

funds to restore the Governor's mansion, so that everyone could visit and enjoy the beautiful grounds.

Senator Jean Carnahan was an accomplished author of seven published books and co-wrote many of her husband's speeches. She provided guidance and inspiration to so many people throughout Missouri to serve others and be a vehicle for change. I offer my deepest condolences on behalf of Missouri's First District to the entire family and all those who loved her. May her Memory forever be a blessing.

#### HONORING BRIAN McDERMOTT

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize hero, leader, and lifelong resident of New Jersey, Mr. Brian McDermott. Brian is retiring from his position as Fire Chief of the great City of Paterson, bringing his two decades of service as a first responder to a close. It is a pleasure and a privilege to honor Brian and highlight his impressive career.

Brian's story begins in 1994. After deciding that college wasn't for him, Brian was looking for a way to combine his passion for helping others with his love of being on a team. Brian's brothers encouraged him to take the New Jersey Firefighter Exam and he scored exceptionally well. Within a year he was hired by the Paterson Fire Department.

It did not take long for Brian to display exceptional heroism. On March 10, 1997, he and his colleagues in Ladder Company 3 responded to a call, arriving to a building engulfed in flames and smoke. Despite the dangerous conditions, Brian and his fellow firefighter Matthew Ganci entered the building and were able to locate and rescue the people inside. On this call and on countless others, Brian proved his steadfast commitment to serving his community.

Over the years Brian rose through the ranks from Captain, to Deputy Chief and finally to Chief of the Department in 2018. Some of Brian's notable achievements as Chief include the implementation of a free smoke detector program for residents, the procurement of a fleet of electric vehicles for the Department, and the transition of the City's 9-1-1 network from an analog to a digital system.

Brian was able to achieve so much as Chief because, no matter the position, he led with humility. Always focusing on his team's achievements and never his own, Brian's reputation as a leader is well known across New Jersey. His work led to numerous regional leadership positions, including Deputy Fire Coordinator for Passaic County and Chairman of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue Strike Team.

The people of Paterson were lucky to have a dependable leader like Brian when we faced one of our biggest challenges in recent history: The COVID-19 Pandemic. Leading the Department while protecting his staff from a deadly and rapidly changing disease was no small feat. Yet, Brian valiantly rose to the occasion in protecting over 150,000 residents of Paterson.

Now, Brian will rise to the occasion once again. Retirement holds a lot for Brian: fur-

thering his education, contributing to the fire service profession, and traveling with his wife Shannon. It is with great sincerity and appreciation that I wish Brian a long and happy retirement.

So, from the bottom of my heart, and from the heart of our communities in Paterson and Passaic County, New Jersey, I take this opportunity from the People's House to thank Chief McDermott, and may God bless him.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOSEPH McDONALD OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

#### HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of Dr. Joseph McDonald of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) in Pablo, Montana.

Dr. McDonald died on December 14, 2023, at the age of 90. Dr. McDonald was an educator, innovator, historian, athlete, coach, tremendous leader, and dedicated family man.

Dr. McDonald was born in St. Ignatius, on March 31, 1933. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1951. After high school, Joe worked as a U.S. Forest Service smokejumper in West Yellowstone. While working there he enrolled at Montana Western College and met the love of his life, Sharon Christopherson. They married at the end of their freshman year.

Joe went on to teach and coach at various K-12 schools across Montana. During this time, he also attended the University of Montana, earning his master's degrees in education and health and his Doctorate in Education.

While Joe and Sherri were raising their four children, Tim, Terry, Tracie, and Tom, he continued to serve his community in many capacities. Joe served as a high school principal and assistant superintendent at Ronan Public Schools. He was eventually elected to the CSKT Tribal Council and served two terms. His strong advocacy led to the establishment of Salish Kootenai College where he served as the President Emeritus for over 20 years.

Joe received a host of awards over his career including honorary degrees from Gonzaga University and Montana State University, distinguished alumni awards from the University of Montana and the University of Montana Western, distinguished service awards from the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, and the National Indian Educator of the Year award. Joe was also enshrined in the Montana Indian Athletic Hall of Fame.

After retiring from Salish Kootenai College, Joe spent much of his time supporting his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in their pursuits in life with his wife Sherri.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Sherri McDonald, and their son and daughter in-law Terry and Paula (Camel) McDonald. Joe is survived by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, we are very grateful that great men like Joe McDonald have dedicated their lives to the service of others. On behalf of the

people of Montana's First Congressional District, I offer his family my deepest sympathies.

#### TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE GADBOIS

#### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Gadbois, a valued member of the House Committee on Appropriations, who has more than 20 years of service working in the federal government. Her commitment to our country exemplifies the hard work and commitment of an esteemed public servant.

Stephanie began her government career in 2001 when she joined the House Committee on Agriculture as Counsel. She was eventually promoted to Deputy Chief Counsel, and for good reason: In her seven years with the Agriculture Committee, she played a crucial role in the 2002 Farm Bill, 2008 Farm Bill, and countless other pieces of legislation that positively impacted the agricultural industry.

In 2008, Stephanie took her agricultural expertise to the House Committee on Appropriations, specifically the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. The next year, she moved to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. After returning to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for a short time in 2010, Stephanie became a Professional Staff Member on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, where from 2010 to 2012 she oversaw accounts pertaining to the Department of Justice and related agencies including the United States Attorneys, the United States Marshals Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

After six years with the House Committee on Appropriations, Stephanie had the opportunity to serve as Senior Counsel for the House Committee on the Judiciary. From 2013 to 2019, she enabled better collaboration between the Appropriations and the Judiciary Committees and negotiated key pieces of legislation that reformed immigration law, addressed crime, and reduced regulatory burden.

At the beginning of the 116th Congress, Stephanie returned to the House Committee on Appropriations as Minority Clerk of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Stephanie's extensive expertise and experience earned her the position of Majority Clerk and Staff Director of the Subcommittee at the beginning of the 118th Congress.

Stephanie has been an exceptional member of the House Committee on Appropriations. During her time on the Committee, Stephanie has successfully implemented strategies for advancing key funding measures and policies through the Committee and Congress.

On the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, I tasked Stephanie with handling some of the most difficult issues. Similar to the roles she previously held, I knew she would exceed expectations. In times of divided government, her

ability to negotiate resulted in significant wins on many politically charged policies.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Stephanie as she leaves the halls of Congress and starts her next chapter. After countless early mornings and late nights of devoted work to our country, I know she is looking forward to a change of pace and scenery. I wish Stephanie and her husband, Aaron, who served in my personal office as a Military Fellow, the best in their next adventure.

Stephanie will be greatly missed, and I thank her for her dedicated service to the United States of America.

HONORING ADMIRAL BUDDY  
YATES

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American, Rear Admiral Earl "Buddy" Yates, Jr., who passed away peacefully on September 13, 2021, at the age of 97. A graduate of Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, NC, Admiral Yates was admitted to the United States Naval Academy at the outset of World War II. He was commissioned from the Academy in 1943 at the age of 19 and was immediately assigned to the USS *Dyson* where his squadron received a Presidential Unit Citation for their actions during the Solomon Islands campaign in the Pacific Theater. After the war and throughout the 1950s, Admiral Yates served as a Naval Aviator in Executive Officer roles before being assigned to the Department of the Navy in Washington. In 1965, he was selected for his first command of the USS *Raleigh* where he was awarded a Legion of Merit for his service. In 1967, Admiral Yates assumed what would become a lifelong duty for him when he was named Prospective Commanding Officer of USS *John F. Kennedy* (CVA-67) while the aircraft carrier was completed at Newport News Shipyard in Virginia. He served as the ship's first commander upon commissioning, leading her through assignments with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean until 1969. Before his retirement in 1974, Admiral Yates served in more senior roles with the Navy including Assistant Chief of Staff for the Pacific Fleet. While taking on other assignments with the Navy before his retirement, Admiral Yates was never far from the crew of CVA-67. As new commanding officers took the helm of the ship before it was decommissioned in 2007, Buddy was always available to support them. To the crew who served with him and the many who sailed on CVA-67 after his time in command, Admiral Yates was a friend and mentor who worked hard to unify them all behind a common mission. Throughout the construction of the new USS *John F. Kennedy*, CVN-79 that is expected to begin operations in 2025, Admiral Yates was quick to work closely with the new prospective commanders in building continuity between the two ships. He attended both the keel laying of CVN-79 in 2015 and the ship's christening in 2019. Together with the veterans of CVN-67, they formed a motto to carry CVN-79 around the world: "Two Ships, One JFK Family". Throughout his life, Buddy was never far from friends and was

blessed with a beautiful family. After he passed away in 2021, he joined his wife of 63 years, Lucy, in burial at the United States Naval Academy Cemetery. Buddy and Lucy had 5 children together, and many grandchildren whom they cherished. On December 23, 2023, his family, the retired crew of CVA-67, and the sailors of CVN-79 honored the centennial birthday of Admiral Yates. Admiral Yates leaves behind a legacy of service to others and of unwavering patriotism to our great Nation. May the memory of this distinguished American and his many years of service to our Nation be eternal.

