

the writers, readers, and creative minds of the Pacific Northwest. Grace grew up in the Seattle area. She attended college and lived in North Carolina for 25 years. During her time in North Carolina, Grace worked on the publishing staff of an alternative newspaper, earned her Master of Social Work and founded a bakery café. Since moving back to Seattle, Grace has been involved in her family's legacy business, the Skinner Corporation. She has also been a dedicated volunteer with the Seattle Public Library where she worked at the Central Library's welcome desk.

Grace has spent decades championing literary causes. She served on the boards of the Durham Library Foundation, The Seattle Public Library Foundation and Hedgebrook. Grace has also served on the board and been a critical leader in ensuring the success of Hedgebrook, a literary nonprofit working to support visionary women writers whose stories and ideas shape our culture now and for generations to come. Hedgebrook, founded by Nancy Nordhoff (Grace's mother), has been the home to a host of storied women writers, offering a space of solace, welcome and nurturing for women to make their voices heard. Over the years, Hedgebrook has welcome a range of women writers, from Gloria Steinem to V Ensler to Naomi Shihab Nye and Sarah Ladipo Manyika.

Hedgebrook benefited immensely from Grace's dedication. Grace served on the Board for 15 years where she offered transformational guidance in organizational development. She played a pivotal role in the strategic planning process and helped to lead the Sustainability Campaign to renew the retreat. During her tenure, Hedgebrook's annual budget increased from \$600,000 to \$1.7 million, transitioned from a private foundation to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, created its annual fundraiser "Equivox" and expanded its donor base across the country.

Grace and her family have personified Seattle philanthropy. She has been a dedicated supporter of women's voices in the arts, literature, politics and education. Our region has greatly benefited from Grace's dedication to supporting her community.

On behalf of Washington's 7th Congressional District, I would like to commend Grace Nordhoff's work and her many accomplishments in service to literary causes and the Pacific Northwest.

HONORING IAN LANOFF, A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN RETIREMENT PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mr. Ian Lanoff, who passed away on September 29, 2024. Mr. Lanoff dedicated his career to implementing and upholding principles inherent in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), during his time in both public service and private practice.

Mr. Lanoff served as head of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, the agency that preceded the Employee Benefits Security Administration, under President Carter and

President Reagan. Mr. Lanoff's contributions in the early years of ERISA laid a solid foundation for the following decades. In 1976 and 1977, before his tenure as the nation's top ERISA administrator, Mr. Lanoff served as counsel to the Senate Labor Committee, the predecessor of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Mr. Lanoff also served on the Board of Directors of the Pension Rights Center, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that helps individuals receive the pension benefits they have earned. Mr. Lanoff's public service was matched by his recognition as a powerhouse in private practice for decades where he advised fiduciaries of both public and private pension plans.

Today we recognize and honor Mr. Lanoff's direct impact on and devotion to millions of pension beneficiaries across the Nation. We express the highest commendation for Mr. Lanoff's dedication to protecting the retirement benefits of American workers.

We also express our condolences to Mr. Lanoff's friends and family, including his wife, Patricia Lanoff, and children, Jennifer Lanoff of Washington, D.C., Julie Lanoff of Oakland, California, Lisa Applegate of Hamilton, New Jersey, and Keith Sprague of Waterville, California.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County as they celebrate 75 years of dedicated service to the youth and families of our community. Founded in early 1949, the Boys' Club in downtown Fresno, provided a safe haven for young boys. Over the decades, thanks to the generosity of donors and community members, more clubs have opened, expanding their reach.

Through challenges and opportunities, the committed board of directors and caring staff have worked tirelessly to create environments that embody their core values: Respect, Integrity, Passion, Fun, and Commitment. Today, over 4,000 children and teens call the club their second home, with programs extending beyond Fresno to communities like Orange Cove, Huron, Firebaugh, and Reedley.

Boys & Girls Clubs give kids opportunities to succeed through impactful programs. Serving 191,000 healthy meals annually, they ensure members receive the nutrition they need to thrive. Remarkably, 92% of Club members expect to graduate from high school, demonstrating the positive academic environment fostered by the Club. Additionally, 96% of members report that staff provide clear expectations and opportunities to better themselves, highlighting the supportive atmosphere that encourages personal growth. Formula for Impact ensures every child is welcomed and supported in areas of Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Citizenship.

