

safety, improving the delivery of health care programs across the state, and rebuilding the renowned Pac-12 athletics conference.

Beyond these accomplishments, President Schulz has earned a reputation as a compassionate and dedicated leader, always prioritizing the well-being and success of students. He has consistently championed initiatives aimed at increasing access to education for all, making a lasting impact on countless lives. President Schulz's commitment to service extends far beyond the campus, as he has actively engaged with the community through partnerships, outreach programs, my office, and other efforts to uplift and support Washington State University.

As President Schulz embarks on his well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest gratitude for his many years of service and dedication. His leadership has left an incredible mark on Washington State University, and his legacy will be felt for generations to come. We wish President Schulz all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his outstanding contributions to Washington State University and higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the members of this House join the in honoring President Schulz for his remarkable career and recognizing the lasting impact of his service to Washington State University, the state of Washington, and our Nation.

#### HONORING JENNIFER LYNN NORTON

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 26, 2024*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Jennifer Lynn Norton, a proud U.S. Air Force veteran and longtime champion for survivors of human trafficking.

For over 34 years, Jennifer Lynn Norton has dedicated her life to serving others through military and civilian service. As a member of the U.S. Air Force for the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, she was an invaluable asset during Operation Desert Storm, leading to innovation and positive change whilst providing logistics support to her team.

Joining her active-duty experiences with her passion in counseling, Jennifer rose to become the first female veteran to serve as an executive assistant for The American Legion National Headquarters. With community engagement at the heart of her vision of service, she stays active in her community through work with the Indy Hope Center and the Veterans Day Council of Indianapolis. The commitment she has continuously demonstrated to her fellow veterans, Hoosiers, and Americans has left in its wake a legacy of hard work and compassion that continuously inspires her community.

Her efforts across the years have rendered her various accolades, such as the Airman Quarter Honors and the Outstanding Leadership Award. It is an honor to be able to recognize Jennifer for her exemplary work once more today with the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Women Hero Award. Having started with its namesake, Sheila Corcoran, this award was fashioned to uplift exemplary Hoosier Veteran women whose service to their community and

Nation is unparalleled, women who are inspirational and guided by a deep love for their fellow Americans.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jennifer Lynn Norton's legacy, accomplishments, and continued endeavors with the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Women Hero Award for the month of November 2024.

#### HONORING PATRICK SMITH

#### HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 26, 2024*

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Patrick Smith, a dedicated flight paramedic and Registered Nurse who has dedicated 40 years to the field of emergency medical services (EMS). Pat's contributions have left a profound impact on both the individuals he has served and the EMS profession here in northeast Indiana.

Throughout his career, Patrick was a trailblazer in the early education of appropriate airway management technique. Drawing on his years of experience as a Respiratory Therapist, he emphasized the importance of proper ventilatory and oxygenation steps long before they became widely recognized and implemented as they are today.

Pat dedicated 32 years to the Bippus Fire Department. During this time, he served as a Primary Instructor, teaching First Responder and EMT classes across Huntington County. He also worked as a street paramedic and shift supervisor with Huntington County EMS, where his leadership and skill led to his appointment as Director.

Pat's career then took him to Lutheran, where he excelled as a Critical Care Paramedic before transitioning into the Flight Program a few years later. After becoming a Registered Nurse (RN), he has continued to maintain his Paramedic, RN, and Respiratory Therapist licenses. Among Pat's many accolades, he holds the record of completing over 1,270 flights with Lutheran Air.

Beyond these professional achievements, Pat has been a mentor to consecutive generations of healthcare workers. His deep knowledge, wealth of experience, and positive demeanor have aided countless others through the challenges and demands associated with emergency care.

Pat's peers, students, and the thousands of patients he has served hold him in the highest esteem, and his absence will be felt. Healthcare professionals like Patrick are vital to our community. I want to express my gratitude for his decades of service to our region and wish him continued success in this next great chapter of life.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF JOHN ENRIQUEZ

#### HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 26, 2024*

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of my friend and a community

hero, John Enriquez. John's life and decades of service stand as a proud example of the immense influence an individual can have on an entire community.

Born the eldest of seven, John grew up in Bakersfield and attended East Bakersfield High School, where he found joy playing baseball for the Blades. Though one could easily tell from the cap he so often wore, John loved baseball and was a lifelong Tampa Bay Devil Rays fan. For years growing up, John worked at two family businesses—his grandmother's Mexican restaurant, Jiminez Café, and Enriquez Construction. Eventually John found his primary occupation with the City of Santa Clarita as a public works supervisor. For 21 years, he would commute over 100 miles each day for this job, but he would never leave Bakersfield.

In the early 2000s, John conceived ambitious plans to preserve the charm of Bakersfield, then striving to maintain its natural and manmade beauty. In 2001, John was a founding member of Keep Bakersfield Beautiful (KBB), a local affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful program. During his leadership of KBB, he was known for his strong steady leadership, always conducting himself with kindness and respect toward others.

John will certainly be remembered for finding common ground between differing opinions in a friendly manner. In the days surrounding his death, John's colleagues remembered how he patiently developed collaboration between Keep Bakersfield Beautiful, Caltrans, and the City of Bakersfield to clean Bakersfield's highways in 2010. Initially a tense standoff over a lack of funding, John's gracious persistence led the group to a solution, which saw homeless workers from local shelters carry out the beautification work. It was this patient faith in the goodness of others that inspired his colleagues and community to unite to the common cause of preserving the beauty of their home.

