

uplifting Wisconsinites. A staunch supporter of public education, he funded efforts to bolster public schools, students, and educators in the state. Establishing the Herb Kohl Philanthropies, he recognized students, teachers, and schools with grants to support educational achievement. Since its founding, the Herb Kohl Foundation has distributed over \$20.9 million in grants and scholarships, impacting the lives of over 8,000 individuals and benefiting more than 3,000 schools.

A singular thread unites the various tributes pouring in from the realms of politics, sports, and philanthropy: Senator Herb Kohl's sincere and compassionate demeanor. Colleagues, allies, adversaries, and athletes alike enthusiastically praise him for his boundless generosity, unassuming modesty, and the enduring relationships he fostered throughout his life.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Herb Kohl stood as a beacon of moral principles during a time marked by commercializing professional sports and increasing political polarization. His legacy serves as a poignant reminder of the positive impact one person can make when guided by morality, empathy, and a genuine concern for the well-being of others. Herb Kohl was a man of the people, who truly cared for all Wisconsinites. His footprint on our state will remain forever.

#### CELEBRATING KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 12, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Korea, I am grateful to recognize Korean American Day. Celebrated annually on January 13, it commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants on that day in 1903.

In 2003, President George W. Bush, proclaimed January 13, as Korean American Day, and in 2005, the U.S. House and Senate passed resolutions demonstrating their unanimous support for the recognition, and appreciation of the Korean American community.

South Carolina is blessed to be the home of a large and vibrant Korean American population. For almost 20 years, Columbia, South Carolina, has welcomed thousands of people from across the state for their Korean Festival, an experience filled with food, music, dancing, and traditions at the Korean Presbyterian Church on Richland Street.

I was also grateful to have celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement on July 27, with Ambassador Hyun-Dong Cho and several members of the Korean National Assembly ruling party, People Power Party Leader, Assemblyman Gi-Hyeon Kim, members of the National Assembly Chul-Gyu Lee, Seok-Ki Kim, Sang-Bum Yoo, Min-Kuk Kang, and Chairman of the International Relations Committee of the People Power Party and former National Assemblyman Jae-Young Lee.

On several occasions, I have had the good fortune of visiting South Korea and have personally experienced the warmth of its people. In 2023, I visited North Korea at Pyongyang and I saw firsthand the contrast of dictatorship

there of darkness in the North as contrasted to the vibrancy of the South.

I am grateful for the vast contributions Korean Americans bring to our community, from business to culture, and to commemorate this day. Their continued success is a tribute to the American Dream fulfilled.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIVE OAKS CAREER CENTER JROTC CADETS

#### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 12, 2024*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the hard work and dedication of the Live Oaks Career Center JROTC Cadets. Beginning as a local Army JROTC program in 1993 to teach high school students leadership and citizenship classes, the Live Oaks JROTC program has evolved into a nationally recognized leadership and citizenship program.

This year, three teams of Live Oaks JROTC Cadets competed against 216 other teams in the U.S. Army Cadet Command Junior ROTC Raider Challenge Championships at Fort Knox. The Live Oaks male and female teams finished first in their divisions, and the coed team came in fifth place. Twenty-eight cadets earned full-ride scholarships to the university of their choice due to their success.

Live Oaks' JROTC Cadets demonstrated incredible tenacity and grit in their championship success, qualities that will serve them well in their southern Ohio communities. I am proud to congratulate them today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 12, 2024*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on January 12, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on passage of H. R. 839, Roll Call Vote No. 9 and I would have voted NO on passage of H.J. Res 98, Roll Call Vote No. 10.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 12, 2024*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 1, and NAY on Roll Call No. 2.

#### RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF EUGENE A. VANCE, III

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 12, 2024*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored, humbled, and saddened to posthumously rec-

ognize Steelton Fire Chief, Eugene A. Vance, III.

