

# RECOGNIZING STARLINK'S ROLE IN HURRICANE RECOVERY EF- FORTS

## HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the vital work of Starlink in the recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. With one of its key facilities in Bastrop, Texas, located in the 27th District, Starlink has made a significant impact by providing internet access to areas where traditional communication infrastructure has been severely damaged or destroyed completely. Our South Texas community is honored to play a small role in driving technological innovation that is directly benefiting Americans in times of crisis.

In response to the devastation, Starlink quickly deployed over 20,000 of its satellite kits—many of which were made in Bastrop—reconnecting families and facilitating emergency services in some of the hardest-hit areas. Starlink has extended free satellite internet service through the end of the year, ensuring that Americans maintain access to essential communications as they rebuild and support relief efforts.

In addition, this initiative exemplifies the strength of the free market in delivering rapid, lifesaving solutions. The ability of private-sector companies like SpaceX to innovate and respond to crises faster than traditional channels is a testament to the importance of entrepreneurial spirit in serving the public good. I would also like to personally thank Elon Musk for his leadership and commitment to providing this invaluable resource to disaster-stricken communities.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless the recovery efforts, the victims affected, and those tirelessly working to provide them with relief and support.

# RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF ELIZABETH HOLLOMAN

## HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Elizabeth Holloman, Executive Director for the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

Known for an unmatched sense of humor capable of keeping team morale high during difficult times, Elizabeth has built a reputation as a resourceful, trustworthy, and kind community leader. She served our neighborhoods as a math teacher for 20 years before opening a jam-making business in the city.

Since June 2021, Elizabeth has led the Orange Chamber of Commerce as its Executive Director—and she will be retiring from her role after four years at the helm. During her tenure as the Executive Director, Elizabeth spearheaded many important partnerships and initiatives, including re-introducing the Orange Chamber of Commerce May Parade, partnering with the City on economic develop-

ment projects, and creating new opportunities for businesses to engage with the community in meaningful ways.

From advocating for the wellbeing of her staff to supporting innovation and growth with an equity mindset, Elizabeth stands out as an outstanding example of servant leadership. She is always looking to include unique voices in conversations where fresh perspectives are needed and never failed to set the tone for a respectful and productive environment in the boardroom.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Elizabeth Holloman, the retiring Executive Director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, and her career-long contributions to the growth and prosperity of communities in the City of Orange and throughout Orange County.

# HONORING NEW JERSEY'S SEV- ENTH CONGRESSIONAL DIS- TRICT'S HOMETOWN HEROES

## HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hometown heroes, first responders and law enforcement, who keep us safe every day. In recognition of National Police Week in May, my office put out a call for nominations for the first NJ-07 Law Enforcement Hometown Heroes initiative. Twenty-two law enforcement professionals from across New Jersey's 7th Congressional District were nominated by their chiefs and supervisors for the outstanding work they do every day. It is my honor to play a small role in recognizing their efforts as a token of appreciation for the difficult and often thankless task of keeping our communities safe. I will always support these men and women in blue.

In recognition of their bravery and commitment, I would like to include in the Record the names of these twenty-two Hometown Heroes: Officer Alyse Brown, Sparta Township Police Department, Staff Sergeant Brent Hawkswell, New Jersey State Police, Officer Connor Strohm, Readington Township Police Department, Sergeant Daniel Kern, Hopatcong Police Department, Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic, New Providence Police Department, Lieutenant Douglas Baylor, Phillipsburg Police Department, Detective Elizabeth Savnik, Westfield Police Department, Corporal Gretchen Malone, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Officer Jarren Mann, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Officer Jessica Gutsick, High Bridge Police Department, Officer John M. Simonetti Jr., Mount Olive Police Department, Captain Jonathan Rachel, Springfield Police Department, Captain Michael Jackson, Mountainside Police Department, Captain Miguel Acabou, Clark Police Department, Officer Nicholas J. Villa, Raritan Township Police Department, Patrolman Peter Zabita, Hopatcong Police Department, Corporal Ryan Kamieniencki, Far Hills Police Department, Captain Scott Rayack, Rahway Police Department, Lieutenant Thomas Polito, Bedminster Township Police Department, Sergeant Timothy Richard, Bernardsville Police Department, Sergeant Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department, Officer Vincent Conti, Scotch Plains Police Department.

