

Arizona or Colorado. But that was not the end of the story of this community. When the war finally ended on V-J Day in 1945, Japantown burned down in a suspicious fire. Due to this hostility, less than 15 percent of the pre-war Japanese residents returned to Winters.

This legacy of hostility and distrust of these people led to the stories of this integral Winters community being largely lost to history. But the Historical Society of Winters, along with the work of Japanese community members, has worked tirelessly to restore these memories and commemorate this essential part of our community's history.

To do this, the Historical Society took their advocacy to the local level. In the summer of 2023, they urged the Winters City Council to approve a monument which would commemorate the existence and history of the pre-war Japanese community and Japantown. In a unanimous vote, the city council approved the placement of the monument in Rotary Park, where the community once existed.

Without the dedicated and tireless advocacy by the Historical Society, as well as members of Winters' Japanese community, our community would likely have never learned about the existence and history of the pre-war community that shaped so much of this town.

Mr. Speaker, the Historical Society of Winters is deeply appreciated for their work to preserve and commemorate the pre-war Japanese community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY MUÑOS-HINTON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Muños-Hinton for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

RECOGNIZING AGEWAYS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize AgeWays, a human services agency, as they celebrate fifty years of service to our seasoned residents of Southeast Michigan.

Formerly known as Area Agency on Aging 1-B, AgeWays has been a resource for sen-

iors and their caregivers since 1974. They take an active role in helping older adults access services and assistance they need to live independently. They serve over 700,000 people in their six-county service areas, providing comprehensive services such as direct care, meals on wheels, transportation, and health and wellness programs. They have been a steadfast partner for the communities of the 12th Congressional District who rely on their work.

The 12th District is proud to recognize their incredible and dedicated leadership to serving our seasoned residents and we offer our congratulations as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Please join me in recognizing AgeWays in celebration of fifty years of commitment to our community.

HONORING PFC JOSEPH F. MOORE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States World War II Army veteran Joseph F. Moore.

Joseph Moore was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan on March 4, 1910. He was raised in Benton Harbor until 1922 when his family moved to Prospect Heights in North Greenbush, New York. Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 7, 1944, where he served as a Rifleman in the 71st Infantry Regiment. He spent 11 months overseas in Northern France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe, participating in three major European campaigns.

Moore remained in the Army until his honorable discharge on October 26, 1945, at the rank of Private First Class. For his brave service, he was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Medal with three bronze service stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Good Conduct Medal. The 71st Infantry Regiment's Second Battalion is cited for its outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in Eastern France in December 1944 and January 1945.

After his honorable discharge, Joseph returned to New York to pursue a career and start a family. He obtained a job as manager at B.F. Goodrich Store in Albany, New York. Joseph married his beloved wife, Ethel McGeough-Moore and together they had four children, Elizabeth, Lela, Francis, and Ethel. He retired from B.F. Goodrich Store in 1972 after 42 years of employment.

When he was not working, Joseph maintained a fulfilling personal life and enjoyed hobbies such as traveling and smoking cigars. He was an active communicant of St. Mary's Church in Clinton Heights, New York, and a dedicated member of the Melvin Roads American Legion Post 1231, a veteran organization devoted to their community.

Joseph's dedication and service to the United States is truly remarkable. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize his extraordinary life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote during the week of April 29th through May 1st, as I was in the district recovering from a medical procedure.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on H.R. 4866, Roll Call No. 153;

YEA on H.R. 4755, Roll Call No. 154;

YEA on H. Res. Roll Call No. 1173, Roll Call No. 163;

YEA on H.R. 529, Roll Call No. 155;

YEA on H.R. 4824, Roll Call No. 156;

YEA on H.R. 4877, Roll Call No. 157;

YEA on H.R. 6093, Roll Call No. 158;

YEA ON H.R. 3738, Roll Call No. 159,

YEA on H.R. 4016, Roll Call No. 160;

YEA on H.R. 1767, Roll Call 161;

YEA on H.R. 3195, Roll Call No. 171;

YEA on H.R. 764, Roll Call No. 169;

YEA on H.R. 615, Roll Call No. 167;

YEA on H.R. 3397, Roll Call No. 165;

YEA on H. Res. 1112, Roll Call No. 176;

YEA on H.R. 6090, Roll Call No. 172; and

YEA on H.R. 6285, Roll Call No. 174.

