

on current affairs, both foreign and domestic, which he shared with me from time to time, was always thoughtful and well informed, which I deeply valued. I ask my colleagues and this Chamber to join me in expressing our deepest respect for Richard's work and life and send our deepest condolences to his family. Richard is survived by his daughter, Margaret and her husband John Coppens, his stepdaughter Elizabeth Frankel and her husband Donald T. Rave III, and his grandchildren Alexandra, Riley, and Haskel. As we memorialize Richard's faithful service to his community, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his memory.

CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY JACK-RABBITS FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the South Dakota State University Jackrabbits football team on their second straight win in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision title. SDSU recently defeated the University of Montana Grizzlies 23-3 to secure the national title win.

This season, the Jackrabbits finished undefeated, winning all 15 of their games. Their undefeated season and ability to reach the playoffs for the last 12 seasons shows the players and coaching staff's dedication to success in the sport.

Under the leadership of first-year head coach Jimmy Rogers, the team finished with one of the best FCS defenses of the season and an offense that often outscored opponents by over 28 points on average. I congratulate the team for all their hard work this season and wish them luck as they prepare for another exceptional season this year.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL LEVISON

**HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison for his service and sacrifice to the people of San Miguel and Mora Counties during the East Mesa Fire on July 16, 2022.

Bernalillo County Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison, Undersheriff Larry Koren, and Lieutenant Fred Beers were killed when the agency's helicopter, Metro 2, crashed near Las Vegas, New Mexico. Rescue Specialist Matthew King of the Bernalillo County Fire Department was also killed in the crash.

Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison earned his bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of New Mexico while a member of the New Mexico Air National Guard. He continuously served for over ten years with the New Mexico National Guard, in the 210th Red Horse squadron, as a combat engineer. He joined the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office as a deputy in 2017. In addition to his daily duties, he served on many other assignments:

the Emergency Response Team, Gang Recognition & Intelligence Patrol, Field Investigator, Crisis Negotiation Team, Field Training Officer, and the Metropolitan Air Support Unit. Michael lived his life serving his community, country, and family.

I didn't know Michael personally. But his life had a profound impact on me and the communities I serve.

I represent the Third Congressional District of New Mexico, which includes San Miguel and Mora Counties. I grew up on the east side of the Sangre De Cristos. Las Vegas and the surrounding area are where I spent my youth. Over the last year, I have seen these communities devastated by fire and the landscapes washed away by flood.

These once beautiful lands are where we lost Michael and his colleagues. Each of these men selflessly answered the call to protect the land, the people, and the homes so far from their own. I am devastated by their loss but inspired by their service and their sacrifice. In this sea of grief where we now find ourselves, let's remember they will not be forgotten up north where they breathed their last breath.

The places they protected will hold their love and whisper it in our ears as breezes flow through the plains and mountain valleys. May Michael's memory be a blessing. May his service be an inspiration of love in action for us all to remember.

Sacrifice and heroism are cornerstones of America's history, and Deputy Sheriff Levison's will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING DAVIS SCHILKEN

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Davis Schilken, PC Law Offices for receiving the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Business of the Year Award.

The Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award is given to businesses within our community who exemplify outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community.

Davis Schilken, PC Law Offices has been serving the community for many years. They work with residents in Wheat Ridge by providing information and resources to help people understand and navigate the legal process. Whether these individuals are planning for the future for their family or business, or if they have lost a loved one, the Schilken firm is dedicated to helping people in the Wheat Ridge community understand complex legal matters with creative, cutting-edge resources.

Congratulations to Davis Schilken, PC Law Offices for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I missed these votes due to a personal matter.

Had I been present, I would have voted PRES on Roll Call No. 1-Quorum; NAY on Roll Call No. 2-H. Res. 947; NAY on Roll Call No. 3-H. Res. 947; NAY on Roll Call No. 4-H. Res. 947; NAY on Roll Call No. 5-H. Res. 937; YEA on Roll Call No. 6-H.R. 788; NAY on Roll Call No. 7-H.R. 788; NAY on Roll Call No. 8-S.J. Res. 38; YEA on Roll Call No. 9-H.R. 839; and NAY on Roll Call No. 10-H.J. Res. 98.

CONGRATULATING MADONNA BARNES ON WINNING COMMUNITY LIVING, INC.'S 24TH ANNUAL LEGACY BALL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Madonna Barnes on winning Community Living, Inc.'s 24th Annual Legacy Ball Volunteer of the Year Award.

A resident of O'Fallon, Missouri for over twenty years, Madonna has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to serving her community. In just six years, Madonna has contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to Community Living in order to improve the lives of those she serves. People like Madonna remind us that there are many Americans working every day to improve the lives of their fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Madonna Barnes for her achievement.

RECOGNIZING BERKELEY PARK RUNNING COMPANY

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Berkeley Park Running Company for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Berkeley Park Running Company for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, January 12, 2024, during Roll Call Vote Number 10 on H.J. Res 98, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status", I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I should have voted NO.

