

of Directors, where he would serve the community for 18 years. Jim would also serve concurrently as a Trustee of the Auburn Union Elementary School District for 8 years.

In 2003, Jim was approached by community members of North Auburn and Auburn to run for the Placer County Board of Supervisors. Jim was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2004 where he would serve the next 5 terms as Supervisor.

As Supervisor, Jim was deeply involved in the advocacy of rural counties and representing the interests of Placer County. From the very beginning of his tenure, Jim served on: Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), Air Pollution Control District Board, Criminal Justice Policy Committee, Area 4 Agency on Aging Advisory/Governing/JPA Boards, as well as many other committees and governing groups. Additionally, Jim has served as the Placer County Supervisor's Chairman of the Board in 2008, 2013, 2018, and 2023.

Jim and his wife, Pat, have three children: Stacy, Amy, and John, along with four grandchildren: Amber, Mandy, Lyla, and Mia.

We thank Supervisor Jim Holmes for his work to represent the good people of Placer County, and his many years of hard work promoting a pro-business and pro-agriculture sentiments to the Board of Supervisors. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING VFW POST 51 SPOKANE
CHAPLAIN WESLEY S. ANDERSON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary individual who has dedicated his life to the principle of "honoring the dead by caring for the living." Chaplain Wesley S. "Wes" Anderson of VFW Post 51 in Spokane, Washington, has committed decades of service to ensuring that veterans, both past and present, are remembered, respected, and supported in every way possible.

Chaplain Anderson began his journey of service as a Hospital Corpsman with the 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force in Vietnam from 1966 to 1969. Upon returning home, he joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Post 7480 in Davenport, Washington. Since then, he has dedicated more than five decades to supporting his fellow veterans through various roles including Post Commander, Post Chaplain, District Commander, and State Chaplain. Through his current roles as Chaplain, Service Officer, and Judge Advocate of VFW Post 51 in Spokane, he has continually demonstrated a profound commitment to veterans and their families.

Chaplain Anderson's dedication to honoring the dead is evident in his ongoing engagement in memorials that respect and commemorate veterans who have passed, providing solemn and respectful services that give peace to families and uphold the honor of those who have served. He serves as Chaplain on call at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, Washington, and has participated in the Missing in America Pro-

gram, which ensures that unclaimed veterans receive a proper and dignified burial.

At the same time, Chaplain Anderson has devoted himself to caring for the living, particularly in times of isolation and need. In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic restricted visits at the Spokane Veterans Home, Chaplain Anderson launched the "Valentines for Veterans" initiative. Knowing how a simple card could brighten a lonely day, he worked with local organizations to bring heartfelt Valentine's Day messages to residents. The initiative quickly grew, sending a powerful message that these veterans remain valued and respected. For Chaplain Anderson, this program was driven by a commitment to let veterans know they are still cherished and valued members of the community.

Chaplain Anderson's service extends to his work with the Veterans Service Center in Spokane Valley, where he brings comfort and support to veterans transitioning back to civilian life. A certified drug and alcohol counselor and tireless advocate for the prevention of veteran suicide, he offers specialized assistance to veterans in need, meeting them with understanding and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, Chaplain Wes Anderson stands as a shining example of what it means to honor the dead by caring for the living. His compassion and dedication have touched the lives of countless veterans and families, ensuring that they know they are not forgotten. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chaplain Anderson's extraordinary service and legacy.

May his example inspire us all to continue the important work of supporting our veterans, caring for those in need, and honoring the memory of those who have served.

