

The story of Fort Edward High School's creation is one rooted in the village's unwavering commitment to education beginning early in the 20th century. During this period, the New York State Department of Education conducted inspections of the previous Broadway School building, which was found to be inadequate for proper high school work. These reports led to a strong push for a new, modern facility. In 1924, the present Fort Edward High School was established as one of the best high school facilities in the country.

As the school celebrates 100 years, it remains a vital part of the Fort Edward Union Free School District, serving over 550 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Fort Edward High School's long-standing tradition of academic excellence and community engagement has shaped generations of students, empowering them to excel in higher education, their careers, and civic life.

This centennial milestone is not only a celebration of the school's history but also an opportunity to look forward to the continued success and innovation that will define its future. The school's dedication and perseverance ensure that it will remain a cornerstone of education and a source of community pride for the next 100 years.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students, faculty, alumni, and the entire Fort Edward community for reaching this historic achievement.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR JOANNE SCHUMM

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Petty Officer Joanne Schumm of Frisco, Texas, and award her a Congressional Veteran Commendation. CPO Schumm honorably served in the United States Navy.

From a young age, CPO Schumm knew she wanted to serve our Nation and contribute to a greater cause. From 1978 to 1983, she served as a Cryptologic Technician and Intelligence Specialist in the Navy to provide timely communications and intelligence briefs for Commanders. CPO Schumm later joined the Navy Reserves and completed her military service in 2002. For her outstanding service, she was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze stars, and many more.

After retiring from the Navy, CPO Schumm has continued to be an active member of our community to advocate for important issues. She serves as the Commander of American Legion Post 178 and is a member of a military affinity group with State Farm Insurance. In these roles, she works diligently to bring awareness to veteran issues and support fellow veterans in need. Moreover, CPO Schumm works closely with the Frisco Veterans Advisory Committee to help ensure that the City of Frisco is always welcoming and ready to support all veterans. I am proud of her contributions to our community and her dedication to serving our great Nation.

I am honored to represent CPO Schumm in Texas' 4th Congressional district. It is a pleasure to award her the Congressional Veteran Commendation for her service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

HONORING ALBERTO GUTIER

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a respected public servant, Alberto Gutier, the former Director of the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Serving under seven Arizona Governors, Alberto worked tirelessly to protect the Arizona travelers and law enforcement officers on our roadways. He passed away on November 2, 2024, at age 84.

Born and raised in Havana, Cuba; Alberto Gutier spent his young adulthood fighting back against communist regimes before emigrating to Florida in the late 1950's. There, he attended the University of Florida and later moved to New Jersey to start his career and his family with his beloved wife, Miryam. In 1968, Alberto became so inspired by the work of U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater that he moved the Gutier family to Phoenix, Arizona, where he would continue to live out the American Dream.

A long-time figure in Arizona politics and policy, Alberto was widely respected by leaders on both sides of the aisle, and he championed the importance of a good compromise. He served as a Republican Party committeeman for 50 years and was a delegate to five national conventions. In addition, he founded the Gutier Group, a lobbying and political consulting firm, and served as state personnel director and administrative services officer for the Department of Administration, acting driver licensing program administrator for the Arizona Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division, and Chairman of the Maricopa Merit System Commission. Alberto was also an active leader in our community—joining the Arizona DUI Abatement Council, the Phoenix Police Chief Interview Panel, the Legislative Oversight Committee on School Safety, and more—and a frequent contributor to FOX 10 and other local broadcasts.

Over his twenty years as Director for the Office of Highway Safety, Alberto led many successful safety campaigns that minimized the risks of wrong-way crashes, drunk driving, and distracted driving—and was a stalwart supporter of police officers and first responders, particularly in fighting for fair overtime compensation for law enforcement. His commitment to public safety, and his sense of humor, is still often projected to drivers across Arizona on the Arizona Department of Transportation's famous highway safety messages—especially his signature phrase, "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed!"

