

Mayor Jaworski and his wife, Gretchen, have been residents of Highland Village since 2013 and are the proud parents of three children. Their oldest son followed in his father's footsteps and currently serves in the United States Navy and is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Their youngest son is a graduating senior at Marcus High School and their daughter is a seventh grader at Briarhill Middle School in Highland Village and plays softball in the Highland Village Baseball and Softball Association.

Beyond his work and involvement with the City of Highland Village, Mayor Jaworski and his wife are deeply engaged in their community, running Marauder 17, a non-profit organization the Jaworski's established to provide annual scholarships to student athletes and student trainers.

As Mayor Jaworski concludes his term, his public service has made an indelible mark on the community. Through his efforts as Mayor, as well as his service on Council and various municipal committees, Highland Village residents enjoy a better quality of life, benefiting from safer City roads and a more reliable and updated City water and sewer system; and during his tenure, the city upgraded the park system showcasing rebuilt playground areas, and a city trail system that has been improved with benches, chairs, and trash receptacles. As Highland Village turns 60, Mayor Jaworski is also leaving the successive Mayor and Council leaders with a completed and approved Comprehensive Plan, so that they are prepared to guide Highland Village and its residents for the next decade and beyond.

On behalf of the City of Highland Village and the residents of the 26th District of Texas, I appreciate his outstanding contributions to the quality of life we enjoy here in North Texas, and I wish Dan and the entire Jaworski family my best. I look forward to their continued engagement and the future contributions I am certain will follow.

RECOGNIZING MORRIS PORTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions that have been made in our community by one of my constituents, Morris Porton. Mr. Porton is to be commended for a lifetime of service and remarkable achievement that has left a lasting imprint on the lives of countless individuals. In addition to his successful career as a local banker, Mr. Porton served as a Volunteer Deputy Sheriff, Pasco-Hernando State College Trustee, founder of Hernando Progress, Executive Director of the Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, and board member for countless non-profits throughout the community. The impact that he has made on the community through his charitable endeavors, through his work to cultivate a supportive environment in which small businesses can thrive and through facilitation of economic development opportunities is immeasurable. A true leader in every sense, Mr. Porton has established an unrivaled legacy of service, patriotism, philanthropy, and support of his fellow man.

It is clear that Mr. Porton has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD FOR ROBIN MCCOY

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Robin McCoy of Howe, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Robin has dedicated herself to serving and uplifting our community.

Robin is a graduate of Austin College, where she received a bachelor's degree in political science. She later earned a master's degree in gerontology from the University of North Texas. After several years of living in Scotland with her husband, she returned to the U.S. Initially, Robin worked for the Area Agency on Aging in the Texoma region before working closely with several Texas state senators to serve the constituents of Grayson County. She also taught finance and constitutional studies courses for many years at local schools.

Robin is also actively involved in numerous political and community organizations. She served as a Precinct Chair for the Grayson County Republican Party to help educate and mobilize individuals to be more involved in the political process. For her outstanding work, Robin was recognized as the GOP Volunteer of the Year for Grayson County and awarded the title of Howe Chamber Volunteer of the Year. She also received proclamations from the Texas House and Senate for her services to the community. In her free time, Robin enjoys skeet shooting, spending time with her grandchildren, and strengthening her faith in Christ. I commend Robin for her generous contributions to our community, and I am confident she will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us.

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

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH RAMIREZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

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

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF REP. DONALD PAYNE, JR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of Congressman Donald Payne, Jr., the people of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District have lost a great leader and devoted public servant, and we in Congress have lost a beloved colleague.

I join in sending my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Beatrice, and their three children: Donald III, Jack, and Yvonne during this difficult time.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Don was a fierce advocate for working families in New Jersey and all across the Nation. Drawing strength and determination from his own battle with Type 1 Diabetes, he worked tirelessly to make our communities healthier and stronger.

His work to increase access to critical cancer screenings remains an inspiration to me, and we are all indebted to him for his advocacy on that issue and many others. It was Don's father, the late Congressman Donald Payne, Sr., who first asked me to serve on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Board of Directors.

Don worked tirelessly to keep his father's legacy alive, and I am so appreciative of his gracious support and commitment to the CBCF.

Don will be dearly missed here in the House of Representatives, and I join my colleagues in celebrating his extraordinary life and career. May his legacy live on the many lives he touched.

RECOGNIZING CAROLINE WATERHOUSE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions that have been made to our community by one of my constituents, Caroline Waterhouse. For the past 16 years, she has volunteered with the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Thrift & Gift Shoppe in Homosassa to help support the cost of grief services and wellness programs for over 5,000 people annually who are lonely and isolated. Caroline helps wherever she is needed, including working as: cashier, sorter, or price setter. She makes sure things are "done right" and that everything is fun for the customers and other members of her team. Caroline assists with the monthly movies to help others who are lonely. She loves people. Caroline is known as the "Wednesday Warrior" with a customer following who comes in just to see her each week. In January of 2024, Caroline celebrated her 96th birthday with her Thrift Shoppe Team. She is an avid crocheter, loves to work puzzles, sings in her church choir and spends time with her best friend "Buddie," a Lhasa Apso poodle mix that jumped in her car when she went to the Animal Shelter.

