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

#### RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT LOU HOLTZ

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Lou Holtz of Orlando, Florida, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Coach Holtz is a legendary American who is regarded as one of the greatest football coaches of all time.

Coach Holtz is a native of East Liverpool, Ohio. He attended Kent State University and was a member of Kent State's football team and ROTC program. After graduating in 1959 with a history degree, Coach Holtz commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. In the following year, he began his extensive coaching career while attending graduate school at the University of Iowa. Over the next several decades, Coach Holtz served as the head football coach for numerous colleges, universities, and professional teams nationwide. Most notably, he led Notre Dame's Fighting Irish to record-breaking, back-to-back victories in the 1988 national championship.

For his outstanding accomplishments, Coach Holtz was granted the Golden Plate Award by the American Academy of Achievement and received honorary doctorates from many academic institutions. He was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame, and the Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame.

After he retired from football, Coach Holtz became a sports broadcaster and established the Holtz Charitable Foundation to provide scholarships for students to attend trade schools. Moreover, he published several books to inspire young adults to develop winning game plans for life. In 2020, President Donald Trump awarded Coach Holtz the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his important contributions to our nation. I am proud to recognize Coach Holtz's spectacular legacy. The lasting impact he made on our community will be felt for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Coach Holtz with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation. May God Bless him.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF CECILY HAHN FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

### HON. SUZAN K. DeBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Ms. DeBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Cecily Hahn for three and a half years of invaluable service to my office and my constituents in Washington's 1st Congressional District. Cecily joined my office in January 2021, and as a former resident of the 1st Congressional District, she brought a much-needed and valuable perspective on the issues that matter the most to our communities. She worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to support and address the unique challenges experienced by the exclave community of Point Roberts and other communities along our Northern Border. Through her persistence, the House passed legislation to add Mount Vernon as a federal court location in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. She has also been a fearless champion of advancing strong privacy legislation, and has elevated the profile of the XR Caucus within the House of Representatives. In addition to her advancement of my legislative priorities, Cecily has served as a wonderful mentor to others on my staff and helped them grow and advance in their own careers.

Cecily brought a great work ethic, strong Washingtonian spirit, and exemplary legal knowledge to the role. Over her tenure, we have learned about all things Taylor Swift and F1, and her impact on our office will be long lived. She built lasting relationships with my team and those who had the pleasure of getting to know her. Cecily has been an amazing staffer and a wonderful friend to all in the office, and we will all sorely miss her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cecily Hahn and wishing her the best in all of her future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING MADISON GRAY-CONKLING

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Madison Gray-Conkling for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

#### RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT KATHY PUCKETT

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Kathryn "Kathy" Puckett of Howe, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Kathy has dedicated herself to serving and uplifting our community.

Shortly after graduating from high school in 1970, Kathy married her high school sweetheart, Logan. Together, they moved to Tehran, Iran, where Logan worked in the oil-field industry and Kathy taught conversational English at the University of Tehran. After a decade of traveling and living in fifteen countries around the world, Kathy and Logan returned home to start a family.

Since then, she has been actively involved with numerous community and political organizations in North Texas. Kathy helped organize food drives, provide voter registration assistance, and elect local candidates. She also taught financial literacy courses and volunteered with her church's youth department to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness.

Kathy previously served as the President of the Grayson County Republican Women and is the current District Director for the Texas Federation of Republican Women in SD30. In her free time, she enjoys quilting, yoga, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren. I am proud to recognize Kathy today for her outstanding efforts to support those in need. I'm confident she will continue to make a positive impact in our community for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Kathy with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR BARRY BARISH FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE

### HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Professor Barry Barish of University of California, Riverside, for receiving the National Medal of Science from President Biden in honor of his great achievements and invaluable contributions to the field of particle physics.

The citation for his award reads "For exemplary service to science, including groundbreaking research on sub-atomic particles. His leadership of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory led to the first detection of gravitational waves from merging black holes, confirming a key part of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. He has broadened our understanding of the universe and our Nation's sense of wonder and discovery."

In addition, Professor Barish was awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in physics in recognition of his leadership in the discovery of gravitational waves—first predicted by Einstein a

century earlier. Professor Barish is currently faculty at University of California, Riverside, in the Department of Physics and Astronomy where he was instrumental in recruiting and developing a new group of faculty focused on the broad field of experimental cosmology.

These young faculty are conducting cutting edge research exploring the universe using gravitational waves, searching for dark matter, using the smallest known particles to probe the origin of matter in the universe, and studying the earliest light leftover from the big bang to understand how the universe formed. This group now plays leading roles in international experiments exploring this groundbreaking science and is developing novel instruments that will lead the way for future scientific endeavors for years to come. This research group is also training the next generation of scientists and engineers.

