

HONORING WEST HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the West Henderson High School girls volleyball team for winning the North Carolina 3A volleyball championship game.

This is the Falcons' sixth volleyball championship and first since 2008.

The West Henderson girls persevered through the challenges brought by Hurricane Helene, which interrupted their season for two weeks as many of the players were without power and water.

On and off the court, the West Henderson girls battled all season long to finish with an impressive 26 and 2 record and the championship title.

Congratulations to the West Henderson High School Girls Volleyball team, they have made all of Western North Carolina proud.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF OFFICER JACOB ANDREW CANDANOZA

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Officer Jacob Andrew Candanoza of the Terrell Police Department, who lost his life in the line of duty on December 8, 2024.

Officer Candanoza embodied the highest ideals of courage and commitment in his service to the Terrell community. On December 8, during a routine traffic stop, Officer Candanoza made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve.

Officer Candanoza dedicated his life to the protection of our Nation as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps between 2014 and 2019. Following his military service, he worked with the Dallas Sheriff's Office as a courtesy patrol technician. After being sworn in as an officer with the Terrell Police Department in July 2024, Officer Candanoza quickly earned the respect of his colleagues and community for his professionalism and compassion. His sacrifice is a solemn reminder of the debt of gratitude we owe to all who serve on the thin blue line.

My deepest condolences go out to Officer Candanoza's family, friends, and fellow officers during this profoundly difficult time. May his memory serve as a beacon of courage and a reminder of the dedication of our law enforcement community.

HONORING MIA RODRIGUEZ

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding service of Mia Rodriguez, my intern who served with distinction in

my office and dedicated her time to serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District.

Mia is currently a student at Florida International University where her focus is on International Relations and Political Science. She also has served with distinction on FIU's Student Government Association as Chief Justice. I am proud to say that Mia has shown great dedication and has devoted her time in my office to diving deep into the legislative process, particularly when it comes to foreign affairs and trade policy.

Mia's eagerness to learn and excel will always be remembered. I wish Mia all the best as she continues her academic journey of which I am certain will be filled with much success.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mia Rodriguez for her commitment and service.

HONORING POLK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Polk County High School girls volleyball team for winning the North Carolina 1A volleyball championship game with a score of 3–0.

This is the Wolverine girls' second consecutive 1A volleyball championship title.

Making their championship win all the more impressive, the team did not have practices or games for a period of 19 days during the middle of their season due to Hurricane Helene.

Congratulations to the Polk County High School girls volleyball team. I commend their work ethic, fortitude, and determination that resulted in an outstanding season.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COMMISSIONER ANTONIO WIL- LIAMS OF WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring the service of Commissioner Antonio Williams.

Whereas Commissioner Antonio Williams continues to advocate for the creation of the Wayne County Homeless Committee to combat homelessness in Wayne County.

Whereas Commissioner Williams accomplished the approval of digital libraries in District 2, which in turn brought more support to the Summer Youth Employment Program that he started.

Whereas the commissioners approved resolutions authorizing the spending of national opioid settlement funds, which will bring needed relief to communities impacted by the opioid epidemic in Wayne County. These funds support every aspect of the effort to combat addiction, from early intervention to re-

covery support services and the treatment of incarcerated people.

Whereas the commissioners' progress on public service infrastructure, from the Northern Wayne County Library, to Fremont Elementary school, adds to the quality of life in Wayne County and contributes to the delivery of essential support for all constituents.

Whereas the increased allocation for public schools in this year's budget, including expansion of the School Resource Officer program is critical to ensuring safe and accessible public education.

I, WILEY NICKEL, Congressman of the 13th District of North Carolina, am honored to recognize the incredible service of Commissioner Antonio Williams of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Williams' efforts to improve citizens' lives through public service is laudable, and his impact on community is immeasurable. I Thank Commissioner Williams for his devoted attention to Wayne County and contributions to the strength of our state.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 AAA STARS OF LIFE

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the emergency medical services (EMS) profession who dedicate their lives to providing often lifesaving medical care and transport services to patients as well as entire communities. These health care professionals are on the frontlines of providing vital emergency 9–1–1 and interfacility ambulance services.