His dedication to keeping Arizonans safe on the roads will never be forgotten, and his many contributions to our state will be greatly missed. Arizona owes a debt of gratitude to Alberto for his years of service to our community.

HONORING ST. CLOUD RESIDENT
BECKY CARLSON

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Becky Carlson from St. Cloud, Minnesota, who is in Washington this week to receive a prestigious award from the U.S. Department of the Air Force.

Since 2003, Becky has been working tirelessly to send care packages to our brave men and women overseas, through her non-profit Becky's Troop Care Packages. Becky started this endeavor to pay tribute to her brother, who passed away during the Vietnam War.

Becky stated, "It took me a lot of years to figure out what I could do to give back. And I wondered and wondered and wondered. And some of the soldiers coming home and stuff told me how bad it was over there, how the food was so horrible. You know, I thought, 'Well, why can't I send a package or two?'"

Despite health challenges over the years, Becky's resolve has never been stronger. Fueled by the support of local businesses, community groups and volunteers, Becky sends dozens of care packages to service members per month and several hundred during the holiday season. These care packages often include snacks, magazines and personal letters from family, friends and volunteers.

In addition to her work with her non-profit, Becky is a part of several Family Readiness Groups which help support soldiers and their families as these heroes transition from their military careers back into civilian life.

Becky's lifelong commitment to support our military heroes has not gone unnoticed. She was previously named the Woman of the Year by the St. Joseph American Legion Auxiliary Post 328. This week, she is in Washington, D.C. to receive the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award at the Pentagon.

I thank Becky for her years of service to our veterans and community. She makes St. Cloud and the State of Minnesota proud.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR STANLEY SCOTT

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Stanley Bernard Scott of Heath, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Capt. Scott honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy.

Capt. Scott joined the Marine Corps in 1952, where he served as a motor vehicle operator and rose up the ranks to become a Sergeant. He served for eight years in the Marines, but felt that God called upon him to return to service once more. In 1967, Capt. Scott joined the Navy during the Vietnam War and served as a Chaplain in combat. His military service continued for many years through

Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. For his outstanding service, Capt. Scott received the Purple Heart with one star, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, and many more awards.

In 1993, Capt. Scott retired from military service, but he has continued to make a positive impact on the world around him. He served as an Assistant Pastor at his Methodist Church and led weekly Bible studies for over 25 years. Additionally, he led mission trips to India in support of several ministries and helps homeschool his grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am proud of Capt. Scott's contributions to our community and his dedication to serving our great Nation.

I am honored to represent Capt. Scott in Texas' 4th Congressional district. It is a pleasure to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE OF BELLA ROMANO

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the remarkable contributions of Bella Romano, a senior at Broadalbin-Perth Jr./Sr. High School, for her steadfast dedication to the Broadalbin-Perth backpack program. Through her work in this program, Bella has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to fighting hunger in her community.

The Broadalbin-Perth backpack program, in partnership with the Northeast Regional Food Bank and the Broadalbin Presbyterian Church, provides food products for 35 to 45 students during weekends and school breaks in the Broadalbin-Perth Community. Bella's efforts have been central to the success of this initiative.

Since her freshman year, Bella has raised over \$3,000 to support the program with a portion of the funds coming from a can and bottle drive that she organizes at Wally's Driftwood Park in Mayfield. Through this project, Bella has not only raised vital resources for local children in need but also promoted environmental responsibility.

In addition to her work with the backpack program, Bella has dedicated the past seven years to volunteer efforts throughout the community. She will soon begin her annual work with the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive, continuing her legacy of service. Her unwavering dedication has not gone unnoticed as she was named Miss Upstate New York's Outstanding Teen in 2022.

Bella Romano's commitment to the well-being of her fellow students and the greater community is an inspiration to all, and I am proud to recognize her efforts on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

COMMEMORATING THE 45TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIR ZOO

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum as it celebrates its 45th anniversary. This achievement represents their dedicated years of service since their doors first opened in 1979.

