

RECOGNIZING JORDYN GOINS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

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

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

HONORING FELLOW MISSISSIPPIAN AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE THOMAS JEFFERSON FOUNDATION—DANIEL P. JORDAN

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Mississippi native Dr. Daniel P. Jordan. Dr. Jordan served as the executive director and the President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation in Charlottesville overseeing the historical process and interest of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

As a native Mississippian, he was known for his "Magnolia Alerts" which would alert him to any vehicle with a Mississippi license plate. David would personally go to the visitor's center and welcome his fellow Mississippians to Monticello.

He was known as "the most consequential president on the Mountaintop since Jefferson himself." He worked hard to raise money for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and to expand the research capabilities at Monticello. David made the history of Jefferson accessible to everyday Americans through expanding Monticello's programing and growing their audience.

Dr. David Jordan was a frequent visitor to the Neshoba County Fair in Mississippi, even during his long tenure in Virginia. I'm thankful for Dr. Jordan's dedication to the scholarship of history, the years of research into Jefferson's life, and his unwavering commitment to his Mississippi roots.

I will end with some of David's words about President Jefferson. "We have 200 people trying to keep up with one man—one dead man, and we will never catch him." If anyone got close to catching Jefferson, it was Dr. Daniel Jordan.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BARBARA WOODROOF

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Barbara Woodroof of Gunter, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Barbara has dedicated herself to serving and uplifting our community.

A native of Massachusetts, Barbara lived in the Bay State until 1978. She received a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana, and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Duke University. After graduation, Barbara taught science in Massachusetts, Texas, and Okinawa, Japan for many years. She met her wonderful husband George while teaching at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, and they married in 1980. Afterwards, they moved to Texas, where Barbara served as the Director of Religious Education at St. Michaels' Catholic Church in McKinney and the Holy Family Catholic Church in Van Alstyne. In this capacity, she taught confirmation class and worked as a Safe Environment Officer.

In 1997, Barbara became the Precinct Chair of the Grayson County Republican Party after working as an election judge and clerk. She was elected as the County Chair in 2017 and oversaw Grayson County's election procedures and operations for five years. Additionally, Barbara served on the Grayson County College Foundation Board and helped raise money to provide students in our community with scholarships. For her outstanding work and efforts, the GCRP has presented Barbara with the Eisenhower Award and the Chairman's Award. Currently, she volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Michaels and helps fundraise and campaign for local candidates. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, scrapbooking, and traveling. I am proud of the work Barbara has accomplished, and I am sure she will continue to make a positive impact on our community for many years to come.

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

RECOGNIZING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their dedication to the principles of sisterhood, academic excellence, and public service. For over 116 years, AKA has been a beacon of empowerment for women and a force for positive change in our communities.

I would like to acknowledge the Central Director Kiahna Davis, State Social Action & Connection Chair Sherri Hale, my friend Erica Austin, the Illinois State Co-Coordinator, and Illinois General Assembly Liaison Erika Weaver.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has exemplified leadership and a commitment to uplifting young women from across the country. The sorority's dedication to academic excellence, social justice, and community service has served as an inspiration to countless people across the country.

I want to sincerely thank members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc for their enduring contributions to society. I also want to wish them the best as they visit the Illinois State Capitol, located in Springfield, for their annual day of advocacy. I look forward to seeing what they are able to accomplish in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2024

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to commend and honor the outstanding work of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, an organization that has long been a beacon of hope and a catalyst for social justice in our communities. Since its inception, Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. has stood firmly at the forefront of the fight for fairness and equity, tirelessly advocating for the rights and well-being of all people.

I also want to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of Alpha Phi Alpha, particularly Midwestern Regional Vice President Frank Stacy Jr., Illinois State Director Dr. Leonard McKinnis II, and Michael Gaines and Robert Dixon, the Directors of Illinois Day at the Capitol. Their commitment to community empowerment and activism serves as an inspiration to us all.

Together, these individuals and organizations embody the spirit of service and selflessness, working tirelessly to provide communities with the tools, knowledge, and support they need to amplify their voices and effect positive change. They remind us that true empowerment begins with collective action and a commitment to social justice. I wish them all the best as they visit the Illinois State Capitol, located in my district, for their annual advocacy day.

HONORING WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY 2024

HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Workers Memorial Day 2024 and the workers who have both lost their lives or risk their lives in unsafe working conditions on a daily basis. Too many people across the country, even today in 2024, are still forced to choose between a paycheck and having a safe and healthy workplace. This is unacceptable, and on Workers Memorial Day we remember all the workers who have been injured or have lost their lives on the job.

As a Member of Congress, I am dedicated to working to ensure that Congress and the

federal government both strengthen protections for workers in the workplace and defend the rights of workers to organize and create strong unions. For this reason, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the PRO Act and

will continue to work with my colleagues in Washington to push Congress to take up and pass pro-worker legislation.

As someone who got their start in the labor movement, I will never stop advocating on behalf of the working men and women who

serve as the backbone of this country. On this Workers Memorial Day, I am proud to take this opportunity to honor them and the sacrifices they have made over the years to fight for their right to be treated with dignity.