HONORING THE BOROUGH OF  
HAWTHORNE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride and joy to recognize the Borough of Hawthorne as we celebrate its 125th anniversary. Since the city's incorporation in 1898, Hawthorne has evolved from a humble settlement into a vibrant and diverse suburban community that stands as a beacon of progress. This historic achievement is a testament to the resilience, growth, and unity that have defined the Borough of Hawthorne over the past century and a quarter.

The Lenni-Lenape Native Americans are the earliest recorded inhabitants of the area situated in the Borough of Hawthorne. By the 1700s, Dutch immigrants settled in the area as pioneers in agriculture. The history of the Dutch settlers and the Native Americans remains an active part of the shared fabric in the Borough of Hawthorne with roads and landmarks named after them.

The settlement emancipated itself from Manchester Township and incorporated as the Borough of Hawthorne following an act of the New Jersey Legislature on March 24, 1898.

Hawthorne attracted residents by promoting and establishing the municipal water system, electric grid with lit streets, and five public schools.

As one of the current 16 municipalities of Passaic County, the Borough of Hawthorne successfully voted for the mayor/council form of government. The borough is organized in four wards, providing a representative in each area of the community as well as giving residents the right to directly elect their mayor. The first election held under this new form was in 1989.

Today, there are nearly 20,000 residents that call the Borough of Hawthorne their home. The borough has a large immigrant population and is a melting pot evident through the array of multi-cultural businesses, restaurants, and community events. Throughout Hawthorne's history, community leaders and residents played a key role in shaping Hawthorne into the exceptional borough we celebrate today. One of Hawthorne's most notable figures is Mayor John V. Lane. His leadership and wisdom continue to guide the Borough of Hawthorne through all challenges, always emerging stronger.

The industrious spirit of Hawthorne's residents is the driving force behind its success. From the early days of farming to the present,

the people of Hawthorne have worked together to build a borough that fosters innovation, economic prosperity, and cultural diversity. Let us reflect on the rich history as we commemorate the quasiquicentennial anniversary of the Borough of Hawthorne.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing the 125th anniversary of the Borough of Hawthorne. I take this opportunity to congratulate the residents of Hawthorne on this historic milestone. May this celebration serve as a moment to honor the past, revel in the present, and look forward to a future filled with continued growth and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING BRUCE BROD,  
MD, MCHI, FAAD ON HIS YEARS  
OF SERVICE IN LEADERSHIP AT  
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable achievements and years of dedicated service of Dr. Bruce Brod, MD, MCHI, FAAD to the American Academy of Dermatology Association.

Dr. Brod's unwavering commitment to excellence and leadership within the AADA has made a lasting impact on both organization and the dermatological community at large.

For four years, Dr. Brod has served as the chair of the American Academy of Dermatology Association's Council on Government Affairs and Health Policy. In this pivotal role, he has demonstrated unparalleled dedication and expertise, ensuring that dermatologists and their patients are well-represented in matters concerning federal and state government affairs, health care policy, and practice-related activities. His visionary leadership has been instrumental in cultivating member engagement and promoting a culture of professional responsibility within our organization.

Prior to his tenure as Council chair, Dr. Brod served as Chair of the Academy's Congressional Policy Committee, where he played a vital role in shaping and implementing the Academy's federal legislative agenda. His tireless advocacy efforts have had a profound impact on the advancement of dermatological care and access to treatment for patients across the country.

Dr. Brod's contributions extend far beyond his leadership roles within the American Academy of Dermatology Association. He has held prestigious positions including as president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery, Philadelphia Dermatological Society, and the American Contact Dermatitis Society, showcasing his exemplary leadership and dedication to the field.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Dr. Brod has received numerous awards and accolades, including a Presidential Citation and Advocate of the Year Award, Dermatologist of the Year Award, Practitioner of the Year Award, Physician Safety Patient Hero Award, and Presidential Citation, among others. These accolades are