

his administrative duties, Bishop Taylor dedicates himself to nurturing and guiding the pastors within his jurisdiction, ensuring they are equipped with the requisite resources to foster their spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth. His steadfast commitment to the betterment of others is evident in every aspect of his leadership.

The 12th Congressional District offers our congratulations and recognition of Bishop Robert Delano Taylor for his spiritual leadership and impact on our community.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER ARO
CALVILLO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexander Aro Calvillo for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

HONORING NAPA SCHOOLS FOR
CLIMATE ACTION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa Schools for Climate Action, which I have named the 2024 Climate Crisis Champion for Napa County because of the important work it has done to promote youth climate leadership and advocate for climate policies in California's 4th Congressional District.

Napa Schools for Climate Action has been at the forefront of our Napa County community's fight against climate change. It has hosted informational community presentations on climate change at locations such as the Napa County Library and events including the Napa Valley Unified School District Professional Development Day. They have also organized annual Creative Piece Contests for high school students, which are meant to invite students to create art pieces that reflect their emotions toward the climate crisis. These contests are decided by a panel of judges, and cash prizes are awarded to top candidates. Their dedication to including the voices of young people, especially high school students, in the conversations about the climate crisis is important.

Napa Schools for Climate Action has also successfully worked for meaningful policies

which combat climate change. They have advocated for Climate Emergency Resolutions and secured firm commitments to achieve net-zero climate pollutants by or before 2030 from the Napa Valley Unified School District, the county of Napa, the Napa Regional Conservation District, and all the cities and towns in the country. Further, through their Fossil Free Futures Project, Napa Schools for Climate Action has convinced each municipality in Napa County to adopt or pledge a ban on new and expanded gas stations. Their climate change advocacy is unparalleled in our community.

Their work to uplift the voices of young people who are concerned about climate change in our community is further evidence why they are deserving of this honor. They have actively advocated for the prioritization of climate restoration at the local, state, and federal levels. Napa Schools for Climate Action was the only student group to support California's SR-34, which recognized that climate change disproportionately impacts young people. They have also drafted a Climate Restoration Resolution for adoption by the Napa Valley Unified School District that declares that climate restoration, along with net zero and net negative emissions, is their common climate goal. They collected signatures, conducted surveys, and presented to various groups to build community support for a Congressional Climate Restoration Resolution. I have previously met with the organization's Co-Presidents, Allison Bencsik and Liliana Karesh, as they lobbied for emergency-scale climate action. Napa Schools for Climate Action have since received support from me and my Napa District Office Staff in their latest efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is evident that the Napa Schools for Climate Action is an organization dedicated to promoting youth climate leadership and advocacy. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor them here today as Napa County's 2024 Climate Crisis Champion.

HONORING MS. ELIZABETH KEYES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazer and fashion designer, Ms. Elizabeth Keyes. Elizabeth has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Elizabeth's hard work has led to the launch of her first collection under House of E. Keyes, a women's clothing brand she describes as bold, creative and inspirational. The collection is a collaboration with Shein X, a three-year-old program wherein Shein reaches out to emerging fashion designers, looks at their portfolios, interviews them and sponsors their five-piece collections.

Elizabeth's upbringing in Bolton, MS, is described in three terms: hardworking, hospitality, and faith. She grew up on family land with parents who were both ministers at her home church in Bolton. Elizabeth was homeschooled until high school but that didn't stop her from participating in various extracurricular activities, including dance.

At 12 years old, Elizabeth crouched over her sewing machine, hard at work on putting

together her first-ever piece of custom clothing: an A-line, zebra-print shirt. Elizabeth's mother was blessed enough to hire Sharon Knott, a seamstress who worked at Hancock, to give her private lessons.

At 16 years old, she premiered in her first fashion show that raised money for a local charity for sickle-cell awareness. The collection contained six pieces for kids and teenagers, and her friends modeled her designs.

After graduating from Raymond High School in 2017, she attended Savannah College of Art and Design, majoring in fashion design with a double minor in graphic design and fashion marketing and management. She graduates June 2, 2024.

To celebrate the release of her first collection, Elizabeth held a launch party in her hometown on March 19, 2024, the day after the line's official debut. She has plans to host a fall fashion show of her collection in Mississippi and to establish her mentorship program, Girls in Grace, here as well. The program is her motivator for helping invest in the next generation of young women to help them follow their dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Elizabeth Keyes for her passion and dedication in the field of fashion design.

HONORING THE 2024 TRUMAN
SCHOLARS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2024 Truman Scholars.

This year, the Foundation received 709 applications from 285 institutions. After a review of the students records of leadership, public service, and academic achievement the independent selection panel selected 60 students from 54 U.S. colleges and universities to receive this honor.