In 1959, Air Zoo founders Pete and Suzanne Parish unknowingly began curating the world-renowned collection of aircraft the Air Zoo possesses today. The first step in assembling the Air Zoo's collection was Pete's purchase of a single-engine 35C Bonanza, later, the Parish's purchased a partially assembled P-40 Aircraft, the same combat plane Suzanne had dreamed of flying throughout her service with the Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP). Twenty years after Pete purchased the 35C Bonanza, the Air Zoo opened its doors for the first time on November 18, 1979.

Today, the Air Zoo offers educational programs and exhibits, displays over 100,000 artifacts and archives, flight simulators, maintains an aircraft restoration program through the Air Zoo's Flight Discovery Center, and processes the world's only SR-71B Blackbird. Mr. Parish's single purchase laid the foundation for the Air Zoo's world-class facility that thousands of visitors enjoy each year.

For the last 45 years, the Air Zoo has been a community leader in inspiring a new generation of aviators, engineers, and all those interested in STEM fields. As we look forward to the next 45 years, the Air Zoo will be a place that fosters curiosity, innovation, and education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Parish Family, staff, and all those who enjoy the Air Zoo as they celebrate their 45th Anniversary.

REMEMBERING DOROTHY TRUITT
WALK

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to Dorothy Truitt Walk whose 1960 sit-in at Memphis' Cossitt Library began a transformation of my hometown for the better. Ms. Walk passed in October at the age of 88. Typical of her public-mindedness and humor, she donated her body to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, the medical school in Memphis, telling her family it would make her a Tennessee Volunteer. Ms. Walk was a civic dynamo, raising the money to build the Orange Mound Community Center and riding in the parade on the day it opened. She also helped preserve and protect our city's monuments and landmarks. But it was the sit-in at the downtown library and her arrest that began her storied career in public life. Memphis had a segregated library for African Americans and a lawsuit to end segregation was pending when she, then a 24 year-old student at LeMoyne College, and 34 oth-

ers, grew impatient and staged the March 16, 1960 sit-in. Months later, the city integrated its libraires, but her arrest meant she could not work in the city schools, and she got a job teaching across the river in Arkansas. Ms. Walk often wrote to me with ideas, and I was fortunate to receive her thoughts and support. She also wrote thoughtful letters to the editor and to city officials, raising important issues. In response to her suggestions, then-Mayor Dick Hackett asked her to serve on a city board or commission, and she chose the Memphis-Shelby County Landmarks Commission and served there for 10 years. She also worked at International Harvester, the farm-equipment company, and retired when the Memphis plant was moth-balled. Ms. Walk was a lifelong member of the Beulah Baptist Church in Orange Mound. In addition to her civic work, she read the daily newspapers for 14 years on the public radio station WYPL, the Memphis Public Libraries' non-commercial station. St. Mary's Episcopal School named her a Memphis Woman Who Made a Difference in 2001. I extend my condolences to her son Calvin and his wife Christy Walk; her sister Janiece Williamson; stepsister Claudette Flowers; brother Jeff Harrison; and her extended family, friends and many admirers. Ms. Walk truly made a difference and made Memphis a better place. Hers was a life well-lived.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 15, 2024, I was absent for Roll Call No. 465. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on the FAFSA Deadline Act.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR CLARENCE
JORIF

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Warrant Officer 3 Clarence Leadore "CJ" Jorif of Rockwall, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. CW3 Jorif honorably served in the United States Army.

CW3 Jorif joined the Army in 1983, where he served as a military policeman and special agent for criminal investigations. He was inspired to join to serve his country and make a difference in the lives of those around him. As a result of his hard work and leadership, CW3 Jorif quickly rose up the ranks to become a Staff Sergeant in the Military Police Corps within four years. He was deployed to Honduras, Panama, and the Middle East as part of Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. As a Warrant Officer, CW3 Jorif successfully performed protective missions for the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during wartime and peacetime without any incidents. For his outstanding service, CW3 Jorif received the Army