The skills that students learn will prepare them to be future leaders in research and industry alike, becoming experts in emerging technologies like semiconductors and quantum sensors, and they will be prepared to grow these vital industries.

I commend Professor Barish for his remarkable achievements in science and teaching and his work training the next generation of scientists at University of California, Riverside. May their work continue to illuminate the mysteries of the universe and inspire us all to reach for the stars.

#### RECOGNIZING TENLY FENTON

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

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

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

#### CELEBRATING FOUNDER'S DAY OF THE RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

##### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the founding of the Rush Creek Yacht Club of Heath, Texas.

In 1969, a group of visionary entrepreneurs from White Rock Lake conceived the idea of forming a yacht club to bring together sailing enthusiasts across North Texas. This club would be located on the shores of the newly built Lake Ray Hubbard and classified as a

nonprofit organization owned by its members. After a steering committee was formed, the board members obtained state approval, including tax-exempt and nonprofit status. The members initially settled on naming it the "Dallas Olympic Yacht Club", but it was changed to the "Rush Creek Yacht Club" shortly after.

Since its establishment, the Rush Creek Yacht Club has devoted itself to building a family-oriented boating club to serve sailors of all ages and experience levels. On top of providing year-round recreation, the Rush Creek Yacht Club continues to stress the importance of family values. This Founder's Day, I am proud to recognize the Rush Creek Yacht Club's past, present, and future.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of this historic occasion. I wish them continued success and fair winds for many years to come.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF DR. TIM RYAN

##### HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I celebrate today the distinguished career of Dr. Tim Ryan, who will soon graduate from his role as President to Chancellor of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). As he embarks on his retirement, Dr. Ryan will continue to serve as an advisor to the institution.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dr. Ryan's journey is one of passion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. His early affiliation with the CIA as a student set the stage for what would become a lifelong relationship with the institution.

For over four decades, Dr. Ryan's visionary leadership has spurred remarkable growth and international acclaim for the CIA. He held various executive roles before his historic appointment as President in 2001, becoming the first alumnus to lead the college. Under his presidency, the CIA has become a global educational powerhouse. Today, the CIA boasts a diverse array of associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs across campuses in New York, California, Texas, and Singapore. These institutions have become epicenters of gastronomic education, nurturing future chefs, sommeliers, and hospitality leaders. Dr. Ryan's vision has firmly established the CIA as the preeminent culinary college in the world.

Dr. Ryan's influence extends beyond the boundaries of education. His role in the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Culinary Partnership underscores his commitment to leveraging food as a means of fostering international relations and cultural exchange. His accolades, including the Presidential Medal from the World Association of Chefs Societies and induction into the James Beard Foundation's Who's Who of Food & Beverage in America, demonstrate his impact on the global food landscape.

Commended as one of the 50 Greatest Pittsburghers of All Time, Dr. Ryan's philosophy is simple yet profound: "100 percent of the world eats food". This universal truth drives his mission to educate and inspire the

next generation of culinary leaders, ensuring that the CIA remains at the forefront of the world's gastronomic scene.

Dr. Ryan's contributions to the CIA, the food industry, and the broader community in the Hudson Valley of New York are immeasurable. His contributions have not only shaped the CIA but have also enriched the world's culinary heritage, making him a true pioneer of American cuisine.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Dr. Ryan personally for many years. As an educator and culinarian, he has impacted over 30,000 individuals who have graduated from the CIA during his tenure as the president of the Culinary Institute of America. Dr. Ryan has an unwavering commitment to transforming the food industry and bettering the nation and world through education, practice, and scholarship. It is with great admiration and respect that we commend Dr. Tim Ryan for his extraordinary achievements and enduring legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the distinguished career and lasting impact of Dr. Tim Ryan, a leader who has left an indelible mark on American gastronomy, education, and the culinary arts. His legacy is not only reflected in the culinary professionals he has mentored, but also in his embodiment of excellence.

#### TRIBUTE TO LORI BANGO

##### HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District and the State of Arizona's 28th Legislative District, I would like to recognize Lori Bango. Lori Bango is the Chairwoman of the Republican Legislative District 28 which spans portions of Peoria and North Phoenix and includes the unincorporated areas of Sun City and Sun City West, representing a population of over 228,000.

As Chairwoman, Lori has worked tirelessly to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of citizens through civic engagement. Her efforts to ensure Republicans are elected in the Phoenix West Valley have been instrumental to the success of Legislative District 28 and beyond.

I am thankful for Lori's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to the legislative district and to the State of Arizona.

#### RECOGNIZING QUINN JOHNSON

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2024*

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

Quinn has overcome many challenges along their journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Quinn, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This