

making Concord, the Capital Area, and New Hampshire a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Jim's leadership, dedication, and professionalism have left a lasting legacy.

My best wishes to Jim and his family in all their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING KATELYN
WRIGHT

HON. MARK ALFORD

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Katelyn Wright, of Kearney, Missouri, and congratulate her for winning the "Voice of Democracy" scholarship competition for the State of Missouri hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Katelyn's submission for the Patriotic Audio Essay Competition on the voice of democracy, "My Past, My Present, and My Future" was extremely thought-provoking and discussed the importance of American veterans.

Ms. Wright has demonstrated her capability in multiple ways. She secured second place in last year's scholarship competition, serves as vice-president of the Clay-County Missouri 4-H Council, has earned multiple state 4-H public speaking championships, among many others. Beyond these academic achievements, Ms. Wright is notably involved in her community. She volunteers her time to serve food and deliver groceries with a local organization, serves as a part-time Sunday school teacher, and plays piano for her local church.

I stand here today to congratulate Ms. Katelyn Wright, wish her good luck in the upcoming national competition, extend my support as she continues her academic career, and recognize an extremely bright and talented young woman from the State of Missouri.

CELEBRATING THE GROUND-
BREAKING OF PATHWAY AT
HERITAGE PARK

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the beginning of an innovative project that will address the critical need for affordable homeownership in the Johnson County, Kansas area.

With the support of volunteers, donors, and community partners, Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City (Habitat KC) builds and renovates homes to help families achieve their dream of homeownership. Using American Rescue Plan Act funding, Pathway at Heritage Park will be Habitat KC's first pocket neighborhood development and first time employing the community land trust model. Under this model, Habitat KC ensures the homes built remain affordable, avoiding skyrocketing housing costs that put home ownership out of reach for too many.

The importance of this project to our community cannot be understated. United Commu-

nity Service of Johnson County estimates that 40 percent of renters and 20 percent of homeowners in Johnson County are housing cost-burdened, paying more than 30 percent of their income on housing. At Pathway at Heritage Park, mortgages will be capped at 30 percent of monthly income.

Additionally, about 45 percent of the local workforce commutes from other communities due to the lack of affordable housing. This project is especially important as the Panasonic and Walmart beef processing plants are projected to bring more than 4,500 new jobs to the Johnson County area.

I want to thank Habitat KC, Pathway Community Church, and all those that have contributed to making the groundbreaking of Pathway at Heritage Park a success. I look forward to this project making the dream of homeownership a reality for so many.

HONORING MARQUES A. HUDSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Marques A. Hudson. Mr. Hudson, a resident of Piscataway, New Jersey, died in the line of duty on January 26, 2024 after responding to a three-alarm house fire in Plainfield where he served as a firefighter. I know I join with his family and friends in paying tribute to his memory and the ultimate sacrifice he paid in service to our community.

A member of the Plainfield Fire Department since December 2021, Mr. Hudson made an impact on the department and community during his two years of service. His contributions and commitment have been recalled by the City of Plainfield, the department, and his fellow firefighters. Not only was Mr. Hudson a dedicated public servant in Plainfield, he was also an active member of the Piscataway community. As a Little League coach, Mr. Hudson was a role model and mentor to the players and his sons.

Mr. Hudson is survived by his loving family, including his beloved partner D'onnah Jones, sons Kaleb, Josiah, and Isaiah Hudson, mother Vickie Hudson, sister Jacquetta Hudson-Bonus, brothers Allen and Jaquan Hudson, nephew and nieces, and many other relatives and dear friends.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Marques A. Hudson for his heroism and sacrifice, and his dedication to his family and community. Mr. Hudson demonstrated character and leadership throughout his life and was deeply committed to each endeavor he undertook. He will be remembered fondly by all those he has inspired and those whose lives he impacted directly.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MIKE BRODERICK

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Philip Mike

Broderick, a firefighter from Des Moines who lost his brave battle with liver cancer on January 14, 2024.

