

Hoosiers I have the privilege of representing in Congress. Earlier this month, some friends, family, and other members of the Milford community came together to throw a surprise celebration for Inez, which was a fitting testament to such a special, memorable, and impressive milestone.

As she reflects on more than a century of life well lived, Inez is full of gratitude to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on her. Especially around this time of year, embracing the disposition of gratitude that Inez embodies is something that our Nation could use a lot more of.

Inez also credits her long life in part to trying to always be an optimist about everything, as well as being content and happy with what you have. This mindset has clearly worked, and it is a refreshing antidote to the culture of despair and restlessness that we all too often witness.

As she celebrates more than a century of life lived to the fullest, I join her family, including her three children, seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, and many other Hoosiers in wishing Inez Beiswanger a very happy 105th birthday.

#### CONGRATULATING LOUIS ENGLISH

##### HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2024*

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Louis English for being named Career Firefighter of the Year for 2024. Louis began his career in 1985 as a Firefighter 1 and received Firefighter 2 certification in 1999. In 2013, he was appointed as Captain. He retired from active fire service in March of 2016 but chose to remain as a volunteer. In June of 2016, he was reinstated as an Active Reserve. With 28 years of full-time service and 8 years of service in the Active Reserve, Captain Louis English has dedicated his life to helping others. I am so proud to have such a selfless individual residing in our district. I congratulate Louis English on this outstanding award.

#### HONORING DAN MCCORQUODALE

##### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2024*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the public service of Dan McCorquodale of San Jose, California.

From 1953 to 1956, McCorquodale was a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. After graduating from college, he served as a public school teacher in Chula Vista, California. In 1964, he became the youngest person ever elected to the City Council in Chula Vista, where he served as Mayor from 1968 to 1969.

After moving to San Jose, McCorquodale spent a year walking precincts in the third district and was elected to three terms representing north and east San Jose, a portion of the City of Santa Clara, and the cities of Milpitas and Sunnyvale. During his three terms on the Board, he distinguished himself in the

issues of environmental protection, transportation, water reclamation, parks, justice, and health and human services. In 1982, McCorquodale was elected State Senator of the 12th district.

Throughout his political career, he was recognized for his effective policymaking. In 1986, he was recognized as Legislator of the Year by the California Trial Lawyers Association. In 1987, he was awarded Humanitarian of the Year by the Humane Society. In 1988, the California Planning and Conservation League named him Legislator of the Year and in 1991, the National Organization for Women recognized him as their Legislator of the Year. In 1991, the California Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons named him Elected Official of the Year and in 1992, he was named Legislator of the Year by the California Park and Recreation Society.

It has been my great pleasure to work with Dan throughout the years and I honor and thank him for his years in public service and wish him the best.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LLOYD B. PLUMMER

##### HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2024*

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish Lloyd B. Plummer a very happy 100th birthday, who will be celebrating his milestone on December 15, 2024.

In 1943, Plummer, the recipient of two Purple Hearts, joined the Army among many courageous men to serve our country. His heroic efforts will never be forgotten.

For those who may not know Lloyd, he was one of the first brave Americans to serve as a paratrooper during World War II, as a member of the 509th Infantry Regiment. Throughout the war, the Fighting 509 was assigned to numerous operations, many of which are now recognized as suicide missions. Lloyd was faced with many battles, where he suffered from frostbite, trench foot, burns, and shrapnel. At all times, he was ready to put his body on the line to serve the country he loved. He is the true definition of a patriot, willing to sacrifice his life for our country.

In 1945, he was discharged from active duty in the Army and returned to Idaho. Lloyd and his family have consistently embodied the traditional values we cherish in Idaho.

I thank Lloyd B. Plummer for his unwavering heroic efforts, and I wish him a very happy birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, SAMANTHA SNUGGERUD ANDERSON FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

##### HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2024*

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my former Communications Direc-

tor, Samantha Snuggerud Anderson, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. In September, Sam was appointed as Communications Director for the Minnesota Department of Education under the transformational leadership of Governor Tim Walz, and I could not be more proud or grateful for her service.

A Minnesota native, Sam graduated from Minnetonka High School before attending Northeastern University in Boston where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science. Sam has been an essential member of my leadership team since the very beginning, and like me, came to this work with a background in marketing and a belief in the politics of improving people's lives.

