

the Texas Army National Guard and became an Aviation Support Technician full-time.

Inspired by his experiences serving as an aviation mechanic and working in Iran, Jerry wanted to continue to help people which led him to a career in law enforcement. He was hired as a patrol officer by the Euless Police Department on April 1, 1985, and after serving eight years in the patrol division. Jerry was promoted to Corporal and assigned to the community services division where he taught youth the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, also known as D.A.R.E. It was during this time that Jerry developed a strong interest in computers and even taught himself how to operate them. His talents were quickly recognized by the department, and they transitioned him into the position of a computer technician in the Technical Services Division. His mechanical mind and dedication to learning the technical equipment used by law enforcement left an immeasurable impact on the Euless Police Department.

During his 39-year law enforcement career, Jerry received numerous commendations from colleagues and the community. He was presented with the W.M. "Blackie" Sustaie Memorial award in 1992 and 2007 in addition to winning the Distinguished Service Award in 1999. Jerry never lost his positive attitude when faced with mounting responsibilities and was always eager to share his knowledge and take the time to teach others.

It is an honor to recognize Jerry on this momentous occasion and thank him for his service to our country and North Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING PEYTYNN ADAMS

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

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

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

It is my honor to congratulate Peytynn Adams on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

#### RECOGNIZING TINA FARRELL

##### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Tina Farrell. She and her husband, Steve, are co-owners of Team Farrell, located in Port Richey. Tina is a hero to the limited-income, medically uninsured patients served by Good Samaritan

Clinic because her efforts on behalf of the non-profit help provide free healthcare, including prescriptions, for our medically fragile friends and neighbors throughout Pasco County. Tina has served as Chair of the organization's annual Nurses Gala and Co-chair of its annual Festival of Trees for more than 10 years. These two events raise between \$125,000 and \$150,000 annually for the clinic. Tina is a driving force for these events, and is hands-on in every aspect, from recruiting sponsors and participants to developing themes, menus and picking the entertainment. She is never one to rest on her laurels, challenging her committee and the community to new levels of creativity each year.

Tina and Steve raised their family in Pasco, built a business there and have become philanthropic pillars of the community. Tina has a genuine love of nurses and the nursing profession for all they have done. In addition to their outstanding support of Good Samaritan, Tina, supports: The Angelus and Pasco County Sheriffs Charities. She has also created her own non-profit, Farrell Cares, to support other projects in the community. Every August, they buy shoes for kids going back to school and also help with electric and water bills. They've even built a one-of-a-kind, custom air conditioned, wheelchair-accessible castle for a six-year old girl with a rare genetic condition. They step up to proactively identify unmet needs that exist and they work to find a way to solve the problem.

It is clear that Ms. Farrell has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

#### RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN DAVE RICHARDSON, UNITED STATES NAVY, PH.D., FOR WINNING THE 2024 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY MILITARY PROFESSOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

##### HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Dave Richardson, United States Navy, the 2024 recipient of the United States Naval Academy Military Professor Teaching Excellence Award.

This award, initiated in 2014, is bestowed biennially in even-numbered academic years upon a military faculty member at the Naval Academy whose contributions to the academic, professional, and moral development of midshipmen reflect the highest principles of excellence in education. Eligible faculty are those military faculty members who have exhibited continued excellence in teaching and sustained contributions to the intellectual professional development of midshipmen.

A third generation Navy Sailor, Dave is currently a Permanent Military Professor and academic Department Chair of the Political Science Department at the United States Naval Academy. He has achieved excellence at every echelon of academia: graduating with merit from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1995, with his M.S. in Leadership from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2000, with distinction from the Naval War College in 2007, and finally with his Ph.D from The George Wash-

ington University in 2018. Prior to his selection as a Permanent Military Professor, he earned a noteworthy reputation as a career Surface Warfare Officer of the highest caliber, culminating with his service as the 10th Commanding Officer of the USS *Porter* (DDG-78) out of Norfolk, VA.

