

our community and a remarkable ability to address them through proactive and community-oriented policing. His work embodies the principle that public safety is not just about enforcement but also about building trust and fostering collaboration between law enforcement and the residents they serve. Suffolk County could not be prouder to have Officer Joy amongst its ranks.

In New York and on Long Island, we know the value of a strong and dedicated police force. Officer Joy's efforts to combat crime, protect vulnerable individuals, and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods have left an indelible impact on our community. We owe him a debt that we could never repay.

On behalf of the people of Suffolk County and the 1st Congressional District of New York, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to Officer Thomas Joy for his outstanding service and his unwavering commitment to justice and public safety. His contributions to Suffolk County serve as an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to honor his remarkable achievements here today.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF COMMISSIONER KATE DEAN

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kate Dean for her years of public service to the Jefferson County community. As a member of the Jefferson County Commission, Commissioner Dean demonstrated unparalleled leadership and advocacy for the Jefferson County community as she prepares to step down from the Commission.

Commissioner Dean moved to Jefferson County, Washington in 1999 and spent 10 years farming and working to grow the local food economy through small business development, including co-founding FinnRiver Farm and Mt. Townsend Creamery. She also started a consulting business that focused on natural resource and economic development issues both locally and across the region. Later, she served as the Regional Director for the North Olympic Development Council.

Commissioner Dean was then elected to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners in 2017 representing Port Townsend. While on the board, she became a driving force for rural economic development and environmental sustainability in the county. She has been behind groundbreaking work that has bridged public, private, and nonprofit sectors tackling complex rural issues.

Outside of our region, the impact of Commissioner Dean's efforts has been felt around the state. In 2023, Governor Inslee appointed Commissioner Dean to the Washington State Board of Health, where she advocated for rural healthcare issues and access. She also serves as a member of the Leadership Council for the Puget Sound Partnership.

Commissioner Dean has been a staunch advocate for public funding of major infrastructure projects, increased access to supporting housing, and overall economic growth in a county that desperately needs it. And this advocacy has led to record levels of public in-

vestment, including successful Community Project Funding wins for the Port Hadlock Sewer and Caswell-Brown Emergency Shelter and Supportive Housing Projects. The impact of Commissioner Dean's work has been profound and will have lasting impacts for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I have been grateful for Commissioner Dean's leadership, partnership, and friendship—and I applaud her for her successes in working to make her community stronger. Commissioner Dean's leadership and passion for revitalizing rural Jefferson County has forever impacted the future of the communities she served. Her advocacy and energy will be sorely missed.

For these reasons, I am pleased to recognize Commissioner Kate Dean in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, a vital institution that has provided transformative leadership to Greater Lansing, Michigan, since 1901. Over that time the Chamber has worked tirelessly to help businesses connect, grow, and thrive, while also strengthening local communities and fostering an equitable and vibrant economic landscape.

Through its advocacy, programming, and partnership, it plays an instrumental role in making the Lansing region one of the best places to live and work in Michigan. By collaborating with corporate executives, small business owners, elected officials, and local leaders, the Chamber drives initiatives that promote shared success.

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce's focus on equity, reflects a commitment to creating an inclusive environment where all individuals and businesses can thrive together. By providing resources, mentorship, and professional development opportunities, the Chamber is helping to shape a future that celebrates and supports diverse and equitable communities. Initiatives like ATHENA Lansing exemplify this mission by empowering women to achieve leadership and professional growth, ensuring that their voices are at the forefront of progress.

What sets the Lansing Regional Chamber further apart is its belief in bipartisanship and its ability to unite people across political and ideological lines. The Chamber consistently brings together stakeholders from all walks of life to find common ground for the benefit of the entire region. Its leadership in tackling issues like infrastructure, housing, education, and healthcare has established it as a trusted voice and a force for positive change. We need more practical, common-sense, solution-oriented influence in our civic life, and I applaud generations of Chamber leaders for their work to put community interest ahead of politics.