RECOGNIZING AARON DONTEZ YATES, TECH N9NE, FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary actions and success of an accomplished individual in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Aaron Donte Yates, better known as his stage name Tech N9ne. Today, we join in recognition of the milestones he has achieved throughout his career in the music industry.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Tech N9ne embarked on a journey looking for ways in which he could express himself. From an early age, he began to rap, first using it as a method to learn and remember how to spell his name and later to release his inner thoughts and emotions. Before taking a leap of faith in seeking success on his own, he was part of the groups Black Mafia, 57th Street Rogue Dog Villains, and the Regime, where he began to get acquainted with the industry and would lead him to move forward in opening his own record label. Strange Music, with his business partner Travis O-Guin.

With releases such as "Anghellic" and "Everready (The Religion)," his discography stands as a testament to his unparalleled talent and unwavering dedication to his craft. His talent and ability to create new rhythms and rhymes have not been overlooked and have instead garnered the attention of other acclaimed artists as well as solidified his status as a true pioneer in the world of hip-hop and rap. His success and unique approach have led to collaborations with artists Machine Gun Kelly, Lil Wayne, and Eminem among others. His love for his hometown is apparent through a now football season classic. "Red Kingdom", a love song to the Kansas City Chiefs

as he remains an avid supporter of his local sports teams.

Moreover, Tech N9ne's endeavors go beyond the music industry as he uses his platform to give back and better the lives of those who surround him. Through his work in philanthropy, Tech N9ne has provided support to organizations Habitat for Humanity, Harvesters Community Food Network as well as other organizations focusing on mental health awareness. His desire to improve and further help build his community in Kansas City, Missouri, is truly admirable and selfless.

As we come together to celebrate the legacy that Tech N9ne has built and continues to build upon, it is important to emphasize that his influence is clearly visible among our community as he holds a compassion and commitment to address issues outside the music arena. He is not only leaving his mark in the music industry but also providing others, especially those in the Fifth District, with the inspiration, motivation, and model to pursue their passions while remaining engaged in helping improve the quality of life of others. Furthermore, Tech N9ne has become a symbol of our city and an example of the many talented and bright individuals that make our city our home.

Mr. Speaker. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Tech N9ne for his tremendous accomplishments, contributions, and inspiration to others. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, I wish Tech N9ne congratulations on his well-deserved success and a continued journey filled with continued accomplishments, and fulfillment.

RECOGNIZING TIERRA MARQUEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

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

RECOGNIZING THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COCOA BEACH "FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND" KIDNEY WALK AND THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 11, 2024, thousands of residents from across

Central Florida will gather at the Cocoa Beach Pier in Cocoa Beach, Florida, to take part in the Thirteenth Annual "Footprints in the Sand" Cocoa Beach Kidney Walk. Katie and I have joined others in our community in participating since the first walk was organized in 2012 by Rich Salick, Bill Hahn and volunteers with the Florida Affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation.

The "Footprints in the Sand" Kidney Walk brings our community together to show our love and concern. So many of us have family, friends and loved ones that are afflicted by kidney disease, and they need our strength and support. The road ahead is not easy for them, but as the kidney walk demonstrates, they do not have to travel that path alone.

The National Kidney Foundation of Florida, its supporters and activists have made a significant difference in people's lives. They not only raise awareness about this disease, but they have helped push for much needed changes in our laws and new innovations to give patients more treatment options and a better quality of life. This year organizers of the kidney walk will recognize organ donors and their families for giving the precious gift of life so that others could receive a second chance and continue with their lives.

