

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 PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. 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 PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. 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

award is a testament to Quinn'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 Quinn Johnson on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT HOWARD HANSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Howard Hanson of Granger, Indiana, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award for a lifetime of service to our Nation.

Col. Hanson was born on June 28, 1940, in Slayton, Minnesota. He spent most of his childhood on a family farm and had a desire to serve and defend his country. In 1963, Col. Hanson commissioned into the United States Air Force and served as a pilot with the 615th Tactical Fighter Squadron and the 522nd Tactical Fighter Squadron. During the Vietnam War, he flew 315 combat missions in the F-100 Super Sabre fighter jet. Prior to retiring from military service in 1992, Col. Hanson served as the Commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 225 at the University of Notre Dame. He remained at Notre Dame until 2005, where he served as the Assistant Vice President and Director of the Office of Research.

Currently, Col. Hanson works part-time at the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame. He is married to his wife Nancy, and together, they raised two children and have many more grandchildren. In his free time, Col. Hanson participates in community service projects for Kiwanis International and volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate to support children in need. He also enjoys playing golf and walking his German Shorthair puppy. I am proud to recognize Col. Hanson today for his important contributions to our community.

It is an honor to bestow Col. Hanson with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LAWRENCE "LARRY" AMENDOLA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I use today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of an outstanding member of the New Haven community and my dear friend, Lawrence Amendola. Larry was an extraordinary man who dedicated a lifetime of service to the City of New Haven, particularly the Wooster Square neighborhood we both called home.

Born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut, Larry enlisted in the United States Army after graduating from high school. Stationed in Ger-

many for the majority of his military service, he was honorably discharged before returning to New Haven to begin his career. Larry spent his professional life as a civil servant, beginning his City employment at the CETA Program and later working for the Department of Parks and Recreation, retiring at the age of 75.

Larry also served as President of AFSCME Local 3144 Management Union, one of City's largest unions, for over 20 years. It was in this role that he had the most impact—where he fought on behalf of hundreds of city employees, negotiating contracts that ensured good wages and health benefits as well as pension and retirement security. Larry understood better than most the benefits of the union and he worked tirelessly on behalf of those he represented.

While Larry dedicated his professional life to the City of New Haven, he also dedicated much of his time and energy to the community as well. He served as Vice-President and President of the Saint Andrew the Apostle Society—one of the Italian American social organizations whose goal is to preserve and celebrate our shared Italian heritage. Larry served in these roles for more than 30 years and volunteered countless hours at the Society's annual festival. His work in the community was recognized when he was awarded the Steve Vuolo Award.

I am fortunate in that I knew Larry for most of my life. He was a close family friend, having worked with both of my parents over the years. I had the opportunity to work with Larry early in my career. I was working with the Community Action Institute—at the Skill Center on Cedar Street—and Larry and I partnered to organize additional city employees. He was not only a friend, but a great mentor. I learned a lot from him and was always grateful for his support and friendship throughout my own career.

Lawrence "Larry" Amendola was a remarkable member of our community. His passing leaves a hole in our community that will not easily be filled. I extend my deepest sympathies to his companion of nearly 20 years, Flora D'Elsi, as well as his many cherished nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews. His passion, advocacy, and commitment to service will long serve as an example to which we should all strive.

HONORING JAMES COLLINS TAYLOR, VETERAN OF THE GHOST ARMY, FOR RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2022, the President signed into law S. 1404, which awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company, known as the Ghost Army. The Congressional Gold Medal is the oldest and highest civilian award in the United States. I rise today to honor Sergeant Major James Collins Taylor II for his contributions, sacrifices, and patriotism while serving in the Ghost Army during World War II. Due to the unit's sworn

secrecy, their service and contributions went unnoticed for far too long.

Sergeant Major James Collins Taylor II was born in Mission, Texas, on November 13th, 1915. Mr. Taylor joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. After the outbreak of World War II, he was assigned to the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops. This specialized unit comprised only 1,100 brave Americans and often served near the front lines.

Mr. Taylor helped conduct numerous deceptive campaigns with the Ghost Army throughout Europe. During his service, he received a Certificate of Merit and was promoted to Sergeant Major of the Army—the highest rank possible for an enlisted soldier. While the Ghost Army's work was secret, its impact was substantial. The Ghost Army performed 22 "deception missions" across the front lines of France, Belgium, and Germany. By simulating the movement of 30,000 service members, the Ghost Army fooled German forces and aided General Patton at several critical junctures in World War II.

It is my honor to recognize the service Sergeant Major James C. Taylor and the Ghost Army. Their dedication and service saved thousands of American lives. Although the Congressional Gold Medal reaches Mr. Taylor posthumously, he is survived by a grateful family and country.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPHINE KING

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

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

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

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EDDIE BROWN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Eddie Brown of Sherman, Texas for a lifetime of outstanding service to our community. Mr. Brown served as the President and CEO of the Sherman Chamber of Commerce until his retirement on March 15, 2024.

A native of Dallas, Mr. Brown attended East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. After graduation, he began his lengthy career with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. In