

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

preaching, and authorship of many books. He is widely recognized as one of the Nation's top evangelical theological leaders. The Apostle John described Christ as the "Word" who came to us "full of grace and truth," a model to which Christians aspire. Dr. Tennent has faithfully proclaimed Biblical truth with grace, warmth, and humility in his leadership and life.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Timothy Tennent as he concludes his outstanding presidency at Asbury Theological Seminary and in expressing blessings as he and his wife, Julie, enter their next phase of service. I believe the Lord's words in the book of Matthew truly apply to them: "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."

#### TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPION USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2024 NCAA Women's National Basketball Champions, the University of South Carolina WBB Gamecocks. In a tremendous demonstration of skill, teamwork, and depth, the Gamecocks clinched their third national title on April 7, 2024, after a perfect season.

The road to the championship was far from easy. The Gamecocks embarked on a season unlike any other, achieving 38 consecutive wins. Pre-NCAA tournament victories included a highly competitive match-up against reigning champions Louisiana State University and a nail-biter against the University of Tennessee. During the NCAA tournament, the Gamecocks beat No. 15 seed in-state neighbor Presbyterian College; No. 8 seed University of North Carolina; No. 4 seed Indiana University; No. 3 seed Oregon State University; No. 3 seed NC State University; and No. 1 seed University of Iowa.

The championship game was the first time the Gamecocks and Hawkeyes met since Iowa, led by their star point guard Caitlin Clark, defeated South Carolina in the 2023 NCAA Final Four. This time, teamwork defeated individual performance. The Gamecocks had four players in double figures, led by Tessa Johnson with 19 points; Kamilla Cardoso with 15 points and 17 rebounds; Te-Hina Paopao with 14 points; and Chloe Kitts with 11 points and 10 rebounds. South Carolina guards Raven Johnson and Bree Hall's defensive contributions slowed down Clark, who was fresh off a 41-point victory, two days earlier.

South Carolina's success can be attributed to the contributions of the Gamecock bench, which outscored Iowa's bench 37–0. Their 37 of South Carolina's 87 points in the Championship game gave the sports world an appropriate understanding of our Nation's motto, *E Pluribus Unum* (out of many, one).

This victory is a testament to Coach Dawn Staley's leadership skills. Her dedication to developing young talent and ability to create a culture of excellence were rewarded handsomely. After last year's Final Four defeat, all five South Carolina starters—one of which

was an All-American and another the future No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft—departed the team. All for various and good reasons.

Despite receiving an Associated Press Top 25 preseason ranking of No. 6, the 8-time SEC Champions quickly rose to No. 1. Their unwavering dedication, offensive prowess, and defensive tenacity left opponents at a loss. From each opening tip to the final buzzer, this South Carolina team were models of resilience and determination, with their relentless spirit propelling them to this ultimate triumph.

Coach Staley, who I am proud to call a friend, led a team that lost all five of last year's starters. She recruited and assembled some remarkable and talented young women and built them into an outstanding team. Their starting line-up consisted of No. 10 Kamilla Cardoso, senior and starting center from Montes Claros, Brazil; No. 0 Te-Hina Paopao, senior and starting guard from Oceanside, California; No. 21 Chloe Kitts, sophomore and starting forward from Oviedo, Florida; No. 23 Bree Hall, junior and starting guard from Dayton, Ohio; and No. 25 Raven Johnson, sophomore and starting guard from Atlanta, Georgia.

Their supporting cast consisted of No. 12 MiLaysia Fulwiley, freshman guard and No. 2 Ashlyn Watkins, sophomore forward both from Columbia, South Carolina; No. 5 Tessa Johnson, freshman guard from Albertville, Minnesota; No. 20 Sania Feagin, junior forward from Ellenwood, Georgia; No. 35 Sakima Walker, senior center from Columbus, Ohio; and No. 15 Adhel Tac, freshman center from Grand Prairie, Texas.

This national championship win is a collective achievement, but special mention is appropriate for their only player currently scheduled to depart, Kamilla Cardoso. She was named Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament after averaging a double-double during post-season play. Cardoso also drew All-America honors from the U.S. Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) (First Team), the AP (Second Team), and the Wooden Award. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and the Southeastern Conference (SEC) named her Defensive Player of the Year, and she was named to the All-SEC First Team.

Some individual achievements of her teammates should be celebrated as well. Guards Raven Johnson and Te-Hina Paopao, along with forward Ashlyn Watkins, earned spots on the All-SEC Second Team and MiLaysia Fulwiley made the SEC All-Freshman Team. Paopao also picked up All-America recognition from the USBWA (Second Team) and the AP (honorable mention).

Coach Staley, a legend in her own right, has transformed South Carolina WBB into an absolute basketball powerhouse. The Gamecocks have won 8 regular season championships, 8 SEC tournament championships, and 3 national championships. This year, Coach Staley was named the Naismith Women's College Coach of the Year, AP Women's Coach of the Year, WBCA Coach of the Year, and SEC Coach of the Year. She also became the first Black coach, male or female, to win three Division 1 basketball titles and the fifth coach to win at least three titles.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable University of South Carolina Women's Basketball team. As the confetti settles and the celebrations continue, one thing is certain: the future

of South Carolina women's basketball is bright. Go Gamecocks.

#### HONORING REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM DELAHUNT

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Representative William Delahunt who recently passed peacefully at his home in Quincy, Massachusetts. Representative Delahunt, born in that very same town, spent his life dedicated to its people.

Representative Delahunt was a lifelong public servant. He began his career as a Radioman for the Coast Guard, an honor he brought all the way to the House as co-chair of the Coast Guard Caucus. Representative Delahunt progressed through a life of Public Service. He served as a Quincy Town Councilor, State Representative, District Attorney, and finally House Representative, before his retirement in 2011.

Representative Delahunt always put the needs of his constituents first. When low-income residents in his home state struggled to pay their heating bills during the winter of 2006, he got little assistance from the Bush administration. Instead of doing nothing, he famously brokered an international fuel sale for approximately 50,000 Massachusetts residents in dire need. His direct negotiation of this sale ensured even his most vulnerable constituents could keep the heat on that winter.

Well-respected for his lasting commitment to human rights, Representative Delahunt served as the chair of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight in the 110th Congress. I had the distinct pleasure of serving with Representative Delahunt, and I still carry a deep respect for Representative Delahunt's strong principles and consistent defense of human rights.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his fiancé, Julia Pagana, daughters Kirsten and Kara, and two grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of a great man of this chamber.

#### RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT WILLIAM DOUGLASS

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William "Bill" Douglass of Sherman, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Bill is a distinguished American who has faithfully served our community and country.

A native of Pennsylvania, Bill graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1958 as a Dean's List Scholar. He later joined the United States Marine Corps and Army, serving as a First Lieutenant specializing in Combat Intelligence. Afterwards, Bill began his career in the oil industry as part of ExxonMobil's Sales team and