Those recognized include:

Dawn Futch honoring Michael-Gene Futch, Paola Solis honoring Amishadai Solis, Nancy Velazquez honoring Pedro Batista, Monica Beyrooti honoring Seth Anthony Beyrooti, Giselle Rivera honoring Sean Bridges Rivera, Pat Brown honoring Michael Brown, Mary Carpenter honoring Shawn Carpenter, Kayla Carroll Lopez honoring Keegin Carroll, Leslie Collins honoring Jose Collins, Diana Couch honoring Linda Couch, Laura Dawkins honoring Brooke Dawkins, Shebna Dorsey honoring Andrew Dorsey, Jen Eden honoring Blake Eden, Annmarie Wong-Allen honoring Chadale "CJ" Grey, Cheryl Harrington honoring Brenton Lee Harrington, Siena Monroe honoring Jacob Emery Monroe, Jasmin Persaud honoring Anand Persaud, Donna Ramirez honoring Corey Ramirez, Tammy Lee honoring Dylan Rowe, Amber Shillingford honoring Brad Shillingford, Lucille Timms honoring Crystal Simmons, Tonia Bennett honoring Tekeya Smith, Shereese Thompson honoring Deja Thompson, Traci Tracy honoring Zoe Tracy, Ellen Tuech honoring Geoffrey "Geoff" Wasden, Sheryl Walker honoring Donald Walker, Jr., Carol LoBianco honoring Stacie Ann Wheeler and Cathy Woodall honoring Shawn Woodall.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the strong will of these caring families, their loved ones and all those who have joined the effort and worked tirelessly to raise awareness about kidney disease.

CELEBRATING J.W. ARNOLD, THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FLEET WEEK MIAMI AND BROWARD NAVY DAY

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. J.W. Arnold, the President

and Executive Director of Fleet Week Miami and Broward Navy Day for his endless work in Broward County, Florida.

In 2020, Mr. Arnold assumed the role of Executive Director of Broward Navy Days Inc., a position from which he orchestrated the support of local community organizations, businesses, and government agencies. His efforts were instrumental in bringing to life the remarkable events of Fleet Week, which served as a platform for South Florida to express its gratitude and support for our Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Reservists, Sailors, and veterans. Mr. Arnold's involvement with Broward Navy Days spans over a decade, during which he spearheaded public relations and marketing, public ship tour ticketing, and major public events such as the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service and the Air and Sea Show.

Furthermore, Mr. Arnold is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was the public affairs specialist for "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, coordinating two national tours, including performances at the White House and the Kennedy Center. J.W. Arnold also receives the 2024 "Patriot of the Year" Award.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. J.W. Arnold, the President and Executive Director of Fleet Week Miami and Broward Navy Day, for his outstanding work in Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSWOMAN ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON INTRODUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON CHANNEL PUBLIC ACCESS ACT MAY 6, 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Washington Channel Public Access Act. This bill would prohibit the Secretary of the Army from finalizing, implementing or enforcing any rule that would restrict access to the Washington Channel (Channel) in the District of Columbia.

In 2019, the Secretary of the Army proposed a rule to establish a permanent restricted area in the Channel adjacent to Fort McNair, which would have restricted access to the navigable portion of the Channel by narrowing the waterway where recreational and commercial vessels could traverse and prohibited anchoring and mooring altogether. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington cited security needs at Fort McNair to justify the rule.

The proposed rule was arbitrary and capricious and would have unnecessarily restricted recreational and commercial access to the Channel without providing any security benefits.

Neighborhoods like The Yards and The Wharf have reinvigorated community engagement on the waterfront, and the Channel is increasingly used for regional transportation and recreation. The stretch of the Channel past Fort McNair is the only connection to the Potomac River. The rule would have likely forced kayaks, paddleboards and recreational boats into the same space as water taxis and river cruise ships, creating a potentially dangerous situation.