

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.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP
OF TY BLACKFORD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleagues Senators MIKE CRAPO and JIM RISCH, I rise to recognize the leadership of Ty Blackford within his roles as President and Program Manager at the Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC).

During his time as President and Program Manager at IEC, Ty Blackford led his team to advance the cleanup mission at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Idaho National Laboratory Site (INL). Under his leadership, in 2022, IEC completed the exhumation of legacy waste at the Site's Subsurface Disposal Area 18 months ahead of schedule. Following the demolition of two ancillary structures at the Naval Reactors Facility, his team began demolition of the Submarine 1st Generation Westinghouse reactor prototype and recycled more than 420 tons of non-radiological metals. In 2023, Ty's team completed the transfer of spent nuclear fuel from wet to dry storage nine months ahead of schedule.

In 2024, Ty led the IEC team to complete the Accelerated Retrieval Project, one of the largest demolition projects completed in the history of DOE's environmental cleanup program. The project was completed three months ahead of schedule and under budget. In all, workers demolished more than 520,000 square feet of building space, which is equivalent to three times the footprint of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

Under Ty's leadership, operations began at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit in 2023 as well. To date, the project has processed over 100,000 gallons of sodium-bearing waste. These most recent accomplishments have paved the way for DOE to meet two significant milestones outlined in the Idaho Settlement Agreement for the State of Idaho.

Each of these accomplishments speak to Ty's 30-plus years of experience leading and managing large and complex projects for DOE's cleanup and nuclear operations programs at sites across the Nation, including the Idaho Cleanup Project, Savannah River, Hanford and Oak Ridge. He has set the bar high for future leaders and has established a baseline for success, of which Idaho can be proud.

We thank Ty Blackford for his diligence in his role as President and Program Manager at IEC and for his accomplishments in the cleanup mission at INL.

RECOGNIZING ZACHARY CEBALLOS

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 Zachary Ceballos, Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corps, of Euless, Texas for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America

and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Ceballos enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2008, serving as a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, deploying to Sangin, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011. During his deployment, his unit would suffer significant losses that would lay the foundation for his current dedication to supporting veterans from all eras of service.

Mr. Ceballos' decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 service stars, the NATO Medal—ISAF Afghanistan, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, and the Expert Rifle Badge.

His dedication to service does not stop with his time in the military. He currently serves as a veteran peer support specialist for GallantFew, a local veteran service organization. He devotes his spare time to coaching veterans on mental health, teaching them rock climbing, helping lead the Metroport Veterans Association, and planning Melborial Day as well as Veterans Day observances in the community.

Mr. Ceballos service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

QUILTS OF VALOR RECIPIENT
SERGEANT FRANCIS MCCARDLE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it was my honor to present the Quilt of Valor to Army veteran Sergeant Francis McArdle, in recognition of his great service to our country. Sgt. McArdle gave three years of his life to the United States by serving in the U.S. Army during one of the toughest times of American history, the Vietnam War. He served his country in a multitude of ways, first beginning with a special designation as a Forward Observer to the 101st Airborne Division with the 527th Artillery Unit. He then served as Communications Sergeant for Battery Company of the 527th Artillery before finishing his enlistment with the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. Not everyone answers the call to defend our freedom, particularly during such a turbulent time for our country. Sgt. McArdle was one of those rare patriots that did, and it was my great honor that I was able to present him with the Quilt of Valor. May God bless Sgt. McArdle and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING "A SLAVE'S STORY"

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of

Wisconsin, I would like to recognize the Arnwine Family for honoring their family's legacy of perseverance, activism, and dedication to create a more equal and just nation.

Sterling Arnwine's 1936 interview with the Federal Writers Project captured the unimaginable hardship and persecution of him and his family while enslaved. I am inspired by the story of Sterling Arnwine and the commitment of his descendants to share the stories of Black Americans who suffered under the violent institution of American slavery.

The sharing of stories not only memorializes the many people who suffered but also gives voice to the survivors. I thank them for all they have done to benefit our communities. The Arnwine Family has touched the lives of many, and I look forward to seeing the continued impact and change their family creates in the years to come.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MARSHALL
STREET ARMORY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 100th anniversary of the Marshall Street Armory, a historic landmark that has served as a vital cornerstone of the Lansing community.

Since its opening in 1924, the Marshall Street Armory has played an important role in supporting our military through numerous conflicts and serving the people of Mid-Michigan.

Originally home to the 119th Field Artillery Regiment of the Michigan National Guard, the armory was designed by Michigan's first state architect, Lynn W. Fry, and stands as one of the earliest examples of Gothic-inspired military architecture in the state. For more than 80 years, it housed Lansing-based National Guard units that contributed to the defense of our Nation in nearly every war during that period. The Marshall Street Armory was also the staging ground for Guard units providing aid during domestic crises and natural disasters, helping to protect our country and assist those in need.

Beyond its military purpose, the armory became a gathering place for local residents. It hosted weddings, concerts, swap meets, boxing matches, and even circuses, cementing its place as a hub for social events and activities. Whether for celebrations or service, the Marshall Street Armory always brought people together in times of peace.

After the 119th Field Artillery Regiment was decommissioned in 2007, the armory closed its doors as a military facility. In 2010, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, securing its legacy as an architectural and historical treasure.

In 2012, following extensive renovations, the Marshall Street Armory reopened as a non-profit collaboration center. Today, it houses several organizations, including Capital Area United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Capital Region Community Foundation. It continues to serve the Greater Lansing area in a new capacity, providing essential services and strengthening the fabric of Mid-Michigan.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Marshall Street Armory, let us honor both