I strongly opposed this resolution when it was considered in the Education and Workforce Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, and I signed the minority views opposing the Resolution. I oppose the Congressional Review Act resolution in its entirety and intended to vote NO.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. SANDRA GIOIA TREADWAY, THE 9TH LIBRARIAN OF VIRGINIA**

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible career of the Librarian of Virginia, Dr. Sandra Gioia Treadway, who is retiring after serving in the capacity for the past sixteen years.

The Library of Virginia is one of the oldest government institutions in Virginia and will celebrate its 200th anniversary this year. The Library plays a vital role in the preservation of our Commonwealth's historical documents and manuscripts. Dr. Treadway devoted a total of 45 years to the agency and led it with commitment, poise, and tenacity over the past decade and a half.

Throughout her time as the Librarian of Virginia, Dr. Treadway expertly navigated various challenges and societal transitions that arose, including managing the devastating effects of the 2008 recession and significantly improving access to the Library's resources in our increasingly digital world. She adeptly built and strengthened relationships with the state government and broader library community and spearheaded efforts to ensure the Library meaningfully engaged in statewide commemorations of historical events in our Commonwealth's history. She also played a monumental role in the digitization of countless important historical documents and manuscripts, which will preserve these invaluable pieces for generations to come.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Treadway made a profound impact in the lives of Virginians, bolstering outreach to communities, strengthening our historical research, and promoting the Library's mission and services. She has served our community, Commonwealth, and country with distinction. I commend her on her many accomplishments and wish her happiness in her retirement and best wishes in her next endeavor.

**RECOGNIZING COSMO'S DOG BAKERY**

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cosmo's Dog Bakery for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Cosmo's Dog Bakery for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DENZEL BIMPEY**

**HON. RITCHIE TORRES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, Denzel Bimpey was a beacon of joy and positivity in the lives of those around him. His contagious smile, warm spirit, and unwavering kindness touched everyone he encountered. He was a devoted brother, a cherished son, a beloved cousin, and a dear friend to many. His laughter filled rooms and his presence brought light to the darkest of days.

Denzel's brothers referred to him as the star of the family. He was filled with charisma and this personality went perfectly with his wonderful sense of humor, making him an absolute joy to be around. He loved his family just as much as they loved him.

His sister's words encapsulate how important Denzel was to those around him,

"Denzel's light in my life was an emotional masterpiece. He, among my four protectors, stood as a pure-headed soldier, radiating affection in a beautifully unique way. Denzel's sensitivity to emotions, his lack of grudges, and absence of envy made him profoundly special. He was the luminous star in my life, my baby brother, my best friend, my love—the very pulse of my being. May your journey lead you to our ancestors and the heavenly embrace."

His spirit will live on through the love of his family and his community.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I returned home to Green Bay, WI to avoid dangerous travel ahead of the powerful snowstorm affecting the Midwest.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 9, and YEA on Roll Call No. 10.

**RECOGNIZING EM'S ICE CREAM**

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Em's Ice Cream for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Em's Ice Cream for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

**CELEBRATING ERWINA WRIGHT'S ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Erwina Wright on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

Erwina "Winnie" Wright was born in Lucas Grove, Mason County, Kentucky, on January 13, 1924. The daughter of Richard and Margaret Soward, Winnie grew up on a farm during the challenging years of the Great Depression.

An ardent believer in the value of education both for herself and others, Winnie graduated from Lewisburg High School in Lewisburg, Kentucky, and at a formidable time for women aspiring to a college education, she went on to enroll at the University of Kentucky where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics and organic chemistry.

During the period of World War II, Winnie joined the Civil Quartermaster Corps. This led her to work in the laboratories of Procter and Gamble in Aversdale, Kentucky, where her work advanced our country's defense and war efforts.

As World War II neared its end, Erwina Soward married Goebel James Wright, who at the time was a naval aviator involved in submarine reconnaissance completing his advanced flight training in Lake City, Florida. After the war, Winnie moved back to Kentucky where she and her husband established their home for over half a century in the town of Flemingsburg. It was there that they brought up their children, James Wright and Tevis Ann Keating.

While bringing along her family, Winnie pursued a master's certificate in library science. She employed this in her position at the Flemingsburg Library where she encouraged learning, particularly in children's literacy, for over a quarter century.

After her retirement, Winnie and her husband, first as snowbirds and then as residents, adopted the welcoming community of Sun City Center, Florida, as home. There they established new roots and long-lasting friendships. Since the passing of her husband Goebel, Winnie continues to vibrantly engage in civic and social activities and has enjoyed watching her two grandchildren, Kristen Ann and Patrick Wright Keating, grow.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Winnie, and as her friends and family gathered to celebrate her one hundredth birthday on January 13, 2024, at the Plaza Club in Sun City Center, the U.S. House of Representatives joins in commemorating and congratulating Erwina "Winnie" Wright on the extraordinary achievements of her century long life.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the vote on January 12, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 10.