For over 100 years, the Chamber has provided valuable tools and resources to members, helping them navigate challenges, inno-

vate, and succeed. By fostering a stronger, more connected, and supportive network of businesses and individuals, it has enriched communities and left an indelible mark on the Greater Lansing area.

It is with great respect and gratitude that I recognize the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce and its outstanding contributions and enduring legacy of service here in the official record of the People's House.

THOMAS R. CARPER WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the "Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024." I would like to thank Ranking Members LARSEN (D-WA) and NAPOLITANO (D-CA) and Chairs GRAVES (R-MO) and ROUZER (R-NC), as well as their committee and personal office staffs, for crafting the bipartisan "Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024."

This is the sixth consecutive biennial WRDA since 2014, continuing the bipartisan tradition of enacting a new WRDA every two years that meets the water infrastructure needs of communities across the country. This year's WRDA will strengthen community resilience in addressing the climate crisis, improve water resource projects that safeguard human health, and enrich America's vital natural ecosystems.

The legislation before us today would not have been possible without the leadership of my longtime friend and incredible public servant, Ranking Member GRACE NAPOLITANO. Since 2014, Ranking Member NAPOLITANO has led the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, helping protect our communities from droughts, restore our ecosystems, and invest in America's ports and harbors. While her presence on the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee will be missed, her commitment to protecting America's water supply will benefit countless communities for years to come.

The "Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024" (S. 4367) includes key priorities for Solano and Contra Costa Counties, the Bay Area, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and all of California's 8th Congressional District. As a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I was pleased to secure several provisions in this bill to create local jobs by directing new federal investment into Mare Island, restore Bay Area wetlands, bolster water supply for local communities in California's 8th Congressional District, and more.

Specifically, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024" (S. 4367):

Expands on my ongoing work to support the redevelopment of Mare Island by directing the Army Corps to complete a feasibility study with the City of Vallejo to deepen the Mare Island Strait Channel;

Addresses the impact of sea level rise on the San Francisco Bay Area, by authorizing

the Army Corps to complete a comprehensive study focusing on the effects of sea level rise on disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area;

Helps restore Bay Area wetlands in San Pablo, Grizzly, Honker, and Suisun Bays by requiring the Army Corps to use at least 70 percent of dredged materials;

Fortifies Contra Costa County's water supply by authorizing \$57 million in federal funding for water supply projects in central Contra Costa County by the Delta Diablo and Ironhouse Sanitary Districts;

Further supports the crucial use of recycled water in the East Bay by investing an additional \$20 million to the East Bay Municipal Utility District's East Bayshore Recycled Water Project and Integrated Recycled Water Program; bringing in a total of \$45 million invested in the District;

Helps restore the Sacramento River floodplain by directing the Army Corps to use natural infrastructure in all Army Corps projects;

Incorporates key provisions from my "Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Act" (H.R. 7719), expanding the Army Corps' ability to remove abandoned and derelict vessels on the shoreline.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with the Chairs and Ranking Members, and my colleagues from both parties to get this timely legislation to President Biden's desk for signature by the end of the calendar year.

HONORING CARRIE ROWELL

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the very large number of members who have learned and become more educated on important subjects on Aspen Institute study trips for the past years, we honor the service of Carrie Rowell, who has worked with members of Congress from both sides of the aisle and both sides of the Capitol for the last 14 years. Carrie has worked diligently as the Conference Director for the Aspen Institute Congressional Program, a nonprofit working to bring members of Congress together with policy experts to solve the greatest challenges of our time around the world.

The Aspen Congressional Program conducts several bipartisan, bicameral conferences around the world throughout the year. Carrie, as Conference Director, has been responsible for all logistics and operations of these conferences, including monitoring late or missed flights for 65 plus conference participants, making sure site visits and educational sessions stay on time, and always personally greeting and sending members back to the United States with a smile. This stalwart programming has been instrumental in many members forming working relationships with each other that might not otherwise exist.