A humble man, John's servant leadership was hard to miss, and recognized by his peers through several awards. In 2004, John received the President's Call to Service Award and the Keep America Beautiful Iron Eyes Cody Award for his success in raising community awareness and community involvement for KBB's beautification projects.

In October 2024, John received the key to the City of Bakersfield from Mayor Goh for his enduring legacy of service to our community. Given his service, many important buildings and vicinities like the Fox Theater or the Mechanics Bank Arena owe their restorations and current charm to John's leadership. It is difficult to imagine what Bakersfield's community service efforts would look like in the future without John Enriquez.

John is survived by his wife, Carola, and daughter, Lauren Enriquez, who both spoke of the unconditional love and support he always gave them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in offering our heartfelt condolences to John's family and the community that loved him. Whether friend or family, John was a true gift to our community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
CAPTAIN JANE CRAWFORD

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 26, 2024*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of Scruggs Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (VFD) Captain Jane Crawford. Captain Crawford has dedicated more than 50 years of service to one of the most active lifesaving crews in Franklin County and surrounding communities.

Jane Crawford is 85 years old and still serves as an active member of Scruggs Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. She has made it clear that she has no plans of stepping down anytime soon from her role as Captain—a further testament to her dedication to this team.

Captain Crawford and her husband, V.T. “Slim” Crawford, helped found the Scruggs VFD in 1974. Slim served as chief of the department for 41 years until stepping down in 2014. Slim unfortunately passed away in 2019 at the age of 77, and to this day is still recognized as a hero to the community.

Over the Scruggs VFD’s many years in service, the department and its leadership have accomplished countless notable milestones—including the creation of a Rescue Division in 1981, the addition of a Dive Division in 1987, and the purchasing of a large assortment of modern vehicles and equipment, like the 2018 ladder truck and pumper. These additions have helped shape the Scruggs VFD into the successful department it is today, and Captain Jane Crawford has played a big part since the very start.

During the early years of service, the Department averaged around 20 calls for service per year. Since then, the number of calls has grown to average 400 calls each year, and yet the crew is still able to get each job done.

It is amazing to see the dedication of each crew member in the Department under the leadership of Captain Crawford. She has estimated that she has trained thousands of firefighters over her many years of service as a classroom instructor in the community. The Department truly would not be what it is today without her guidance and leadership.

To add to her résumé, as a female firefighter, Captain Crawford has been a cham-

pion in a career field dominated by men. According to the U.S. Fire Department Profile, female firefighters amount to just 9 percent of firefighters in the country. To accomplish what Captain Crawford has is a feat in itself; adding that she has been one of the leaders of this department in a predominantly male field makes it all the more impressive.

Captain Crawford has made it known that her number one priority is the safety of Department members, as she has always led with that notion when assessing a scene. Her devotion to the safety of her squad shows that not just professionally, but on a human level, she is someone to be admired.

It is people like Captain Jane Crawford who elevate communities from being good to great. I am honored to have such a strong team as the Scruggs Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department serve the 9th District of Virginia, and even more honored to have witnessed Captain Crawford doing her work over the years. She is someone to admire, someone to honor, and someone to look up to, and I want to sincerely thank her for her service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JENNIFER WEXTON**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 26, 2024*

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present to vote on November 21, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 477 and YES on Roll Call No. 478.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF OF STAFF, EMMA YOUNGQUIST, FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA’S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. DEAN PHILLIPS**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 26, 2024*

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Chief of Staff, Emma Youngquist, for her work on behalf of every

constituent in Minnesota’s Third Congressional District. At the end of my term, Emma will officially depart this office to serve as the Chief of Staff at Second Harvest Heartland and I could not be more proud or grateful for her service.

Emma was born and raised in Minnesota’s Third Congressional District. She graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She has years of government and political experience, including operational, outreach, and casework roles within Senator AMY KLOBUCHAR’s office. She joined my office in January of 2019 as Director of Constituent Advocacy before serving as District Director and later Chief of Staff.

Emma has been a capable and supportive leader during a time when relentless curveballs were pitched at our Nation, our state, and our team. Emma’s quiet, contemplative decision making keeps us grounded and on track. Emma is a comprehensive and creative problem solver. She is the embodiment of cooler heads prevailing.

Emma makes our entire staff feel seen and supported. She knows when to push and when to nurture, and every member of our team has grown as people and professionals under her steady leadership. Emma has stepped up and filled big shoes on our team, building on the successes and styles of leaders who came before her while making each role uniquely her own. Listening is Emma’s superpower. Her ability to work with distinctly different personalities and perspectives, whether among her colleagues or her constituents, is second to none. Emma is a leader who genuinely cares about her team. She is someone you want in your corner, she is fiercely smart, caring, and always shows up for her team no matter the circumstance.

The people of Minnesota’s Third Congressional District were lucky to have her dedication and leadership, and she will be dearly missed. However, I’m extraordinarily happy that she will continue to serve the Nation and the people of Minnesota in her new capacity at Second Harvest Heartland. I wish Emma all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for six years of faithful service to this Nation in this office—and many more to come.