

rail, expanding our transit network to serve thousands of new riders. He advanced legislation to limit speed limits in residential areas, reduce distracted driving, and expand the use of electric buses and vehicles. He also secured major investments in bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Our transportation system is ultimately a reflection of our values and Representative Hornstein has devoted his career to making a transportation system that has a place for all Minnesotans, regardless of their income, zip code, or immigration status. His leadership and movement-building culminated in a "transformative transportation bill that was 20 years in the making," as he wrote about his departure from the Minnesota House.

Beyond his work on transportation and transit, Representative Hornstein has been a leader on broader environmental justice initiatives—advancing work to reduce food waste and its corresponding climate impacts, mitigating greenhouse gas emissions across the economy, and moving toward a zero-waste society. He has also been a steadfast advocate for human rights for all, leading work to address hate crimes and requiring Holocaust curriculum in all public K–12 schools.

Wherever Representative Hornstein's future leads him, I know that he will be making the world a better place for every single one of us. His tenure in the House will be remembered for years to come, and I am proud that future generations of Minnesotans will grow up with the benefits of his hard work. Please help me congratulate Representative Frank Hornstein on his retirement from the Minnesota House.

RECOGNIZING OMICRON KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AND HONOREES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. for its Achievement Week and Honorees.

Since 1925, Achievement Week has been an annual, internationally mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Omega Psi Phi's Achievement Week is observed in November of each year and is designed to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals at the local and international levels who have made a noteworthy contribution toward improving the quality of life for Black Americans. Chapters celebrate their communities and engage the public through exhibits, activities, meetings and forums in schools, churches, and public halls.

The fraternity's 2024 International Achievement Week is from November 10, 2024, to November 17, 2024. This year's Achievement Week theme is "Omega Men Building a Better Society with Friendship as the Foundation."

The Omicron Kappa Kappa (OKK) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. received its graduate chapter charter on December 14, 1996, and serves primarily the Fairfax, Herndon, and Reston, VA areas.

The fraternity's Annual Achievement Week Awards Luncheon serves as an opportunity to

recognize our youth and members of the community for their contributions to the chapter and the community over the past year. This year's Achievement Week Awards Luncheon serves as a fundraiser in support of OKK Chapter's charitable and community outreach.

OKK awards recipients include:

OKK Founders' Trailblazer Award: Dr. Gregory Washington, President, George Mason University

OKK Basileus Award for Excellence in Media: Curtis Symonds, President and Co-Founder, HBCU Go

OKK Young Man of the Year Award: Heman Bekele, TIME Magazine Kid of the Year Annual High School Essay Contest Winners: Solomon Broiles, Battlefield HS; Gabrielle Jackson, John Champe HS; Gordon "LJ" Person, Centerville HS; David Ransom, South County HS.

Dr. Ernest Everett Just Award for Excellence in Microbiology: Shumvobi Mitra, Langley HS

Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, M.D. Award for Excellence in Biomedical and Health Sciences: Sampurna Chakravorty, Chantilly HS

Dr. Edgar A. Love Award for Excellence in Biomedical Engineering: Aneesh Mandapati, South Lakes HS

Professor Frank Coleman Award for Excellence in Physics and Astronomy: Emmy Leong, George C. Marshall HS

Charles Vernon Smith Award for Excellence in Computer Science and Mathematics: Manav Gagvani, Thomas Jefferson HS

Brigadier General (Brother) Charles Young Military Leadership Award: Staff Sergeant (Brother) Tres Savage, Virginia National Guard

Citizen of the Year Award: Stacey Seay, Pastoral Assistant, First Baptist Church of Vienna

Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award: Brother LTC (Ret) Earl Smith, Jr.

Superior Service Award: Brother Gerald Hamilton (Co-Awardee) Brother James Daniels (Co-Awardee)

Omega Man of the Year Award: Brother Keith Evans

Service Pins: Brother Eddie L. Colter, 35 Years of Service; Brother Steve Lewis, 40 Years of Service; Brother George Johnson, 65 Years of Service; Brother Luther Williams, 70 years of Service.

Lastly, the OKK Foundation, Inc. will recognize Brother George Johnson, Immediate Past President, for his years of leadership and service as President from 2009 to 2024.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the men of Omega Psi Phi Inc. and the honorees for this year's Achievement Week.

COMMEMORATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the establishment of the Frelinghuysen Township Volunteer Fire Company in Frelinghuysen, NJ.

