

upgrading to a larger shelter for its riders. I was also proud to secure funding for the Metra O'Hare Pedestrian Pathway Design Project, to investigate and outline significant steps toward making the O'Hare Transfer Station more comfortable and accessible. This will help to position Metra's North Central Service line as an alternative for getting to and from the airport.

As the Ranking Member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, I would be remiss if I did not mention today's challenges facing the railroad. Capital funding has always fallen short of meeting the various needs tied to managing a legacy system. We must ensure funding levels meet the growing needs of our transit systems and fund improvements that will boost ridership and enhance efficiency.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and service Metra has provided over the past 40 years. I would also like to thank Metra's CEO and Executive Director, Jim Derwinski, for his work and leadership during his tenure at Metra. I look forward to continuing to work with Metra to ensure a lifetime of safe and reliable commuter rail service in Chicagoland.

HONORING JON DUNN FOR HIS 31  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. KATIE PORTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the remarkable career of Jon Dunn, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties, who will be retiring in June 2025 after 31 years of dedicated service to our community.

Under his leadership, Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties has expanded its services to provide comprehensive health care to more than 250,000 patients annually. Jon has guided the organization through times of great progress and immense challenges, always aiming to increase access to essential reproductive care regardless of one's income, background, or insurance status.

Jon's commitment to reproductive health has transformed health care in our communities. During his tenure, Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties has expanded its reach by opening new health care facilities, increasing center operating hours, and launching innovative programs to address the needs of those who the organization serves. His bold vision for reproductive justice has significantly increased access to essential health care services for the people of Orange and San Bernardino Counties.

Jon has also been a key figure in the national conversation about reproductive rights, contributing his voice and expertise to major policy discussions. He has played a crucial role in supporting patients who are forced to travel to California for abortion services after the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*. His dedication to patient-centered care, advocacy for women's health, and fierce defense of reproductive rights has left a lasting legacy not just in Orange and San Bernardino Counties but across the United States.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Jon for his 31 years of service and leadership. His contributions have shaped the future of reproductive health in our community and strengthened the values of compassion, equity, and justice. I wish Jon all the best in his next chapter and thank him for his tireless work.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CHIEF  
MARIO KRSTIC

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Chief Mario Krstic for 37 years of fearless leadership and selfless service.

Despite being in law enforcement Mario Krstic's professional career actually began as an EMT with American Ambulance of Visalia. However, after losing a patient following a double homicide, Mario decided he wanted to take a more proactive approach to prevent others from experiencing the same. By 1986, Mr. Krstic was hired by the Tulare County Sheriff's Department as a correction deputy.

It wasn't until 1997 that Mario made his transition to Farmersville when he took on a patrol position for the city. To his delight, a high turnover rate the following year left him as one of the most experienced officers in the force resulting in a promotion to Lieutenant, and another to Police Chief on July 17, 1999.

When Chief Krstic first took the reins, Farmersville had a population of 6,500 and a police force that lacked stability. Without hesitation, Mario implemented his own community-oriented policing model with a focus on not only policing residents but serving them as well.

He carried this out by recruiting officers who were bilingual and better able to communicate with the predominantly Hispanic communities and reassure the residents that the department works for them. He also took great pride in that half of his officers were directly from Farmersville which allowed him to stabilize the departments top-end turnover and expand the force from 12 full-time officers to 16. He was the epitome of public safety, as one of the first chiefs in Tulare County to be a proponent of body cams in an effort to better protect the public and his officers. Additionally, he was successful in convincing the city council to hire a fire chief and even helped them find funding for one which is just now being realized as the Farmersville City Council took its first steps towards building a new fire station just recently.

Chief Mario Krstic consistently went above his call of duty as the Police Chief and even took on different positions to better serve the people of Farmersville. Throughout his 37 years in law enforcement and 24 years as the Chief of Police for the City of Farmersville, Mario Krstic has managed Police, Fire, and Code Enforcement. He has also served as Interim City Manager of Farmersville for over three years, sat as the Region 11 chair on the Board of Directors of the California Police Chiefs Association for 9 years, and is a two-time past President of the Tulare County Chiefs Association. In addition to this, Chief Krstic has sat on the Advisory Board of the Tulare Kings Police Academy and was an instructor with the Academy for over 14 years.