Programs like Power Hour provide essential homework help, while Project Learn enhances

educational performance through enrichment activities. The My Future initiative builds digital skills and fosters safe online interactions. Financial literacy is promoted through Money Matters, teaching young members about saving and investing.

In health, Triple Play promotes nutrition and physical activity, and programs like SMART Moves and SMART Girls address vital prevention education. For character development, initiatives such as Youth of the Year and Keystone cultivate future leaders.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us recognize the transformative impact the Boys & Girls Clubs have had on the lives of over 1 million young people. Their focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character development is vital for shaping future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in celebrating the Boys and Girls Club Fresno County for their continuous commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 JOHN DAWSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLASMA PHYSICS RESEARCH

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the research team from the University of Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE) in my district that was recently awarded the 2024 John Dawson Award for Excellence in Plasma Physics Research from the American Physical Society. This prestigious honor recognizes outstanding achievements in plasma physics research that stand out for their innovation and impact on the field.

The team received the award for pioneering the development of statistical modeling to predict, design, and analyze implosion experiments on the 30kJ OMEGA Laser. The research validates innovative design and analysis approaches, paving the way for more efficient exploration of target designs and improved understanding of the underlying physics. The expanding use of machine learning models has allowed the researchers to explore an optimal implosion design with high accuracy, minimal computational cost, and improved predictive capability.

These advancements are expected to guide future implosion experiments and accelerate progress in high-yield inertial confinement fusion and inertial fusion energy. The award-winning research involved contributions from various scientists and engineers in diagnostics and code development, target fabrication and cryogenic layering, and laser facility operation. Those involved include Riccardo Betti, Aarne Lees, Varchas Gopalaswamy, Duc M. Cao, Chad J. Forrest, James P. Knauer, Sean P. Regan, Rahul C. Shah, Cliff A. Thomas, Connor Alexander Williams, and Mike Campbell.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the research team for their tremendous work and deserved recognition and couldn't be happier that scientific advances like these occur in Rochester. The study of fusion in the laboratory is critical to our national security and with the continued progress towards record fusion yields, I am increasingly enthusiastic about a future where

fusion powers our energy and economic security as well.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF PROJECT REAP

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Project REAP (the Real Estate Associate Program).

Project REAP, which was founded in the District of Columbia, is celebrating over 25 years of service to the commercial real estate industry and professionals of color. Its silver jubilee event will be held in D.C. on October 16, 2024.

Project REAP was formed by commercial real estate executives who recognized that the industry's workforce was grossly unrepresentative of the demographics of the United States. Project REAP provides professional education, networking and employment opportunities for professionals of color in the commercial real estate industry.

Project REAP's mission is "to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in the commercial real estate industry through education, mentorship and partnerships." Through its work, Project REAP has helped address historic barriers to participation by professionals of color in the commercial real estate industry.

Nearly 2,000 professionals of color have graduated from Project REAP and proudly identify themselves as Project REAP alumni. Project REAP alumni have obtained employment with Fortune 500 companies, as well as major commercial real estate firms. Throughout its history, Project REAP has been supported by or collaborated with some of the nation's leading commercial real estate industry associations.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Project REAP.

CONGRATULATING HORIZON
TRANSPORT ON FORTY YEARS
IN BUSINESS

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize, congratulate, and celebrate Horizon Transport in Wakarusa, Indiana as they mark 40 years in business and excellence in service.

For four decades now, this 100% employee-owned company has been a staple of Indiana's Second District because of their record of delivering quality service for local RV manufacturers. In 1984, Melvin Schrock and his wife Ruth Ann Schrock founded Horizon Transport after recognizing the need for a transport company that would provide professional, high quality, and prompt deliveries to local RV manufacturers. And for the past 40 years, RV Transport has been doing exactly that.

In Congress, I am proud to represent and be an advocate for the "RV Capital of the

World," a unique industry that is such a source of pride as well as economic activity and opportunity for our area. It takes many dedicated, professional individuals and businesses to make the RV industry fire on all cylinders and operate as well as it does. Horizon Transport is clearly one of those businesses, a business that has been recognized and appreciated for maintaining a family feel after all these years.