Teaching a wide range of political science core, elective, and capstone courses, as well as courses in naval leadership, CAPT Richardson continuously inspires midshipmen to the highest levels of academic accomplishment through innovative and interactive classroom activities. Focused on the holistic development of future officers in the naval service, he is widely recognized for his ability to achieve course objectives while also personally engaging every midshipman in his classroom regarding their unique leadership journey. From freshmen courses in U.S. Government and Constitutional Development to upper-level courses in Political Science Methods and Civil-Military Relations, his students respond positively to his ability to be simultaneously rigorous, enthusiastic, caring, and firm but fair. In addition to serving as the department chair, Dave actively leads from the front as an academic advisor, honors program advisor, and senior honor and conduct remediator. His dedication and impact to the mission of the Naval Academy are evident from his consistent engagement with groups of midshipmen large and small based on his significant operational tours, command at sea experience, and scholarly work.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District and this Nation are lucky to have people like Dave teaching at our service academies and leading the nation's sons and daughters in our military. I wish to congratulate him on this great accomplishment and thank him for his decades of faithful service to the Nation. Bravo Zulu to Dave.

#### HONORING 1ST LIEUTENANT FRED ZIMRI WASHBURN

##### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Fred Zimri Washburn, as the Middleborough community comes together to dedicate the 1st Lieutenant Fred Z. Washburn Bridge in his honor.

Born on October 11, 1944, to parents Margery and Zimri Washburn, Fred was raised on Fuller Street in Middleborough, Massachusetts, alongside his siblings, Margery and David. After Fred graduated from Memorial High School in 1962, he went on to receive a degree from Wenworth Institute before joining the United States Army. Fred first completed his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, followed by Officer Candidate School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Fred later earned his pilot wings as a 2nd Lieutenant at the Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia.

Fred was deployed to Vietnam on May 30, 1968, as an Army 1st Lieutenant in the 71st Assault Helicopter Company, where he piloted helicopters in rescue missions. Fred would write home to his mother about the feeling of reward he felt for helping to save the lives of his fellow service members. Fred's unwavering

commitment to rescuing Americans injured in combat was undeniable throughout his time bravely serving in the U.S. Army.

Sadly, we lost Fred too soon on October 2, 1968, nine days short of his 24th birthday, after his helicopter was shot down in the Quang Tin Province of South Vietnam. For Fred's bravery and sacrifice for our country, Fred's name is listed on panel 42W, line 65 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

After Fred's family and former Middleborough classmates took note that there was no memorial for Fred in his hometown, the community came together to request that the town allow for the culvert bridge on Wareham Street to be renamed in Fred's memory. The measure was approved by the Middleborough Select Board earlier this year, and on April 24, 2024, the bridge will be dedicated in Fred's honor and named the 1st Lieutenant Fred Z. Washburn Bridge.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of 1st Lieutenant Fred Washburn. I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Fred's siblings, Margery and David; Steve Adelman, the Town of Middleborough's Veterans Service Officer; and the Middleborough Memorial High School Class of 1962 for their work to ensure that Fred's dedication and sacrifice for his community and our country be remembered for many years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING ALEJANDRO VALDEZ

#### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alejandro Valdez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

#### RECOGNIZING EMILY HARRINGTON

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Emily Harrington. She joined the Gulf Coast Manatees Homeschool Group in 2023 and has been an incredible member and volunteer that goes above and beyond expectations. Although she is somewhat new, Emily jumped right in with facilitating classes, becoming the Volunteer Coordinator and helps assist with anything

needed in the group. Emily spearheads the Nature Journaling class and has a passion for teaching children. She is a natural leader. She loves to volunteer and offers ideas for the cop. She always gets involved in each community service projects and helps with community outreach. Emily teaches the younger age group and they love her. It is easy to see the joy she feels as they learn and grow. She is truly an unsung hero, as it is important to have a great role model, friend and fellow teacher by one's side.