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

CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD
FOR JUSTIN MCCAREINS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Justin McCareins of Whitewright, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Justin is a former professional athlete and public servant who has dedicated himself to serving and protecting our community.

Justin grew up in Chicago's suburbs and attended Northern Illinois University. While at NIU, he played college football and set numerous records for receptions, yards, and touchdowns. After graduating in 2001 with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Communication, Justin was drafted by the NFL to play as a Wide Receiver and Kick Returner for the Tennessee Titans. He briefly played for the New York Jets from 2004 to 2008 before returning to the Titans for an additional year. During this time, he successfully led his teams to the playoffs for five of his eight years in the league. For his impressive accomplishments and record, Justin was inducted into the NIU Hall of Fame in 2011 and ranked in the top 10 among NIU's 50 Greatest Players in Huskie Stadium history. In recognition of his philanthropy to NIU, the university has established the Justin & Sherrone McCareins Auditorium at their state-of-the-art Academic and Athletic Performance Center.

After playing for the NFL, Justin began his public service career in 2009 as a law enforcement officer for the city of Coral Springs, Florida. During his six-year tenure as a patrol officer, he worked closely with other police units to effectively enforce criminal law and serve his community. In 2015, Justin moved to Frisco to assist his brother Jay in opening MAC Speed and Strength to train elite athletes. He also volunteered as an assistant football coach at McKinney Christian Academy for two years. Currently, Justin manages a large ranch in Whitewright alongside his wife Sherrone. Together, they raise a variety of animals and generously donate food and other goods to underprivileged families. I am proud of the work Justin has accomplished for our community and his continued support for those in need.

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

RECOGNIZING DUDA SABINO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

Duda has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perse-

verance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Duda, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Duda'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 Duda Sabino on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

SLOW GROWTH DESTROYS JOBS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as we enter National Small Business Week, the failed policies of Biden have made it nearly impossible for them to succeed.

Last week, the Commerce Department reported that economic growth for the country is weaker than expected.

The gross domestic product for first quarter, a measure of goods and services produced, grew at its slowest pace in two years—while prices rose at a faster rate, destroying jobs.

Small businesses account for nearly half of the American private job creation and forty-three percent of the employees in South Carolina. The National Federation of Independent Businesses with local chambers make a difference from North Augusta to Blythewood to Orangeburg and Barnwell.

House Republicans are fighting to protect small businesses and create jobs.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the Global War on Terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America. We do not need new border laws; we need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens borders for dictators, as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as warned by the FBI.

Congratulations to Speaker MIKE JOHNSON for promoting Peace Through Strength to deter dictators. Lawfare persecution must stop as President Trump persecution and Hamas terrorists provided amnesty.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
JOE PARISI

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring the contributions of Dane County Executive Joe Parisi:

WHEREAS, Joe Parisi has had a long career in public service that dates back to 1996, having worked as a legislative aide in the Wisconsin State Capitol, elected as the Dane County Clerk, and elected to the State Assembly for Wisconsin's 48th District before being elected as the Dane County Executive on April 5th, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Joe Parisi handled the Dane County's budget with precision to run the

Dane County Regional Airport, the Henry Vilas Zoo, the county landfill, a host of parks, much of the criminal justice system, and an impactful human services program; and

WHEREAS, Joe Parisi fostered excellent working relationships with South Central Wisconsin's local elected officials to invest in infrastructure, combat climate change, and protect the area's water, and

WHEREAS, Joe Parisi has been credited as championing partnerships with local organizations to help create trust with many communities within Dane County and promoting racial equity in government and the workforce, and

WHEREAS, Joe Parisi has been involved in projects such as youth training programs, expanding solar and renewable energy, apprenticeships in county parks, mental health initiatives, and a program that helps people expunge criminal records, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby proclaim May 1, 2024, as Joe Parisi Day in honor of his service to his community, Dane County, and the State of Wisconsin. I join his friends, family, and colleagues in offering him best wishes on his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING BARRETT RIVERA

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Barrett Rivera who owns a local small business, Rivera's Flooring, Kitchens and More. As a Veteran, Mr. Rivera has spent many years giving back to his fellow brothers and sisters in arms who needed help. His Military Makeover program involves fixing up Veterans' homes when they can't afford the repair or maintenance that is needed. He also has sent his employees into the woods in search of a local missing child and helped elderly neighbors with needed repairs. He is not the type of person to seek recognition, he simply does whatever he thinks is right.

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 Mr. Rivera has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD
FOR PETER MUNSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Peter Munson of Pottsboro, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Peter is an experienced jurist and litigator who has dedicated himself to serving and uplifting our community.

Peter was born in Sherman, Texas, in 1944. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1967 with a Bachelor of Business