

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 The Library plays a vital role in the preservation of our Commonwealth's historical documents and manuscripts.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 She also played a monumental role in the digitization of countless important historical documents and manuscripts, which will preserve these invaluable pieces for generations to come.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 Averbale, 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.

RECOGNIZING GETRIGHT'S
BAKERY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize GetRight's 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 GetRight's Bakery for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

IN MEMORY OF RESCUE SPECIALIST
LIEUTENANT MATTHEW KING

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 Rescue Specialist Lieutenant Matthew King of the Bernalillo County Fire Department for his service and sacrifice to the people of San Miguel and Mora Counties during the East Mesa Fire on July 16, 2022.

Rescue Specialist Lt. Matthew King, Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison, Undersheriff Larry Koren, and Lieutenant Fred Beers of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office were killed when their helicopter, Metro 2, crashed near Las Vegas, New Mexico.

I didn't know Matt personally. But his life has had a profound impact on mine and the communities I serve.

I represent the Third Congressional District, 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 my communities devastated by fire and the landscapes washed away by flood.

These once beautiful lands are where we lost Matt 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 the loss of these men 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 Matt'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 Rescue Specialist Lt. Matthew King's will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call No. 9, and "YEA" on Roll Call No. 10.

RECOGNIZING SHYLOW
ATZENBECK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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

Shylow has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Shylow, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Shylow's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Mandalay Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING THE 39TH ANNUAL
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 39th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Each year, the members of the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated invite community members to gather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to celebrate and reflect upon his life and his legacy. The pinnacle of this event has become the Youth Oratorical Contest, which brings together students in grades six through twelve for a public speaking competition to honor and celebrate Dr. King's spirit of optimism, public service, racial harmony, and his work to advance human rights through the voices of our youth.

Dr. King had a vision for what our United States of America should be and worked tirelessly toward making it a reality. Our country still faces obstacles that Dr. King fought to remove, and we must recommit ourselves to realizing his vision: "the creation of the Beloved Community."

Dr. King's words continue to inspire our youth, who carry on his legacy and prepare to become the future leaders of our country. Participants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Contest

pay tribute to Dr. King with their ability to communicate with passion and clarity, just as he did. This year, the competition challenged students to deliver speeches addressing the theme, "If America is to remain a great nation, we must..."—inspired by Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech that he delivered on August 28, 1963—on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Six Virginia students presented their reflections on Dr. King's legacy, and they eloquently demonstrated how his words empower them. I congratulate the following finalists and commend them for their participation in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest: Ashley Gutierrez Garcia—Graham Park Middle School, Rabab Raza—Rippon Middle School, Ebenezer Samuel—Ronald Reagan Middle School, Alyssa Godfrey—Colgan High School, Myles Lanier—Manassas Park High School, and Brooklyn Saunders—Gar-Field High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of Dr. King's tireless commitment to equality and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2024 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest. Let us learn from our young people and consider how we might honor Dr. King's legacy by seeking justice and leading with light in our own communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
REVEREND GREGORY PERRY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to to honor the life and career of Reverend Gregory Perry of Norwich, Connecticut, who suddenly and sadly passed away this past week. His loss is deeply felt all across the state of Connecticut, because of the enormous, inspirational impact that he made on our community throughout his life. As the pastor of the Greenville Congregational Church, longtime chaplain of Norwich Hospital, chairman of the NAACP's Religious Affairs Committee, and president of the Norwich Area Interfaith Association, Rev. Perry's legacy will be long remembered.

Born in Norwalk, Connecticut in 1952, Reverend Perry's profound spiritualism would manifest early through his involvement at the Grace Baptist Church of Norwalk. He attended Wagner College in Staten Island. While committed to his studies, Rev. Perry met his future wife, Jayne, and they married in 1977. Together, the pair raised three children: Janine, Greg, and Jade. In 1979, Rev. Perry graduated from the Yale Divinity School where he earned two master's degrees.

Rev. Perry was raised as one of four children by a single mother and proved early on to have a tenacious spirit overcoming life's barriers, by teaching himself many basic life skills. Most notably, he taught himself how to put together computers. He combined this skill, with his passion to uplift disadvantaged members of the community, to spearhead a new initiative. "Building Computers for Humanity". Through this program, he provided computers to students of low-income households, who were at that point on the wrong side of