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 Ms. Harrington has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE RABBIT HOLE

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to recognize and celebrate the grand opening of the newest addition to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, the Rabbit hOle. Garnering attention on the local and national level, the Rabbit hOle will undoubtedly provide new experiences for children and adults alike as they take on a one-of-a-kind approach to a children's literature museum that has not been pursued before. Through its focus on literature, arts, education, and inclusivity to visitors of all ages, the museum will show its dedication to our community as well as enable others to see the array of activities that Kansas City has to offer. I am truly honored to represent an organization who has worked tirelessly to bring innovation and new opportunities to our community.

The Rabbit hOle's creation can be traced back to married couple Pete Cowdin and Debbie Pettid, who co-founded the museum in 2015. As a result of nearly 30 years in business as booksellers and owners of a local children's bookstore, the Reading Reptile, located in Kansas City, Missouri, the owners decided to venture into a new adventure. It was during their time in this capacity that Cowdin and Pettid began thinking about the possibilities of bringing a book to life by creating an immersive experience for children's literature. After having this idea for nearly two decades, Cowdin and Pettid took a leap of faith and began working to bring their vision into fruition.

As they began working towards the development of this project, their core values focused on creating a culture that centered around the love of children's literature that could remain accessible to all visitors of all ages, builds on the enjoyment of literacy while providing a hands-on experience. Moreover, with a special commitment and diligence to the children who would one day visit the museum, Cowdin and Pettid focused on envisioning a place that would not only be a colorful place for children but one that could further their curiosity and involvement with literature.

In testament to that mission, the Rabbit hOle has secured the rights to over 70 works

from the last century of children's literature with the idea to provide permanent exhibits of classic works as well as rotating installations. Through their desire to remain inclusive and accessible, the Rabbit hOle has pursued works from diverse backgrounds to ensure that visitors from all backgrounds can have access to exhibits that may reflect their own lives and experiences. Beyond their work in diversity, this organization remains invested in the improvement of our community through enhanced programs and experiences they plan to provide to Kansas Citians, visitors, and educators.

This organization will bring an out-of-the-ordinary experience to educators and students as they visit the museum where they will have the ability to have access to a print shop, story lab, resource library, among other new novelties that will enrich the diversity of activities available to schools. Through these activities and possibilities, visitors, especially children, will feel empowered to explore and create their own stories along the way. There lies no doubt that our youth will feel inspired to engage in new ideas and perspectives that will lead to an overall better understanding of the world around them as they continue to grow. Our community is proud to have an organization that supports and stands for these values in our own backyard.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the grand opening of the Rabbit hOle and their tremendous accomplishment and service to the Greater Kansas City area. Their enthusiasm for literature, accessibility, and empowerment in the lives of children and adults alike to enhance the quality of life and opportunities to our communities is an example for all to follow. I speak with the voice of Missouri's entire Fifth Congressional District as we say a heartfelt "Welcome" to the Rabbit hOle as we celebrate and congratulate them on their opening and the many achievements to come.

#### CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF JEFFREY LEE HARPER

#### HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Jeffrey Lee Harper, who made his entrance into the world on April 26, 1954 in Richmond, Virginia. He graduated from Manchester High School in June of 1972 and stayed in the Richmond area as he continued his post-secondary education.

Jeff went on to marry the love of his life, Carole Chalkley, on September 11, 1976. Three years later their daughter, Jamie, was born.

From a young age, Jeff's athletic abilities gained him accolades on the tennis court and the golf course. He played on the high school golf team and showed off his short game by winning a Putt-Putt tournament. As a member of Meadowbrook Country Club for 25 years, he won back-to-back championships at the Walt Disney World Pro-Am Golf Classic in 2008 and 2009 in Orlando, Florida. The 2009 championship was the sweetest since it was also the year that his first and only granddaughter, Rachel Elizabeth was born. She