Chief Krstic is also an alumnus of the Sequoia Regional Leadership Program, IACP's Leadership in Police Organizations program, and holds a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Chapman University.

As the longest actively serving Chief of Police in the State of California, Chief Mario Krstic is invaluable to the City of Farmersville. He will enjoy his retirement in the company of his wife, Trish; their two children, Jacob and Amanda; and their two grandchildren, Gwen and Willow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the devoted career of Police Chief Mario Krstic for his commitment to protecting and serving the community. May we be inspired by his story.

RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATES OF  
THE 162ND FAIRFAX COUNTY  
FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT  
RECRUIT CLASS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the graduates of the 162nd Class. As they prepare to join the ranks of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, I encourage the 33 graduates to reflect on the history of the department and the contributions and dedication of the brave men and women who have served before them to protect our community.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Recruit School consists of an extensive and demanding 24-week program. In addition to two weeks of orientation, recruits completed nine weeks of EMT training and eleven weeks of fire suppression training. Upon graduation, these recruits will be certified at the level of Firefighter I/II by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

These recruits have the distinct honor of joining one of the best Fire and Rescue Departments in the United States. The efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have been recognized across this country. Members from the Department serve on the elite VA Task Force 1, which is among the first units called to disaster zones to provide search and rescue support. Members of that Task Force were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Valor as a result of their efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have such excellent ambassadors for our community and I commend them for all that they have done to protect lives and property not only here in Fairfax County, but around the world. As the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department, the 162nd Recruit Class graduates join the department as integral parts of our community's emergency response and public safety team. I am confident that this graduating class will serve the residents of Fairfax County with honor and distinction. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 162nd Recruit Class:

Oscar A. Arias, James M. Pack, Andy G. Avila, Luke W. Pavlovich, Matthew W. Barker,

Eliezer Pena, James K. Barr, Brandon L. Pfahler, Scott W. Ellison, Kaitlyn L. Roberts, Pablo J. Fabucci, Mohammad A. Sahib Zada, Joseph A. Fioramonti, Ian P. Salata, Connell F. Friel, Michael A. Scopellite.

Campbell K. Hunt, Joshua S. Shepherd, Mason L. Insisiengmay, Isaac Z. Spar, Dominique M. Johnson, Andrew J. Sudlow, Jonesy K. Jones, Dylan P. Van Stry, Celeste N. Keeley, Michael D. Vito, Douglas M. Kyle Jr., James M. Whalen, Joshua F. Layman, Zhizhou Wu, Connor G. Mullins, Ryan M. Zimmerman, Roman A. Olszewski.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present. Stay safe.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MAGGIE VERA GIBERT

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ms. Maggie V. Gibert on her 90th birthday. As she celebrates this milestone, her life story is a beautiful tapestry woven with love, resilience, and the rich traditions of her Southern upbringing.

Born on November 14, 1934 in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, Ms. Gibert, born to Lucille and Hartley Hesteris, is a devoted mother of Michelle, grandmother of Aubrey and Azia, and great grandmother of Ayann. Ms. Gibert embodies the spirit of caring within her family and to everyone she meets.

After 37 years of service, Ms. Gibert retired from the Buffalo VA Hospital, where she dedicated her career as a medical transcriptionist and coder, earning her recognition for continuous improvement and excellence. Her contributions were not just a testament to her skill, but to her commitment to serving others—something she has done throughout her life.

Ms. Gibert is a devoted member of Mt. Zion Church of God Holiness, where her musical talents shine as she plays the piano for Sunday school and the Sunshine Band programs. Her faith and dedication to her community are evident in everything she does. In her leisure time, Maggie is a woman of many talents. She enjoys traveling, particularly on senior trips, and shares her passion for quilting by teaching at the William-Emslie YMCA. Her creativity extends to sewing, winemaking, and her culinary skills.