Every year, the dispatch of an ambulance is the first response to millions of medical emergencies. Often, the survival of a patient is enhanced by the prompt medical attention provided by paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) prior to the arrival at an emergency department. As a result of the selfless acts of these courageous and devoted professions, the lives of thousands of Americans are saved each year. While these professionals do not expect to receive recognition for their work, they deserve our outmost gratitude.

I would like to highlight a very special group of EMS professionals or "Stars of Life" who were honored this by the American Ambulance Association. These Stars of Life are meeting with their members of Congress this week and I strongly encourage my colleagues to take the time to chat with these exceptional individuals.

The American Ambulance Association honors each year those paramedics, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers and other ambulance service personnel who exemplify what is best about the EMS field. The American Ambulance Association has appropriately designated these individuals as "Stars of Life". Past Stars of Life have included paramedics and EMTs who were part of evacuation and response efforts to natural disasters, acts of terrorism and public health emergencies. Members of this year's Stars of Life program are no different and were involved with exceptional acts such as delivering and saving a baby born pulseless during transport to a hospital and extracting a patient involved in a fiery

car crash and then providing critical medical care.

Of equal importance, this program also pays tribute to those ambulance service personnel whose heroic acts or community service activities may not have made the news, but were just as meaningful to the people they aided.

They are truly America's health care safety net.

I am especially proud of the five Stars of Life from Oregon being recognized this year who serve Oregonians with pride. They are Aubree Arneson, Jorge Garcia, Jason Hodges, Don Marr and Joe Scott. I had the opportunity to meet with Jorge Garcia with Umpqua Valley

Ambulance from Roseburg, Oregon today and can tell you he is a first-class EMS professional who deeply cares about his community and his patients.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the names, organizations and hometowns of the 2024 American Ambulance Association Stars of Life honorees.

