

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

last three decades has held multiple positions helping the Canton community. He served on the Partnership for the Art Board and the Plymouth-Canton School Board from 2006 to 2012, where he was President for two years. While on the board, Steven was instrumental in diversity and inclusion programs at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and adding Chinese Language to the curriculum.

After his time on the Partnership for the Art and School Boards, Steven was elected to Canton's Board of Trustees in 2016. He has been instrumental in the passing of the Human Rights ordinance, as well as the Canton roads program and the balancing of the township budget. In recognition of his hard work and dedication to his community, Steven was inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame in 2019 as a resident that has supported the community for many years. From preserving green spaces to addressing deteriorating and crowded roads and ensuring equal rights for all that live there, Steven has consistently showed the love that he has for his community. Presently, Steven is the Chairman of the Canton Community Foundation and has led the foundation in offering scholarships to students, providing grants to organizations for local youth and seniors, as well as veteran support. Steven has done all this while balancing being a global program manager for AT&T and a dedicated family man to his wife, Kelli, and his two daughters, Maggie and Emily.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to celebrate the tremendous career of Steven Sneiderman as he continues to be a pillar of the Canton community and is a beloved friend and neighbor. I thank Steven.

HONORING SUPERVISOR MAT CONANT

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the agriculture impacts and public service career of Sutter County Supervisor Mat Conant.

Mat is deeply rooted in California as a fifth generation California farmer, including three generations of farming in Sutter County dating back to the 1920's. Mat is a lifelong resident of Rio Oso where his family farms.

Mat's early education was in Sutter and Yuba County where he proudly attended East Nicolaus High School and Yuba College. Mat would further his education at California Polytechnic State University (CalPoly) in San Luis Obispo earning a Bachelor's Degree. Mat also joined the California Agriculture Leadership Program furthering his interest and advocacy for the agriculture industry.

Mat is a 21-year veteran of the East Nicolaus Fire Department, where he served in many different capacities during his tenure working to keep Sutter County firesafe. He is a Eucharistic Minister of the Catholic Church and an over 30-year member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mat has served as a board member for the California Farm Bureau, Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, South Sutter Water District, East Nicolaus High School, Brown's Elementary School Board, South Sutter Little League, and

as a Committee Member on the Diamond Walnut Advisory Committee.

Mat with his wife, Lorene, have two sons one of which works with Mat and continues the strong Conant family legacy of farming in Northern California.

We thank Supervisor Mat Conant for his many years of service and advocacy for the agriculture industry while on the Sutter County Board of Supervisors. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING BUENA BOROUGH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to wish Buena Borough of South Jersey a happy 75th anniversary. This wonderful community has been a major part of the history of South Jersey, despite being one of the newer incorporated townships in the area. It was first settled as a part of Cape May County in 1692, making it one of the oldest settlements in the entire United States. Through the years, this community had a significant role in growing the economies of Cape May, Gloucester and Atlantic Counties before becoming its own incorporated town in 1949. A mass meeting was organized in the Landisville Fire Hall to discuss the formation of this new small city, drawing a record attendance. The new township resolved many issues related to the public water system and other industries, paving the way for many firms to come to the area in the years after. Buena Borough has flourished for the last 75 years, and I am proud to say they are an outstanding part of South Jersey.

God Bless Buena Borough and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING JACI BOBBITT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I want to remember Jaci Bobbitt, an incredible resident of South Jersey and a great friend of mine. Jaci lived a remarkable life, starting in Portsmouth, Ohio before attending West Virginia University, where she met her husband, John. Her vibrant personality kept her social calendar full, allowing her to enjoy quality time with family members and beloved friends. Her and John both shared a passion for music; she was a fantastic dancer, specializing in the jitterbug, fox trot and the waltz. Jaci was a tremendously involved member of her community, volunteering and running numerous organizations throughout the years. Some of those include Chairperson of the Candy Striper Committee at the Memorial Hospital of Salem County, Charter member and Secretary of Boots and Saddles Riding Club, and Leader of two winning State Horse Bowl Championships. She received multiple awards for her dedication including the Woman of Achievement Award and the prestigious Crystal Rose Award from

the Salem Chamber of Commerce. As a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Pennsville, South Jersey, she continually nurtured, studied and grew her faith. I will miss seeing Jaci at the Salem County Fair, but I take comfort knowing she is with our Lord in Heaven.

God bless Jaci and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING ITA INTERNATIONAL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contributions of ITA International LLC of Newport News, Virginia to the nation through their transition of Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) developed technology to government and commercial use.

Their approach is unique in that, first, they use commercial off the shelf products for the front- and back-end of the tool with the SBIR-developed analytic algorithms "in the middle". This approach significantly reduces the cost required to deliver solutions by leveraging existing government software licenses integrated with SBIR-developed algorithms. Secondly, rather than providing a piece of software, they marry their data analytic algorithms with subject matter experts with profound understanding to provide unsurpassed service, that ITA refers to as "technology enabled professional services," to their customers. Finally, they have a structured process for applying these algorithms, a proprietary approach based on agile development that ensures continuous interaction with the customer and iterative improvement of the tools and services they provide.

ITA provides a shining example of the exact intent of the SBIR program. ITA leveraged federally funded research in Phase I and Phase II to develop data analytic algorithms and then applied those algorithms to solve government and industry problems in Phase III through innovative services. While their focus has been on the Department of Defense, customers across the federal government and in industry are seeing the benefit of the technology enabled professional services they provide.

One example is how ITA has perfected and extended a SBIR tool (LOGCOP) using SBIR Phase III contracts over the years to provide advanced data analytic and artificial intelligence techniques or decision support tools. ITA continues to develop one of the resulting tools, called the Availability Management System (AMS), for the Navy's Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center to better plan and execute surface ship maintenance periods. This tool has allowed the Navy to avoid hundreds of additional ship maintenance delay-days, improving readiness and diverting hundreds of millions of dollars to other critical purposes for a government investment a small fraction of that. AMS is being evaluated for broader use and integration into existing Navy decision support tools.

On behalf of the 1st district of Virginia, I thank ITA for its service to our Nation, and I look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.