

capital. He became known for his charm and he cultivated a beloved reputation as a smooth operator.

His contributions to our national security are immeasurable, and I am immensely proud to have had him on my team. Undoubtedly, his future endeavors will continue to serve our great Nation with distinction.

It is with great pride that, today, I was able to join Will for his promotion ceremony to Chief Warrant Officer Four. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to him as he ascends to this new rank and thank him for his continued service to our country.

I, and my whole staff, appreciate the positive and uplifting spirit Will Anaab brought to the office. I wish him all the best in his next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JASON RANKIN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Jason Rankin, Sergeant First Class, United States Army, of Dallas, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Rankin enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1993, serving as a medical specialist, with service in Iraq and Bosnia. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal (9th Award), the Iraq Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, the Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award), the NATO Medal, as well as the Combat Action Badge and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

The selflessness Mr. Rankin demonstrated in the U.S. Army continues with his service to his community. He spends time as a vocational rehabilitation counselor helping those in the community with disabilities get school, training, prosthetics, hearing aids, vehicle modifications, and job placement to get them back to work.

Mr. Rankin's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

EMILY CLARK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Clark for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Emily has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along

the way. Students like Emily, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Emily's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Emily Clark on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING LINA DAKHEEL

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my fellow U.K. Caucus Co-Chairs, Mr. DEREK KILMER of Washington, Mr. JOE WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. DAVID ROUZER of North Carolina, to recognize the invaluable service of Lina Dakheel, who has served as the Senior Congressional Advisor at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. for the past five years. Throughout her tenure, Lina has personified the Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom with her tireless work, diligent commitment, and dedication to public service.

As one of our key liaisons with the United Kingdom, Lina has facilitated bipartisan engagement with Congressional members and all levels of the British Government, from Prime Ministers to Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, and members of the Royal Family. Through two Presidential Administrations and three Prime Ministers, Lina has led the British Embassy's Congressional operations, ensuring we in the United States remain well connected with our allies across the Atlantic. Lina has been steadfast in ensuring the highest diplomatic channels between our two countries remain open and well-used for the range of issues covered by the U.S.-UK relationship.

The Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom remains special thanks to the work of public servants like Lina Dakheel. We in Congress will miss her work at the Embassy and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP DOLL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Phillip Doll, Petty Officer First Class, United States Navy, of Euless, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Doll enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1983, serving aboard the USS *Mississippi*, a nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser as well as a Navy recruiter. His decorations include

the Good Conduct Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Gold Wreath Award with 4 Silver Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Navy Battle "E" Award, the Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Doll demonstrated in the U.S. Navy continues with his service to his community. He currently serves as a member of the Park Hollow Homeowner's Association Board (HOA), where he has spent countless hours maintaining the common areas of the Homeowner's Association. He has fixed motorcycles, generators, and lawnmowers for friends and neighbors. He is an advocate for legal gun ownership and has helped neighbors learn firearms safety. Mr. Doll is always ready to lend a hand to the neighbors in his HOA.

Mr. Doll's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Navy and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING COLONEL CHRISTOPHER DRUM

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank and congratulate Colonel Christopher Drum for thirty years of dedicated, exceptional service to our country.

Throughout the last thirty years, Colonel Drum has distinguished himself as a leader. His career with the U.S. Army began in June 1994, and he has proven to be an asset throughout that time. Since June 2014, Colonel Drum has held various positions within the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) and Military Health System (MHS). He has led many teams and provided direct support to senior Army and Department of Defense (DoD) medical leaders to advance Army Medicine and Military Health System (MHS) goals. Most recently, he has served as MEDCOM's Medical Command Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Facilities in Falls Church, Virginia.

In 2013, then-Lieutenant Colonel Drum was competitively selected to the Army Surgeon General (TSG)/MEDCOM Commanding General's Commander's Initiative Group (CIG) as a Special Assistant to the Army Surgeon General. While in this role, he helped plan and execute TSG's international trip to the Pacific Command area of responsibility. This trip was key to strengthening MEDCOM's partnerships; ensuring the visit to Hawaii, Japan, and Thailand aligned with the Army's "Pivot to the Pacific;" and extending Army Medicine's influence with key international partners.

Soon after, Lieutenant Colonel Drum was asked to become the U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency's Deputy Commander. While in this role, he led a multi-disciplinary team in the execution of the largest DoD healthcare capital investment program since World War II. Throughout the capital investment process, he provided support by preparing and briefing senior Army Medicine leaders for key Congressional, DoD, and Army-level engagements supporting Army's \$6.3 billion capital investment program.

In 2016, he was promoted to Colonel and assigned as the DHA Facilities Division Chief

of Capital Strategy Management Branch. There, he assumed the lead for the development and execution of multiple MHS capital investment planning processes supporting a \$33 billion global facility portfolio of 49 hospitals and 560 medical and dental clinics. He successfully steered his team and updated several key processes to aid in the planning and execution of capital investments.

