

helped run their community service programs including the thrift store and wellness center.

She leaves behind her husband, Ramon Rodriguez, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, whom she shared a life of love, joy, and many blessings over more than 57 years. She will be remembered by her daughters Rosalinda and Elizabeth, her sons-in-law Henry Macias and Estuardo Rodriguez and her most treasured grandchildren, Maria Isabella, Valencia Lael, Nicolas, Fidel, Abram, and Emilio. She will forever remain the heart of the Rodriguez family and serve as an unyielding call to charity and service for those she leaves behind.

RECOGNIZING JENNIFER BERNSTEIN

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the work of Jennifer Bernstein during this Women's History Month. Jennifer is a distinguished leader renowned for her exceptional management prowess and commitment to philanthropy within the realms of culture, education, and environmental advocacy. As the CEO and William C. Steere Sr. President of the esteemed New York Botanical Garden, she has orchestrated transformative initiatives that underscore her visionary leadership.

Upon assuming her role in 2021, Jennifer spearheaded the launch of a groundbreaking master site planning process, resulting in the formulation of "Branching Out: A Strategic Plan for 2024–2030." This blueprint, which was ratified by the Board of Trustees in November 2023, charts a course for the Garden's evolution by revitalizing over 100 acres of its property, reinforcing its stature as a global scientific hub, and enriching programs dedicated to empowering the Bronx community.

Jennifer's deep-rooted passion for environmental conservation drew her to NYBG, with its rich legacy of plant research and preservation. Prior to her tenure at the Garden, she served as the Chief Development Officer and interim Chief Operations Officer at the Natural Resources Defense Council. At NYBG, she champions the institution's mission to educate others on the pivotal role of plants in sustaining a vibrant ecosystem and nurturing a healthier planet.

Jennifer's dedication extends beyond her professional career, as evidenced by her active involvement in organizations such as the Women's Forum of New York and the board of the City University of New York's Lehman College Foundation. Earlier in her career, she honed her fundraising abilities in leadership roles at institutions such as Pace University, Playwrights Horizon, and Roundabout Theatre. Her impressive resume exemplifies commitment to leveraging expertise in fundraising and board development to effect positive change on the cultural, educational, and environmental landscape of New York City and beyond.

I would like to wish her continued success at the NYBG and am excited to see all the projects and programs she successfully leads at the garden.

RECOGNIZING INGLEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDREW OGLES

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor Inglewood Baptist Church in Nashville as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

First meeting on November 18, 1923, Inglewood Baptist was officially "called to order" on March 18th the following year. In the late 1920's, its congregation moved to its current location on Gallatin Road, meeting in a basement auditorium on the site where it still meets today. Its seventh and current pastor, Dr. Kevin Shrum, has shepherded his community since 1995.

Existing to "make known the Glory of God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Inglewood Baptist seeks to edify believers in their personal and saving relationship with their Lord. Over the past century it has continued to grow and build its community, completing its current auditorium in 1948 and finishing a four-story educational complex in 1955. In addition to its other ministries; it has instituted the Allegro School of Music, which provides an opportunity for music education and skill development for those living in the Nashville area.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Inglewood Baptist Church on its 100th anniversary and wishing it well as it starts its second century as a congregation.

HONORING CHIEF MIKE WAGNER OF SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chief Mike Wagner on his retirement from the Siler City Police Department and to honor his years of faithful service to the people of Chatham County, North Carolina.

Wagner began his career in law enforcement with the Albemarle County Police Department, in Albemarle County, Virginia in 1991, retiring on May 31, 2019, after 28 years of service. Subsequently, Wagner was appointed Chief of Police for Siler City, North Carolina on June 3rd, 2019, a position he has held up until this day. While serving as chief, Wagner served on the Board of Directors for the Chatham Outreach Alliance (CORA) and remains a member of the Chatham Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and Chairman of the Animal Appeals Board.

