

family. Their connection grew over dinner conversations, during which they discovered their common values, dreams, and goals.

Their relationship, developed through many hours of video calls and meaningful conversations, blossomed into love. This was formally recognized at a three-day Roka event, which ended with a proposal confirming their commitment. Aman and Udhay's experience shows that love can find us when we least expect it.

As we look forward to their wedding, we are reminded of the rich cultural heritage that their union celebrates. From the vibrant colors of the Mehndi event to the Sangeet ceremony, where music and laughter pave the way for unforgettable memories, their celebrations vividly represent tradition and modernity. The Haldi, Choora, and the sacred Anand Karaj ceremonies hold deep significance, marking the beginning of their life with blessings, happiness, and the promise of a bright future.

The marriage of Aman and Udhay signifies not just the union of two individuals, but the coming together of two families with shared values of hard work, community, and ambition. This union is set to expand upon these legacies, creating the foundation of a new chapter that promises to enrich their communities further and inspire future generations through a blend of tradition, integrity, and shared goals.

Mr. Speaker, as Aman and Udhay stand on the brink of their future, they do so with the support of their families, the blessings of their traditions, and the love that has brought them together. In celebrating Aman and Udhay, we celebrate the beauty of coming together, the strength of familial bonds, and the promise of a future filled with love, happiness, and prosperity.

On behalf of California's 25th District, I extend my warmest wishes to Aman, Udhay, and their families. May their union be blessed with love, laughter, and a lifetime of happiness. As they begin their shared future, let us celebrate the love that has brought them together.

Congratulations to Aman and Udhay. May their story inspire all, and their lives together be filled with joy and fulfillment.

RECOGNIZING AISYSS AMAYA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

Aisyss 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 Aisyss, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Aisyss's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my votes for H.R. 4866 and H.R. 4755. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 153, and YEA on Roll Call No. 154.

HONORING MARTHA "PATSEY" BROCKETT WAKEFIELD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and their effort to commemorate the men and women who achieved American independence, realizing that those Patriots believed in the noble cause of liberty and served valiantly to found a new nation.

More directly, I would like to acknowledge cooperative spirit of the Flower Mound, Benjamin Lyon, Cross Timbers, Captain Molly Corbin, Peters Colony, and Shawnee Trail Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution who have united to promote America's upcoming 250th birthday and endeavor to convey its relevance to our society. This cooperative spirit honors the tradition begun by the pioneers who settled the southern community of Denton County, now known as Copper Canyon.

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, the Flower Mound Chapter met to hold an official grave marking and dedication honoring Martha "Patsey" Brockett Wakefield (1797–1873), one of Denton County's early matriarchs, with an official grave marking and dedication at Chinn's Chapel Cemetery in Copper Canyon, Denton County, Texas.

As the youngest daughter of Revolutionary War Patriot William Ebenezer Brockett, born in 1797, Martha Brockett married Henry Wakefield, Jr. in January of 1817. Henry Wakefield, Jr. was the son of Revolutionary War Patriot Henry Wakefield, himself the offspring of Revolutionary War Patriot Charles Wakefield.

In 1853 Henry Wakefield, Jr. and his wife, Martha "Patsey" Brockett Wakefield, moved with their large family to 320 acres of land Henry purchased for \$320 in Denton County, Texas. In 1859, Silas Wakefield and his brother Simpson Burke Wakefield, two of Henry and Martha "Patsey's" 11 children, and among 9 who survived into adulthood, each purchased adjoining land grants of 160 acres nearby. Located on land purchased by Simpson, the Denton County Town of Waketon was named after the family.

Simpson's wife, Jane, with two other women, and Mary Stowe Chinn, founded Chinn's Chapel Methodist Church, believed to be the oldest church and school in Denton County.

Originally named Antioch, the chapel was built from donated logs provided by settlers visiting the nearby Lockhart Spring. In 1858 the community came together and assembled

the logs into the cabin structure that served as a church, school and as a temporary shelter for new settlers as they built their own homes. As settlers died from various causes, the settlers were frequently buried near the log cabin chapel. When Simpson and Jane Wakefield died a month apart in 1861, they were among the early burials in the Chinn's Chapel Cemetery.