DEPLOYMENT OF 114TH DELTA
INFANTRY COMPANY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I am recognizing the men and women of Delta Company, 114th Infantry Regiment from Woodstown, South Jersey. As they embark on their deployment, I want to thank them for their sacrifice to serve the people of New Jersey and the United States of America. The men and women from Delta Company who have come before them have left a great legacy for them to follow. Going back to the 1860s, their predecessors played a vital part in ending the American Civil War, contributing to the Confederate States surrender at Appomattox, ending the war, ending slavery, and reuniting our great country. Since then, Delta Company has served in both World Wars, the Global War on Terrorism, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As they prepare for their deployment, I hope they remember the great men and women who have come before them and be proud that they are carrying on that invaluable tradition. Godspeed and God bless Delta Company, and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES NEWTON
SIMPSON

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the Citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas. The 2024 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Charles Newton Simpson, Major General, United States Air Force, of Southlake, Texas for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, and for his continued service to his community.

Major General Simpson was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force in 1972, serving as an aviator on the F-4 Phantom, F-16 Fighting Falcon, and Lockheed U-2, with assignments in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He served as a former commander of the U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, as well as two operations groups and two wings, later serving on the Joint Staff and at Headquarters, U.S. European Command.

Major General Simpson's decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster, the Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Overseas Ribbon—Short with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Overseas Ribbon—Long with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, the Air Force Longevity Service with silver and three bronze oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

His dedication to service does not stop with his time in the military. He currently works with the ICW Texas Ramp project to build accessibility ramps for those with disabilities, delivers food for Metroport Meals on Wheels, and serves as the Air Force chair for the Dallas Military Ball. He has also been recognized by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for his service to the community, earning him the DAR Medal of Honor.

Major General Simpson's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Air Force and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA
SCRIBNER'S SERVICE TO PITTS-
FIELD TOWNSHIP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Scribner, Treasurer of Pittsfield Charter Township, Michigan, on the occasion of her retirement. Her decades of public service to the residents of Pittsfield Township and Washtenaw County are worthy of commendation.

Patricia got her start in local politics when she joined the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission in 1989. She is still a member and has been serving as the commission's Vice President since 2007. A resident of Pittsfield Charter Township for thirty years, she has been the Township Treasurer since 2008.

Patricia's time as the Township Treasurer has been a boon for the Township and the surrounding areas. Under her direction, the Treasurers Office set a higher standard for fiduciary responsibility, resulting in Standard & Poor's Bond Rating for the Township being upgraded by two steps to AA+. They also implemented additional tax payment options, updated software programs to increase efficiency, and implemented an online payment system for Parks and Rec programs. She has earned the Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer (MiCPT), credential certified by the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association (MMTA) in 2011. Patricia has continued to maintain her credential as a MiCPT through a yearly MMTA program accredited by Central Michigan University and through additional treasury-specific education offered by the MMTA.

Outside of her work with the Treasurer's Office, Patricia also serves on Pittsfield Charter Township's Board of Trustees, Washtenaw County Treasurers Association, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, Pittsfield Historic District Commission, and the Arts & Culture Excellence in Pittsfield Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to celebrate the tremendous career of Patricia Scribner. Her dedication to her community and determination to be the best Treasurer she can be is a shining example of what we should expect from our elected officials. I thank her for her service and wish her the best as she opens up the next chapter of her life. I thank Patricia.

REMEMBERING JOHN EDWARD
ALLGEIER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of John Edward Allgeier who passed away on October 24, 2024.

Born on October 17, 1930 in Louisville, Kentucky, John graduated from Fern Creek High School in 1948 and served in the United States Army before he received a Bachelor of

Science in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Kentucky in 1958. Upon graduating, John began his long career working at Olin Chemical Plant before retiring after 33 years of service.

A devout Christian, John was a dedicated member of St. John the Apostle Church and volunteered at many church picnics and was the pitcher for the church softball team. John was also an active member of his community, volunteering at the MARC Anchor House and at Churchill Downs. He enjoyed spending time fishing, hunting, and participating in community sporting events such as the local bowling league.

