

reinvested into the eastern Connecticut community. After years of farming in Columbia, CT, Susan finally owns land of her own in Columbia. During my many visits to Susan's farms, I've had the privilege of seeing firsthand the care and love she puts into farming. She has introduced me to UConn students who are working with her and bringing that knowledge back to the university; she has been a tireless advocate for the needs of small, new and beginning, and specialty crop growers; and her friendly demeanor and tenacious spirit have driven her to this incredible milestone of 10 years in operation.

I congratulate Susan on this incredible achievement. I am indelibly grateful for her advocacy and support for the community, and I wish her the best as she embarks on the next decade of this farm.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAG REDEDICATION

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the honor of having a flag flown over the United States Capitol for the re-dedication of the Fourth Degree St. Vincent Pallotti, Assembly 680 of the Knights of Columbus for their new location in Hammonton, South Jersey. For nearly 150 years, the Knights of Columbus have been a beacon of true brotherly love by showing God's power in men of the Catholic faith. St. Vincent boasts of having the fourth degree, the most prestigious members of the order, all of them obtaining the title of "Sir Knight." It is the highest degree and extension of the third with the primary objective being to "foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic Citizenship". I salute the men of the Fourth Degree at St. Vincent Pallotti, Assembly 680 on doing an exemplary job of serving God through the Catholic faith and being outstanding patriots to our great Nation. May God bless Fourth Degree St. Vincent Pallotti Assembly 680 and God bless the United States of America.

#### RECOGNIZING GAVIN DAREK TADE

#### 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 Gavin Darek Tade, Colonel, 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.

Colonel Tade was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force in 1994, serving as an aviator and drone pilot, flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the MQ-9 Reaper. He has served in leadership capacities as a Squadron Commander, a Group Commander, Vice-Wing Commander, and as a mobilization assistant to four different gen-

eral officers. With over 100 combat hours, he conducted missions over Iraq and Afghanistan deploying air-to-ground weapon assets to destroy hostile aggressors in the War on Terror.

Colonel Tade's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Remote Combat Effects Campaign Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Combat Readiness Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Leadership Ribbon, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Air Force Training Ribbon, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

His dedication to service does not stop with his time in the military. He coaches youth football, volunteers with schools and boy scout troops, mentors students for future careers in the Air Force, and volunteers to clean up trash alongside the road in his community. Colonel Tade sponsors ride-along flights for future pilots at the Grand Prairie Airport as well as hosts tours for students interested in military service at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth.

Colonel Tade'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.

#### CELEBRATING DELBERT KOHLER'S 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT DAVIS MACHINE

#### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Delbert Kohler's 50-year anniversary at Davis Machine, a manufacturing company based in Texas's 24th Congressional District. Delbert began his career at Davis Machine in 1974 and has consistently demonstrated immense dedication and talent.

Davis Machine built a solid reputation among its customers as a high-quality production facility, originally producing a limited range of parts in low volumes. Seeking to expand its capabilities to produce more complex components, the company purchased an Okuma LB-15 lathe equipped with Computer Numerical Control (CNC) technology. This transformed the business from a manual machine shop to a CNC-driven facility. As one of the company's most trusted experts on manual lathes, Delbert was chosen to become the CNC lathe programmer.

A master craftsman, Delbert has been instrumental in transforming the business into a high-volume production shop that continues to serve its valued customers. In 2014, he played a key role in The University of Texas at Arlington's project for the school's FSAE racing team and has trained thousands of employees over the years.

I would like to congratulate Delbert on his 50th anniversary with the Davis Machine family and wish him the best as he continues to help this high-tech operation thrive in North Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING LA QUINTA DE LOS REYES BEING NAMED 2024 ILLINOIS HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate La Quinta de Los Reyes in Aurora, Illinois, for being named the 2024 Small Business of the Year by the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. This award is a testament to the restaurant's dedication to exceptional service, cultural enrichment, and community engagement.

Established in 2003 by Jesus Sanchez, an immigrant from Durango, Mexico, La Quinta de Los Reyes began as a family dream that has since become a culinary cornerstone of the Aurora community. Since 2014, together with his partner Claudia Urrutia, also an immigrant from Durango, Mexico they have overseen the growth of this business creating an atmosphere that celebrates Hispanic culture and traditions, while demonstrating a commitment to fostering inclusivity, supporting local events, and giving back to the community.

Beyond its culinary offerings, La Quinta de Los Reyes hosts traditional celebrations, such as Reyes Magos, gifting thousands of toys to children in the community, and Dia de Los Niños, bringing families together for a fun-filled day of children's activities and delicious food.

Located at 36 East New York Street, La Quinta de Los Reyes occupies a historic building that dates back to the 1820s. This site has evolved over the years, from housing a shoe store and the Grand Lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, to hosting Jacob Bellon's German Tavern in the early 1900s. Today, La Quinta de Los Reyes exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit that makes small businesses the lifeblood of our economy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have a family enterprise like La Quinta de Los Reyes in my district, to serve as a reminder of the essential role that Hispanic-owned businesses play in shaping the economic and cultural fabric of our Nation. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jesus Sanchez, Claudia Urrutia, and their entire family and team on this well-deserved honor.