Prior to spending nearly 16 years with the Des Moines Fire Department, Mike spent two decades serving our nation in the United States Army. He was a man who put service over himself for his entire life, and his commitment to ensuring safety for his community and his nation was unwavering. Those who knew him personally shared he was an incredible friend, a devout husband, a loving father, and someone who served his country and community with purpose and care. Mike Broderick leaves behind his wife Emily and daughters Grace, Ireland, Piper, and Campbell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mike Broderick's commitment to our Nation and the entire Des Moines community. I join his family and those closest to him in mourning his loss. May his memory not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE LIMA NOON OPTIMIST CLUB'S ANNUAL YOUTH
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I always appreciate the opportunity to share positive news about young people from Ohio's Fourth Congressional District. Today, I am pleased to commend to the House thirteen high school students who are being honored for their outstanding leadership skills and volunteerism.

On Wednesday, the Noon Optimist Club of Lima will recognize Alexander Arellano, Samuel Burkholder, Leyton Chambers, Devan Foster, Delaney Jones, Keegan Klosterman, Daniel Koh, Brody Roof, Delaney Sawmiller, Brady Shively, Connor Smith, Abby Stechschulte, and Maisie Strawser at its annual youth appreciation luncheon. These students were each nominated by their schools for being good role models for their peers.

I thank the Optimists for their efforts to celebrate the many achievements of these students and am proud to join in the accolades to them. They have my very best wishes for continued success in their lives in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY BASEBALL COACH
MIKE MARTIN, SR.

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Florida State University legend Mike Martin, Sr.

On February 1, 2024, the Seminole community said "goodbye" to a man who encapsulated greatness. Coach Mike Martin spent over 40 years with the Seminole baseball program. He finished his coaching career with his 40th winning season and 17th College World Series appearance. Coach Martin's career record was 2,029 wins, 736 losses, and four

ties earning him the title of the all-time winningest coach in any National Collegiate Athletics Association sport.

But Mike Martin was so much more than a coach to his former players and many others. Throughout his incredible career, Coach Martin produced 20 first-round draft picks and 60 Major League players. As news of his passing spread, players flooded social media with heartfelt messages honoring Martin. The legendary Deion Sanders remembered Coach Martin as “a legend, a winner but most of all a good man.” Former San Francisco Giants catcher and first baseman Buster Posey said: “I will always feel lucky to have played for Mike Martin . . .”

May we all remember the trailblazer that is Mike Martin, Sr., and the impact he had on not only Florida State University, but all of college baseball.

To quote the movie *The Sandlot*: “Heroes get remembered but legends never die .

Coach Mike Martin will always be one of those legends.

Rest easy, “11.”

CCSO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ethan Paprzycki on being named Civilian Employee of the Year for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). The term “hero” gets used too often, in my opinion. It is said that “True heroism is remarkably sober and very undramatic. For, it is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but rather the urge to serve others at whatever cost.” I could not agree more with this assessment. The heroism that is displayed daily by our first responders and the support teams that facilitate their efforts is both inspirational and aspirational for us all. So few among us answer the call to serve, yet it is the selfless sacrifice of those few who do that keeps our entire community safe.

By all accounts, Mr. Paprzycki has dedicated his career to serving others, highlighted by his three-year tenure as an Information Technology (IT) Support Technician with the CCSO. He has exhibited unwavering dedication and commitment to the improvement of the IT Department, which is critical to the team's operational success. Specifically, he has been recognized for his invaluable contributions to ensure a smooth transition to a new report management system and his tireless work to implement a new, electronic version of the Marcy's Law form with training for the entire team. It is the daily efforts of support team members, Mr. Paprzycki, who enable our law enforcement officers to meet the needs of the communities they serve. His peers, commanding officers and the community-at-large have recognized that Mr. Paprzycki routinely goes above and beyond and have noted that his strong work ethic is an asset to the entire organization. I appreciate his exceptional dedication, relentless determination, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Senators MIKE CRAPO and JIM RISCH, to recognize an important anniversary being celebrated at the U.S. Department of Energy's 890-square mile site in eastern Idaho. The Idaho National Laboratory, or INL, is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2024.