Wagner has earned numerous degrees and academic accolades over the course of his career. Some of these include an associate degree in Police Science from Piedmont Virginia Community College, a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bluefield College, a Master's Degree from Liberty University along with various leadership credentials from such institutions as the University of Louisville and at the University of Richmond.

On top of this, Wagner served honorably in our nation's military. He is a veteran with 13 years of service in the United States Army and the Virginia Army National Guard. During his time in the service, he was deployed overseas as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2010.

Chief Wagner is a dedicated public servant, husband, father, and patriot. I know I speak for the whole community when I wish him well in this next chapter of his life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Mike Wagner on his retirement and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to both our state and country.

RECOGNIZING SPRING GARDEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM WINNING THE AHSAA 1A STATE TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Spring Garden High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the AHSAA 1A State Title for the second time.

On February 29th, the Spring Garden Panthers beat Marion County 63–31 to secure their title win. The game was played at Legacy Arena in Birmingham.

The Spring Garden girls have won back-to-back state titles just like they did in 2004 and 2005.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Ricky Austin, the Spring Garden Girls Basketball team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Panthers.

RECOGNIZING DENISE ROSARIO ADUSEI

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Women's History Month, I want to honor some of the amazing and powerful women who live and work in the Bronx. Women like Denise Rosario Adusei, the Executive Director of the Bronx Children's Museum. Denise has left an indelible mark on the Bronx and in the greater New York area since beginning her journey in social entrepreneurship, authorship, and early childhood education leadership. Armed with a Master of Business Administration from Columbia Business School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University, she embarked on a journey inspired by a fervent desire to foster the growth of future generations. She assumed leadership of the Children's Museum in 2023 and has since spearheaded efforts to provide inclusive learning opportunities for Bronx children and families centered around transformative arts and science programs.

Prior to joining the Children's Museum, Director Adusei founded the Peartree Preschool in Harlem, which stands as a testament to her dedication to innovative and collaborative education for children in New York City. Over the past twelve years, her initiative has aided the

educational and emotional development of more than 1,500 students, as well as provided over 58 million dollars in tuition assistance for families pursuing education with private, competitive programs. Director Adusei's influence has also extended beyond the classroom: her work as an author and creative have led to the founding of Latinx Pitch and Black Creators HQ, a platform that provides resources and support for Black and Latinx authors and illustrators looking to bring diversity into children's literature. She is also a published author, with many of her books highlighting parts of her own identity and experience. Director Adusei's initiatives amplify underrepresented voices and have helped positively shape the world of children's literature.

Denise Rosario Adusei's life is a testament to the transformative power of community, education, and cultural heritage. Her multifaceted background and educational pedigree serve as the bedrock for her remarkable career, and her dedication to building up community around the youth has shaped many young lives. I am thrilled she is part of the Bronx community and am excited to continue watching her amazing work.

RECOGNIZING BRIGADIER
GENERAL FRED A. HOCKETT, JR.

HON. SHRI THANEDAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Promotable Fred A. Hockett, Jr., a constituent of Michigan's 13th District, on his promotion to Brigadier General in the United States Army Reserve.

His military career started in 1987 as an Army Reserve Infantryman with the 70th Division. He later transitioned to active duty with the 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, Colorado. After attending the United States Military Academy Prep School and the United States Military Academy at West Point, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. Serving in various leadership, command, and staff positions, he currently serves as the Deputy Commanding Officer for Support for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Colonel Promotable Hockett has been recognized for distinguished performance of duty that represents exemplary achievement in the finest traditions of the United States of America.

Throughout his career, his leadership has positively impacted the lives of countless service members. There is no doubt that his service and achievements will have a lasting impact on the Army's future ability to protect and defend the freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution. I am humbled to offer him the thanks and congratulations of a grateful Nation.

