

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JENNY SNELL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jenny Snell of the Wheelie Bean for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award is given to a member of the Wheat Ridge business community who has shown growing leadership through the year. Ms. Snell is a thriving small business owner who also gives back to her community through numerous boards, committees, and associations. She has shown incredible dedication to Wheat Ridge and continues to find ways to make Wheat Ridge a great place to live and work.

Congratulations to Ms. Snell on her many accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for her continued contributions to the Wheat Ridge community.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY S. RAMER

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jeffrey S. Ramer for his contributions to the Town of Greenwich and service on the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET).

Jeff has been a trusted member of the Greenwich community for over 50 years. As a Board Member, Jeff spent countless volunteer hours on behalf of the Town of Greenwich. He served for 16 years on the BET, including 10 years on the Budget Committee as well as time on the Audit Committee, Law Committee and Policies & Procedures Committee.

Jeff's work on behalf of Greenwich included bringing the original federal court action to shut down the Cos Cob Power Plant. These efforts ultimately led to the Town's purchase of the property and the creation of Cos Cob Park that provides access to recreation and entertainment for all in the community.

Jeff has served as a distinguished public servant and member of the community. Outside of Town government, Jeff served on the Board of Directors of the Greenwich United Way twice over the course of 30 years and was a trustee of Greenwich Library, president of the Riverside Association, a PTA president twice and served on committees at First Congregational Church.

As Congressman for Connecticut's Fourth District, I have had the pleasure of working with Jeff and have seen firsthand how he has served as a leader and advocate for the people of Greenwich. As Jeff moves on from the BET, I thank him for all that he has done to improve our community for generations to come.

HONORING TEMPLE ISRAEL OF PALM BEACH

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Temple Israel of Palm Beach County on its 100th anniversary. The Temple is the oldest Jewish organization in Palm Beach County and the only Reform synagogue in West Palm Beach. Formerly known as Temple Beth Israel, six Jewish families came together to create the synagogue in 1923 with a commitment to the ideals of Progressive Judaism.

In 2012, Temple Israel made history by hiring the first female congregational Rabbi in Palm Beach County. Her successors, Rabbi Carlie Daniels, Rabbi Ryan Daniels and Rabbi Howard Shapiro, continue to shine a bright light on Temple Israel's legacy; by encouraging social activism, being actively involved in events that concern social justice, while continuing to embrace and empower those of interfaith and LGBTQIA families and individuals.

Temple Israel's commitment to providing our community with a House of prayer, study, and gathering and their service to our community is remarkable. I congratulate them on 100 years of service and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING PAUL SULLIVAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Sullivan, owner of Esters Pub for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Paul Sullivan for his contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

CONGRATULATING THE COCOA TIGERS ON THEIR 6TH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Cocoa High School football team on their sixth state championship win. On December 8th, the

Cocoa Tigers clinched the victory and ended the game with a score of 20–6 against Bradford High School.

This win was the second state championship win in a row for the Tigers, having defeated Florida High last year with a score of 38–31. The Cocoa Tigers also won state championships in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2016.

Bradford High had come into the game having been undefeated in their season with a 14–0 record. Cocoa High finished its season with a 14–1 record. However, The Cocoa Tigers outscored their opponents in the playoffs by a 184–30 margin.

Bradford High scored the first touchdown of the game against Cocoa, taking a 6–0 lead with only just over six minutes left in the opening quarter.

However, the Cocoa Tigers didn't let an early lead startle them, returning with a 36-yard touchdown two minutes later, gaining a 7–6 lead.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Cocoa High School Tigers football team on their remarkable season. We continue to wish them luck in keeping up this momentum for next year while they aim to clench the title for the third year in a row. Let's go Tigers.

COMMENDING RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN FOR MEMPHIS PIPELINE PROJECT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey, and Rutgers-Camden Chancellor Antinio B. Tillis, for their commitment to creating opportunities for Memphis students in my district, which is Mr. Tillis' former hometown. Tillis, a 1983 graduate of Central High School, Vanderbilt University and later a Fulbright Scholar, has dedicated Rutgers-Camden to what he calls the Memphis Pipeline Project. The original Rutgers was founded in 1766 at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and is routinely considered one of the nation's premiere national universities. The "pipeline" has brought 13 Memphis high school students to Rutgers-Camden in the past year and Tillis is focused on bringing more from the city's Hamilton and Westwood High Schools. Just the existence of the pipeline opportunity has inspired students who might not have considered going to college at all, a side benefit of the project, I want to thank Chancellor Tillis, his dedicated staff, and the counselors at Memphis high schools inspired to realize the ambitions of their students, and wish them all every success.

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RECOGNIZING MESTIZO BREW
CANTINA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mestizo Brew Cantina for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Mestizo Brew Cantina for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
MONTANA STATE TROOPER
LEWIS JOHNSON

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Montana Highway Patrol Trooper, Mr. Lewis Johnson. Through his time serving the Treasure State, Trooper Johnson has demonstrated extraordinary courage and resilience despite enduring life-threatening challenges.

Born in 1987, Trooper Johnson grew up in Chester, Montana. After graduating from The Montana Law Enforcement Academy in 2014, Trooper Johnson and his wife Kate chose to dedicate their lives to protecting and serving the people of Montana as State Troopers. Both stationed in Eureka, Montana, Trooper Johnson is known by his community as a devoted husband, a loving father, and a friend to many.

Unfortunately, on February 16, 2023, Trooper Johnson was severely injured in a tragic accident involving a fleeing suspect. Trooper Johnson experienced numerous injuries, including a punctured lung, damaged liver, head injury, broken ribs, broken arm, broken leg, and severe spinal trauma. Despite sustaining severe life-threatening injuries, Trooper Johnson's remarkable endurance and unwavering support from his family and loved ones has led him down the path to recovery. After many months in the hospital, countless hours of rehabilitation, and medical treatments, Montana celebrates his successful recovery and his reunification with his wife, children, and community.

Trooper Johnson has demonstrated unwavering courage and continues to embody Montana values as he encourages and inspires Montanans and Americans across the country through his story. It is a privilege to recognize and honor Trooper Johnson's selfless commitment to protecting the people of Montana and his remarkable journey toward recovery today.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
MRS. DELMARIE MORRIS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mrs. Delmarie Morris.

Mrs. Delmarie Morris was born to Leola Jefferson on April 15, 1939, in Waldo, Arkansas. She attended and graduated from Westside School in Waldo, Arkansas. Mrs. Morris accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was truly a woman who served God. After moving to Dallas in 1957, she joined Marsalis Church of Christ and served as a dedicated choir member and loved singing. Years later she joined the True Light Church, Dallas, Texas. At the True Light Church, she was a dedicated and faithful Sunday School Teacher. Mrs. Morris maintained a firm faith in God and was often seen studying her bible.

Mrs. Morris continued her passion of serving others through her work as a Nursing Assistant at Parkland Hospital and then a Physical Therapist Assistant at Launey Medical Clinic.

As the matriarch of the family, Mrs. Morris was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She served her family with honor, devotion and steadfast values that will endure the family for generations.

Mrs. Morris was an avid cook and shared her skills with family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with all those who knew and loved Mrs. Delmarie Morris.

RECOGNIZING LINDSAY REINHART

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lindsay Reinhart of Intermountain Healthcare for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Member of the Year Award.

The Member of the Year Award is given to an individual who exemplifies exceptional leadership and commitment to the community. Ms. Reinhart embodies the meaning of selfless service and is always inclusive and welcoming. She is known by everyone who meets her to be helpful, well-organized, and willing to collaborate. She attends nearly every Wheat Ridge Business Association event and supports the community wholeheartedly.

Congratulations to Ms. Reinhart on the accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for her continued contribution to the Wheat Ridge community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on January 12, 2024, due

to both a family matter and the need to attend a memorial service for a member of my staff who recently died.

Had I been present for Roll Call votes, I would have voted Aye on:

Roll Call No. 9, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 839—China Exchange Rate Transparency Act of 2023, as amended.

Had I been present for Roll Call votes, I would have voted No on:

Roll Call No. 10, On Passage of H.J. Res. 98—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status."

I strongly oppose the Republican effort to repeal the National Labor Relations Board Joint Employer standard. This rule protects millions of workers in subcontracted work, helping them bargain for higher wages, better benefits, and safer conditions. The joint-employer doctrine ensures that companies cannot evade their responsibilities to negotiate with workers. Workers are the backbone of American success, and these workers deserve fair opportunities to collectively-bargain for good wages and safe working conditions. The final rule applies joint employer's bargaining obligations only to terms and conditions under a business's control. I oppose this Republican effort to nullify or weaken the final rule that protects workers.

HONORING SHARP'S CANDIES

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a unique business, Sharp's Candies, which is located in Lexington, Kentucky. The business celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2023.

Bob and Becky Sharp opened Sharp's Candies on Harrodsburg Road in 1973. The business grew, and in 1991 they moved to their present location on Regency Road. Their son Rob and his wife Lisa took over the business in 1991. A uniquely decorated gingerbread house, featuring brown stucco, painted lollipops, and a giant candy cane, is home to Sharp's Candies. The kitchen, where all their candy is freshly made, is found right behind the showroom. All their candy is made by hand, using family recipes and methods learned from their parents. Rob and Lisa take great pride in producing high quality homemade candy and in providing personal service to their loyal customers.

Running a successful small business is increasingly challenging. Rob and Lisa Sharp are to be commended for the success of their business over 50 years. As Sharp's Candies celebrates its 50th anniversary, I congratulate them and wish them a bright future. I am honored to recognize this company before the United States Congress.