On February 18, 1949, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission decided to build the National Reactor Testing Station in Idaho. For 75 years, the efforts of the scientists, engineers, technicians, and support staff at what became INL has promoted American prosperity and contributed to our national security. On December 20, 1951, INL first demonstrated nuclear fission could be used to generate power to light our homes and cities. Throughout its history, INL has built and operated 52 original nuclear reactors and helped establish an American industry that today produces approximately 19 percent of our nation's electricity and more than half of our carbon-free electricity. In 2002, Congress designated INL as the nation's lead nuclear energy research and development laboratory, fitting for its legacy.

Since 1967, research conducted at INL's Advanced Test Reactor has powered and modernized the U.S. Nuclear Navy. The Navy once had to refuel its nuclear fleet frequently, an expensive and time-consuming process. Today, because of experiments conducted at the Advanced Test Reactor, the Navy's nuclear fleet can run the lifetime of the ship—more than three decades—without refueling. That saves American taxpayers millions of dollars and ensures our fleet is actively defending U.S. national security instead of sitting in port waiting to be refueled.

INL is a world leader in industrial cybersecurity research and works actively with government and industry to protect and make the nation's critical infrastructure more resilient. INL has also advanced broader clean energy research, informing electric vehicle deployment and hydrogen production, and developed bioenergy solutions that benefit the environment and our nation's farmers.

Even as we celebrate INL's 75 years, the lab's leadership and staff are looking ahead. Those decades of service have provided the foundation that today's INL will leverage to help this nation build a brighter future. INL leads the effort to maintain and extend the lives of America's nuclear reactor fleet, while helping industry develop advanced reactor designs, including small modular reactors and microreactors. INL's vital national and homeland security work grows more important every day as our systems become increasingly automated and interdependent. As we eye the energy systems that will power U.S. prosperity into the future, INL's clean energy research is developing breakthroughs that will integrate renewables into the power grid and allow our manufacturing and transportation systems to operate more efficiently and with less environmental impact.

It is our great honor to congratulate INL and DOE on this important anniversary, and to

wish its employees well as they work to resolve our Nation's pressing clean energy and national security challenges.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR JEFFREY EGGERS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent and a true American hero, Major Jeffrey Eggers of the United States Marine Corps, as we celebrate his retirement after twenty-seven years of distinguished service to our Nation.

Major Eggers was born in Elizabethton, Tennessee to Jerry and Diane Eggers. A leader from his early days, he served as the student body president at Unaka High School, excelled as a star athlete on the football team, achieved academic excellence, and graduated with honors. His commitment to education continued at East Tennessee State University, where he majored in Biomedical Engineering while serving in the Marine Corps Reserves.

Major Eggers quickly rose through the ranks of the Marine Corps, beginning as an infantryman in Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment to achieving the prestigious distinction of a commissioned officer. His journey sent him from Basic Training on Parris Island to the Basic School in Quantico, and finally to flight school in Pensacola. As a skilled aviator, Major Eggers mastered the AH-1 W attack helicopter and flew numerous missions as support for our troops and allies across the globe.

His service record is nothing short of remarkable. Major Eggers served in a critical role during the non-combatant evacuation of Lebanon, supported operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and provided vital aid during NATO operations in Libya and classified missions in the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility. His leadership and skillset in these challenging environments earned him numerous commendations, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and several Air Medals as testament to his bravery and dedication.

Beyond his distinguished military career, Major Eggers is a man of faith and community. His involvement as a youth leader, deacon, and Bible study leader reflects his commitment to service, both in uniform and in his community. His beautiful wife, Stacy and his two wonderful children, Charles and Elijah have provided constant and unwavering support to him throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Major Jeffrey Eggers for his outstanding military service to our nation. His retirement marks the end of an era of exceptional service and fortitude. We are certain his legacy will continue to inspire current and future generations of United States Marines. We wish him and his family all the best in his well-deserved retirement.