Names	Company	Location Display
Frank Alba	American Medical Response	Kansas City, KS
Johan Alvarado	Air Evac Lifeteam	Laredo, TX
Aubree Arneson	Cal-Ore Life Flight	Brookings, OR
Adam Aronberg	Northwell Health System Center for EMS	Norwalk, CT
Glenn Armony	Hartford HealthCare EMS Network	Meriden, CT
Robyn Asher	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Oak Ridge, TN
Krystal Barboza	Hall Ambulance Service	Bakersfield, CA
Keone Bareng	Life EMS Ambulance	Grand Rapids, MI
Henry Barsh	American Medical Response	Philadelphia, PA
John Basile	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	Highland, IN
Jason Baum	Falck	Orange, CA
Alec Belau	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Phoenix, AZ
Antoine Berenger	Rural Metro Fire	Tempe, AZ
Samantha Blackwell	Acadian Ambulance	Lafayette, LA
Cornelius Brady	VMSC Emergency Medical Services	Lansdale, PA
Spencer Brittain	Life EMS	Enid, OK
Gregg Bulman	Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance	Dorchester, IA
Jade Calvin	Bell Ambulance, Inc	Waukesha, WI
Jeremiah Capps	Superior Mobile Health	Converse, TX
Josh Cavaness	EagleMed	Chanute, KS
Emily Chandler	American Medical Response	Duxbury, MA
Cassandra Clark	Medix Ambulance Service Inc	Vancouver, WA
Eric Constantine	Medic Ambulance Service Inc	Santa Rosa, CA
Jason Cooke	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Darlington, SC
Bernard Cote	Rescue Inc	Newfane, VT
Janiece Cox	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	Valparaiso, IN
Brandi Crist	Metropolitan EMS	Bigelow, AR
Andrew Davalos	American Medical Response	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Dwight Derby	Advanced Life Systems, Inc	Selah, WA
Michael Dobrosky	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	Genoa, OH
Dianna Drake	Hartford HealthCare EMS Network	Meriden, CT
Nate Dutt	Sanford Ambulance	Fargo, ND
Amie Ebarb	Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service	Ardmore, OK
Riggs Egolf	American Medical Response	Hampton, VA
Yahya Elshawarbi	Falck	Orange, CA
Steve Emery	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Indianapolis, IN
Aidan Enders	Mohawk Ambulance Service	Delanson, NY
Juencio Estrada	Air Evac Lifeteam	Laredo, TX
William Fisher	Air Evac Lifeteam	Walnut Ridge, AR
Jason Florence	American Medical Response	Overbrook, KS
Eric Foell	Regional Ambulance Service, Inc	Rutland, VT
Robert Ford	Lifenet Inc	Stillwater, OK
John Frierson	Lifenet Inc	Wake Village, TX
Jorge Garcia	Umpqua Valley Ambulance	Roseburg, OR
Hope Garrison	Lifenet Inc	Royal, AR
Craig Gesterling	Sunstar Paramedics	St. Petersburg, FL
Taylor Gibson	Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service	Rochester, MN
Jacob Gilmore	Mohawk Ambulance Service	Burnt Hills, NY
Wayne Gooding	Emergent Health Partners	Jackson, MI
Jessup Grogan	Metropolitan EMS	Little Rock, AR
Kenneth Guzman	Northwell Health System Center for EMS	Farmingville, NY
Diamond Hall	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service of Illinois	Oak Park, IL
Morgan Halliburton	Pro Med Ambulance	Maynard, AR
Scotland Hamlin	American Medical Response	Orlando, FL
Kayleen Harding	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Fort Washakie, WY
Josh Harrington	Sunstar Paramedics	Tampa, FL
John Hathaway	Spirit Medical Transport, LLC	Greenville, OH
Robert Hatzikonstantis	Armstrong Ambulance Service	Arlington, MA
William Helm, Jr.	REMSA Health	Reno, NV
Jason Henry	Rural Metro Fire	Mesa, AZ
Kylend Hetherington	Medstar Ambulance	Auburn, MI
Jon Hibbard	Action Ambulance Service, Inc	Tuftsboro, NH
Timothy Hinchcliff	Burholme Emergency Medical Services	Philadelphia, PA
Jason Hodges	American Medical Response	Wilsonville, OR
Royce Hsiung	Lakes Region EMS	North Branch, MN
Alan Hughry	Medic Ambulance Service Inc	Vallejo, CA
Kristen Hunter	Action Ambulance Service, Inc	Southboro, MA
Heather James	American Medical Response	Hogansville, GA
Lillie Jamison	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Nesbit, MS
Steve Jaskot	Emergent Health Partners	Chelsea, MI
Brian Keith	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	Oshkosh, WI
David Kingdon	American Medical Response	Wailuku, HI
Alissa Krisher	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	New London, WI
Daniel Laguna	REACH	North Salt Lake, UT
Matthew Lambert	Lifeguard Ambulance Service	Florence, AL
Carla Landrum	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Buchanan, GA

