

throughout Bucks County. Dumack Engineering has since served as a pillar of innovation in our community, and is now in its 60th year of operation. Currently in its second generation of family ownership, Ralph's son Heath Dumack has expanded the company's services into fields including architectural planning, structural engineering, site planning, code compliance reviews, and inspection services.

In addition to providing excellent civil engineering and land surveying services, Dumack Engineering is committed to community engagement and public assistance. The company's involvement in various local nonprofit boards and committees, including Habitat for Humanity, St. Mary's Hospital & Foundation, and the Washington Crossing Council BSA, underscores its unwavering dedication to improving the lives of Bucks County residents. Their contributions to local nonprofits have been invaluable to our community.

I am confident that Dumack Engineering's legacy of professional excellence and community service will forever serve as a shining example for businesses within our community and beyond. As we recognize their 60 years of outstanding contributions to Bucks County, let us celebrate Dumack Engineering's unwavering commitment to innovation, integrity, and service. May their continued success serve as an inspiration to other businesses to strive for professional excellence and civic responsibility.

ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL 17, 2024,  
AS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE DISCOVERY OF NEW YORK  
BAY BY GIOVANNI DA  
VERRAZZANO

### HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation acknowledging April 17, 2024, as the 500th anniversary of the discovery of New York Bay by Giovanni da Verrazzano:

Whereas Giovanni da Verrazzano was born in 1485 in Val di Greve, Republic of Florence, which is now a part of the Italian Republic;

Whereas King Francis I of France commissioned Verrazzano to lead an expedition aimed at finding a western passage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean;

Whereas Verrazzano's discovery of New York Bay expanded maritime knowledge of what became the East Coast of the United States and laid the foundation for future commerce and settlements in North America;

Whereas Verrazzano's voyage sparked future explorations of the New World, including, 85 years later, Henry Hudson's 1609 voyage to New York Bay to establish New Amsterdam;

Whereas New Amsterdam became New York on September 8, 1664;

Whereas New York City has the highest economic impact of any city in the United States and continues to serve as a major global economic hub, and New York Bay continues to be a major hub for trade and commerce;

Whereas New York Bay, home to the Statue of Liberty, is where 12 million immigrants le-

gally passed through Ellis Island at a rate of 5,000 people per day from 1892 to 1954;

Whereas the New York City metropolitan area is home to over 2.5 million Italian Americans;

Whereas to commemorate and underscore the significant impact of Giovanni da Verrazzano's discovery of New York Bay, on March 9, 1960, Governor Nelson Rockefeller signed legislation that named the bridge connecting the boroughs of Staten Island and Brooklyn as the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge;

Whereas the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge was inaugurated on November 21, 1964, was the world's longest suspension bridge until 1981, and spans the Narrows; and

Whereas the legacy of Giovanni da Verrazzano is further honored at Battery Park, New York City, and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, recognizing Verrazzano's impact as the first European explorer to chart what became the East Coast of the United States.

COMMENDING PRINCIPAL PERRY  
UPDIKE FOR HER SERVICE TO  
ALABAMA DISTRICT ONE

### HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor W.S. Neal Middle School principal, Mrs. Perry Updike for her contributions to East Brewton and Alabama's First Congressional District.

Mrs. Updike has been instrumental in the success of the school by providing that teachers at W.S. Neal Middle School have the tools that they need, not only for student success, but for their own as well. Her leadership has been invaluable to the community, and her dedication to the school has created an environment for all to thrive. Children are able to get a quality education under the tireless leadership of Mrs. Updike.

As a school principal, Mrs. Updike goes above and beyond in ensuring that students' futures are brighter. I commend her for her continued dedication to the First District of Alabama.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM DWYER

### HON. JOHN JAMES

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and say thank you to Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer for serving Southeast Michigan for over 60 years throughout his career in law enforcement.

His career spans the Detroit Police Department, the Farmington Hills Police Department, and the Warren Police Department.

Day after day and year after year, Commissioner Dwyer consistently went above and beyond the call of duty. He received the Presidential Medal from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Collegian Award from Wayne State University, and the Crime Stoppers of Michigan Police Executive of the Year award in 2010.