We are grateful for the commitment and sacrifice they make every single day.

# HONORING KATIE KLÜTZ AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN- TRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE MONTH

## HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Katie Klütz, MSW, LCSW, ASDCS, is a licensed clinical social worker with nearly 20 years of experience in Florida's non-profit sector. She earned a bachelor's degree in social work with a double major in psychology in 2005 and a master's degree in social work in 2006, both from Florida State University.

Throughout her career, Katie has worked in various pediatric specialties, including foster care, adoption, juvenile justice, and medical social work. She has led initiatives in child welfare by utilizing solution-focused, multisystemic, and trauma-informed approaches with at-risk youth and families.

Since 2017, Katie has specialized in childhood cancer and blood disorders, focusing on support for patients and their family members by providing mental health interventions, support, education, and addressing any barriers to their care. Katie's strong belief in the empowerment of others inspired her to organize a community program for children and young adults living with chronic medical conditions to promote a successful healthcare transition from pediatric to adult care.

Her commitment to advocacy and the empowerment of others is evident in her work and achievements. Her recent notable achievements include being the 2022 recipient of the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation's Social Work Excellence Fellowship and the 2023 Orlando Health Support Services Excellence Award. Additionally, she has co-authored healthcare transition curriculum workbooks, which were created to help patients navigate the transition from pediatric to adult healthcare, emphasizing a focus on empowering young patients and their families.

Lastly, she served as a sub-investigator on a study in 2024 that aimed to improve clinical practices and direct patient education. These achievements demonstrate her leadership in social work and her ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of care for patients and families within this community.

# RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LORI STEVENS

## HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Lori Stevens of Rockwall, Texas. Lori has served our community through her work as the Founder and Executive Director of Patriot PAWS Service Dogs.

For over four decades, Lori has specialized in dog training and sought to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Prior to

founding Patriot PAWS, she became certified in professional dog training at the Karen Pryor Academy and later owned Country K9 Academy. In 2005, Lori was approached by disabled veterans at the Dallas VA hospital, who requested her assistance with training service animals. In the following year, she established Patriot PAWS, a nonprofit organization that trains and provides highly skilled service dogs at no cost to veterans with physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and post-traumatic stress. Due to Lori's passion and visionary leadership, Patriot PAWS has provided over 600 service dogs to wounded veterans nationwide. These incredible service dogs have helped veterans meet their needs, improve their quality of life, and spend time with a faithful companion.

As a result of her outstanding contributions to the service dog industry, Lori has received numerous awards, including the Champion of Freedom Award by the Texas Federation of Republican Women, the Texas Animal Hall of Fame Award, and the Governor's Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Award. In November 2023, Lori was recognized by Governor Greg Abbott and presented with the prestigious Yellow Rose of Texas Commission award, the highest award bestowed on women by the Texas governor. I am proud of the work that Patriot PAWS has accomplished for our veterans, and I know Lori will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us for many years to come.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our nation's Capitol in recognition of Lori's exceptional contributions to the people of North Texas. I thank her for all she has done.

#### HONORING SUPERVISOR JEAN RAYMOND

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Town Supervisor Jean Raymond for her thirty-six years of public service to the Town of Edinburg, New York.

As the longest-serving member of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, Jean Raymond's legacy is one of commitment, leadership, and unwavering dedication to her community. After spending her formative years in her hometown of Stamford, Connecticut, Jean and her family relocated to their new home in Edinburg in the 1970s. Jean owned and operated a local general store while also managing responsibilities as a single mother before selling the business in 1987.

