

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.

At the end of the Trump Administration, Ryan returned to the Homeland Security Committee as General Counsel under the leadership of then-Ranking Member John Katko. Later in 2021, Ryan took on an additional role as Deputy Staff Director. He has served with distinction in both roles since. Having worked with Ryan since the beginning of the 118th Congress, I have seen firsthand how Ryan exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. He possesses a wealth of knowledge in homeland security policy and the challenges facing our Nation every day. He has served the Homeland Security Committee faithfully under the leadership of three different chairmen or ranking member. Ryan's invaluable contributions have significantly benefitted the Committee's approach to our nation's greatest challenges, from the crisis at our Southwest border to the increasing threat of cyberattacks.

Ryan's steady leadership and wise counsel have helped ensure a seamless transition during a period of significant change, as Republicans took the House Majority in 2023 and the Committee on Homeland Security gained a new Chairman. He has been a key part of our historic successes this Congress—from the passage of H.R. 2 to the accountability of the Department of Homeland Security we have delivered for the American people.

I am deeply grateful for Ryan's invaluable service to the Committee and our Nation. Ryan is a true patriot, and I am confident he will continue to distinguish himself as he decamps for the private sector. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the House Committee on Homeland Security, I commend Ryan for his diligent service and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MRS. CONNIE PLUM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Connie Plum who spent 41 years as a phenomenal educator for King William High School and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

As a teacher, Connie dedicated her career to ensuring her students were civically engaged by organizing field trips to Washington D.C. to tour the Capitol. It is clear from the many honors she received just how impactful and loved as a teacher she truly was. Connie was voted King William High School Teacher of the Year three times, honored for Hardy County (WV) Teacher of the Year, and semifinalist for WV Teacher of the Year. Despite all these awards, Connie will tell you that her single most important accomplishment was helping "her kids" become better citizens.

Connie has set the bar high for teachers everywhere and for that, I thank her. For the positive impact she had on her students, Connie will be dearly missed in the King William County Public School district.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the outstanding career of Connie Plum and congratulating her on retirement. May God bless her as she steps into this new chapter of her life.

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF TIMOTHY WALKER

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 the exceptional career and the dedicated service of Timothy Joseph Walker.

Timothy began his career in 1987, initially serving as a United States Air Force Explosives and Narcotics Detection K9 Officer with the Department of Defense. Transitioning to the United States Department of Agriculture in 1991, he continued his service as a K9 Officer at Newark International Airport and JFK International Airport. Following his tenure there until 1995, he spent the next year working with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as Correctional Officer and Special Response Team member in Ray Brook, New York.

In 1996, Timothy began his career with United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), starting as a U.S. Customs Officer with the Department of Treasury at the Port of Alexandria Bay, New York. In 2003, he began his time with the Department of Homeland Security as a CBP officer and remained in Alexandria Bay until being promoted to Supervisory Customs and Border Protection Officer and moved to Ogdensburg, New York. During this time, he was responsible for front line management of daily operations. Continuing to display his leadership acumen, Timothy was promoted to Assistant Area Port Director Trade stationed in Alexandria Bay. In 2010, Timothy assumed the pivotal role of Port Director in Ogdensburg, serving an admirable three years before returning to Alexandria Bay and becoming Area Port Director, a position he has held since 2013. Presently, Timothy oversees the management of 226 Customs Border Protection employees.

Timothy's 36 years of employment with the United States is a testament to his unwavering commitment to our Nation. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am deeply honored to acknowledge Timothy Walker's extraordinary career, tireless efforts, and steadfast devotion to the United States.

RECOGNIZING SHYANNA MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

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

RECOGNIZING 2024 HMONG-AMERICAN DAY IN MERCED COUNTY

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May 14, 2024 as Hmong-American Day, honoring the legacy of the Hmong people who served, were wounded, or lost their lives in battle. Their sacrifice, to ensure America remains the land of the free, knowing we forever owe a debt of gratitude for their sacrifice. We recognize the important cultural, social, political, and economic contributions of Hmong Americans that provide generational enrichment and enhancement to this county across many sectors, including CBOs, business, healthcare, education, public safety, and government.

From 1961 to 1975, more than 40,000 Hmong individuals were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to fight alongside American soldiers in the Secret War, a vital part of the Vietnam War, in Laos. But in 1975, the Fall of Long Chen forced thousands of Hmong to flee Laos to seek refuge from persecution, where many refugees and their families immigrated to other countries, including the United States, and to California—where today Merced is home to more than 8,000 Hmong residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Hmong-American Day and formally recognizing and celebrating the rich history, culture, and contributions of Hmong Americans in Merced County and other communities throughout California.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROLAND J. DE GOLIA

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Ronald J. de Golia.

Ron was born in San Francisco, California on August 15, 1937 to parents John and Eva de Golia. He graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a BS in business administration in 1959. Ron also served thirty-seven years in the United States Air Force and Reserves, starting his military career during his senior year of high school and exiting in 1992 with the rank of Colonel.

Ron worked in information technology for thirty-eight years with Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical, Stauffer Chemical Company, and more. In retirement, Ron remained active in his community and enjoying his passions such as traveling, volunteering, bocce, pool, and exploring new foods and wines with his family and friends. Ron was an avid traveler, visiting over forty countries and every one of the states in the U.S.

Ron was deeply passionate about giving back to his community, volunteering with the Walnut Creek Police Department, Center for Human Development, Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury, Crisis Hotline, and the Kennedy-