

annually on January 13th in recognition of the first group of Korean immigrants who arrived in the United States on that date in 1903.

In 2003, President George W. Bush became the first to proclaim January 13th as Korean American Day, which went on to be officially recognized by the United States Congress in 2005. North Texas is blessed to be home to a large and vibrant Korean American population. On this day, we also celebrate the history, achievements, and contributions of our Korean American community.

HONORING MAYOR REVEREND
TASSIE D. YORK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Tassie York as she was sworn in on January 1, 2024 as the first African-American female mayor of Neptune Township, New Jersey.

A lifelong resident of Neptune, Mayor York has served on the township committee since 2020, most recently as Deputy Mayor. She has dedicated herself to the residents of Neptune, focusing on health care, housing, women's rights, employment, and equality; issues she intends to make a priority under her administration.

Throughout her life, Mayor York has exemplified a commitment to serving the community. She began her career at Head Start, and currently works as a Family Service Specialist for the State of New Jersey. In addition, she established and co-owns a local estate sale business, volunteers at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in neighboring Asbury Park, and tutors young students. Having received her Theology and Divinity degree, Mayor York also serves as an Associate Minister of United Fellowship Baptist Church. Her broad background and personal experiences bring a unique perspective to her leadership and support her efforts to bridge and advance the diverse population of Neptune.

Mayor York has distinguished herself as an exemplary public servant, and I am confident she will lead the Neptune Township committee effectively. She has established herself as an advocate for the community of Neptune and beyond, and her service is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF
LUKE PAUN

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of Luke Paun, an exemplary young man from Boy Scout Troop 747 who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is no small feat; it requires undergoing a rigorous and comprehensive process that often takes up to a year. Luke's journey towards this rank has not only demonstrated his personal growth but

also showcased strong characteristics of resilience, perseverance, and determination.

Luke's Eagle Scout project was aimed at further recognizing the sacrifices made by recipients of the Purple Heart. Luke did so by making improvements and additions to Tucson's Purple Heart Park. He installed 11 trail marker signs along the path, each containing a quote or information relating to the Armed Forces. The signs also serve as a visible marker for distance traveled throughout the park. In addition to placing the trail markers, Luke added in many plants and helped landscape the yard. He then went on to add new gravel to the entrance of the park.

Luke's dedication and hard work are commendable, and his commitment to Troop 747 and the community does not go unnoticed. We take pride in having this outstanding young individual in our district and encourage him to continue their exceptional work.

STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL PROGRAM

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to recognize the Steelton-Highspire High School Varsity Football Program on their 2023 State Championship. The Single A title win is Steel High's second consecutive state title, and their third in just four years.

The game took place at Cumberland Valley High School, where the Rollers faced off against Fort Cherry. Both teams were undefeated coming in, but Steel-High triumphed with a decisive 42-8 victory. Steel-High came out hot in the first half, racking up a 34-point lead and played vigorously throughout the entire game.

This truly special Steel-High 2023 team broke their single season scoring record with an impressive 722 points in just 16 games. They lived up to their name—the "Steamrollers" (or "Rollers")—as their closest game of the season was early with a 29-22 win; a testament to years of hard work and dedication. The State title win established the Rollers as the No. 17 winningest high school football program in the Country—and further solidifies them in Pennsylvania sports history as one of only two teams since 2016 to win consecutive state titles.

Steel-High came home to a well-earned parade and cheering fans from a loyal and supportive community. The conclusion of the 2023 season marks the end of a special era for Roller football—with defensive leader Andrew Erby, Jr. headed to Ohio University, and record-setting quarterback Alex Erby committed to the United States Naval Academy. Coach Andrew Erby credits the team's drive, courage, focus, dedication, and ability to overcome adversity as the determining factors in their strong performance and season.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Steelton-Highspire High School Varsity Football Program on their 2023 State Championship win. I wish them Godspeed in both their individual and team adventures.

CELEBRATING DELRAY ORTHODOX
SYNAGOGUE'S ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Delray Orthodox Synagogue's 20th anniversary at their location in Delray Beach, Florida.

Delray Orthodox Synagogue is a small, vibrant Modern Orthodox Synagogue serving the spiritual and social needs of their members and guests. Currently led by Rabbi Zevi Saunders, the synagogue was created in 2003 and has grown the community over the past 20 years. In addition to services, the synagogue provides educational opportunities, sisterhood events, informational speakers, and more to give back to the community.

I congratulate the synagogue on their anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

Mazel tov.

ZACHARY PAVOL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF L.M.
"BUDDY" PREUSS III

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, On Friday, January 5, 2024, my district lost a pillar of our community. While we mourn the loss of L.M. "Buddy" Preuss III, we know his legacy will live on for years to come in Giddings, Texas, and beyond.

Born and raised in Giddings, Buddy was hired as the editor for the Giddings News at just 19 years old. He went on to own and operate the Giddings Times and News, providing a reliable news service to the citizens of his county for more than five decades.

Buddy's life is a true inspiration. A member of the Giddings chamber of commerce, he constantly sought ways to contribute to his community's welfare. Buddy was also a remarkable husband to the love of his life, Louis,

and father to his five children. And above all, Buddy was a man of sincere faith. He held on to hope and his love for the Lord, even during his battle with cancer. While he is missed, I find comfort in knowing he is rejoicing in the presence of God, finally pain free.