As CEO, Marion Schrock has continued his parents' proud legacy and commitment to excellence. He has also demonstrated his commitment to his employees by selling Horizon Transport to his employees through their Employee Stock Ownership Plan, making the company now 100% employee owned.

Congratulations again to the Schrock family, Horizon Transport, and all of their dedicated employees on achieving this impressive milestone and on their even more impressive legacy of excellence. I look forward to celebrating many more milestones, accolades, and satisfied customers of yours in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING U.S. CHESS OLYMPIAD
TEAMS DURING NATIONAL
CHESS WEEK

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate National Chess Week and recognize the remarkable accomplishments of this year's U.S. Chess Olympiad teams, who recently traveled to Budapest, Hungary. Across the country chess players young and old gather in parks, coffee shops, schools, and dorm rooms to analyze legendary games between grandmasters, play rapid games, and forge lasting friendships.

As a chess enthusiast who has loved the game since elementary school, I have come to understand and appreciate that chess is not just a tremendous passion for millions of people, but a universal language and a powerful tool for the education of young people. Chess stirs and fortifies every player's emotional, psychological, and intellectual development.

Widely considered to be the pinnacle of international chess, the Chess Olympiad is a biennial competition organized by the World Chess Federation where teams from all over the world gather to compete. This September, the 45th Chess Olympiad was held in Budapest, Hungary, with 188 nations and territories competing in the Open section and 169 teams in the Women's competition—both record turnouts.

In just the second time in almost 70 years, both U.S. teams medaled. Teammates Grandmaster Fabiano Caruana, Grandmaster Wesley So, Grandmaster Lenier Dominguez, Grandmaster Levon Aronian, Grandmaster Ray Robson, team captain International Master John Donaldson, and coach Grandmaster Mikhail Antipov secured a silver medal in the Open competition.

Their colleagues on the U.S. Women's team, International Master Gulrukhbegim Tokhirjonova, International Master Carissa Yip, Grandmaster Irina Krush, International Master Alice Lee, International Master Anna Zatonskih, team captain Grandmaster Melikset

Khachiyan and coach Grandmaster Alexander Onischuk, took the bronze. Each of these remarkable chess players embodies the mission of U.S. Chess to "empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess." I have no doubt that the members of this year's U.S. teams will inspire future generations to excel at chess and to spread love of the game.

In my district, the U.S. Chess Center, established in beautiful Silver Spring, has shared chess with 40,000 students at over 150 schools across the National Capital Region. Former world champion and Grandmaster Garry Kasparov, perhaps the greatest chess player who has ever lived, played a significant role in encouraging the creation of this vibrant institution and made short work of the Eighth District's United States Representative when we played, although it was still a great experience. Nearby, the recently established D.C. Chess Association promotes the joy of chess across our Nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, chess is for everyone to play and enjoy. During this National Chess Week, we invite Americans of all backgrounds and abilities to experience the timeless magic and strategic beauty of chess, and I again congratulate both U.S. Chess Olympiad teams on their historic achievements. May their continued success inspire generations of future champions.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of education—the 80th Anniversary of Fresno Pacific University. This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of Fresno Pacific University to improving education in the community.

Fresno Pacific University encompasses a grand and diverse student body which entails many of the students being the first in their families to attend college. This has been possible partly due to the impressive campus locations from North and Southeast Fresno to Visalia, Bakersfield and Merced. These expansive locations have opened up many opportunities to those who believed that higher education was out of their reach. By implementing the proud Hispanic Serving Institution, Hispanic first-generation students graduate at the same rate as students overall.

The implementation of this luminary program has provided countless educational opportunities for Hispanic Americans and underrepresented populations. It has also created a line of success for many career fields such as business, criminology, medicine, nursing, psychology and many other professional fields.

The dedication and devotion to the success of their students is unparalleled with a faculty staff who are active in their professional field and dedicated to student success. Small class sizes encourage student/faculty relationships.

With the School of Arts & Sciences and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies,