

H. Con. Res. 86 is frankly a waste of our time. With this resolution, it's clear that Republicans have no plan to address the climate crisis or issues that matter to working families. They're too busy shutting down even the possibility of considering solutions if they might reduce the corporate profits of carbon polluters.

With H.R. 7023, Republicans are attempting to roll back over fifty years of clean water protections. Thanks to the years of attacks from Republicans and an anti-regulatory majority on the Supreme Court, clean water protections have already been weakened. Congress should be considering legislation that restores Americans access to clean water, not further undermining the clean water protections that are still in place.

H. Res. 987 denounces efforts taken by the Biden administration to address the climate crisis, protect our natural resources, and invest in our clean energy future. Thanks to Biden administration policies, Xcel Energy is building Minnesota's largest-ever solar project in Becker, transitioning the site from coal generation. Thanks to Biden administration policies, Canadian solar panel maker Heliene Inc. has invested \$145 million to open a plant in the Twin Cities. But Republicans falsely claim the policies that created these investments are "anti-American energy", because they reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

H.R. 1023 would repeal two critical Inflation Reduction Act programs, the Methane Emissions Reduction Program and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. These programs cut climate pollution and promote clean air for our communities. Repealing these two provisions will only help big oil and gas corporations and take away resources from local communities.

Mr. Speaker. I urge my colleagues to reject this slew of Republican bills that put polluters over people.

#### RECOGNIZING SHAE DAVIS

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by one of my constituents, Shae Davis. Shae's unwavering dedication and tireless efforts have significantly impacted the lives of children in the East Pasco area, making her a true hero among us. As a volunteer at the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Foundation, Shae has played a vital role in enhancing the lives of children in the East Pasco area, particularly through the promotion of tennis as a means to foster physical health, teamwork, and personal development. Her vision and passion for creating positive change have resulted in numerous initiatives that directly benefit the youth in our community.

Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Ms. Shae Davis has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

#### RECOGNIZING TELLER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Teller County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Public Works Department, and Search and Rescue for their lifesaving work to keep roads clear and restore power during a record-breaking winter storm in March of 2024. This storm brought 40 inches of snow and caused widespread power outages and disruptions to essential services across Teller County.

Staff from the Teller County OEM, led by Director Jay Teagues, and the Teller County Public Works Department, led by Director Fred Clifford, worked throughout the storm to clear roadways and remove snow from over 500 miles of mountainous roadways in the county. Alongside Teller County Search and Rescue volunteers, they worked to restore traffic, respond to emergency calls, and bring back power to residents.

Tragically, two Teller County residents lost their lives as a result of the storm. Without the heroic efforts of the Teller County OEM, Public Works Department, and Search and Rescue, as well as neighbors helping each other during times of need, the death toll could have been much higher. Under some of the most extreme conditions possible, these Teller County employees did an exemplary job of saving lives during this storm.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize the Teller County Office of Emergency Management, Public Works Department, and Search and Rescue teams for their outstanding work and service to our communities.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL L. GOODWIN

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Daniel L. Goodwin, a figure of much acclaim in the real estate industry.

In 1968, during his time as a science teacher Dan formed an alliance with two fellow teachers to create what would become the Inland Real Estate Group of Companies. Since then, the Inland Real Estate Group of Companies has helped develop hundreds of millions of real estate square footage, closed over \$80 billion in commercial real estate transactions, and established ties with countless partners and investors. For his work as Chairman and CEO, Dan received numerous local and national awards and recognitions, including the Ethics in Business Award from the Better Business Bureau in 2009, 2014, and 2019.

Throughout all this, Dan's passion for education remained unyielding. His alma mater, the Illinois Teachers' College—Chicago North was renamed to Northeastern Illinois University. He served on the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees, his alma mater.

In honor of his decade of service. Northeastern Illinois University renamed its College of Education in his honor. Additionally, Dan served as the vice chairman of Benedictine University for over 30 years. The Center for Values-Driven Leadership is housed in the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Business at Benedictine University, which is named for Dan. This center teaches students a values-driven approach to business, like Dan's own philosophy with the Inland Real Estate Group.

In Congress, I am proud to serve as the ranking member of the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Subcommittee on Appropriations. Given this, I am particularly appreciative of Dan's work on affordable housing for Illinois families. In 1994, Dan founded the New Directions Housing Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation that builds and renovates affordable housing for low-income residents across Illinois. He also served on the board of the Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund for 10 years, helping to raise billions of dollars for affordable housing, first-time family housing, and senior housing throughout Illinois.

I am forever grateful to Dan for the work that he did to make our state a better place for all Illinoisans. He is certainly missed, but his legacy of service and leadership will live on through the many people he touched.

#### RECOGNIZING PAUL MARSH

### HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army veteran and former Pima County Supervisor, Paul Marsh for his service to our country, his advocacy for his fellow veterans, and his contributions to southern Arizona.

His service in different capacities throughout the years has left a mark on our communities forever.

Paul's journey began when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1952, bravely serving in the Medical Corps during the Korean War until his honorable discharge in 1954.

His commitment to his country did not end there. It continued throughout his life as he has tirelessly advocated for veterans' rights and support services, specifically those which address chronic homelessness among veterans.

His compassion and dedication to improving the lives of his fellow veterans knows no boundaries.

As a Founding Member of the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation in Marana, Paul spent 10 years advocating for a final resting place for our nation's heroes in Tucson.

With veteran cemeteries in Flagstaff and one in Sierra Vista, Paul understood the importance of having a central location for family members to visit their loved ones and started the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Despite facing numerous challenges along the way, the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery broke ground in 2014, thanks in large part to Paul.

A few short years later, I reconnected with Paul while I was with the State of Arizona and the cemetery needed signage near I-10.

Paul was determined to see it happen and I am proud to have been a small part in ensuring there was visibility for the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Marana.

I am grateful to Paul for his own service, his continued advocacy, and his unwavering dedication to his fellow veterans.

His work will forever inspire us to strive for a better world for all who have served our country.

#### RECOGNIZING ROBERT O'CONNELL

##### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by one of my constituents, Robert "Bob" O'Connell, who has been a resident of Citrus County for 45 years. Believing that one makes a life out of what they give rather than what they get, Bob has been an active volunteer for approximately 30 non-profit organizations, including: The Homosassa Lions Club, The Citrus Pregnancy Center, the Citrus County Abuse Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Day Star, Citrus County Blessings, the Sheriffs Youth Ranch, United Way of Citrus County, and the Path of Citrus County. A truly humble public servant, Bob finds creative ways to serve others, never seeking notoriety or praise. He has undoubtedly left a lasting imprint in the lives of countless neighbors in Citrus County who will never know the tremendous effort he has put forth on their behalf. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Mr. Robert "Bob" O'Connell has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

#### THANKING MARK DOBBINS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

##### HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mark Dobbins of Prince William County, VA on the occasion of his retirement on January 16, 2024, after more than 33 years of service to the United States House of Representatives.

During Mark's tenure of 33 years, he has worked for the Office of the Clerk and the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. He retired as a Purchasing Agent Manager for the Office of Acquisitions Management within the CAO.

Mark began his House career in 1990 as an employee with the Clerk of the House as an Office Equipment Counselor, later being promoted to Senior Office Equipment Counselor in 1993. In 1996, Mark began a career with the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer as a Supervisor of Inventory Counselors. In 2002, Mark became a Supervisor with Acquisitions Management and was later promoted to Manager of the Small Purchasing Team.

As a Manager for the Small Purchasing Team within the Office of Acquisitions Management, Mark was responsible for oversight and managing the process required to efficiently purchase quality equipment, furniture, office supplies and related items for the House community at-large. He and his team carried out their responsibilities in compliance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Committee on House Administration and the Chief Administrative Officer.