Upon graduating from Steelton-Highspire High School in 1972, Chief Vance dedicated his life to the service of our communities. As a 35-year veteran of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of General Services, he was a member of the Steelton Baldwin Hose Company No. 4 serving as Firefighter, Foreman, Captain, and Battalion Chief before earning the privilege of becoming Chief of the Steelton Fire Department in 1998. He also served on several Dauphin County volunteer fire companies, the Dauphin County Volunteer Fireman's Association, and County Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Vance retired from his official capacity in 2012, but continued to play a vital role, and his call to duty returned him to the Fire Chief position once again in 2016. He administered countless AED life-saving responses, and earned prestigious awards, honors, and accolades throughout his storied career—to name but a few, in 2012, he earned the Firefighter of the Year and was presented his bugle from the Department, and in 2020, he earned the Craig Webb Memorial Award for Excellence in Fire Service.

Chief Vance's life truly mattered; he made a mark on everyone he met—whether he knew them briefly, personally, professionally, or for a lifetime. He will be dearly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Fire Chief Eugene A. Vance, III for his selfless, tireless, and dedicated service to his family, friends, fellow brave firefighters, our communities, Commonwealth, and United States of America. He is the standard by which we all should be judged. May God bless and keep him.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY SERGEANT ANDREW PAUL SOUTHARD

#### HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 12, 2024*

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of United States Army Sergeant Andrew Paul Southard.

Andrew was a husband; a father; a son; a brother; an elite Nightstalker with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; and a resident of Apache Junction in Arizona's 'Fighting Fifth' District.

Tragically, his life was cut short as one of five Special Operations soldiers aboard a Blackhawk helicopter that went down in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea on Friday, November 10, 2023. His sacrifice, like that of all our courageous fallen, is the culmination of a life of duty and honor.

Andrew was born to Kim and Randy Southard in Spokane, Washington in 1996, and moved to Apache Junction, Arizona at the age of 11. From a young age, he embodied the integrity and compassion instilled in him by his family and tight-knit community. A former high school teacher shared this about Andrew after his passing:

"He didn't do things because he thought people were going to give him gratitude for doing it. He did it because he thought it was right."

And from a long-time classmate:

"My mother was battling cancer and it made it hard sometimes at school. I will never forget the compassion Andy showed me through the hard days at school. He never treated me differently, but always had a joke to keep me laughing and my mind off of what was going on at home. I will always be grateful for that."

Andrew graduated from Apache Junction High School in 2015. Coming from a military family he eagerly enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 18 and was assigned as a '15T' UH-60 Black Hawk Repairer stationed with the 1st Armored Division's Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas.

In this role, Andrew deployed to Egypt for a 13-month rotation as part of Task Force Sinai in support of peacekeeping operations, and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Wherever he served, Andrew's unit members recognized both his selfless service and the energy and time he dedicated to those around him. Andrew was the type of soldier and man who, while at Fort Bliss, pulled a woman from a burning vehicle without even telling his friends about it.

When asked about his heroism, Andrew simply responded: "I feel like anyone would pull over. It was just my time and place where I was that day."

A friend and fellow soldier who completed Army basic training with Andrew shared:

"It's a statement to who he was. You ask anyone; if they knew him for seven years or just seven days, you understood the type of person he was and how much he would be there for you, how much he would invest in you and expect nothing in return."

Never content with the ordinary, Andrew started down one of the most grueling challenges any military service member can endure by volunteering for the Army's legendary 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

After completing Green Platoon, the regiment's rigorous training and assessment program in 2023, he earned his place with the First Battalion, 160th SOAR as an MH-60M Crew Chief based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

After the Hamas terror attacks of October 7, 2023, elements of the 160th SOAR were assigned to the Eastern Mediterranean Sea in support of our allies in Israel.

On November 10, during a refueling training exercise over the Mediterranean between Cyprus and Lebanon, Andrew's aircraft crashed after suffering a catastrophic malfunction.

Tragically, he and four of his teammates were killed. We mourn them:

Chief Warrant Officer Stephen R. Dwyer, Clarksville, Tennessee; Chief Warrant Officer Shane M. Barnes, Sacramento, California; Staff Sergeant Tanner W. Grone, Gorham, New Hampshire; and Sergeant Cade M. Wolfe, of Mankato, Minnesota.

Though we grieve, we celebrate Andrew's life along with his devoted wife Ashley, his sweet children Jack, Gavin, and Hallie, and his parents, brother, grandparents, and friends.

