

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

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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.

## RECOGNIZING KING OF WINGS

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize King of Wings for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

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Congratulations to King of Wings for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

## CONGRATULATING CHAD KNAUS ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NASCAR HALL OF FAME

**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 Mr. Chad Knaus who will be formally inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on January 20, 2024. For twenty years, Mr. Knaus was one of the greatest crew chiefs in NASCAR history, winning seven championships in his tenure.

Having been a racer, owned a racetrack, and as a Chairman of the Congressional Motorsports Caucus, I've enjoyed racing from almost every perspective. I know NASCAR Championships require nothing short of perfection, hard work, and relentless attention to detail.

Chad Knaus began his career as a teenager, leading his father to multiple championships. Eventually, he got his start with NASCAR, working as an assistant in the Hendrick Motorsports body shop where he learned under Ray Evernham—a fellow Hall of Famer.

In 2002, Knaus was paired with Jimmie Johnson, a rookie driver, on a fourth Hendrick team. With Johnson, Knaus won a record-setting five championships in a row, bringing his total to seven won championships.

As crew chief for Johnson, Knaus won 81 races over 19 seasons, including the Daytona 500 in 2013, two Southern 500s, four Coca-Cola 600s, and four Brickyard 400s. Knaus won his 82nd and final race as crew chief for William Byron in 2020, placing him in 3rd place for all-time wins by a crew chief. Currently, Chad Knaus serves as the Vice President of Competition for Hendrick Motorsports.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join with me in congratulating Chad Knaus on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. This honor is well deserved for such a distinguished career and winning record.

## HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SERVICE OF REAR ADMIRAL BRIAN DAVIES

**HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2024*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a dear friend, a former colleague, a devoted public servant, and a true American hero. Rear Admiral Brian Davies was not only one of the kindest people I have ever known, he was the epitome of valor, honor, and dedication. He bravely navigated the challenges of both a distinguished career in the United States Navy and a battle with cancer, and in doing so left a lasting legacy.

When a young Brian Davies enrolled at the United States Naval Academy, he didn't do so with the goal of earning accolades or climbing the ranks; he simply wanted to use his talents in the service of his nation. And that service was extraordinary, proof that there is no limit to what a person can accomplish in the rare instance when a brilliant mind, a humble spirit, and a leader's heart come together.

Much can be said about Rear Admiral Davies' remarkable career: his service on both fast attack and ballistic missile submarines, his six strategic deterrent patrols, his deployments to the Arctic, Western Pacific, North Atlantic and Indian Ocean. Much can also be said about his long list of awards and decorations, including a Distinguished Service medal, the Defense Superior Service medal, five Legion of Merit awards, three Meritorious Service medals, four Navy Commendation medals, three Navy Achievement medals, and various campaign, unit, and service awards. There are even awards and circumstances we can't discuss in detail, like those surrounding the prestigious Presidential Unit Citation he and his entire team received for their top secret work when he commanded the USS *Jimmy Carter*.

But what should never be lost in the litany of awards, honors, and accolades he so rightly earned was his profound humanity. I came to know him as Captain Davies when we served together at the Pentagon; he was the Special Military Assistant when I was Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. Despite his rank and resume, he was approachable and humble in ways that belied his many accomplishments, and someone who went out of his way to uplift and encourage all those around him. Never the loudest voice in the room, and despite his challenging responsibilities, Rear Admiral exemplified kindness in every interaction.

His profound impact extended far beyond the military or the office, as he was a devoted family man whose love for and pride in his daughter radiated through all he did. I will always remember how he went out of his way to support another colleague through the challenges of her husband's deployment, and the way he treated every person he encountered with dignity and respect. His commitment to the principles of "not self, but country," will forever stand as a beacon for all who worked and served with him and those who had the privilege of learning from him. May his memory be a blessing and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Fair winds and following seas to Rear Admiral Brian Davies. His legacy lives on in the

hearts of those who knew and loved him, and here, in the United States House of Representatives.

## RECOGNIZING HUNTER OWEN

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hunter Owen for receiving the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a member of the Wheat Ridge community for their outstanding volunteer service and contribution to their local community. Mr. Owen is the recipient of this year's award due to his unmatched willingness and dedication to answer the call of his community. He is a proud member of Wheat Ridge Kiwanis, the Rotary Club, and serves on the Chamber of Commerce Board as Member Chair. His tireless work ethic and dedication to the Wheat Ridge Community is tremendous.

Congratulations to Mr. Owen on his many accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for his continued contribution to the Wheat Ridge community.

## HONORING ELIZABETH M. GONZALEZ

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2024*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the exceptional career of Elizabeth M. Gonzalez, Chief of Congressional Affairs at U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), and a dear friend with whom I have had the privilege of working with for many years.

Elizabeth was born in Hialeah, Florida to her loving Cuban American parents, German and Celia Gonzalez. Having been forced out of Cuba by Fidel Castro's regime in 1960, her parents instilled in her from a young age a deep appreciation for the sacrifices they made, the value of freedom from communist oppression, and an unshakeable pride in her Cuban heritage.

Known for her drive and pursuit of academic excellence, Elizabeth graduated from Hialeah Senior High as the Valedictorian of her class, later graduating with honors from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and a Master of Education in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy. Propelled then by her tenacity and heart for service, Elizabeth stepped into what would be a remarkable career in service to our great Nation.

Elizabeth began working in 2002 at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters as a Presidential Management Intern (PMI), where she developed and managed a distance learning science program for bilingual children that aired internationally on over 30 television stations. She quickly rose in the ranks at NASA, working as a Legislative Specialist and finishing her tenure in the Office of the NASA Administrator as