

Dr. Baker's work for God has not been limited to the community of Columbus, Georgia, as he has taught, lectured and conducted revivals on a global basis, including in South Korea and Germany. A voracious writer and biblical scholar, Dr. Baker has authored eight books: *Clay in the Master's Hand*; *Biblical Theology of Goals*; *Evangelism*; *Freedom Prayers*; *Ministry Handbook*; *New Members Handbook*; *The Case of Ham Revisited*; and *the White Jesus Myth Revisited*. It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Dr. Baker has paid his rent and he has paid it well.

On a personal note, Dr. Baker has been a special friend for over four decades. We have enjoyed early morning competition on the golf course with friends during which he shared sage advice and counsel for which I will always be grateful. He never told me what I wanted to hear; he always told me what he felt I needed to hear. Dr. Baker has inspired and mentored many with his sterling example of what a man of God should be.

He has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God, the love and support of his wife of 50 years, Rita; his children, Zephaniah, Christian, Jonathan; his grandchildren, and other family members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife Vivan and me, along with the 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in celebrating the extraordinary and prolific ministry of the Reverend Doctor Wayne Dean Baker as he enters a new chapter in his life after 40 years of service to God at Spirit Filled Ministries.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER PHILLIP G. BOONE, RET.**

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the admirable career of retired Navy Chief Warrant Officer Phillip Boone.

Phillip was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1958 to Samuel and Mary Boone. After graduating from West Charlotte High School in 1975, Phillip immediately enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17.

His first assignment was aboard the U.S.S. *Eisenhower*, where he performed operations on the flight deck, catapulting and arresting military aircraft—one of the most dangerous jobs on a carrier. During his time in the Navy, Phillip sailed the world aboard four additional aircraft carriers and one amphibious assault ship, the U.S.S. *Wasp*. In 1986, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer, and in 1988, he earned his commission as a Warrant Officer. After 25 years of honorable service, Phillip retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4, having led thousands of sailors, managed budgets upwards of five million dollars, and went on ten peacekeeping and five combat deployments, including to the Persian Gulf and Grenada. His exemplary service earned Phillip the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal three times, the Navy and Marine Corps Achieve-

ment Medal, and many other personal and unit citations.

Following his retirement, Phillip became a Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) instructor and used the position to motivate young men and women to join the armed services. For more than 23 years, he trained, taught, and mentored class after class of our Nation's youth, preparing them to take on life's challenges, whether they went on to join the military or not. His NJROTC cadets have logged tens of thousands of community service hours and won countless awards for military drill and marksmanship. In 2019, he was nominated for the Beaumont Foundation of America's prestigious "Wayne E. Reaud Excellence in Education Award," recognizing his outstanding service as an educator. That same year, he was also named Beaumont Independent School District's "Teacher of the Year."

It is a privilege to sincerely thank Chief Warrant Officer Boone for his exemplary service in the United States Navy and for his role in educating new generations of Americans. I offer my congratulations on his retirement, and I wish him and his family all the best in the future.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family illness, I was unable to be present for votes on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 155; YEA on Roll Call No. 156; YEA on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; YEA on Roll Call No. 159; YEA on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; YEA on Roll Call No. 162; YEA on Roll Call No. 163; NAY on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; NAY on Roll Call No. 166; YEA on Roll Call No. 167; NAY on Roll Call No. 168; YEA on Roll Call No. 169; NAY on Roll Call No. 170; and YEA on Roll Call No. 171.

**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 YEA on Roll Call No. 159; YEA on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; NAY on Roll Call No. 162; and NAY on Roll Call No. 163.

**RECOGNIZING ABIGAIL DAUS**

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

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

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

**HONORING DR. LISA MICHELI**

**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 Lisa Micheli Ph.D., whom I have named the 2024 Climate Crisis Champion for Sonoma County because of the important work she has done to address the impacts of the climate crisis and extreme climate events like wildfires on California's 4th Congressional District.

Dr. Micheli was born in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to the Bay Area in 1988, and to Sonoma, California in 2001. She would go on to earn a master's degree in environmental water resources engineering and a doctorate in energy and resources from the University of California, Berkeley. She is a Fulbright Scholar who works closely with climate organizations from across the Earth's four Mediterranean regions. In addition to these impressive academic achievements, Dr. Micheli has a strong commitment to mentoring the next generation of climate leaders—particularly young leaders from historically marginalized communities.

Dr. Micheli is a champion for North Bay climate and wildfire resilience. In 2009, she founded the Pepperwood Foundation and served for over a decade as its first executive director. It is now a leading institute for regional climate resilience in Northern California. She also founded the North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative. In addition to founding those organizations, Dr. Micheli has also worked as a senior researcher for the Sonoma Ecology Center and as a director of the Rutherford Reach Restoration of the Napa River. Through her work, Dr. Micheli developed near real-time climate and wildfire risk data that have made our region a leader in preparedness and response to extreme climate events.