A loving father, grandfather, and husband of 65 years, John is survived by his wife Verna, sons Gary and Charlie, daughters Linette and Gwen, and several grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

HONORING DR. MIKE GALIAZZO, A
2024 MARYLAND MANUFACTURING
STAR

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and great Marylander: Dr. Mike Galiazzo. He was recently named a 2024 Maryland Manufacturing Star by the Regional Manufacturing Institute (RMI) of Maryland and the Maryland Manufacturing Extension Partnership. I hope all my colleagues will join me in celebrating him for this achievement.

I've long called Mike 'the Godfather of Maryland Manufacturing'—and for good reason. He was the one who founded RMI in the first place, 35 years ago, outlining its mission 'to advocate for Maryland manufacturing and help companies grow and be competitive.' He's brought together leaders from private industry, labor, education, and local, state, and federal government to make progress toward that goal. From helping students and young Marylanders build successful careers in the field to incentivizing manufacturers to set up shop in Maryland, Mike has devoted his life to creating new opportunities for our state's workers and businesses to get ahead.

Mike has also been an extraordinary supporter of the Make it in America agenda I launched back in 2010 to ensure that the American economy can meet the challenges of the twenty-first century and continue to outcompete the rest of the world. From the start, manufacturing has been a cornerstone of that agenda. He and I have worked to provide our workers, entrepreneurs, and manufacturers the tools and opportunities they need to Make it in America—and Make it in Maryland. Mike's work is especially crucial at a time when we are implementing the historic CHIPS and Science Act and ensuring that this once-in-a-generation investment in manufacturing reaches every corner of our state and country.

Mike's advocacy is more than just his work; it's his calling. He believes—as I do—that America is a nation of builders. American factories churned out the innovations that led to tremendous improvements in quality of life around the globe; that defeated the forces of

fascism and authoritarianism; that turned our country into the greatest economic powerhouse in the history of the world. American strength and prosperity depend on American manufacturing, and, Mr. Speaker, American manufacturing depends on tireless, principled advocates like Dr. Mike Galiazzo.

I ask that all my colleagues join me in honoring Mike for receiving this award and in thanking him for his indelible contributions to Maryland and America.

HONORING CLOVERLEIGH FARM
FOR 10 YEARS OF OPERATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 10 years of operation for Cloverleigh Farm of Columbia, Connecticut. Cloverleigh Farm is owned and operated by Susan Mitchell. Susan's remarkable leadership and tireless work ethic has grown the farm into a staple of eastern Connecticut agriculture. Cloverleigh's success is inseparable from Susan's.

Susan's agricultural journey started in the State of New York. She taught science in Cornwall, New York, a town in the center of the Hudson Valley which is dense with small, sustainable farms. Susan's love for cultivation was apparent even before officially becoming a farmer. As a science teacher, Susan transformed her environmental science classes into an army of horticulturalists. Using Cornwall High School's garden, Susan taught her students how to seriously tend to the land. The fruits of the school garden were sold to the school's cafeteria as ingredients and donated to a food pantry in the town over. She then began farming in New York's Hudson Valley before moving to Connecticut in 2010 and starting Cloverleigh Farm in 2014.

Her gift for agriculture and support for her community has become infectious since she planted her roots, literally and figuratively, in our State. Susan became a founding member of the New Connecticut Farmer Alliance, a member and leading advocate of the National Young Farmers Coalition. She is also a member of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut as well as the Connecticut Farm Bureau.

Susan has trekked down to Washington to advocate for issues pertaining to young and beginning farmers, including the crucial issues of land access, support for organic operations, access to capital for young and beginning farmers, and student loan forgiveness. She works with local school districts, including that of my hometown, Vernon, to supply the produce for their farm to school programs. Susan has participated in novel approaches to getting nutritious food out to the community, including the Healthy PlanEat food delivery box program, and participating in annual "Know Your Farmer Fair" events. Most importantly, I have had the pleasure of being a customer of her produce at a local farmer's market. The carrots, radishes and melons she grows are the best.

Community lays at the center of Susan's agricultural vision. Just as the Cornwall school garden gave back to the community which fostered it, Cloverleigh has time and time again