WAKING UP TO THE IMPORTANCE
OF SLEEP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, as our nation confronts political chaos, the civilizational emergency of climate change, and existential threats to our democracy, I have found myself unable to sleep. This is an experience that it turns out I share with millions of Americans. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that more than one third of all adults in the United States sleep fewer than the clinically recommended seven hours per night. As we mark Sleep Awareness Week, recognized this year by the National Sleep Foundation between March 10–16, we must elevate the importance of sleep health to our mental and physical health and confront the sleep disparities that closely correspond to racial and socioeconomic inequalities.

Sleep quality, it turns out, has been causally linked to mental health. Researchers from Keele University and the University of Sheffield found that greater improvements in sleep quality led to greater improvements in mental health. Though we have progressed by leaps and bounds in our society's discourse on mental health, we have yet to sufficiently emphasize the links between getting enough sleep and feeling mentally well.

The call to "get more sleep" is a tall order for many Americans, especially in light of the social disparities that already affect sleep health for so many. African Americans are 65 percent more likely and Hispanic Americans are 59 percent more likely to report poor sleep quality than white Americans, even though all groups report a similar ease in falling asleep. Americans who earn enough to make ends meet are much more likely to report a good night's sleep than people who are struggling to get by and living paycheck to paycheck. Closing these divides and achieving sleep equity must be one of our national public health priorities.

Our nationwide quest to get a good night's sleep is inextricable from our work for a more democratic society, where we want everyone to be fully functional and participatory. We need well-rested citizens who can participate and govern themselves, their families, and their communities. Our struggle to create the conditions for a peaceful night's sleep is as much a societal imperative as an individual question. During this National Sleep Awareness Week, we must commit to the fundamental importance of a good night's rest for all Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 FAIRFAX
COUNTY STUDENT PEACE
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2024 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards.

The Fairfax County Student Peace Awards began with one high school in 2006 to encour-

age high school-aged students to think about peace as both a means and an end, and to recognize young people who work as peace-makers. By 2013, the program was being offered in every public high school in Fairfax County, as well as in many private schools.

Participating high schools choose one Junior or Senior, or one student group active in promoting peace or removing the causes of conflict. Examples of outreach include committing to peace by engaging in activities that strive to end conflict, either locally or globally, promoting the understanding of divisive issues and situations to bridge differences, and working to resolve conflicts among students or members of the community who feel isolated or alienated.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of this year's Student Peace Award winners:

Husna Basiri, Annandale High School
Level the Field, Centreville High School
Ria Jakhete, Chantilly High School
Edison Minds Matter, Edison High School
Tranh Dinh, Fairfax High School
Hiena Hailemariam, Falls Church High School
Ajanae Elise Massenburg, Hayfield Secondary School
Susy Reyes, Herndon High School
Dalya Paka, Justice High School
Jenna Naffa, King Abdullah Academy (KAA)
Mackenzie Craig, Lake Braddock Secondary School
Lina Liakakos, Langley High School
Daniel J. Gonzales, John. R. Lewis High School
Sophie Massoudi, Madison High School
Aymar Ahmed, Marshall High School
Kaiya Amani Williams, McLean High School
Phillip Ha, Mount Vernon High School
Mountain View Mirror, Mountain View High School
Jason Saenz-Hernandez, Quander Road School
Samantha Katz, Robinson Secondary School
Eden Aklog, South County High School
Virginia Banton, South Lakes High School
Namaste, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
Eli Kopp, West Potomac High School
Roee Zahid, West Springfield High School
Westfield Student Ambassadors, Westfield High School
National Art Honor Society, Woodson High School
Mr. Speaker, the efforts of these young people are the building blocks of a more peaceful and tolerant world. I commend them on their efforts and dedication and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each award recipient and thanking them as well as Fairfax County Public School System and sponsor organizations for all they have done for our community.

RECOGNIZING ASHA MCKENZIE

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, in an era defined by the relentless flow of information and never-before-seen levels of interconnectedness, some of the people we rely