Her leadership extends to the boards of many agencies and organizations dedicated to combating the climate crisis. Dr. Micheli has served the City of Sonoma as a Community Services and Environment Commissioner and on the Board of Directors of both After the Fire USA and the Wildlands Network. Moreover, she has served on the steering committees of the California Biodiversity Network and the Golden Gate Biosphere Network.

Mr. Speaker, it is evident that Dr. Lisa Micheli is a leader dedicated to preventing and mitigating wildfires as well as to combatting the climate crisis. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Sonoma County's 2024 Climate Crisis Champion.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 HERNDON-RESTON ROTARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2024 Herndon-Reston Rotary Citizen of the Year, Renee Gorman.

Every year, the Herndon-Reston Rotary Club selects an extraordinary individual who has made significant contributions to our community. This year marks Rotary's 55th year of celebrating incredible citizens in the Northern Virginia area. After decades of recipients, the Herndon-Reston Rotary has no shortage of deserving candidates, and this year's honoree is proof of that.

Renee Gorman, this year's Citizen of the Year, is someone who has made an incredible impact and difference in our community for decades. As the mother of three daughters, helping children feel confident and have healthy self-esteem has been Renee's job for the last 25 years. Renee was a School Counselor for over 20 years where she was able to advocate for children and help them feel socially and emotionally strong.

In her work with children in school, Renee realized that more could be done for the children and their families in our community. She began working with a non-profit, Code 3 Association, to forge positive relationships between the police department and local at-risk communities. The success of this program was featured in the Washington Post and Associated Press and helped inspire Renee to go further to address the emotional needs of young children in the community she witnessed daily through her work as a school counselor.

Renee, and a group of teachers and social workers in Herndon, recognized an urgent and growing need to provide support to young girls in the community, many of whom were suffering as a result of poverty and trauma. What started as an after-school program became *She Believes in Me* (SBIM), a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming our community and the lives of the children in Northern Virginia.

SBIM knows that every child can have the skills and resources to thrive. This primarily volunteer-run organization serves vulnerable children and their families who face a wide variety of challenges on a daily basis. When parents are focused on providing the very basic necessities for their children, they often need a little extra help. SBIM provides nutritious food and a healthy support system for the entire family. They teach children to handle conflict, manage emotions, overcome setbacks, and build meaningful relationships. Renee has spent decades focusing on not just the physical health of children, but their emotional and mental well-being, and that is at the core of SBIM's mission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Renee Gorman on this incredible award and thanking her for her committed and selfless service to our community. Renee has impacted countless lives in her time in the schools and now continues to expand that impact through *She Believes in Me*. Families in our community will have a

brighter future because of dedicated individuals like Renee Gorman.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT KYLE FRAZER

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kyle Frazer and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Kyle is currently a Major in the United States Army and served as my Defense Fellow from January 2023 to December 2023. With his help, we were able to include numerous provisions in the FY '24 National Defense Authorization Act to support our warfighters and ensure the United States remains the greatest fighting force the world has ever seen.

Kyle has an extensive military background as an infantry officer to include service with the 82nd Airborne Division. True to his Ranger Creed, he has continuously risen to the occasion during his service to include the new challenges he faced as a defense fellow. During his time with my office, Kyle was an essential element of our defense team and set the bar high for all future fellows.

Kyle's efforts will be felt throughout my district and the country, as he delivered critical safety upgrades for Army vehicles and helped me introduce legislation to ensure veterans receive the quality mental health care they deserve. I commend Kyle for his dedication to taking care of our servicemembers and veterans. I have no doubt that he will continue to excel as a member of the Army's House Legislative Liaison Division. I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Kyle with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING CARTER ALTSTAETTER ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL 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 Carter Altstaetter of Celina, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Carter's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2028. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Carter brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming

Class of 2028. While attending Celina High School, he participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, and was on the honor role. Throughout high school, Carter was involved in football, basketball, and baseball, earning his varsity letter in all three. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

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

RECOGNIZING JUAN LUNA AVALOS

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

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

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

HONORING JILL ORR

**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 Jill Orr, whom I have named the 2024 Woman of the Year for Solano County because of her excellent work in our community. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Orr was born and raised in Dixon, California, and still lives there with her husband Greg and their three sons. She is a fourth generation Dixon resident, having graduated from Dixon High School in 1974. She has held a real estate license since 1986.

Ms. Orr is a prominent leader in the business community. She is the immediate past president of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and current president of the Downtown Dixon Business Association. She also owns her own business in Dixon, which employs 22 people. Additionally, she is the immediate past president of Native Daughters of the Golden West.