He served on the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Oakland County Chief's Association, Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police Association, High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Federal Anti-Terrorism Task Force, and the Michigan Homeland Security Council, just to name a few.

Even while receiving all these awards, he still found time to turn Warren, Michigan into one of the safest cities in the entire state.

Commissioner Dwyer is the exact, literal definition of what it means to be a public servant. On behalf of all of Michigan's 10th Congressional District, I thank him for his service.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE BUSLER

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the career of Mr. Bruce Busler who is retiring after 14 years of civil service as the director of the Joint Deployment Process and Analysis Center at United States Transportation Command.

Bruce is a once-in-a-generation leader who has made a transformational impact on the Defense Transportation System and the Department of Defense at large. He shaped programs necessary for mobility capabilities such as airlift, sealift and surface transport to support the national defense strategy.

In his efforts to support the Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise, Mr. Busler spearheaded operational analysis and decision-making initiatives through harnessing the power of data for the Joint Force. These efforts through the Enterprise Data Science initiative enhanced modeling and simulation capabilities to garner effectiveness, efficiency, and synchronization globally.

Bruce is a strategic thinker who can convey complex concepts into readily understood terms for senior leaders to forge consensus for action while also leading a diverse organization across multiple commands. His executive leadership can be distilled down as a visionary data architect leveraging "big data" analysis to persuasively advance mobility capability needs in a collaborative manner to meet national requirements for global transportation with high-impact results.

Bruce's accomplishments are countless, but for the Congress, he led both the 2018 and 2020 NDAA directed mobility studies evaluating the capabilities critical to deploying and sustaining U.S. military forces at optimal levels. Throughout these efforts, he meticulously mapped out the requirements needed to deploy, and redeploy our military and requirements for a prolonged recapitalization effort to revitalize an aging sealift fleet in support of our National Defense. Additionally, he linked critical wartime patient movement operations into an end-to-end airlift cycle ensuring Critical Care Air Transport Teams were available when needed to treat our most precious assets, our military personnel and their families. Bruce also delivered a first-of-its-kind fuel assessment study focusing on the fuel distribution challenges within the Indo-Pacific region. Finally, for only the third time in its history, based on Bruce's predictive analytics and

modeling, in 2021 U.S. Transportation Command activated the Civil Reserve Air Fleet to augment the Afghan refugee evacuation, the largest non-combatant evacuation operation in U.S. history rescuing 124,000 refugees in just 14 days.

In addition to his 27 honorable years served in the Air Force as a colonel and command pilot with over 3,800 flight hours, Bruce set the standard for mastery of the Defense Transportation System. His ability to deploy data to anticipate the changing strategic environment while grappling with resource priorities has been key to identifying and resolving mobility enterprise challenges. Bruce is a true leader in transportation. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Mr. Bruce Busler for over 41 years of dedicated and faithful service to our great Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 116TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

##### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 116th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Reserve.

For over a century, generations of Americans have served their country in the reserve, leveraging a wide array of skills, educational backgrounds, and expertise to respond to crises across the country, and the globe. In cities and towns across the country, the Army Reserve has always been composed of brave, strong, purposeful men and women with great passions, talents, and abilities.

Since the creation of the Federal Reserve Force in 1908, the Reserve Corps has been ready to serve at a moment's notice, mobilizing more than one million Army Reserve servicemembers in defense of our country. Through two World Wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terror, our brave reserve soldiers have served through crises, emergencies, and natural disasters, making positive impacts on people's lives around the globe.

Year after year, the Army Reserve continues to prove critical to our nation's national security apparatus by harnessing civilian expertise across professions like artificial intelligence, medicine, and engineering, among so many others. There are more than 190,000 Army Reserve Soldiers and 11,000 civilians are currently stationed across all 50 States and 23 countries across the globe. Right here in New Jersey we are proud to have 4,000 soldiers and 68 units contributing to their forward-positioned force. Their service to our country and our great state is invaluable to the readiness and capability of our Joint Forces, and the safety of our communities.

This force begins their next 116 years of service as one of the most experienced outfits in American history, and I am grateful for the service of each and every one of them. I look forward to continuing to support Army Reserve servicemembers in achieving their mission of—ready now, shaping tomorrow.