This year's nominees are: Kaylyn Ahn, Daniel Arakawa, Daniel Block, Jackson Boaz, Christian Boudreaux, Allison Boyd, Paul Boyd, Elizabeth Caldwell, Anna Dellit, Grant Dillivan, Juan Dills, Alex Drahos, Jane Drinkwater, Adelaide Easter, Desaree Edwards, Ray Epstein, Gavin Fry, Bitaniya Giday, Eli Glickman, Axel Hawkins, Lezlie Hilario, Aadaure Iwuh, Rincon Jagarlamudi, Elijah Kahlenberg, Alyssa Kemp, Lisa Kopelnik, Aravind Krishnan, Pranav Krishnan, Kayle Lauck, Julie Ann Laxamana, Reese Lyan, Kelsey Monaghan-Bergson, Alexandra Mork, Jackson Morris, Laila Nasher, Yudit Nonthe Sanchez, Tej Patel, Yadira Paz-Martinez, CJ Peterson, Jay Philbrick, Marley Ramon, Thomas Riggs, Camila Rios-Picorelli, Edwin Santos, Diego Sarmiento, Isaac Seiler, Albiona Selimi, Jahneé Smith, Jaiden Stansberry, Sophia Stewart, Anitvir Taunke, Alex Taylor, Wena Teng, Mikayla Tillery, Grace Truslow, Lee Waldman, Ella Weber, Trenton White, Mielad Ziaee, Zane Zupan.

Established in 1975, the Truman Foundation is the Nation's living memorial to the thirty-third president. According to the foundation's website their mission is to recognize aspiring leaders at an important inflection point in their

development. Students are recognized in their junior year and rewarded for their aspirations to enter public service. After being selected, students receive a scholarship for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

Congratulations to all of this year's nominees, and I look forward to seeing where each of them go in their future.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT THOMAS LEISER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas Leiser of Dallas, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Thomas has dedicated himself to serving and uplifting our community.

In 1974, Thomas graduated from Indiana University and earned his Juris Doctor from Indiana University School of Law four years later. He began his career as a clerk and bailiff for Marion County Criminal Courts before being selected to serve as a Deputy Prosecutor. In 1982, Thomas stepped into the real estate industry and worked as an investment advisor for Leiser Real Estate Advisory in New York City. After a brief moment serving as an associate business law professor, he began working for the Trammell Crow Company in Dallas and rose up its ranks to become its Senior Managing Director. With plenty of experience in the commercial real estate market, Thomas co-founded Bandera Ventures in 2003. Since then, his agency has completed over a hundred real estate projects throughout the United States worth nearly \$3 billion dollars. Currently, Thomas is working on a billion-dollar project to construct a data center.

Separately, Thomas has supported numerous humanitarian initiatives around the world. He worked closely with the Agape Manna nonprofit to develop a bakery to provide orphaned children in North Korea with food. Thomas also supported efforts to help North Koreans seek freedom from the Communist regime and begin a new chapter in life in South Korea. He is the co-founder of Crosswater Ministries, which supports Mission activities for the Highland Park Presbyterian Church to deliver food and medical supplies to Cuban families. I am proud of the outstanding work Thomas has accomplished for our community and those in need. I wish him continued success for many years to come.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Department on the occasion of its 76th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, and to thank its volunteers for filling an essential role in keeping our community safe.

The Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was founded in January 1948, and for more than seven decades it has provided lifesaving fire suppression, fire prevention, and emergency medical and rescue services to the residents of Burke and the surrounding communities. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment, provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership, and maintains and fosters a strong viable organization.

As one of the county's most active volunteer fire and rescue departments, the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department works in cooperation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to serve the community. I am honored to recognize the dedicated men and women of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department who have volunteered for extra duty as Officers or as members of the Board of Directors and to include in the RECORD their names:

Board of Directors:

President—Ian Dickinson
Vice President—John Powers
Secretary—Maria Suarez Ortiz
Treasurer—Larry Bocknek
Board Member—Kathleen Beer
Board Member—James Stahlman
Board Member—Kenneth Senn

Officers:

Chief—Keith O'Connor
Deputy Chief—Tina Godfrey
Deputy Chief—John Hudak
Captain II—Melissa Ashby
Captain II—Kevin Grottle
Lieutenant—Caitlin Edwards
Sergeant—Gavin Kuzemchak
Quartermaster—Chuck Fry

In addition to the men and women who have generously assumed the responsibilities of serving as an Officer or a member of the Board of Directors, the Burke Volunteer Fire Department is also presenting awards to the following individuals in recognition of their exemplary service during the last year:

Rookie of the Year—Damion Jedlicka
Officer of the Year—Kevin Grottle
EMS Officer of the Year—Garrett Canterbury
Career Member of the Year—Tony Albertson
Administrative Member of the Year—Nancy Stone

President's Award—Gary Shiple

Team Award—75th Banquet Committee; Larry Bocknek, Tina Godfrey, Maria Suarez-Ortiz, and Shaun Kurry

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 76 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect our residents I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS GERACI ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nicholas Geraci of North Ridgeville, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Nicholas's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2028. Attending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nicholas brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2028. While attending North Ridgeville High School, he participated in Key Club, coached middle school track and field, coached powder-puff football, and was on the honor roll. Throughout high school, Nicholas was involved in track and field, earning his varsity letter. After high school, he attended the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nicholas Geraci on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Nicholas will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOUGLAS D. DELAIR

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, on April 18, 2024, Douglas "Doug" D. DeLair, died in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 81. He was born on December 12, 1942, in Oakland, California, to the late Raymond DeLair and Evelyn (Crumbliiss) DeLair.

A distinguished captain in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, Doug served admirably as a helicopter pilot.

His disciplined spirit later guided his fulfilling career in bankruptcy law in Lincoln, Nebraska alongside his beloved wife, Sandra DeLair.

Beyond his professional achievements, Doug was a devoted bowler and golfer, his sportsmanship and enthusiasm endearing him to many.

Doug will be remembered not just for his achievements but for his generous heart, sharp wit, and the unwavering support he provided to his friends and family. He was a pillar