

Gonzalez embodies the concept of servant leadership and has made a lasting impact on the organizations and communities he has served. While we wish him all the best in his upcoming retirement, we know that his departure from the cooperative will leave behind a void that will not easily be replaced.

It is clear that Mr. Gonzalez has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call vote No. 120 through 123 on April 15, 2024 because my flight to Washington, D.C. was diverted due to weather conditions. Had I been present: on Roll Call vote No. 120, I would have voted YES; on Roll Call vote No. 121, I would have voted YES; on Roll Call vote No. 122, I would have voted YES; and on Roll Call vote No. 123, I would have voted NO.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO, LETICIA FERRER

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate this week's Hometown Hero, Leticia Ferrer. During last week's solar eclipse, Leticia's lifelong fascination with the movement of the sun and the moon gave her the opportunity to lead a project in North Texas funded by NASA. Leticia's passion for things out-of-this-world started in childhood and she's dedicated her life to documenting and filming eclipses across the globe. Collecting data on the sun throughout her viewings, last week the Farmer's Branch native had the opportunity to work with the Citizen CATE project as a coordinator of scientific viewing teams of the eclipse at home in North Texas. The Citizen CATE project works with NASA and the National Science Foundation to collect data on the magnetic structure and energy of the sun's corona. Leticia helped lead four teams of North Texans through the process of properly collecting the necessary data and using telescopes to gather images to be studied for years to come. I'm inspired by Leticia's dedication to the advancement of solar science and thankful for her outreach in North Texas during the total solar eclipse.

RECOGNIZING THE IVANOVSKY FAMILY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by the Ivanovsky

Family. The Twistid Arts Initiative was born out of the desire to raise awareness of and increase access to all forms of visual and performing arts in Citrus County. Prior to the creation of this non-profit organization, youth in Citrus County had limited opportunities for exposure to successful arts-based careers. In response, this non-profit organization was developed to provide innovative programming, hands-on education, and immersive events throughout the community.

The Ivanovsky Family has jumped in to help at every Twistid Arts event that has been held to date. They are extremely dedicated to the cause and are willing to do even the most menial tasks to ensure events and programs run smoothly. 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 the Ivanovsky Family is making a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

CELEBRATING THE ROBBINS AREA LIBRARY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Robbins Area Library for thirty years of service to the people of Moore County.

Thirty years ago, this library was established to serve as a center for community and learning for the people of Robbins, North Carolina. Before it was built, folks had to travel to neighboring towns in order to visit a library. But now Robbin's library has emerged as an integral part of the town. The library houses thousands of books, provides internet access in an area where coverage is limited, and caters to the learning of people of all ages. Additionally, it serves as a central meeting spot, hosting children's events, book groups, movie groups, sports clubs, and more.

Numerous folks have been integral to the success of this storied landmark. This includes people like Theron Bell, who was the chief advocate for the establishment of the library back in the 1990's, and Clara Bernicken, a thirty-year veteran of the local library system and one of the lead story tellers at Robbins. They, and many others, have performed a tremendous service to our community in Moore County. I think I speak for everyone in Moore County in thanking them for all they have done and continue to do.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the Robbins Area Library and all those who have helped it grow and develop on the thirtieth anniversary of its establishment.

CELEBRATING THE NETWORK OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE'S 50TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the outstanding work of the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA), as it commemorates its 50th year of service to the residents of Bucks County. NOVA stands as a beacon of hope and support for victims of serious crimes and their families. NOVA's mission of providing support, counsel, and empowerment of victims of sexual assault and abuse in our region manifests itself through its tireless advocacy and community education.

NOVA directly assists over 3,000 victims annually, providing them with crucial support and resources during their time of need. Additionally, their team of educators conducts personal safety training for approximately 30,000 individuals each year, spanning across different age groups from children to adults. By utilizing individual and group counseling, victims of sexual assault and abuse can regain control of their lives, and through education programs, children and communities learn to be advocates for victims of abuse, as well as prevention and personal safety.

By empowering individuals with the knowledge and tools to protect themselves, NOVA plays a vital role in fostering safer communities. The organization's reputation for delivering exemplary services and programs is well-deserved and wide recognized both statewide and beyond.

In conclusion, as NOVA celebrates its 50th anniversary, let us commend and express our gratitude to all the staff, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed to its success over the years. I am thankful to work with their President, Sarah Larson, Executive Director, Penny Ettinger, and the many other NOVA staff and volunteers serving Bucks County. I am proud to support them in their mission to stand for victims in the fight to end sexual assault.

RECOGNIZING JANINE KELL

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Ms. Janine Kell. Ms. Kell is an engaged and dedicated volunteer with Warrior 321, an anti-human trafficking awareness group. Most recently, Janine was instrumental in hosting the community's second annual Light Up the Night Hernando event to bring awareness about human trafficking to the county.

Janine never sleeps and has truly dedicated her life in every way to fighting on behalf of the vulnerable. In addition to her work to prevent the horrific crime of human trafficking, Janine regularly speaks at local schools, educating students on the Monique Burr curriculum. The Monique Burr curriculum is a

comprehensive, evidence-based program for kids in grades K–5. It empowers children and relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and appropriately respond to bullying, cyberbullying, abuse, and digital abuse dangers. Beyond advocacy, Janine will often work directly with children who have been victims of abuse to help ensure they get the support they need to fully recover. Her compassion and empathy know no bounds.

It is clear that Ms. Kell has made a profoundly positive impact on our community and on the lives of countless people she has worked with. I am grateful for her service.

HONORING THE LANCASTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS FOR SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF INVALUABLE SERVICE TO WESTERN NEW YORK

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps for its 71 years of emergency medical service to Western New York. Operating every day of every year, the volunteer first responders who comprise Lancaster Ambulance often serve as the first and most crucial contact for those suffering from profound medical distress. Lancaster Ambulance's impact on Town of Lancaster, Village of Lancaster, Town of Alden, Village of Alden, and Village of Depew is unquestionable, with its volunteers responding to an astounding 7,553 calls last year alone. These dedicated emergency responders are treating our friends and neighbors amidst their darkest hours, and I am proud to recognize their community service and high level of professionalism in the line of duty.

On behalf of Congress and the 23rd Congressional District, I commend the men and women serving as part of the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corp. I include in the RECORD the names of the Lancaster Ambulance Board and Management Team into the RECORD as a sign of respect and appreciation for their service and all the members of this important organization:

Chester Popiolkowski—President
William Revelas—Vice President
Christopher Yockey—Secretary
Robert Over—Treasurer
Amy Revelas—Director of Operations
Nancy Revelas—Director
Allison Abraham—Director
John O'Donnell—Director
Jonathan Hunter—Director
Robert Sank—Chief of Compliance
Brian Fenik—Chief of Narcotics
Lynn O'Donnell—Training Coordinator

I ask that this legislative body joins me in celebrating the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps for its over seven decades of service. We thank the many generations of first responders who have protected the Town of Lancaster and its surrounding area through this exemplary organization.

CELEBRATING EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY IN HONOR OF THE REBBE

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, April 19, 2024, corresponding to the 11th of Nissan, marks the birthday of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known as "the Rebbe." It is celebrated worldwide and in all 50 states across our great country, including my home state of South Dakota.

This day is also observed as "Education & Sharing Day" in recognition of the Rebbe's deep commitment to bettering the education of all people. He emphasized that education should not merely be about imparting knowledge but must instill values essential for living a meaningful life, fostering moral character, and contributing to the betterment of individuals and society at large. These moral and ethical principles have served as the foundation of civilization since time immemorial.

Like two of the greatest Jewish leaders known to humanity in their times, Moses and Maimonides, whom we honor with their bas-reliefs adorning the walls of this august body, the Rebbe provided leadership, guidance, and healing in our times. This body is honored to have awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Rebbe said that from his earliest childhood days, he envisioned seeing the world come to a state of peace. Through decades of dedicated service and leadership, while guiding many of our nation's leaders, he exemplified how humanity, through moral education, charitable deeds, and acts of kindness, can bring our world to a state where "swords are turned into plowshares," with peace and prosperity for all inhabitants of God's world.

On the Rebbe's birthday, it is fitting that we honor him by striving to apply his teachings with greater diligence, embodying his vision of a world illuminated by compassion and goodwill for all.

RECOGNIZING JOE MARINA

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by one of my constituents, Joe Marina, who is a valued volunteer with several community organizations and has been a long-time employee of our community's electric cooperative, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative. In this capacity, he has served as the face of the organization in the community, presenting millions of dollars of credit refunds to local governments and school boards. Mr. Marina embodies the heart of a true public servant, lending his expertise, passion, time and energy into all he has been involved with. He has served in key leadership roles on the Board of Directors for United Way of Pasco, the Pasco Economic Development Council, the Boys and Girls Club, the Vincent House and several other local nonprofits. Mr.

Marina doesn't just lend his name to a cause; when he commits to something, he goes "all-in"—above and beyond to make a lasting imprint on the lives of those his work touches. For more than 25 years, whenever there has been an unmet need in the community, Mr. Marina has stepped up to the plate to make sure the job is done, and done right. He has worked tirelessly on countless large-scale community projects to enrich the lives of the people of Pasco County and to create opportunities for future residents. He has helped to transform Pasco from a bedroom community to one in which people can truly live, play and work. His compassion and his desire to empower others to realize their full potential knows no bounds. As he embarks upon his well-deserved retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of selfless service, commitment to others, and humble leadership. His shoes will be big to fill.

It is clear that Mr. Marina has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

CONGRATULATING THE PICKETT COUNTY LADY BOBCATS ON CLAIMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, for many of the folks I represent in the Upper Cumberland Region of Middle Tennessee, this year feels a lot like 1989.

That's the last time the Pickett County Lady Bobcats were named TSSAA girls basketball state champions. They reclaimed that title last month, when they defeated the Moore County Lady Raiders, 56–45, in the Class 1A final.

And this championship, Mr. Speaker, was a family affair. Lady Bobcats Guard Zoe Nicholas now joins her aunt and grandmother in having been members of a Pickett County state championship team. It doesn't stop there. Nicholas' cousin, Callie Reeder, is also on the winning team and was even named tournament MVP.

The coach that led the team to victory, Brent Smith, has a brother named Barry, who happened to coach the last winning team 35 years ago.

It's important to note that even though this is the first state championship in a while, the program does very well every season. It's also important to note that each time the Lady Bobcats have made it out of the quarterfinals and advanced to the state championship, they've won. I want to congratulate the current champions for keeping that now six-time winning streak alive.

I am proud to represent Pickett County, and many places like it, that take so much pride in their families, communities, and their home team.

I would now like to recognize everyone who carried the team to victory. Players included: Senior Allie Amonett, Senior Ella K. Keisling, Junior Emmy Lowe, Junior Callie Reeder, Junior Kaylee Tompkins, Sophomore Addison Lowe, Sophomore Zoey Nicholas, Sophomore Kylie Wood, and Freshman Emma Tompkins. Managers included: Senior Nikki Gunter, Junior Addie Keisling, and Junior Ava Keisling. I'd