Before the Aspen Institute, Carrie had a distinguished career in journalism, communications, and conference operations. She was the conference coordinator of a University of Maryland journalism foundation, press secretary for former Representative for South Carolina, Butler Derrick, and media relations

manager for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta and First Union Corporation of South Carolina. She started her career as a political reporter for a North Carolina daily newspaper and was editor of a South Carolina weekly newspaper. A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Carrie graduated from St. Andrews University.

Carrie has led with poise, grace under pressure, and kindness for the last 14 years. She expresses these valuable traits at all times to members of Congress, her colleagues, and all those around her, whether before a 5 a.m. flight or after a long, 12-hour day.

We thank Carrie for her years of service and wish her the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. NANCY REICHMAN

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Nancy Reichman, Professor Emerita at the University of Denver. On December 4, 2024, Dr. Reichman received the Joyce and Kal Zeff Humanitarian Award, a well-deserved recognition of her dedicated work in academia and to our community.

Dr. Reichman worked in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Denver for 40 years. Her commitment to education and to the Denver community had a profound impact on undergraduate students at the University of Denver over the years. During Dr. Reichman's time at the University, her research areas included financial regulation, workplace regulation, and white-collar crime.

Dr. Reichman's commitment to the Jewish community is evident through her dedication to relaunching the Jewish Family Services' Refugee Resettlement program. This program assists refugee families in finding affordable housing, providing food and mental health counseling, and supporting overall efforts to acclimate to life in the United States. She also sits on Denver's Racial Equity Council and works alongside her colleagues to address systemic inequalities and racial inequity in our state.

Dr. Reichman's work in academia and across our community created lasting changes in Colorado. I join many others in extending my gratitude for her service to our state.

HONORING BRIAN MURRAY

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my consultant, Brian Murray, for his years of service to me, our state, and our Nation.

Prior to consulting, Brian worked on Capitol Hill for multiple members, including his last role as Chief of Staff to former U.S. Representative Rick Renzi. Brian also worked in the U.S. Senate as a staff member on the Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space and on numerous statewide, con-

gressional, and independent expenditure committees.

Brian was essential in my quest to become a member of Congress and served as a confidant throughout my tenure. No matter the challenge, Brian was already ready to fight and guide me through even the most difficult of days.

I cannot thank Brian enough for his commitment and dedication to me, my district, our state, and our Nation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SCOTT PERKINS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Scott Perkins as he retires from his role with the San Ramon City Council.

Scott has spent his life serving his country and his community. He attended the US Naval Academy and earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering before serving five years in active duty with the Navy. During this time, he spent 3 years aboard the USS *Gray* as a First Lieutenant, Assistant Navigator, and Missile/Gunnery Officer and 2 years serving as an Instructor at the Landing Force Training Command Pacific. Scott remained in the Naval Reserves serving in a variety of roles before he was called back into active duty to support Operation Desert Storm. He served in Germany, Turkey, and Iraq assisting with refugee support activities. Scott retired from the Armed Forces in 2005 with the rank of Captain, serving more than 34 years in uniform. Scott continued to serve his Nation with his acquired expertise, moving into an engineering role at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In this role, Scott worked as the Resource Manager and Facility Manager for the X-Ray Laser Program, served as a Test Engineer for the SLBM Weapon Protection Program, and supported the Lab's Nuclear Materials Surveillance Program. He retired from the Lab after 36 years of dedicated service and continues to consult for their Weapons Complex Integration program.

Scott has also demonstrated his steadfast commitment to our community and improving the lives of San Ramon residents. He was first elected to the San Ramon City Council in 2003, where he has worked to maintain the financial health of the City and improving quality of life in San Ramon. He served as chair of the City's Finance Committee and played a key role in renovating and expanding San Ramon's library. Beyond his work on City Council, Scott has been instrumental in supporting local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Having earned his rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 13, Scott went on to serve as Den Leader and Cubmaster for the pack at Montevideo Elementary School and was a founding leader of Troop 84. He has led backpack trips in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and has mentored over 100 Eagle Scouts.

Throughout his life, Scott has bravely served his country and has worked tirelessly to empower members of our community. Please join me in congratulating Scott Perkins on his well-deserved retirement after decades of public service.