#### RECOGNIZING MARGARET SPALLUZZI

##### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Margaret Spalluzzi and her fellow Rosie the Riveters as they are awarded the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal.

Born on November 2, 1921, Margaret was raised in Plymouth, Massachusetts. After reading an ad in the newspaper calling for women to fill jobs that men left behind while fighting in World War II, Margaret dared 10 of her friends to come with her to sign up to be welders. After completing their training in Quincy, six of the women stayed on as welders at the Hingham Shipyard. One of the original Rosie the Riveters, Margaret, joined the war effort welding warships from 1942 until the war ended in 1945.

During the war, around 2,500 women worked at the Hingham Shipyard where they built hundreds of ships. Security at the shipyard was tight, and workers were told not to share any information about what they were doing. The working conditions could also be very tough. Working in a room with no heat. Margaret had to wear steel toe boots and flannel pajamas under her heavy work clothes just to stay warm during the cold New England winters. However, Margaret was proud to go into work and help her country while her brothers were serving in the military and her husband, Antone "Tony," was serving in the Navy as an electrician. Her shift at the shipyard was from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, but Margaret often worked overtime and seven days a week. With her first paycheck from welding, Margaret bought her mother a radio.

After the war, when her husband came back to Massachusetts, Margaret and Tony raised their daughter, Annette, together in the home that Tony built in Kingston. Margaret later went on to work at Plimoth Patuxet for 32 years as a costumed interpreter and then a greeter, until she retired at 80. In retirement, Margaret enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and visiting the Kingston Senior Center to take classes and meet up with friends.

On April 10, 2024, Congress will award the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal, which will then be displayed at the National Museum of American History. This medal is to recognize the contributions of all the women who served our country during World War II as Rosie the Riveters and the inspiration that they provided for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Margaret Spalluzzi, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Margaret and her fellow Rosie the Riveters for all the critical work they did to support our country during the war.

#### COMMENDING JOHN KONIAR FOR HIS SERVICE TO ALABAMA DISTRICT ONE

##### HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Foley Mayor John Koniar and his service to Alabama's First Congressional District.

John entered active duty in the United States Air Force as 2nd lieutenant in 1965 and was honorably discharged as a Captain in 1969. He joined Vulcan, Inc. in 1971, and he retired as a vice president of sales after working there for 37 years. John Koniar served on the Foley City Council from 1980 until 2006. He was then elected mayor in 2006 and served three terms until 2020. John was incredibly influential to the City of Foley due to his strong leadership. His dedication to the city was vital for the growth of Foley. He took pride in his dedicated employees and how well they represented their community.

His presence and leadership promoted a healthy work environment in which people could succeed. We are so grateful for all he has done for Alabama's First Congressional District.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. TIMOTHY C. TENNENT

##### HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, as the former Co-Chair of the National Prayer Breakfast, I rise to give thanks and a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Timothy C. Tennent for fifteen years of faithful and outstanding leadership as the President of Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. A true man of God with a brilliant mind for ministry and a warm heart for missions, Dr. Tennent will conclude his remarkable presidency this June, as he and his wife, Julie, follow God's next calling into global ministry and scholarship.

Under President Tennent's Spirit-inspired leadership, Asbury Theological Seminary has grown tremendously in size, spiritual stature, and scholarship, dramatically expanding its programs and impacts around the nation and world for the sake of the Gospel. Today it is generally recognized as the largest and leading Seminary in the evangelical Wesleyan-Arminian theological tradition. President Tennent's vision has led to many innovative new programs focused on global ministry and church planting and to impressive growth in financial support from donors. Many pastors and spiritual leaders in my state of Michigan are grateful graduates of Asbury Seminary. In my district, Spring Arbor University has a close association with Asbury Seminary, as sister institutions affiliated with the evangelical holiness wing of Methodism. In my prior work as a minister and Christian college administrator, I came to deeply respect Asbury Seminary.

President Tennent has been a courageous and eloquent advocate for Biblical truth, faithfulness, and theological orthodoxy in his presidential leadership, public speaking and