Today, we celebrate Ms. Maggie V. Gibert for being a truly remarkable woman who continues to live a fulfilling and rewarding life. Her warmth, generosity, willingness to always lend a hand, and her zest for life will surely live on for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING PA-1'S HOMETOWN HERO: GLEN D. GOLEMESKI, II

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary individual from Pennsylvania's First Congressional District—someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to both our community and our country. It is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the late Glen D. Golembeski, II, one of our district's distinguished Hometown Heroes.

Hometown Heroes are not defined by titles or accolades, but by the quiet power of their actions. They are distinguished by their unwavering integrity, the strength of their character, and their steadfast commitment to the people and places they serve. They are the foundation upon which our communities stand—the ones who lift others up, inspire hope, and, in doing so, call us all to higher standards of service and compassion. Throughout his remarkable life, Glen embodied this spirit in ways that words can scarcely capture.

A third-generation firefighter, Glen was a proud Doylestown native and graduate of Central Bucks East High School. Despite facing significant physical health challenges from an early age, Glen chose to embrace life with relentless positivity, meeting every obstacle head-on and never backing down—"can't" was simply not part of his vocabulary.

Inspired by the legacy of service left by his father and grandfather, Glen's commitment to his community began early. At just sixteen, he joined the Midway Volunteer Fire Company. His passion for helping others only grew from there, leading him to serve as an EMT Fireman with the Bryn Athyn Fire Company and Ambulance Service, an EMT for the Warrington Community Ambulance Corps, and a volunteer firefighter with the Midway Fire Company. Glen's service extended even further, as he became an invaluable member of the Newtown Ambulance Squad, Lingohocken Fire Company, and most recently, spent the last five years saving lives as an EMT with the Bensalem Rescue Squad.

Glen's life was defined by extraordinary resilience, selflessness, and a tireless dedication to protecting others. His impact goes far beyond the countless lives he touched—his legacy of unwavering service and courage is woven into the very fabric of our community.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of heroes like Glen that our communities stand strong and our Nation endures. Today, we honor Glen not only for his deeds but for the man he was—a true hero in every sense of the word. His life reminds us that real strength is found in service, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's First Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude to the family of Glen D. Golembeski, II, for his extraordinary service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional individual, whose leadership and spirit of service will inspire generations to come. May his legacy remind us of the boundless potential within each of us to make our communities, country, and world a better place.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN "SCOTT" DEMUYNCK

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of the Chesterfield community, Brian "Scott" DeMuyndck, who is retiring after a remarkable career of dedicated public service. His commitment to our community and its residents exemplifies the spirit of community engagement.

Brian DeMuyndck is a proud lifelong resident of Chesterfield Township, with deep family ties to the area that span over 75 years. For 20 years, he has served on the Chesterfield Township Board as a Trustee, beginning on November 20, 2004. He has also participated on our Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission, tirelessly working to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Professionally, Brian has had a distinguished career in law enforcement and public service. He started with the FBI in Washington, D.C., as a fingerprint examiner in March 1977. He then joined the Macomb County Sheriff's Office, where he served in various capacities, including deputy sheriff in the Marine Division, road patrol, and as an evidence technician in the crime scene unit from October 1977 until October 2002. He later became a criminal investigations assistant with the Sterling Heights Police Department in March 2002, where he continued to serve his community.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Brian was a successful entrepreneur, owning and presiding over Maurice DeMuyndck Landscaping from 1988 to 2008. He is an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 187 and has enhanced his knowledge by attending various law enforcement classes at Macomb Community College.

During his time in office, Brian achieved significant accomplishments, including the implementation of Universal Waste Hauler contracts and the development of the Waterside Marketplace. He has always had strong support for parks and recreation initiatives that benefit both young families and seniors in his community.

Outside of his professional and public service commitments, Brian is an avid photographer, specializing in lighthouse photography, and enjoys boating—activities that reflect his love for the natural beauty of our region. His loyal dog, Bentley J, has been his right-hand companion throughout his journey. Brian is also a proud father to his son, Scott, and treasures his role as a grandfather to two wonderful grandchildren.

As Brian embarks on this new chapter of his life, we celebrate his invaluable contributions and the positive impact he has made on Chesterfield Township.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to Brian "Scott" DeMuyndck for his years of service and dedication.