Buddy was so much more than a reporter, businessman, and community leader—he was a dear friend to many, including myself. My stops in Giddings certainly won't be the same without him. Rest in peace, Buddy.

HONORING THE LATE DR. JIMMY BELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Dr. Jimmy Bell.

Dr. Jimmy Bell was born on January 4, 1944, in Indianola, MS, and graduated from Gentry High School in 1963. He later began his professional career at Mississippi Valley State University and later transitioned to Jackson State University.

He created the National Coalition of Community Researchers, Inc. at Jackson State University and started the Jackson State University Center for the Study of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Intervention (CSJDPI). In addition, he was a founding member of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCIJ).

Dr. Bell was known as a professor, researcher, and music connoisseur. His love for music allowed him to educate and mentor many up-and-coming jazz and blues musicians and established his own local jazz venue, THE JAZZ GALLERY, which was housed in the basement of the now historic site of the Summers Hotel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Dr. Jimmy Bell for his dedication to education and love for music.

HONORING PFC JAMES FRANCIS PLOG

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Marine Corps veteran James Francis Plog.

James Plog was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on October 10, 1926. He was raised in Schenectady where he attended school before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps on June 6, 1944. James served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the occupation of Japan from September 22, 1945 to June 15, 1946. He remained at Camp Lejeune until his honorable discharge on August 19, 1946, at the rank of Private First Class. For his service, PFC Plog was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Honorable Discharge Button, and achieved the Rifle Marksman qualification.

Returning to civilian life, James pursued an education, a career, and a family. He married his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Plog on October 25,

1947. Together, the couple had three children, James, Keith, and Paula. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, James began work as a herdsman and farm manager for the Vanderbilts' farm in Williamstown, Massachusetts, before returning to Cobleskill, New York to study agriculture for his own pursuits. He chartered two dairy farms of his own, a Jersey farm in East Greenwich and a Holstein farm in Easton. James eventually sold his herds and began working for General Electric Silicones in Waterford until his retirement in September 1990.

When he was not working, James remained an avid hobbyist and a dedicated member of the veteran community. He enjoyed golfing, metal detecting, fishing, and learning new skills such as playing the piano and using computers. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League Detachment in Troy. He participated in local events and parades, including the Uncle Sam's Flag Day Parade. He loved spending time with his children, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and his German Shepherd Helga.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize PFC James Plog.

HONORING THE AUTHORS OF SOUTH VALLEY: THE POETRY AND ART OF THE SOUTH VALLEY ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW MEXICO

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cheyenne Anderson, Isabel James, Pheladi MacDonald and their collaborators on the successful publication of their book, South Valley: The Poetry and Art of the South Valley. Their book is an inspirational reminder of young people's power to make positive change in their communities. I am grateful for the work they have done for the South Valley.

Cheyenne and Isabel are young activists with a history of contributions to the South Valley community. They have been involved with amazing local organizations such as La Plazita Institute and Crossroads for Women that work to break cycles of incarceration and celebrate indigenous culture in New Mexico. Their record of service at a young age is admirable.

Through their activism, Cheyenne and Isabel saw a need to change the unfortunate stereotypes about the South Valley and to create a positive depiction of their community for other young people. They collaborated with young poet Pheladi MacDonald, South Valley artist Bill Mohr, youth in the community, and poets Jimmy Santiago Baca, Luis Rodriguez and Mary Oliver to create a beautiful collection of art and poetry celebrating the South Valley. Their book depicts the unique heritage and thriving culture of the South Valley and will be an inspiration for future young community activists.

Since their book's publication, Cheyenne, Isabel and Pheladi have worked tirelessly to increase access to it throughout the state and their work has been featured on various news programs in New Mexico.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Cheyenne Anderson, Isabel James and Pheladi MacDonald on their commitment to serving their community and supporting their goal of increasing access to their book. Their work has improved the South Valley and inspired other youth to contribute positively to our region. I thank them for their service.

HONORING MS. SHERRI SAGER ON HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Sherri Sager for her critical accomplishments as Senior Vice President and Chief Government Relations Officer at Stanford Medicine Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Throughout Ms. Sager's 29 years of service, she demonstrated a sincere commitment to advocating for children and families and worked tirelessly to improve America's healthcare system for all.

Ms. Sager first joined Stanford Medicine Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in 1994, as the Director of Government Relations. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Sager's vast knowledge of public policy and her indispensable leadership made her a critical advocate for Stanford Medicine Children's Health patients. She was pivotal in facilitating community partnerships and was committed to monitoring the impact that proposed laws and public policies could have on American patients.

Ms. Sager exemplifies the spirit of leadership and altruism in all areas of her life. She has served on numerous nonprofit and regional business association boards, including as Board Chair of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association, board member of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Working Council.

Ms. Sager's advocacy for patients and their families and her commitment to community service clearly demonstrate that her work to improve the lives of others expands beyond her position with Stanford Medicine. Ms. Sager's devotion to service has undeniably improved the healthcare landscape in Northern California and beyond.

While her presence in the Stanford Medicine community will surely be missed. Ms. Sager's 29 years of service have left a lasting legacy and significantly enhanced the lives of countless patients, families, and healthcare professionals. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms. Sager for her service and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT JAMES JOHNSON

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a resident of my