

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.

Notably, Ms. Orr has given back to our Solano County community as an elected official. She served as a Dixon City Councilwoman as well as a Dixon Planning Commissioner. She was also recently rewarded the Citizen of the Year award for her distinguished service to the Dixon community.

Ms. Orr has been very involved in our Dixon community in other ways as well. For example, she founded the very successful Annual Grillin' and Chillin' Dixon as well as Dixon Railroad Days. She has also chaired the yearly Wine and Art Stroll, as well as the Beer Stroll in Dixon. Further, she has chaired the Dixon Christmas Tree Lighting Festival for over 25 years. She also previously ran the Dixon Mayfair Parade. Her dedicated involvement in our community is commendable.

Ms. Orr's passion for service is evident through her life and work. She has always aspired to ensure that her memories of growing up in Dixon are maintained and are passed on to those who are now a part of our community. She also has a passion for supporting and uplifting businesses and ensuring that they are successful.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ms. Jill Orr for her excellent service and passion for our community. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Solano County's 2024 Woman of the Year.

HONORING MARKYEL PITTMAN

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 remarkable servant, Markyel Pittman.

Markyel Pittman hails from the vibrant city of Grenada, MS, and boasts an impressive educational journey, having graduated from Grenada High School, Holmes Community College, and Jackson State University.

Throughout Mr. Pittman's undergraduate tenure, he epitomized the essence of a campus leader and community servant. His illustrious track record includes hold esteemed positions such as Mr. Junior, JSU and MS NAACP Youth & College State President, Fannie-Lou-Hammer Pre-Law Society President, Pre-Alumni Council President, Vice President of Men of Excellence, Intervarsity, and Collegiate 100.

Mr. Pittman is a proud Spring 2024 Initiate of the Rho Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Additionally, Mr. Pittman's academic prowess has garnered his accolades such as the JSU Presidential & Dean's Scholar, the Political Science Fannie-Lou-Hammer Award, Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Mr. Pittman's commitment to community empowerment is further underscored by prestigious recognitions including the Mississippi Votes Emerging Trailblazer Award.

Mr. Pittman's dedication to public service is exemplified by his internships in my Greenwood District Office and his current role as the Youth Civic Engagement Coordinator for Mississippi Votes, where he focuses on central Mississippi. He has championed causes such as student debt relief, serving as a vocal ad-

vocate and engaging directly with policymakers such as Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona.

Notably, Mr. Pittman has been a dynamic force in voter registration drives, successfully registering over 1,000 Mississippians. He has also delivered impactful speeches, including as the closing speaker at the NAACP's 114th National Convention for the youth and college division.

Mr. Pittman draws strength from his faith, firmly believing that his voice, connections, and knowledge are divine gifts bestowed upon him to champion the cause of the oppressed. His guiding scripture, Romans 8:31, encapsulates his unwavering resolve: "What then shall we say in response to these things, if God be for us, who can be against us?" Markyel Pittman stands as a beacon of hope and a catalyst for change in his community and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Markyel Pittman, for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE DOG CLUB

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a truly significant milestone—the 75th Anniversary of the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club. This occasion will be celebrated at its upcoming dog show at the South Florida Fairgrounds from April 26–28, 2024.

The Fort Lauderdale Dog Club, founded in 1949, has had a remarkable journey. From its inception as an obedience training club, it has evolved into a distinguished all-breed American Kennel Club (AKC) member club, earning its place in the hearts of dog lovers nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, as a dog owner and lover of dogs, I am honored to recognize the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club on its 75th anniversary.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine alleviating administrative burdens in health care, focusing on reducing paperwork and cutting costs.

SD-608

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the urgent need to protect immigrant youth.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office, and the Government Publishing Office.

SD-124

Committee on Indian Affairs

To receive a briefing on the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission's Report on Native Children.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

4 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

4:45 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense missile defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization