

been accorded to fewer than 500 Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic action in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the House this year's 17 inductees:

Private First Class David F. Winder (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Private First Class Marcus G. Collins, Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Captain Stephen B. Cook (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Private First Class Henry R. "Rick" Hausman, Jr. (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Sergeant Gary Lee McKiddy (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Master Sergeant James Brian O'Keeffe, Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

First Lieutenant Joseph D. O'Meara (posthumously), Army Air Corps, recipient of the Silver Star.

Corporal Gregory A. White, Marine Corps, recipient of the Silver Star.

Chief Warrant Officer Fourth Class Gregory R. Fleming, Army, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Major Arthur A. Wallace, Air Force, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenant Colonel Arnold W. Bokesch (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew J. France, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael R. Kelvington, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Sergeant Kent S. Knight (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Sergeant William G. Lee, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Sergeant William L. Webster, Jr., Army, recipient of the Bronze Star.

Master Sergeant Brad L. Bonnell, Army, recipient of the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device.

#### CELEBRATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOCA RATON 38TH ANNUAL BOCA RATON TEACHER OF THE YEAR HONOREES

#### HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and acknowledge all the hard-working teachers being honored at the Rotary Club of Boca Raton's 38th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Celebration for the Palm Beach County School District on April 18, 2024. As a father of two growing boys eager to learn, I know educators' lifelong impact on their students and families. Education is the foundation of our country's future, and as a community, we depend on our teachers daily to prepare the next generation of Americans.

We are thankful to be gifted with extraordinary teachers in Florida's 23rd Congressional District. As Teachers of the Year, they serve as an inspiration not only to their colleagues but also to educators across the re-

gion. These teachers serve as a shining example of the positive difference that teachers make in the lives of their students. Their passion, enthusiasm, and commitment to shaping the future leaders of tomorrow are truly commendable, and there is no doubt that they will continue to inspire and empower countless students in years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating all the teachers being recognized at the Rotary Club of Boca Raton's 38th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Celebration: Kristin Potter-Oliveri, Debra Tower, Laureen Potts, Danielle Hazard, Kelly Schroeder, Cynthia Petillo, Sonja Shear, Jennifer Weber, Kelly Urbano, Josh Bender, Samantha Seider, Sandra Vanegas, Denise Zegers, Clarence Crane, Laura Kirland, Brett Swan, Amanda Kennedy, Stephanie Cutrona, Michele Juceam, Tisha Thomas, Meredith Gaynor, Susan Hutchings, and Sheyla Guerrero.

#### HONORING LEONARD CHARLES PERRY

#### HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leonard "Len" Charles Perry, who passed away on April 14, 2024 in San Diego.

Len always worked to leave our world better than he found it and he left an indelible mark.

Len was born on June 11, 1924, in Oberlin, Ohio, to his father, Attorney Clyde C. Perry, and mother, Ruth Mae Perry. Len's family moved to Cleveland when he was five. He attended Glenville High School where he was an outstanding student athlete, becoming the City of Cleveland's champion high hurdler in 1943.

Len served our nation with dedication and honor as a radio operator with the Combat Engineers during World War II.

After World War II, Len attended law school and passed the Ohio Bar in 1951. He continued his service and began his legal career as a Contract Specialist with the Department of the U.S. Army in the Ordnance Corps, where he quickly became the chief of the Research and Development Branch.

Len also played an integral role in one of our Nation's great achievements and leaps in scientific discovery. Len was the NASA Lewis Research Center's Contracting Officer during the 1960s, managing over forty administrators. Under his direction, they worked to develop Centaur, the upper-stage booster for the Surveyor, which was the first spacecraft to make a true soft landing on the moon. Len's work was critical to this mission and one of the most important successes of NASA's early lunar and interplanetary program.

In 1970, after NASA's successful completion of Moon exploration and twenty years of government service, Len was hired by SD General Dynamics. His family relocated to San Diego and Len became the Manager of Material Contracts.

Len later bought Aerospace Design and Fabrication, an engineering company that primarily performed design and services for NASA and served as the Chief Executive Officer.

Len also gave back to his community and was a member of many organizations in both

California and Ohio. He was a member of the San Diego Community College Board of Trustees, the Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association, the Scholarship Award Board for the San Diego Air and Space Museum, and the Grand Slammers Bridge Group.

Len lived a full life and accomplished so much. But at the heart of everything was his family and his faith. A beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Len was above all else devoted to his loved ones and his late wife, Elinor.

My prayers are with all who knew Len during this time of loss.

His legacy will always be remembered.

#### CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEWARK ACADEMY

#### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 250th anniversary of Newark Academy, an exemplary school in New Jersey's Eleventh Congressional District.

Founded in 1774 by a group of civic leaders, Newark Academy has been at the forefront of education in our community for centuries. The school's initial leadership included Alexander MacWhorter, an advisor to George Washington. Newark Academy's support for the American Revolution eventually made it a target for the British Army who burned the original building to the ground. Determined to continue serving our community, Newark Academy rebuilt and continued to grow.

Newark Academy moved from Newark to its current location in Livingston, New Jersey in 1964. While much has changed in the 250 years since its founding, Newark Academy remains steadfast in its mission to "contribute to the world engaged individuals instilled with a passion for learning, a standard of excellence, and a generosity of spirit." Graduates from Newark Academy receive a rigorous education in academics, athletics, and the arts and are encouraged to stay on the path of lifelong learning.

I am honored to join our community in celebrating this incredible milestone and the school's rich history and commitment to New Jersey students.

#### RECOGNIZING MICHAEL KINZEL 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 Michael Kinzel of Bowling Green, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Michael'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.

Michael brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2028. While attending Bowling Green High School, he participated in National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and was on the honor roll. Throughout high school, Michael was involved in wrestling, earning his varsity letter. After high school, he attended the Northwestern Preparatory School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Michael Kinzel 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 Michael 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.

#### RECOGNIZING Lyla AYERS

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

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

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

#### HONORING CLAY SHANNON

#### 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 Clay Shannon of Shannon Family Wines, whom I have named the 2024 Climate Crisis Champion for Lake County because of the important work he has done to promote responsible farming, reduce the need for agricultural chemicals, and address the impacts of climate change on California's 4th Congressional District.

Clay Shannon was born in Healdsburg, California. He is married to Angie Shannon, with whom he has two daughters, Brooke and Audrey. Both his wife and daughter Brooke have active roles in their company, Shannon Family of Wines.

Through his role as the owner of Shannon Family of Wines, Mr. Shannon has advocated

for the need for responsible farming that reduces the carbon footprint of farms. In this role, he farms over 4,000 acres of vineyards in Northern California, 2,500 of which he owns. In 2018, Mr. Shannon began farming his 2,500 acres of land organically. He also has integrated his sheep farming operation with his vineyard. By doing so, Mr. Shannon has dramatically reduced the need for mowing, fungicides, and conventional fertilizers in his vineyard.

Mr. Shannon has been farming for nearly 40 years. This long experience with and love for the land has given him unparalleled insights into the importance of farming organically and naturally. He is an outspoken proponent of eliminating the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides in farming. Crucially, Mr. Shannon is also an educator on the importance of building healthy soils for farming.

He has also been a leader in the wine community. He has served as a Board Member of the Lake County Grape Commission, and as a member of the Wine Institute. He is also an active contributor and host of the Lake County Wine Auction, Lake county's largest charity event.

Mr. Shannon's excellent work to advance environmental stewardship has been recognized in the past. In 2021, the Shannon Family received the Wine Institute's Green Medal Award. His land and wineries have also been certified by the California Certified Organic Farmers, an organization that works to advance organic agriculture for a healthy world. Mr. Shannon has also applied for his lands and winery to be certified as regenerative.

Mr. Speaker, it is evident that Clay Shannon is a leader dedicated to responsible organic farming. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor him here today as Lake County's 2024 Climate Crisis Champion.

#### HONORING SHELBY BROADSTREET SCHOOL ALUMNI

#### 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 the dedicated efforts of the Shelby Broadstreet School Alumni, an enthusiastic and self-motivated group of former graduates from Shelby Broadstreet High School.

This remarkable team has initiated the Shelby Broadstreet Class Clean-up project, which brings together individuals from diverse backgrounds including businessmen, medical professionals, veterans of education, students, and other community citizens. The Shelby Broadstreet School Alumni are tirelessly organizing and serving their community, demonstrating a strong commitment to giving back and revitalizing their hometown.

Chilion Stapleton and Alexis Davis, both graduates of the old Shelby Broadstreet High School in 2001, initiated a meaningful project to give back to their hometown. Together with fellow classmates, they embarked on a plan to make this a recurring tradition. Joining forces with other graduating classes, Stapleton and Davis orchestrated a reunion on Saturday, March 30, dedicated to cleaning up their old stomping grounds.

The initiative was sparked by social media discussions among Broad Street alumni, who learned about littering and clean-up challenges in Shelby. Motivated to make a positive impact, they organized a collective effort to address the issue. Together, they rallied approximately 30 participants, including 13 from the class of 2001. Notably, former students traveled from out of state, including Texas, to contribute to the cause. Despite only three attendees still residing in Shelby, the group was determined to effect change in their hometown. Stapleton highlighted their proactive approach: "We gathered the troops upon discovering issues with littering and waste composite in our hometown and decided to take action for the better." The call to action was broadcasted through their alumni homecoming Facebook page, resulting in an enthusiastic response.

The dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly, with each represented class tackling specific areas of the town for clean-up. The evening concluded with further planning, camaraderie, and shared laughter. This meaningful endeavor not only strengthened community ties but also provided an opportunity for former students to reconnect with their families and roots in Shelby. The Shelby Broadstreet classes are committed to continuing these reunions and cleaning efforts to further enhance their beloved hometown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Shelby Broadstreet School Alumni for their dedication and initiative in undertaking this important community endeavor. Their collective contributions are truly inspiring and reflect the best of our shared values as citizens and neighbors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, and NAY on Roll Call No. 171.

#### HONORING IOWA'S 2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ann Mincks of West Des Moines, Iowa, who was recently selected as Iowa's 2024 Teacher of the Year.

Ann has taught with Des Moines Public Schools for nearly 16 years and currently teaches English Language Learners at Hoover High School. She has helped to increase literacy proficiency at her school through the use of evidence-based, effective literacy instruction grounded in the Science of Reading. With many of her students new, not only to Des Moines but to the United States, Ann strives to connect them to their curriculum and to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to present Ann with the Iowa Medal of Merit for her dedication