In retirement, Mark has plans to stay active, spending more time with family and taking time to enjoy some travelling.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Mark in grateful recognition of and appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish him many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF THOMAS CLAPSADLE, JR.

##### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas "Tommy" Clapsadle, Jr. of Waterford, Connecticut who is retiring this month as Chief of the Naval Submarine Base Fire Department after 35 years of service. Thomas's outstanding leadership has helped the US Naval Submarine Base maintain its high standard of safety for decades. His commitment to take care of those around him and make his community a better place will be sincerely missed.

Growing up next to the Goshen Fire Department in Waterford, Thomas was destined to have a long career as a firefighter. Thomas became the first 15-year-old junior member in the department, drawn to a career helping others. After getting his firefighting and Emergency Medical Technician certification in 1989, Thomas was hired by the Naval Submarine Base Fire Department where he has been ever since.

Thomas has remained a devoted protector of the submarine base, serving 35 years in many different roles. When he started, Thomas was immediately recognized for his attention to detail and caring disposition and he was promoted several times. Thomas became a driver at 23 years old and was soon promoted to captain only a few years later in 1995.

Thomas's impressive work ethic and leadership qualities set him up for success as captain. In this role, he was responsible for presenting a collaborative firefighter safety standard to the Groton Fire Officers Association. Here, Thomas helped build a specialized Firefighter Assist and Search Team (FAST) to facilitate a response in case a firefighter becomes trapped or disoriented in the line of duty. In 2008, at 38 years old, Thomas was promoted again to District Fire Chief, the role he retires from this month after 16 years. It was not just Thomas's extensive experience that prompted these promotions, but also his incredible leadership and genuine concern for the safety, well-being, and quality of life of firefighters, sailors, and families.

Thomas has always been willing to share his extensive knowledge of fire safety, particu-

larly in the highly specialized mission in the submarine domain, with other firefighters in Connecticut, building professional community partnerships wherever possible.

In 2012, his unique skills were put to the test when the Naval Submarine Base Fire Department helped respond to combat the devastating USS Miami fire in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Thomas immediately jumped into action and had to use his quick thinking for a plan to keep the submarine base protected while 12 of their own went to assist with the fire in Maine. The Naval base firefighters drove through the night to Portsmouth and successfully suppressed the raging fire that destroyed the USS Miami, a Los Angeles Class Attack Submarine. Afterwards, Thomas made a point to work with local fire departments to train them to respond to a submarine fire in the case of an incident like the one in Maine.

Mr. Speaker, as the Congressman for southeastern Connecticut, a region that has rightfully earned the title "Submarine Capital of the World," I had the opportunity to work with him on issues dealing with the number of billets allowed by the Navy to staff the base firehouse. He was extremely knowledgeable, organized, and persistent in his efforts to get more positions approved by the Navy, which has made progress, but still requires steadfast advocacy for the wellbeing of his team. It was an honor to support his work that was always focused on the team he led.

In his free time, Thomas can be found on the water. Raised on the Long Island Sound in Waterford, he grew up fishing with his parents and found a love for captaining his own fishing ship. Thomas commissioned the M&M, a boat named for his sons Michael and Mitchell, to run a small business helping others enjoy a pastime he loves.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders in the community like Mr. Clapsadle. Thomas's dedication to the Naval Submarine Base Fire Department has been guided by his goal to leave the fire department and its members in better shape than he found them. Thomas's departure will certainly leave large shoes to fill as he transitions into retirement with his wife Bobbette to spend more time with his sons Michael and Mitchell, stepchildren Danielle and Dominic, and two grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Thomas Clapsadle, Jr. on a well-earned retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING NILES KINNUNEN, JR.

##### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by one of my constituents, Dr. Niles Kinnunen, Jr. Dr. Kinnunen has been a vital part of Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) and its Foundation since the institution's early days in 1975. Dr. Kinnunen served on the PHSC Foundation Board for 20 years before resigning in 2008. His unwavering leadership and commitment to the Foundation's mission led to his lifetime recognition as an Honorary Board Member. Being one of the