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Miki Leslie	American Medical Response	White Swan, WA
William Loftus-Rooney	Cataldo Ambulance Service, Inc	Holyoke, MA
George Lombardo	Superior Mobile Health	Kirby, TX
Patti Ludvig McCartney	Life EMS Ambulance	Portage, MI
Eric Lumpkin	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Dacula, GA
Don Marr	Bay City Ambulance	Coos Bay, OR
James Martin	Pafford EMS	Tulsa, OK
Maurice Matthews	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	Berkley, MI
Amanda McQuistian	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Hampton, VA
Alyssa Meier	Life Line Ambulance	Prescott, AZ
Eli Melamed	Life Line Ambulance	Prescott Valley, AZ
Shelly Miller	Mecklenburg EMS Agency	Charlotte, NC
Loren Mitchell	Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance	Waterloo, IA
Michael Mitchell	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	Yorkville, IL
Kevin Moore	Cataldo Ambulance Service, Inc	Newburyport, MA
Amber Munch	East Baton Rouge Parish EMS	Baton Rouge, LA
Scott Munoz	Missoula Emergency Services	Frenchtown, MT
Adam Mysona	Falck	Aurora, CO
Philip Neff	Falck	La Palma, CA
Shellaine Novak	PatientCare EMS	Sioux Falls, SD
Stacy Omdahl	LifeCare EMS	Roseau, MN
Megan Overbeck	Abbott EMS	Decatur, IL
Michael Penna	American Medical Response	Grand Terrace, CA
Lori Peterson	Medstar Ambulance	Shelby Twp, MI
Jon Jakob Peterson	Sanford Ambulance	Fargo, ND
Emily Robillard	East Baton Rouge Parish EMS	New Roads, LA
Kevin Rochford	American Medical Response	Temple, TX
Brian Rogers	Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service	Ontario, OH
Daniel Schaefer	Metro-Area Ambulance Service	Mandan, ND
Madison Schatzer	McClain-Grady County EMS	Moore, OK
Mark Schiltz	Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance	Caledonia, MN
Ryan Schott	Mecklenburg EMS Agency	Charlotte, NC
Joe Scott	Medix Ambulance Service Inc	Warrenton, OR
Allison Sharp	East Baton Rouge Parish EMS	Baton Rouge, LA
Faith Shuff	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Oxford, GA
Nicole Silver	Northwell Health System Center for EMS	Staten Island, NY
Dale Simmons	Mercy Ambulance Service, Inc	Savannah, GA
Lance Smeal	American Medical Response	Lockport, NY
Chad Smith	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Mohawk, NY
Robin Smith	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Nashville, TN
Thomas Smith	EMSA	Claremore, OK
Raquel Soto	American Medical Response	Newington, CT
Jason Southard	American Medical Response	Tucson, AZ
Allen Steele	Priority Ambulance, LLC	Darlington, SC
Savannah Steele Welch	Acadian Ambulance	West Monroe, LA
Ambrose Stevens	American Medical Response	Redding, CA
Dalton Stewart	Pafford EMS	Boyle, MS
Sam Swanson	Hall Ambulance Service	Bakersfield, CA
Jessicah Sweet	Monticello Ambulance Service	Monticello, AR
Sam Sye	Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance	Mindoro, WI
Keri Taylor	EMSA	Oklahoma City, OK
Nikki Taylor	Metropolitan EMS	North Little Rock, AR
Heather Teague	Mecklenburg EMS Agency	Charlotte, NC
Shane Terry	Air Evac Lifeteam	Snyder, TX
Chris Thomason	Pro Med Ambulance	El Dorado, AR
Cynthia Torkelson	Gundersen Tri-State	Monona, IA
Richelle Treece	REACT EMS	Shawnee, OK
David Trimberger	Pafford EMS	Edmond, OK
Cheryl VanSeters	Life EMS Ambulance	Grand Rapids, MI
Andrew Clei Varela	American Medical Response	Keyes, CA
Lucie Walters	AirMed International	Foley, AL
Nicole Warren	Air Evac Lifeteam	Osceola, AR
Andrew Watson	EMSA	Oklahoma City, OK
Paul Winter	Hartford HealthCare EMS Network	Shelton, CT
Amy Wollenburg	Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service	Austin, MN
Haywad Yusufzai	Armstrong Ambulance Service	Arlington, MA
Ronnie Zermeno	Pafford EMS	Sherwood, AR

HONORING GENESIS SANTIAGO

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 20, 2024

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding service of Genesis Santiago, who has made an exceptional contribution to my office during her time as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellow. Genesis has served with distinction in my of-

fice and dedicated her time to serving the people of Florida’s 24th Congressional District.

Genesis holds an impressive academic background, earning three undergraduate degrees from the University of South Florida in History, Secondary Social Studies Education, and Classics and a master’s degree in public policy from Georgetown University. Genesis demonstrated exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to advancing education equity during her fellowship. Her extensive experience as a teacher brought a wealth of knowledge that greatly enhanced our education policy efforts. Genesis immersed herself in the

legislative process, consistently delivering high-quality briefing memos and policy recommendations.

In addition to her policy work in higher education, Genesis played a key role in drafting bills and collaborating with several organizations to move our legislative priorities forward. Her ability to articulate complex ideas through Op-eds and legislative writing further underscored her dedication to the issues we care deeply about. She also took on a leadership role with the fellows and interns, assigning meaningful projects and ensuring each team