Spanning impeachments, pandemic, and unrest, the 116th, 117th, and 118th Congresses were historic by any measure. Just when we thought we had cleared the most unprecedented news cycle of our careers, another would rise, and I leaned on Sam's counsel to navigate each. She is a one-of-a-kind professional whose sound judgement, smart instincts, reliable execution, and strategic thinking have been critically important to the success of this team.

We could always count on Sam's calm confidence and level perspective to ground us, but also benefitted from her creative spirit and knack for innovation. She is an architect and keeper of the Dean Team brand, instilling in our community a sense that representation begins with listening and a renewed faith in their government.

Preferring to work behind the scenes, Sam is quick to share kudos and credit, but her invisible hand left its mark in every aspect of our work. She is a skilled manager who built and led a pioneering communications team by identifying potential, carving out space for creativity, and challenging herself and others to do their best. When pitching a communications idea to Sam, her colleagues have learned to have a better strategy than, "this is the way it has always been done!" She has helped countless staffers grow into communications thinkers, coaching even the workiest members of our team on meeting—and making—moments.

From Good Morning America to the Star Tribune, Sam has been there to help pitch, prep, and powder my nose for moments big and small. Under her leadership, our communications team became a branding powerhouse, crafting powerful messages, landing big interviews, producing captivating content, building a mass communications program so strong I regularly receive thanks from constituents on the receiving end of unsolicited emails, and even going viral for a TikTok dance or two. Sam did it all with an eye for authenticity and improvement, and each success became a new foundation on which to build.

Her work helped earn me a seat at the leadership table in 2022 when I was elected Co-Chair of the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (DPCC), and her reimagining of communications staffing and budgets has been recognized by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the House as best in class. Sam has been invited by the CAO to coach new Chiefs of Staff on modernizing their own communications teams, leadership that will surely leave this institution operating better than she found it for generations to come.

In addition to her many professional talents, Sam is a genuine and thoughtful human, pottery aficionado, gluten-free bread enthusiast, and we're all better for having served alongside her.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have her dedication and leadership, and she is dearly missed. However, I'm extraordinarily happy that she will continue to do this work and serve the Nation and the people Minnesota at the Minnesota Department of Education. I wish Sam all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for six years of faithful service to this Nation.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN PFARR

**HON. BRAD FINSTAD**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2024*

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Minnesota House Representative Brian Pfarr. First elected in 2020 to represent then-District 20A, Representative Pfarr has served the people of southern Minnesota in the State House for the past four years, most recently as the representative for District 22B.

Prior to his service in the State Legislature, Representative Pfarr honorably served our state as a colonel in the Minnesota Army National Guard. Since his retirement in 2021, he has brought the same tireless work ethic to

representing the people of Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Rice, and Scott counties.

The priorities of his constituents have always been at the forefront of Representative Pfarr's service in the State House, particularly through his continued leadership in the many House committees on which he has served throughout the years, including Ways and Means and Commerce Finance and Policy.

Representative Pfarr has done an exemplary job representing the people of District 22B, and all of us across southern Minnesota have been well-served by his time in office. I am grateful for his many years of dedicated public service, and I wish him the warmest congratulations on his retirement.

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RECOGNIZING DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING AND OPERATIONS, MAE HOUGO FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. DEAN PHILLIPS**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2024*

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Director of Scheduling and Operations, Mae Hougo, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. I could not be more proud or grateful for her service.

Mae was raised in Minnesota and graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall. She ventured off to attend the College of Holy Cross where she

earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government. Mae's passion for politics led her to many interesting and informative experiences that ranged from City Hall in Saint Paul, the Minnesota State Capitol, and Washington, D.C. Her experience of both campaigns and official side work have been invaluable.

Mae has worked as a political scheduler for over five years in Minnesota. Her unofficial title is the "keeper of space and time." From busy session weeks, to packed August recesses, if things were going smoothly for my team and me, it was due to Mae's tireless work. Her foresight and creative thinking in a pinch saved each of us from more than our fair share of mishaps. Her colleagues will always remember Mae's organized and strategic thinking. Mae is dependable, determined, fiercely passionate about the work, and incredibly hardworking.

Mae has grown her role immensely during her tenure in this office—she began her time with us as District Scheduler and ended it as Director of Scheduling and Operations, overseeing the scheduling process in both Minnesota and Washington, D.C. Mae's sound judgment and critical thinking have led her to become a trusted advisor to me. Her talent combined with her heart for the work have made her an invaluable part of this team.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have her dedication and leadership, and she will be dearly missed. I wish Mae all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for five years of faithful service to this Nation in my office.