When the position of Town Supervisor opened, the Edinburg community encouraged Jean to run. Jean stepped into the role in 1988 and brought her strong convictions and work ethic to serve the town and give her time back to the community, working through evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Jean has taken great strides to improve the Town of Edinburg. Early in her tenure, she secured a dedicated space for Edinburg's government offices and oversaw the construction of a new Town Hall, which opened in July 2005. Jean helped to close the Town's landfill and played a pivotal role in securing state

funding that covered ninety percent of the associated costs. One of her most significant achievements was securing \$46 million to repair the Batchellerville Bridge, a piece of critical infrastructure and the linchpin of a central Town route. Complete repairs to the 3,000-foot bridge took eighteen years and were successfully completed under her supervision.

Jean continues to embark on new projects, including the development of a local park and nature trail. Today, Jean Raymond serves the Town with the same passion that has guided her for more than three decades. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize her record of extraordinary public service.

#### HONORING WOMEN OF THE YEAR, DR. DIANE DOOLEY

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Diane Dooley, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Dr. Dooley is a dedicated pediatrician, public health advocate, community leader, former school board trustee, and proud Benicia native. For 41 years, Dr. Dooley served as a pediatrician at Contra Costa Medical Center, providing compassionate care to countless families and ensuring that children received the medical attention they deserve.

In 2004, Dr. Dooley became a Pediatric Quality Physician, working tirelessly for 14 years to improve the quality of care and expand healthcare access for low-income youth. Beyond her clinical work, Dr. Dooley founded the Healthy and Active Before 5 initiative, which advances health equity for children by collaborating with community organizations to advocate for sustainable practices through local policy. Since her retirement from clinical roles, she has taken on the role of Chairperson for the California American Academy of Pediatrics Mental Health Legislative Team, where she has been instrumental in advancing legislation that supports the mental well-being of children across our state.

In addition to her healthcare work, Dr. Dooley served on the Board of Trustees for the Benicia Unified School District for eight years, influencing policies that support student success. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor Dr. Diane Dooley for her invaluable contributions to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024 CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

#### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, during Gun Violence Prevention Month, it is my great honor to recognize Nikki Faddick, a leading gun violence prevention advocate from Carlsbad, as my Constituent of the Month for June 2024.

Ms. Faddick has spearheaded gun safety efforts in our community. She serves as a vol-

unteer for the California chapter of Moms Demand Action and is a senior organizing manager at Everytown for Gun Safety.

Through her efforts, Ms. Faddick advocates for commonsense gun reform and fights to protect our community members. She has participated in the Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America's advocacy days and has fought for increased funding for the state's most vulnerable cities through the California Violence Intervention and Prevention grant program.

As part of her work, Ms. Faddick has met with leaders across all levels of government to push for gun violence reduction measures, and she helped lead local volunteers in a phone bank effort placing over a million calls to make communities across the country safer.

Ms. Faddick's work to protect the residents in my district from gun violence is inspirational, and I am proud to honor her as my June 2024 Constituent of the Month.

#### CELEBRATING DETROIT CHINA DAY

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 8th annual Chinese American Culture and Arts Festival for Detroit China Day. This year also marks the 45th anniversary of the normalization of U.S.-China relations, a time to recognize the cultural and economic contributions of Chinese Americans to Michigan. Detroit China Day, which allows the community to experience the richness of Chinese culture and to build stronger ties with members of our community, is worthy of commendation.

Michigan's 6th Congressional District is home to one of the largest concentrations of Chinese Americans in the Midwest. In these challenging times, when our Nation faces divisions that may seem insurmountable, it is essential to embrace and celebrate our diversity. This festival is a testament to the power of unity among different cultures through showcasing Chinese performances, fashion shows, live paintings, food and tea tastings, and more. By sharing and educating our fellow community members on our stories, traditions, and art, we can bridge divides and cultivate understanding to strengthen the bonds that connect us all.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the normalization of U.S.-China relations and provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the contributions of Chinese Americans to our community, state, and Nation. Their entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, and hard work have been pivotal in driving economic growth and fostering a thriving business environment. Chinese American professionals and entrepreneurs have left an indelible mark on our economic landscape, demonstrating resilience, creativity, and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 8th annual Chinese American Culture and Arts Festival for Detroit China Day and the 45th anniversary of the normalization of U.S.-China relations. For the last eight years, this festival has been monumental in cultivating a deeper appreciation for