The establishment of this fire company in 2022 marked the creation of the first all-volunteer company in the State of New Jersey in almost 30 years. As an advocate for local law enforcement in New Jersey, I recognize the Frelinghuysen Volunteer Fire Company as a testament to the hard-working people who tirelessly dedicate themselves to making our communities safer. The volunteers at the Frelinghuysen Fire Company dedicate their time to strengthening community relationships and providing high-quality emergency response services to all of Frelinghuysen Township. As we celebrate and honor this remarkable all-volunteer fire company, I have full confidence and trust that its volunteers will continue to serve with pride and distinction, striving to make a lasting difference in their community.

RECOGNIZING MRS. SYLVIA CHAVEZ

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Mr. FONG, to honor Mrs. Sylvia Chavez as she is named 2024 Cattlewoman of the Year by the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association.

Mrs. Chavez was born on February 21, 1943, and is a third-generation native of Kern County. From a young age, she has been deeply involved in the livestock industry, spending her youth competing in county fairs and attending brandings with her parents. At just six years old, Mrs. Chavez won her first horse show at the Kern County Fair. After graduating from South High School in 1961, she continued her education at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Chavez has used her passion for livestock and cattle for meaningful service to her community. After her family relocated to Rosedale in 1968, she became involved in the 4-H agriculture program, volunteering her time to empower youth to explore their interests in livestock. She was instrumental in introducing the 4-H and Future Farmers of America Horse Show to the Kern County Fair, creating hands-on learning experiences for local youth. In 1978, she began working at a resort in Bear Valley Springs to manage the Equestrian Center and was proud to hire many young Central Valley residents interested in the horse business.

Mrs. Chavez's career has spanned three different ranches. She first joined her husband, Fred in 1978 to work on a large ranch in the panhandle of Idaho. The couple later moved to Oregon where she helped manage a 50,000-acre ranch with 2,000 cattle. They then returned to California to manage Cattani Ranch by Caliente Creek. In addition to ranching, Mrs. Chavez has served her community by working for the California Correctional Institution. Mrs. Chavez is the proud mother of three children—Julie Ann, John, and Megan, and grandmother to five. After her retirement, Mrs. Chavez became deeply involved with the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association, serving on the board and dedicating countless hours to the association's events. She is a longtime member of the Kern Sierra Unit of

Backcountry Horsemen of California, where she has served as president.

Through her many years of work and service, Mrs. Chavez's impact has been immense. Since 1962, the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association has named a Cattlewoman of the Year, celebrating the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication that an individual has made for the success of the Kern County cattle industry. As this year's recipient, Mrs. Chavez is recognized for her tremendous impact on the Kern County community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mrs. Sylvia Chavez for being named the 2024 Kern County Cattlewoman of the Year, and thank her for her contributions to the Kern County community and cattle industry.

HONORING ADITI MUTHUKUMAR

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aditi Muthukumar of Westminster, Colorado for earning the Rookie of the Year Award in the 2024 Congressional App Challenge.

Aditi built an interactive app called SafeSpace, which provides young people with mental and behavioral health resources and uses a trained machine learning model to help give advice on symptoms and share resources.

Aditi spent countless hours and used many tools to develop her app and advance her STEM education.

I congratulate Aditi Muthukumar for her success in the Congressional App Challenge. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments. I am excited to see all she will accomplish.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HENRY GORINO

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Henry Gorino, who left a profound impact on Western New York's restaurant industry and the region as a whole. Mr. Gorino, a legendary restaurateur and a beloved figure, was a visionary behind some of Western New York's most iconic and flavorful establishments.

As the force behind restaurants such as Oliver's, Siena, 800 Maple, Rocco's Pizza, and JT's, Mr. Gorino had been in the restaurant industry for nearly thirty years. Throughout his tenure, he mentored some of the region's most well-known chefs and provided a space for friends and family to gather for great food and conversation. Henry's ability to lovingly push aspiring chefs and owners to the next level was an example of why his legacy will live on in the hospitality industry of our region.

Henry Gorino's legacy is not just in his culinary achievements but in the countless lives

he touched with his kindness, generosity, and unwavering support. He truly embodied the spirit of community, showing us all what it means to give oneself toward the betterment and nourishment of others. His love and dedication to service will forever be an inspiration to us all.