#### HONORING ANN PETRONACI (QUILT OF VALOR)

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure to present Petty Officer Second Class Ann Petronaci with the Quilt of Valor in Little Egg Harbor Township, South Jersey. Ann valiantly served our country for seven years in the United States Navy as a Radio woman, playing a crucial role transmitting and receiving radio signals both onshore and at sea. The Radio woman was one of the most important roles in the U.S. military, as the success of missions heavily relied on effective communication between units. At the time,

radio technology was extraordinarily hard to maintain due to the limited advancements that we now have today. Despite this, Ann persevered and made sure that the units she served with received the necessary communication needed to complete missions across the globe. She spent a big part of her time away from her family, spending time stationed on military bases in Spain and Germany, but Petty Officer Second Class Petronaci honorably served her time and was discharged in 1982. I want to thank Ann for her distinguished years of service to our country. God bless Ann and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF TOMMY AND CINDY MCLEOD

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Tom and Cindy McLeod.

George Thomas McLeod, Jr. was born in Birmingham, Alabama on January 3, 1953, to George Thomas McLeod and Marie White McLeod. Cynthia Diane McAuley was born in Mobile, Alabama, on August 30, 1954, to Claude Ewing McAuley and Barbara Delores McAuley. When Cindy was in elementary school, her family moved to Birmingham.

Tom and Cindy attended Shades Valley High School and that's where their love story began. Tom graduated in 1971 and stayed in Birmingham to work for the family business. Cindy graduated in 1973 and briefly attended classes at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, before Tom convinced her to move back to Birmingham. He sold his motorcycle to buy her an engagement ring and she said yes.

They married on November 2, 1974, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Birmingham. They started a family in 1978 with the birth of a son, Christopher Neal McLeod. Chris is married to Joanna Mazzone of Pelham, and they have two sons: Caden Thomas (13) and Coker Neal (10). Their daughter, Kimberly Lynn McLeod, was born in 1982. Kim is married to Dr. John Flannagan of Anniston, and they have one son: Will Rivers (8).

Fifty years later, Tom and Cindy enjoy spending time with friends and family, traveling in their RV, bird watching, yardwork and attending their grandsons' sporting events. Tom also enjoys golfing while Cindy serves her friends and family and rescues stray animals.

The McLeod's attend Double Oak Community Church in Mt. Laurel and are members of Greystone Golf & Country Club. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with friends and family at Greystone Country Club Legacy, with a surprise party hosted by their children and their spouses on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone and wishing them a happy 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING METRA COMMUTER RAILROAD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Metra and all its employees on their 40th anniversary of delivering public transportation services for the communities in Illinois' 3rd Congressional District and beyond.

Metra is essential to our work in Illinois to build a strong, vibrant regional economy. Public transportation connects residents of Illinois' 3rd Congressional District to high-quality jobs, public amenities, and local businesses, from DuPage County to downtown Chicago and beyond.

When public transportation provides reliable, affordable, and accessible service, the benefits go beyond economic development and opportunity. We can achieve cleaner environments, better family health outcomes, and safer communities.

This is why I am proud to have secured \$8 million in federal funds from the Department of Transportation's Rail Crossing Elimination program to support the separation of train traffic from pedestrians and cars in the Franklin Park community in my district—a project that will improve safety and mobility for local residents in my district.

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Metra and its commuter rail service, I will continue advocating for policies and investments that support public transit improvements, strengthen green, resilient infrastructure, and expand choice and equity in our transportation systems.

I thank Metra, for their service to connecting our communities. Let's continue rolling together towards a bright future.

RECOGNIZING BRADLEY LINCH

**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 Bradley Linch, Specialist, United States Army, 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.

Mr. Linch enlisted in the United States Army in 1987, serving as a food service specialist in the 25th Infantry Division. During his time in service, Mr. Linch wrote a paper titled, "The Army's Food", which his college professor encouraged him to send to Members of Congress. After receiving the paper, former Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen reached back out to Mr. Linch, and after correspondence, a Senate investigation paved the way for more nutritious food to be served at dining facilities across the Army.

Mr. Linch's decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Army Service Medal.

His dedication to service does not stop with his time in the military. He currently serves as a mentor to students on financial markets, as well as a member of the Southlake Chamber of Commerce assisting with fundraising activities. He also volunteers with the Kids Matter International local chapter, and has coached youth sports for ten seasons with the Miracle League of Southlake. He is also a member of the American Legion and a graduate of the Southlake Citizens Academy.

Mr. Linch's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING KYLER CAMPSMITH

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I had the great honor of attending the Eagle Scout ceremony for an extraordinary young man in Kyler Campsmith. Kyler comes from a legacy of Eagle Scouts in his family and has been involved in scouts since the first grade. Since that time, he has been involved in a variety of leadership roles to include patrol leader, senior patrol, and troop guide where he displayed his gift for teaching by being exceptionally patient with the younger scouts. For his eagle scout project, Kyler demonstrated his love for God by building a Gaga ball pit for the youth ministry for Wellspring Church of which he is a member and plays guitar for the worship team. Kyler is also a tremendous athlete playing both varsity basketball and baseball at the Pilgrim Academy in Mays Landing, South Jersey where he will graduate from in June. He works exceptionally hard outside of boy scouts working as a lifeguard and will continue to work at the Ocean City Waterpark this summer until he begins pursuing his dream. He has always dreamed of becoming an electrical line worker and once he graduates from the Pilgrim Academy, he will begin the path toward achieving it. I have no doubt that Kyler will be successful in whatever endeavor he decides to pursue and will continue to be an invaluable member of his community. God bless Kyler Campsmith and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN SNEIDEMAN'S SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CANTON

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steven Sneiderman of Canton, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement from Canton Township's Board of Trustees. His dedication to his community during a career of service is worthy of commendation.

Steven started out his education career by earning his Bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and a Master of Business Administration from New York University. Steven moved to Canton in 1994 and over the