

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.

I hosted a public meeting in which community members expressed overwhelming opposition to the proposed rule, but military officials did not address the question of whether less restrictive measures could provide the same security. I then wrote asking Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to direct the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the proposed rule and to prohibit these agencies from proposing a similar rule. In 2021, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed a version of this bill. In 2022, the U.S. Army withdrew the proposed rule. Nevertheless, this bill is necessary to ensure that the Secretary of the Army does not finalize, implement or enforce a rule that would restrict public access to the Channel.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING DR. TIM RYAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tim Ryan's exemplary career. Dr. Ryan is currently serving as President of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and will now become the Chancellor. As Dr. Tim Ryan begins his retirement, he will be an advisor to the College.

Dr. Ryan grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the East Liberty area pre and post Urban Development. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration from the University of New Haven in 1993, a master's in business administration from the University of New Haven in 1996, and a Doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania in 2003.

He started his culinary career as a dishwasher at 13, working for Chef Nino Sorci or Nino's Restaurant in East Liberty. After graduating with an associate degree in occupational studies from the Culinary Institute of America in 1977, at 21, he became an executive chef of La Normande in Shadyside. In July of 1980, Dr. Ryan was featured on the cover of Pittsburgh Magazine's "Pittsburgh's Culinary Revolution." Dr. Ryan returned to the CIA in 1982 to join the faculty.

Over the next 42 years, Dr. Ryan drove extraordinary growth and global impact at the CIA. He served as a director, vice president, and executive vice president before ultimately being named president in 2001, making him the College's first alum to hold the position. As CIA President, he acquired and added branch campuses such as CIA at Copia, in Napa Valley, CIA San Antonio, Texas, Singapore, and the growth of the Hyde Park, New York campus. These locations have become centers of food, wine, spirits, beverage, and culinary education, where the next generation of chefs, sommeliers, and food and hospitality leaders are developed.

Throughout Dr. Ryan's career, he has positively impacted the food and beverage industry through his platform as CIA president and numerous other leadership positions. He was elected President of the American Culinary Federation, the Nation's largest organization of chefs, and was elected to the Board of Direc-

tors of the National Restaurant Association. In 2023, Dr. Ryan was appointed to the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Culinary Partnership. The "Kitchen Cabinet" was charged to find innovative ways of embracing food, hospitality, and community as diplomatic tools to engage world leaders, further crosscultural dialogue, and strengthen our bilateral relationships.

Dr. Ryan was named "One of the 50 Most Powerful People in Food" by Nation's Restaurant News and has received awards from countless food industry organizations. Dr. Ryan is one of five Americans to ever receive the Presidential Medal from the World Association of Chefs Societies, and he was inducted into the James Beard Foundation's who's who of Food and Beverage in America.

Mr. Speaker, no modern culinary educator or culinarian has had as much influence on American Food dining or the culinary profession as Dr. Tim Ryan. His efforts have not only cultivated and shaped the next generation of culinarians, but also has left a legacy of what it means to be an exquisite person. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON MUNOZ-ORTEGA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brandon Munoz-Ortega for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNUAL BRONX BANKERS BREAKFAST

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the celebration of the 25th annual Bronx Bankers Breakfast. The Breakfast is an opportunity for members of the Bronx finance community to come together to speak on the state of our community's economy, to honor members for their monumental work in the Bronx, and to share ideas on how we can continue improving the Bronx. A special thanks to the hosts of the event for all their hard work setting up this event. The Business Initiative Corporation of New York (BICNY). The Bronx Economic Development

Corporation (BXEDC), and our esteemed Borough President Vanessa Gibson all play integral roles in our community and this event.

BICNY is a community-based lending institution that helps Businesses in the Bronx access the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 loans. BICNY provides lower interest rate loans and long-term capital for a business community that has historically been ignored by investors. As of April of this year BICNY has facilitated over \$365,000 in loans to small businesses in the Bronx community, with \$330,000 in loans already closed. BICNY's work has also been impactful for small business workers. BICNY's assistance helped to retain 454 jobs and helped to create more than 1,600 jobs in Bronx small businesses as of April 1st.

Since 1981, The Bronx Economic Development Corporation (BXEDC) has been supporting economic prosperity in the Bronx by providing access to funds for Bronx small businesses that have historically had trouble acquiring capital. BXEDC has over 820 million specifically allocated for the South Bronx. BXEDC has transformed the outlook for small businesses in the Bronx through their programs like the Bronx Business Continuity Loan (BBCL) program, with the average loan licensed being \$72,000. BXEDC has also invested in creating a green future through working with local colleges and universities, awarding \$1 million to Bronx Community College to create greener technology on campus, along with reviving downtown by allotting \$1 million to the twelve Bronx Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

I am truly grateful to the members of these organizations that help the Bronx flourish economically. I look forward to seeing the growth and success of small businesses in the Bronx.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF RYAN PROPIS

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ryan J. Propis for his distinguished service to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the United States Congress.

Ryan is a proud alumnus of the University of Florida and the University of Miami School of Law. Armed with a profound commitment to public service, Ryan embarked on his professional career as a legal fellow with the House Foreign Affairs Committee in 2013 before working as a legislative staffer to then-Congressman Ted Yoho. Subsequently, in 2015, he joined the House Committee on Homeland Security for his first tour, where he served as Counsel and Senior Counsel under the leadership of then-Chairman MICHAEL MCCAUL. In a testament to his hard work and leadership, he was asked to join the Executive Branch, where he became an invaluable aide to the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in 2018. Again, Ryan's dedication to our Nation's security earned him a promotion to become TSA's Chief of Staff in 2019. There, he capably led a workforce dedicated to protecting the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce.