

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

this world". And impact the world, she will. Jaylynnne has been a fearless leader and advocate for her fellow students, initiating the creation of a mental health room at her high school that allows students and faculty to have a safe space to de-stress from school.

On behalf of myself and our proud West Michigan community, I applaud Jaylynnne for her hard work and cheer her on as she embarks on her college career at the University of Notre Dame, studying pre-law and economics as a first-generation college student. There is no doubt that her future is bright and that she will go on to become an influential changemaker, making West Michigan proud.

#### RECOGNIZING HAILEY ALTOREI

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

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

Hailey 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 Hailey, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Hailey's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

#### CONGRATULATING TOM FANNING ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SOUTHERN COMPANY

##### HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Tom Fanning on his retirement after more than four decades of service to Southern Company and its customers in my region.

Tom Fanning was named President of Southern Company in August of 2010, and assumed the additional roles of Chairman and CEO four months later. During his time at Southern Company, Tom held executive roles across various business disciplines, including finance, strategy, international business development, and technology. As President, Chairman, and CEO, he received numerous awards and accolades, including being named one of the most influential leaders in the energy industry in the past 25 years.

Under Tom's visionary leadership, Southern Company led the way in providing clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy to its customers. Tom's tenure was characterized by his boundless energy and his strong commitment to innovation and the development of new energy technologies to meet the challenges of the future. During his tenure, Southern achieved a number of remarkable milestones, most notably completion of the first new nu-

clear generation unit in the United States in three decades at Plant Vogtle in Georgia's 12th District.

Tom also became one of our country's leading voices in the area of cybersecurity. For nearly a decade, he served as co-chair of the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, which is the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power sector protecting the electric grid from threats. Fanning's leadership was recognized by the U.S. Senate in 2019 with an appointment to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, a group charged with developing a strategy to protect the cyberspace interests of the U.S. He was also appointed by the White House to serve as chairman of the advisory board to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with protecting the Nation's critical infrastructure from both cyber and physical threats.

Although he is stepping down from his role at Southern Company, I know Tom will continue to be active on the many issues about which he is passionate. I salute him for his extraordinary service, and I wish him and his family all the best in the years ahead.

#### RECOGNIZING NEVAEH CASTANEDA-HURTADO

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nevaeh Castaneda-Hurtado for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Nevaeh 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 Nevaeh, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Nevaeh'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 Nevaeh Castaneda-Hurtado on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEO WEEK

##### HON. ERIN HOUCHIN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National PEO Week, which starts May 19 and ends May 25, 2024.

National PEO Week will celebrate the important contributions of the professional employer organization (PEO) industry, which provides payroll, employee benefits, compliance assistance, and HR services to hundreds of thousands of small and mid-sized businesses that employ more than 4.5 million people.

PEOs play a critical role in helping businesses grow and thrive, during good times

and bad. PEOs help their small business clients grow 7–9 percent faster, have employee turnover that is 10–14 percent lower, and are 50 percent less likely to go out of business than businesses that do not use a PEO.

PEOs help small businesses improve productivity and profitability and focus on their core mission. Through a PEO, the employees of small businesses gain access to important employee benefits such as: 401(k) plans; health, dental, life, and other insurance; dependent care; and other benefits they might not typically receive as employees of a small company.

I know the value that PEOs provide. Before coming to Congress, I worked for a PEO and witnessed the positive impact they had on small businesses in my home state of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the PEO industry for all they do to help our Nation's small businesses and their employees prosper.

#### RECOGNIZING VERLA THOMAS GETTING HER FATHER A PURPLE HEART MEDAL 100 YEARS AFTER HE WAS WOUNDED IN WWI

##### 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 commitment of my constituent Verla Thomas in getting her father, the late Corporal George Wills of Spring Lake, a Purple Heart medal over 100 years after he was shot and wounded in World War I. I also commend Dr. Chris Petras for his continued research and efforts to help West Michiganders secure such medals from the Army.

Dr. Chris Petras has dedicated much of his time to researching Company F Grand Haven WWI soldiers. His work has led to 20 Purple Hearts being awarded to veterans, a feat that deserves recognition and applause. As a member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 28 Grand Haven, Dr. Petras got his start in 2019 when he sought out to learn more about a significant figure in the post, Charles A. Conklin. After digging through National Archives documents, military documents, and numerous publications, he sent over the information he found for review to the U.S. Army who then affirmed Conklin's eligibility for the Purple Heart. Dr. Chris Petras' determination in ensuring these soldiers are recognized for their sacrifice and service is truly admirable.

I had the great honor of working alongside Dr. Petras to help Verla Thomas acquire the posthumous Purple Heart medal and WWI Victory medal for her father's service. Several members of the military, veterans, and local residents attended the award ceremony in honor of her father's legacy. It was a truly touching moment to present Verla with these awards. She serves as an inspiration for my team and our district as we seek to give others the recognition they deserve.