

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 PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. 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 DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYN. 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 PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. 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.

COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE
OF SERGEANT MARK WILBUR

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the distinguished career of Sergeant Mark Wilbur, Serial No. 30646, who is retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department after 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Los Angeles. Sergeant Wilbur has made significant contributions to the safety and well-being of our community, and his exemplary service is deserving of our highest recognition and gratitude.

Sergeant Wilbur was appointed to the Department on November 29, 1993. He has served in various capacities, including West Valley Patrol, Van Nuys Patrol, Rampart Patrol, Foothill Patrol, and Mission Gang Unit, among others. His leadership and expertise have been essential in maintaining law and order. He has received significant promotions throughout his career, as well as 342 minor commendations from the citizens and Department for his exemplary service. Sergeant Wilbur has also received three major commendations, including the Purple Heart, which he was awarded after being shot by a criminal gang member in 2006. His dedication, courage, and professionalism have set a high standard for all law enforcement offices, and his retirement marks the end of an illustrious career.

I ask that all members of Congress join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Sergeant Mark Wilbur for his three decades of service to the Los Angeles Police Department and the people of Los Angeles.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH CAMPBELL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. 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 Joseph Campbell, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, of Colleyville, 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. Campbell was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1986, serving as an officer with both cavalry and infantry units with deployments to Bosnia, Albania, and Iraq. He is a graduate of U.S. Army Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger, Pathfinder, and Northern Warfare schools. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Achievement Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster, and the NATO Medal. Additionally, he is a five-time recipient of the Gold German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency.

After his service in the U.S. Army, Mr. Campbell continues to devote himself to bettering our community. He currently serves as Vice-Commander of the Department of Texas for the American Legion. He also served as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10454 and is a member of the International Growth Committee. He was a recipient of the President's Lifetime Achievement Award and was selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2023 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade.

Mr. Campbell'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 THE LIFE OF JOSE
LUIS LOPEZ

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of José Luis López.

José was born on August 25, 1940, in Michoacan, Mexico, and moved to Houston in 1965. After working as a butcher in some of the finest hotels, he went into business for himself on Patton Street in 1977, opening the institution that would define the next 46 years of his life. He called it Gerardo's Drive-In—named after his newborn son.

José was an award-winning cook, whose tacos de barbacoa were celebrated as the "best barbacoa in Houston," according to the Houston Chronicle. Eater said it was one of the "20 Most Iconic Dishes in Houston" and Texas Monthly put it in the "top ten tacos" in the whole state, awarding a perfect score in their quest to find the "120 Tacos to Eat Before You Die." When Speaker PELOSI visited our district in 2018, there was no question on where to eat.

José's journey began with a simple dream of opening a taqueria, yet he built a place for family, a space of community, and a taste of home.

In a way, it is poetic that José will be laid to rest on a Wednesday. You see, even in his golden years, Thursday was always a working day, preparing the cabezas for the weekend tradition that brought the Northside so much joy. The sign out front said the rest:

"Gerardo's, Barbacoa, Vie-Sáb-Dom." (Gerardo's, Barbacoa, Fri-Sat-Sun.)

José lived the American dream, and he lived it to the fullest. He joins his late wife, María de Jesús López, as they look down at all they built. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of José Luis López.

JOSEPH MARTINEZ

HON. BRITANNY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Martinez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Joseph has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Joseph, 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 Joseph's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present to vote on January 10, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 2, and NAY on Roll Call No. 3.

RECOGNIZING JASON STEINBECK

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. 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 Steinbeck, Major, United States Army, 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. Steinbeck was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1992, serving as both a cavalry officer and a tactical intelligence officer, deploying as part of U.S. peacekeeping efforts in support of the United Nations Mission in Haiti in 1995. His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the United Nations Medal.

The selflessness Mr. Steinbeck demonstrated in the U.S. Army continues with his service to his community. He currently serves as a member of the Park Hollow Homeowner's Association Board (HOA), volunteering countless hours to maintain the financial viability of the Homeowner's Association and ensure a safe neighborhood. Jason helps many neighbors with lawn maintenance and home maintenance. He works with the local governments including the City of Euless and Tarrant County to maintain the integrity of the HOA's common areas. He is also a contributor to North Texas Basset Hound Rescue and the Tunnel to Towers organization.

Mr. Steinbeck'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.