Congress.

As Grady embarks on this new chapter in his life, I want to express my deepest gratitude for his immense contributions to Team Carter

and to the United States House of Representatives. His service, leadership, and dedication to excellence will be remembered long after his departure.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Grady Bourn for his 25 years of distinguished service, and I wish him all the best as he enters a well-earned retirement. His dedication to public service will be greatly missed by all who had the honor of working alongside him.

CONGRATULATING ISLES PUB &  
PIZZA ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish Dave Cole and Isles Pub & Pizza a very happy 40th anniversary.

Established in 1984, Dave Cole turned an old Italian restaurant into a community favorite pizza kitchen with the help of many dedicated friends.

After a customer led naming contest for the business, the restaurant became "The Isles Pub & Pizza", more often called "The Isles."

Since then, Isles Pub & Pizza has grown and distinguished itself in many ways. Cole and company have dedicated hours of their time curating the perfect pizza sauce for their customers.

Many local community leaders consider Isles Pub & Pizza to be some of the best pizza in the area. Cole and his staff have continued to provide quality food and excellent service for 40 years.

Isles Pub & Pizza have been recognized with many achievements including Lincoln's recent 2024 Choice Award.

As Dave Cole and Isles Pub & Pizza reach their 40th anniversary, there is much to celebrate.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I congratulate them on 40 years and wish them fun as they celebrate this incredible milestone.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT  
BOBBY DEAN BRONESKE, USAF,  
RETIRED, WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to present retired USAF Master Sergeant Bobby Dean Broneske, of Huntsville, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His servant's life reflects the hard work and dedication that exemplifies the best of our East Texas values.

Bobby Broneske entered active duty in Boston, Massachusetts in February of 1981 at

eighteen years of age. Bobby served honorably through peacetime and a lengthy and volatile period in the Gulf War including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield and the Liberation of Kuwait. Bobby is a highly decorated airman.

Bobby was trained and served as an Electronic Warfare Systems Craftsman, and during the Gulf War, he operated from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia ensuring the safety and effectiveness of aircraft, their crews and completion of their missions guiding their every move. Bobby was required to operate at a technically high level operating sophisticated systems given the precision and coordination of coalition forces and their individual missions. This element was critical for success and Bobby and his fellow airmen performed admirably allowing the U.S. and Coalition Forces to attain their objectives with great and quick success.

In his twenty years of service, Bobby completed Basic Training, the NCO Orientation Course and the NCO Academy. Through service and combat duty, Bobby was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal with 13 devices, Air Force Longevity Service Award with four devices, Air Force Training Ribbon, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three devices, Armed Forces Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Short and Long Tour Ribbons with one device, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with two devices, Small Arms Expert Marksman-ship Ribbon with one device, Combat Readiness Medal with three devices, NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one device (Provide Hope)(Provide Promise), NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor with seven devices, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with five devices, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

After retiring from the Air Force, Bobby continued his service to his brothers and community by serving on the New Hampshire Veteran Advisory Board and after working his way up, he served as Commander of the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association (CVMA). Eventually Bobby made his way to Texas as fast as he could and currently serves as Commander of the local chapter of the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association. Bobby also serves as an officer with VFW Post 5871, board member for the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum and makes himself available to any local Veterans advocacy groups raising money and helping to achieve their goals. When a Veteran calls, Bobby is there and takes them to the doctor's office or provide emergency funds, Bobby finds a way.

It is with this level of loyalty and care for his fellow man and Veteran brothers, that I proudly commend retired USAF Master Sergeant Bobby Dean Broneske of Huntsville, Texas to his friends, family, and colleagues, and salute his service to the Air Force, and Walker County by awarding him the 2024 Congressional Veteran Commendation.