But we also recognize that his sacrifice epitomizes the way he lived his life; defending the defenseless, standing by his fellow soldiers, and doing what was right without the thought of recognition or reward. May each of us follow his valuable example of courage, service, and friendship.

## CELEBRATING MITRE'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2024

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of MITRE's 65th anniversary of service to the Nation.

MITRE, a non-profit founded in 1958 in Bedford, Massachusetts, contributions have been both profound and wide-ranging, impacting not only national security but also advancing critical technology sectors and public welfare on a global scale.

For over six decades, MITRE has been at the forefront of technological and strategic development, adapting to and preempting global challenges from the Cold War era to the present day. Its pioneering work in the development of the Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) and its collaboration on the Apollo Mission underscore its pivotal role in shaping defense and space exploration strategies.

MITRE's innovative endeavors in the fields of cybersecurity and artificial intelligence have set the benchmark for the industry. The Orange Book, penned by MITRE's Grace Hammonds Nibaldi, laid the foundation for modern cybersecurity, marking the organization as a thought leader for more than half a century. Similarly, MITRE's role in developing America's Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) exemplifies its commitment to creating the safest, most efficient airspace in the world.

Today, MITRE continues to spearhead transformative projects. The MITRE ATT&CK framework has become a cornerstone in cybersecurity, guiding threat models and critical infrastructure protection. Through initiatives like "Black Pearl," MITRE confronts issues such as human trafficking and narcotics, displaying its adaptability and influence across various domains. Moreover, MITRE's cutting-edge work in space traffic management, quantum computing, and BlueTech, along with its contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrates its capacity to lead and innovate in response to emergent global issues.

Recognizing MITRE's multifaceted impact, from the development of the Standard Health Record for Oncology to modernizing judicial records, reflects its profound influence beyond the scope of traditional research and development organizations. Fast Company's description of MITRE as "the most important company you've never heard of" encapsulates the silent, yet significant footprint MITRE has left on modern society.

Finally, it is essential to acknowledge that MITRE's success is fundamentally a human story—driven by a team of dedicated individuals who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, often without public acclaim, motivated by a shared commitment to the public good. As we honor MITRE on its 65th anniversary, we celebrate not just the organization's remarkable achievements but also the people who have made it all possible. Their uncredited service and relentless pursuit of innovation for the nation's benefit indeed set MITRE apart as a unique and invaluable institution.

Please join me in honoring MITRE and its talented staff on MITRE's 65th anniversary.

## RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN WINTERSTEEN

### HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2024

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman STANTON, to posthumously honor Mr. John Wintersteen, a dedicated public servant of Paradise Valley and a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Wintersteen led the Paradise Valley Police Department as police chief from 1995 to 2009, protecting our local communities and showing exemplary care for the safety of residents across Paradise Valley. He founded the community's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration nearly 26 years ago, helping to grow the celebration of Dr. King's life from 10 to 15 people when it first began to over 250 people coming to celebrate Dr. King's legacy. In retirement, Mr. Wintersteen continued to stay involved with the community by volunteering for the Rotary Club of Southwest USA and served on the board of Empire of Hope, where he helped fight issues of poverty and unemployment and promoted education and medical care in African countries. He also worked with the Creighton Community Foundation to provide food for families of students struggling with food insecurity.

I join the entire Paradise Valley community in mourning the loss of Mr. Wintersteen and extend my condolences to his family. While this year's MLK Day Celebration will undoubtedly be different without Mr. Wintersteen, I'm confident we will honor his memory at this event which he worked incredibly hard to bring our community together for. He had an unparalleled impact on everyone who knew him, and he will be deeply missed.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was detained chairing a hearing in the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 6, H.R. 788.

## RECOGNIZING THIRTY YEARS OF BANNERMAN CASTLE LAND TRUST

### HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Bannerman Castle Trust for thirty years of excellent work in historical preservation.

Since 1994, the Bannerman Castle Trust has overseen the preservation of the historic buildings on Pollepel Island, also known as Bannerman Island. Pollepel Island is located just off the eastern shore of the Hudson River between Beacon and Cold Spring, New York.

The island is home to Bannerman Castle and its surrounding structures, built by Scottish-American businessman Frank Bannerman