Today, as we commemorate the life and legacy of Henry Gorino, let us remember him not only for his outstanding service and compassion but also for his dedication to continuously uplifting others. While he may no longer be with us in body, his spirit lives on in the community he cherished so deeply.

HONORING VINELAND FIRE CHIEF LOU A. TRAMONTANA, JR.

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor retiring Vineland Fire Chief Lou A. Tramontana, Jr. Lou is a city official, local businessman, and dedicated volunteer who has served as the Chief of the Vineland Fire Department since 2017. He has had a passion for firefighting for many years, beginning his service 37 years ago when he joined the New Jersey State Forest Fire Service, where he is still the District Warden. In 1992, Lou joined the City of Vineland Fire Department, becoming a career firefighter two years later and achieving the rank of Captain in 2006. He earned countless New Jersey fire certifications, including Fire Official, Officer, and Investigator, as well as becoming a Level 2 Instructor with an FAA Drone Pilot License. Lou was also recognized as Fireman of the Year, served as president of the Vineland Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association, and raised over \$200,000 for burn victims. In addition to his firefighting duties, Lou serves as the president of the board of the Cumberland Cape Atlantic YMCA, a position he has held for 11 years. Lou credits his wife, Lisa, and his two stepchildren, D.J. and Carli, along with his longtime friend Brandon, as the people who have made his life complete. I thank Lou for his many years of dedicated service to Vineland. God bless Lou, and God bless our United States of America.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF NEIL MIDDLETON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Neil Middleton for his distinguished and award-winning career in journalism, as a long-time trusted news broadcaster and Vice President of WYMT-TV, a CBS affiliate in Hazard, Kentucky.

Broadcasting from the heart of Kentucky's Appalachian region, the station's call letters stand for, "We're Your Mountain Television." It's much more than an acronym. It's the station's mission. WYMT-TV has become synonymous with the very region it serves, thanks in large part to the leadership and journalistic

integrity of Neil Middleton, and those who blazed a trail for news coverage and weather alerts in one of the most rural areas of the United States. In an expansive region, separated by mountainous terrain, national media outlets have only made their way to Appalachia after major disasters, while others have blistered our communities by dredging up negative stereotypes that have misrepresented our beloved hometowns that are filled with hard-working, innovative and extremely talented people. As both well-known and unknown reporters from the around the country have breezed in and out of our region for 15-seconds of fame, it is WYMT that has earned the trust of southern and eastern Kentuckians since the station first signed on the air in 1985. They have not only provided life-saving weather alerts during catastrophic floods and tornado outbreaks, but they have followed their news coverage with fundraising telethons, using the power of the airwaves to collect vital donations to help our communities recover in the wake of disaster. WYMT has also built a reputation for holding local, state and federal leaders accountable in the public eye, while not only providing critical news to the region in every newscast, but also celebrating our victories in regional development and success. Thanks to their central location in the region, mountain student athletes have had an exclusive highlight reel on the station's Sports Overtime program, swelling up pride through every rural county for student athletes who get little notoriety elsewhere. In fact, that's where Neil Middleton started his broadcast television news career in 1987, driving across the mountains from Harlan County every day to cover news and sports in southeastern Kentucky for WYMT and WKYT-TV in Lexington, Kentucky.

Starting out as a radio DJ in high school, Neil worked his way up the ranks as a broadcaster, eventually taking over the helm of WYMT as Vice President and General Manager. Under his leadership, WYMT achieved record-breaking growth in advertising sales, expanded newscasts for news, sports and weather, developed new digital media assets, and earned countless accolades, including regional Emmy awards. The Associated Press has also recognized Neil's personal excellence in journalism with numerous awards throughout his career. His same passion and work for the region has also been recognized by the Kentucky National Guard, local Chambers of Commerce and many others.

Over the last four decades, Neil's passion to serve Kentucky's Appalachian region has reached far beyond the news desk. He has served as a board member for several organizations in the region, including the Center for Rural Development, One East Kentucky, Alice Lloyd College, Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, East Kentucky Leadership Foundation, the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky and the Kentucky Associated Press, among others.

As Neil closes this chapter of his career at WYMT, I want to express my deepest gratitude for his unwavering commitment and loyalty to Kentucky's Appalachian region. With every breath, he has advocated for growth and development in the mountains, understanding the value of every investment here, and likewise, the pain of every opportunity sent away from Central Appalachia. It has been an honor to work in tandem with Neil on many projects, including a hard-fought battle to add WYMT to satellite broadcasts in select