Colonel Drum's leadership skills proved essential once more in April 2018, when he was selected to lead the DHA FY17 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) transition. He was then picked to simultaneously serve as the Chief of the DHA Director's Action Group (DAG). As DAG Chief, Colonel Drum and his multi-disciplinary team oversaw, developed, and managed the DHA Director's executive communications, strategic engagements, and special initiatives, as well as maintained archival and analytics capabilities for the DHA Front Office in support of DHA's strategy goals. During this period, the DHA Director's number of strategic engagements increased by nearly 200 percent. A lifelong learner, he was concurrently enrolled in the U.S. Army War College while in this role. There, he expanded his professional military and executive leadership skills and earned a master's in strategic studies.

In his latest role as Medical Command Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Facilities, Colonel Drum's leadership has been essential. In this role, he focused on positive organizational change and facilitated the transformation of MEDCOM through the reevaluation of roles, responsibilities, and essential services focused on Army Readiness.

Colonel Drum's service on behalf of our nation, his camaraderie, and his leadership have proven to be assets across the span of his career. His expertise and experience have been invaluable to the many who benefit from the services rendered through Army Medicine and the Military Health System, and his dedication to service has served as a guide for the various teams he has led throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and thanking Colonel Christopher Drum for his service on behalf of our country, his leadership, and his dedication to excellence as part of the U.S. Army. I wish him the best as he retires to spend time with friends and loved ones.

GABRIEL BASTIDAS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabriel Bastidas for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Gabriel has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Gabriel, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Gabriel's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Gabriel Bastidas on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

ECHOING CONCERN OF MASS RESETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIANS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge the Biden administration to seek an unequivocal statement of commitment by the Israeli government against mass resettlement of civilians from Gaza.

I echo the concerns of JStreet: any form of mass permanent transfer of families in Gaza from their homeland constitutes an undeniable violation of international human rights law. For too long, Palestinian families have been forced from their homes and endured violence perpetrated by many settlers and the Israeli military. To date, Israeli military operations have displaced more than 85 percent of Gaza residents from their homes, and the United Nations estimates that more than a quarter of Gaza residents will have no home to return to.

The United States has a duty to insist on a public, unequivocal commitment by Prime Minister Netanyahu to stop the displacement of Palestinians living in Gaza and to accept the right of millions of Palestinians to live in peace and safety within Palestinian territory.

As a major military assistance ally, the United States must hold the Israeli government accountable to this and increase pressure to facilitate humanitarian aid to the region. An immediate, comprehensive commitment to ensuring there is no mass displacement of civilians from Gaza—half of whom are children—is required for there to be any hope for peace today or for future generations of Palestinians and Israelis.

RECOGNIZING FREDERICK TIEDE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the Citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Frederick Tiede, Sergeant, United States Army, of Fort Worth, Texas for the honorable service he performed while in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Tiede enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1986, serving as both an infantryman as well as a small arms repairer, with deployments to both Korea and Afghanistan. His decorations include the Army Achievement Medal (7th Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, and NATO Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Tiede demonstrated in the U.S. Army continues with his service to his community. He currently serves in the Texas State Guard supporting the state's efforts in responding to crises and diligently works to serve as a counselor and mentor to his troops, especially being available any hour of the day or night to them.

Mr. Tiede's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING INDIANAPOLIS RADIO LEGEND JERRY WADE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Indianapolis radio legend Jerry Wade. Known by many loyal radio listeners as the "Loverman," he was one of the most recognizable voices in Indianapolis media. Jerry served as host of "The Quiet Storm with The Loverman Jerry Wade" for more than 30 years on Indianapolis local radio station 106.7 WTLC. Wade passed away at 61 in Indianapolis on Monday, January 8, 2023.

Jerry Wade lifted spirits on the airwaves and in the community. He was an Indianapolis resident through and through and was active in the community appearing in parades, radio station events, and DJ for many events across the city. Jerry was also the Executive Director of "Quality of Life," an Adult Day Center on the east side of Indianapolis, and the owner of several salons known as "Hot Cuts" and "Jerry Wade Live" his mobile DJ service. He lived up to the title of Loverman as he offered date coach services and was able to connect and reconnect countless relationships.

Wade was honored by several local organizations for his work over the years. These accolades included recognition from The Mozell Sanders, We Feed the Hungry program Radio Awards, and the Indiana Black Expo Radio Broadcast Media Awards.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Indianapolis radio legend Jerry Wade.

JAHN ARIAS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jahn Arias for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Jahn has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Jahn, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Jahn's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Jahn Arias on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.