

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## RECOGNIZING SEMPER FI AND AMERICA'S FUND FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable achievements of Semper Fi & America's Fund as it celebrates 20 years of unwavering service to our Nation's critically wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, and military families.

For two decades, Semper Fi & America's Fund has stood as a pillar of hope and support, providing critical assistance, resources, and care to those who have bravely served our country. Through their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment, they have made an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals, empowering them to navigate the challenges they face and to recover, transition, and thrive with independence and grace.

Their comprehensive programs and services, including the Service Member and Family Support, Integrative Wellness, and Transition programs have been instrumental in addressing the unique needs of our veterans and their families, offering them hope, healing, and renewed purpose.

I am deeply grateful for the invaluable contributions Semper Fi & America's Fund has made to our communities and our country. Their selfless commitment to our service members, veterans, and military families embodies the very essence of patriotism and compassion, and it serves as an example for us all.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Semper Fi & America's Fund, its dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters on this significant milestone. May they continue to inspire hope, foster healing, and honor the sacrifices of our veterans for years to come.

## RECOGNIZING CHESTER MONROE

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chester Monroe for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Chester has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Chester, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Chester's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Chester Monroe on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

## RECOGNIZING MATTHEW VRIESMAN

**HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and commitment of my constituent Matthew Vriesman as an educator shaping the lives of high schoolers at East Kentwood High School. As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to commend him for his outstanding contributions to our community as an Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies, AP United States History, and AP World Studies teacher. I would also like to congratulate him for being named the National History Teacher of the Year.

Every year for the past two decades, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History has chosen one history teacher out of thousands across the nation for this prestigious award. The institute's selection committee chose Mr. Vriesman in recognition of his extraordinary ability to tell history through the lens of his community while also cultivating students' passions for storytelling, learning, and American history. It was an honor to celebrate this recognition by inviting Mr. Vriesman as my guest to the 2024 State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C.

Matthew Vriesman serves as an inspiration to us all, particularly in West Michigan. He has gone above and beyond by working with the Grand Rapids Museum to teach students through historical archives, primary source documents, and a historical virtual tour of the area that he helped create. He has also emphasized teaching about the Great Migration from the perspective of Black migrants to Grand Rapids. I admire his efforts to make American history accessible to all students, especially those from underserved communities. On behalf of myself and West Michigan, I applaud Matthew Vriesman for the impact his leadership has had on the student population and community as he strives to ensure our students' historical education is reflective of the accuracy and fullness of our Nation's history.

## HONORING WGAL NEWS 8 ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate WGAL News 8 for 75 years on the air.

For more than seven decades, the WGAL News 8 team has dedicated themselves to covering the news and providing entertainment to millions of people across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WGAL has proven itself a staple in the homes of Pennsylvanians. They have provided coverage on a variety of topics from the most endearing segments like the old Percy the Platypus, to Pennsylvanian traditions like the Farm Show, and keeping residents informed on breaking news.

WGAL has paved the way for news coverage in the modern age. They were the first station in the Susquehanna Valley to provide live news coverage via a mobile news truck, allowing them to begin broadcasting from anywhere in the region.

Over the last 75 years, the news industry and the world have drastically changed, but the devotion of WGAL to provide essential news coverage and local entertainment has not. The news delivered by the WGAL team marks the beginning and end of the day for many people, and their impact on the community cannot be understated.

The team at WGAL News 8 has been there through moments of jubilation and national tragedy. Through it all, the community could count on receiving the news from this trusted source.

Congratulations to WGAL News 8 as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. I wish them all the best in their next 75 years.

## RECOGNIZING JAZMIN SALAZAR

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jazmin Salazar for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Jazmin has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Jazmin, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Jazmin's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Jazmin Salazar on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

## HONORING THE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT KRIS COREY

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Kris Corey, upon her retirement as Superintendent of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District after 38 years of

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service as an educator. Ms. Corey's steadfast advocacy for Solano County students and critical leadership have undeniably improved the lives of the County's students and teachers for the better.

After earning her bachelor's degree from Sioux College, Ms. Corey began teaching elementary school in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District in 1986. Throughout her eleven-year tenure as a teacher, she demonstrated a genuine commitment to ensuring all students have the resources necessary to reach their full potential.

Inspired by her experience in the classroom, Ms. Corey began serving as an assistant principal and, ultimately, as Superintendent of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. Over the course of her eleven years of service as Superintendent, Ms. Corey played a pivotal role in forming lasting partnerships with local community members and leaders throughout Solano County.

As Superintendent, Ms. Corey spearheaded efforts to break the cycle of poverty and ensure every student is career and college-ready upon graduation. She founded the Early College High School Program, expanded District Career Technical Education Programs, and introduced Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Recruitment Fairs.

Ms. Corey's critical efforts to support the students and teachers of Solano County earned her widespread recognition. She is a recipient of the 2022 National Green Ribbon School Award and in 2023, the Association of California School Administrators named her "Superintendent of the Year."

While her leadership as Superintendent will surely be missed, Ms. Corey's decades of service to the students of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District have left an indelible legacy. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms. Corey and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHANE FAIRFIELD

##### HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Shane Fairfield, an incredible leader and educator from Michigan's Third Congressional District. I commend Shane Fairfield for his dedication and commitment to his players on the Muskegon High School football team. I would also like to congratulate him for being named the 2023 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year. His approach to coaching is inspiring and sets a wonderful example of what being an educator should look like.

The Detroit Lions Coach of the Year program selects its recipient from the large number of high school football coaches across Michigan. Due to the success of Coach Fairfield, Muskegon High School will receive a \$3,000 grant from the Detroit Lions and NFL Foundation. There is no doubt that Coach Fairfield is more than deserving of this recognition; he has secured a record of 154–29 as Muskegon's head coach during his 14 years of leadership to the team.

Beyond collecting an impressive number of wins, Coach Fairfield has also dedicated his

life to mentoring his players. Fairfield strives to serve as a role model and shape players' successes both on and off the field. His commitment to improving these young people's physical, mental, and emotional health has enacted long-lasting benefits in their lives. On behalf of myself and our proud West Michigan community, I applaud Shane Fairfield for the impact his leadership has had on the Muskegon student population and community.

#### RECOGNIZING EVAN YANG

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Evan Yang for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Evan has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Evan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Evan's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Evan Yang on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

#### CONGRATULATING THE ELIZABETHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM ON THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

##### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Elizabethtown High School Bowling Team on winning the Pennsylvania State High School Bowling Championship.

The nail biting, back and forth matchup was a hard-fought battle of skill, technique, and determination. The final few frames ended in a series of splits that drove up the anticipation in the alley. Finally, the Elizabethtown Bears were able to seal the deal by five pins.

Bowling requires a unique set of athletic capabilities and teamwork to strike your way to a victory.

The Elizabethtown Bowling Team should be extraordinarily proud of this success and all their accomplishments throughout the season.

I congratulate them on their State Championship victory and wish them all the best of luck in the future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 15, 2024, I was absent for several

votes due to a delayed flight. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following way: NAY on Roll Call No. 120, Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider H.R. 7888, the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 121, suspending the rules and agreeing to H.R. 6408, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations; and YEA on Roll Call No. 122, suspending the rules and agreeing to H.R. 5923, the Iran-China Energy Sanctions Act.

#### RECOGNIZING HANNAH KUNTZE

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hannah Kuntze for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Hannah has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Hannah, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Hannah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Hannah Kuntze on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

#### CONGRATULATING JAYLYNNE CALDERON-MONTERROSO, RECIPIENT OF THE GATES SCHOLARSHIP

##### HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work of Jaylynn Calderon-Monterroso from Michigan's Third Congressional District. Jaylynn, a senior at Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy, is one of 750 high school students from across the country to receive the prestigious Gates Scholarship, which fully covers all educational expenses throughout recipients' undergraduate careers. This highly selective scholarship is awarded to minority students from low-income households, with 48 states being represented in this year's cohort.

Graduating with a 4.35 grade point average, Jaylynn has been a shining example of academic and merit based excellence for her West Michigan friends and colleagues. Along with being valedictorian and president of the senior executive board for University Preparatory Academy, she has also served on the Mayor's Youth Council and is a member of the National Honor Society.

When asked about Jaylynn, Principal Kenyatta Hill-Hall said, "I know that she's impacted our community and the Grand Rapids community, but I'm telling people they need to watch out, because this girl is going to impact