The Christians worshipping in the log cabin were offered the service of a Methodist circuit rider preacher who would arrive regularly about once every three months. They sought membership in the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were admitted in 1872. They renamed the log cabin "Chinn's Chapel Methodist Church" in honor of the Chinn Family. Early day camp meetings were held each August in the valley below, an area that served as a campground for meetings at the Chinn Chapel Campground. The road beside it was part of the main road from Southern Denton County to the County seat and was called Chinn's Chapel Road. The area became well known in Denton County as the Chinn's Chapel Community, still recognized today with The Chinn's Chapel Log Cabin still standing in the Chinn's Chapel Cemetery on what is now known as Chinn Chapel Road.

The legacy of Martha "Patsey" is still evident today in the familiar Southern Denton landmarks that bear the names of her son and the efforts of her daughter-in-law and the Chinn family with whom they shared the values of the pioneer farming families: a love of family, God, and country; a spirit of community cooperation; practical problem solving with a know-how that comes from living on the land; and a respect for the richness and beauty of the rural Texas landscape.

On behalf of the 26th Congressional District of Texas, I honor Martha "Patsey" Brockett Wakefield and her spirit, exemplifying the fortitude and gratitude that are the foundations of Southern Denton County. Her descendants have left their imprint on this community for the over one million residents of this County they established, and I recognize their important role in establishing their rich history and the North Texas quality of life we are grateful to share.

HONORING WILLIAM C. TOOMBS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor WWII veteran and Arkansas Native, Mr. William Toombs, who will soon celebrate his 100th birthday.

Mr. Toombs served as a flight engineer gunner on both B17s and B24s with the 493rd bomb group of the 8th Army Air Force, also known as the "Mighty 8th."

He flew his first mission on June 6, 1944—D-Day—and went on to carry out over twenty successful missions.

For his heroism, Toombs was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as several Air Medals and foreign decorations. In 2021, he was inducted into the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

Mr. Toombs has been an active spokesman for the "Mighty 8th," sharing their story in numerous interviews, and has continued to serve

his fellow veterans through his membership in several veterans organizations.

I thank Mr. William Toombs for his service and congratulate him on his 100th birthday.

HONORING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF DR. ROBERT 'BOB' PRUD'HOMME

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and retirement of Dr. Robert 'Bob' Prud'homme, a Senior Scholar and Professor at Princeton University who's work pioneering key facets of COVID-19 vaccination distribution helped save millions of lives across the globe.

A Mercer County resident, Bob is a retired Captain of the United States Army who proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. After his bravery in Vietnam, Bob was an environmental engineer in the U.S. Army Armaments Command where he received the Bronze Star and an Army Commendations Medal.

Bob excelled in his studies, earning a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Stanford University, a Masters Degree in Environmental Science and Public Policy from Harvard University, and finally a Doctoral Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. After this illustrious academic career, he began his tenure at Princeton University in 1978 as an adjunct professor in chemical engineering.

Bob has spent these last 46 years educating the next generation of engineers in New Jersey, and dedicating his own research to developing technologies that help make cost effective medicines and vaccinations. His work proved invaluable at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The technology he developed allowed for quick dissemination of COVID-19 vaccinations that helped save millions of lives across the globe. This technology is just one of many achievements Bob has pioneered throughout his long career. His research has been published over 400 times in national and international publications and his work has received support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He has also received many accolades and honors throughout his career, including recently being elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Not only is Bob an exceptional engineer and researcher, he has been an active member at

Princeton Community Church for over two decades. It was here that he met his wife, Dottie. The couple now continues to bring the community together through twice-monthly bible study sessions at their home. Husband, father to six, and grandfather to eleven, Bob is always available to read a story, take a kid fishing, or perform a scientific experiment with his family. Students, colleagues, and neighbors all know Bob's passion for fly fishing through the many trips with friends he has planned to fishing locations across the country.

Bob embodies the spirit of service that makes me proud to represent people like him in New Jersey's Third Congressional District. We are lucky to have him as a member of our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 153, and YEA on Roll Call No. 154.