

arts, she generously supports the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, recognizing the importance of cultural enrichment in fostering the vibrant community of San Luis Obispo. Additionally, Dr. Yin's advocacy extends to underserved populations, including the Mixteco community, where she tirelessly works to bridge cultural and linguistic gaps and dismantle barriers to healthcare access.

Dr. Elaine Yin's nomination for Central Coast Woman of the Year for the 24th Congressional District is a testament to her remarkable contributions as a healthcare professional, community leader, and advocate for underserved populations. Her dedication, compassion, and unwavering service make her an inspiration to all.

#### RECOGNIZING FAITH PEREZ

##### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Faith Perez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, on May 1, 2024, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

As a supporter of all faith-based communities, I became a cosponsor of this bill and was pleased to see it pass the House.

HONORING CAPTAIN HAROLD M. ANDERSON AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH FOR MICHIGAN'S 9TH DISTRICT

##### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect to recognize the remarkable valor and contributions of Captain Harold M. Anderson, U.S. Navy (Ret), our esteemed Veteran of the Month for May 2024 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. It is with great honor that I highlight the exemplary

service and dedication of a true American hero whose courage has left an indelible mark on our Nation's history.

Captain Anderson was born on a small farm in Ontario, Canada, and raised in Detroit, where he graduated from Southeastern High School alongside his future wife, Sandra Page, in 1960. His distinguished military career began with a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1964. Over the next 18 years, he served on five submarines, including four years in command of the nuclear attack submarine USS *Shark* (SSN 591). His naval journey continued with notable assignments, including attendance at the Naval War College and earning a master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina University.

After retiring from active duty, Captain Anderson's commitment to serving others persisted. He continued to serve as Naval Science Instructor at Whitney Young Magnet High School in Chicago, sharing his knowledge and shaping the future of young minds. In 1998, Captain Anderson faced a personal battle when diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Despite an initial prognosis of 2–3 years, he achieved two years of remission and has since managed his condition with innovative treatments.

Captain Anderson's resilience extends beyond his personal challenges; he has been a beacon of hope for others, actively participating in annual 5K walks to raise funds for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. His efforts have remarkably contributed over \$300,000 towards research for better treatments and a potential cure.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Harold M. Anderson's life story is a testament to heroism, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication to our country. His military service during pivotal moments in history, combined with his ongoing contributions to medical research and education, exemplifies a legacy of valor and service that continues to inspire us all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and respect for Captain Anderson. His legacy is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by our service members and their families, and his life inspires future generations to uphold the values of freedom, resilience, and dedication that define our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CLIF SMART ON HIS RETIREMENT

##### HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Clif Smart of Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, as he retires following an outstanding career as the university's longest serving president dating back to 1961.

President Smart is the university's 11th president, and he is retiring after 13 years as the top official. During that time, the university achieved many notable milestones such as setting enrollment, retention, and graduation records, expanding academic offerings, raising more than \$440 million in donations, and con-

structing or renovating dozens of buildings. More importantly, he accomplished all of this while raising tuition by less than inflation, allowing the university to be among the most affordable in the country.

President Smart graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science, and from the University of Arkansas School of Law with his Juris Doctorate Degree. He served his country in the U.S. Army before joining the private sector as an attorney. He subsequently became Missouri State's General Counsel, and then was appointed the university's interim president before receiving the nod to take over as president.

President Smart's visionary development of IDEA Commons transformed an abandoned industrial area into a thriving hub for economic development, innovation, and community engagement. His collaboration with the University of Missouri to offer engineering and pharmacy programs significantly addressed workforce shortages and strengthened the state's economic and educational landscapes. He also facilitated the university's recognition as a doctoral-granting institution. These are just a few of his many, many accomplishments.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to President Smart for his outstanding leadership at Missouri State University and his profound effect on the broader community. I also want to extend my best wishes for his retirement and future endeavors. I am proud that he is one of my constituents.

#### RECOGNIZING ITZELTH ROBLES

##### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Itzelth Robles for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

#### SUPPORTING THE REPORT ACT

##### HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Mrs. McBATH. Mr. Speaker, as a mother in Congress, one of my top priorities is protecting children. I know the incomparable love that a person can feel for their child and the horrors of losing a child. I set out to pass a bill that will protect our children and help law enforcement in their efforts to find those who wish to prey on the vulnerabilities of kids across the globe.

That is why I am so proud to support the REPORT Act which includes my bill, the END Child Exploitation Act. As a provision in the REPORT Act, the END Child Exploitation Act will empower law enforcement to conduct comprehensive, thorough investigations without their evidence being prematurely thrown out after 90 days and instead extends evidence preservation to one year.

Technology is making advancements every day and while that means progress for many of us, that also means new avenues for predators to gain access to our young. These predators have gotten creative with their exploitative means, and it is our job to get even more creative so that law enforcement has the tools and support to track these horrible individuals.

I have heard far too many stories of young children and teens being targeted by those wishing to spread child sexual abuse material. Our children are our future and as parents and loved ones of these children, it is our job to go the extra mile to protect them.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my votes for H.R. 7219 and H.R. 7525.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 177, and YEA on Roll Call No. 178.

#### HONORING MARIA JAYA'S RETIREMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

#### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Jaya's retirement and public service. Maria is a dedicated parent and community activist whose tireless efforts have profoundly impacted Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, and beyond. For nearly 30 years, Maria has been a driving force behind educational initiatives and community advocacy, leaving an unparalleled mark on the landscape of her neighborhood.

Maria Jaya's journey as an activist began with a simple goal: to improve the educational opportunities for her children and those in her community. Unsatisfied with the status quo, Maria started organizing with fellow parents to address issues such as academic achievement, school safety, and overcrowding in local schools. Her early efforts laid the groundwork for lasting change and set her on a path of advocacy that would define her legacy.

One of Maria's crowning achievements is the establishment of the Cypress Hills Community School/P.S. 89, a beacon of bilingual education and community engagement. Maria's vision and relentless advocacy were instrumental in creating this innovative dual-language public school in 1997. Her work culminated in constructing a new school building, which opened its doors in 2010. The new building, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities

and a 50-50 Spanish/English dual language model, stands as a testament to Maria's unwavering dedication to educational excellence and community engagement. Through her leadership as Parent Co-Director for over 27 years, Maria cultivated a culture of collaboration and empowerment, ensuring that the voices of parents, educators, and students were heard and valued.

Maria's advocacy extends beyond the classroom walls, encompassing broader community issues such as housing justice and immigrant rights. She mobilized her neighbors and fellow parents to demand better living conditions and to defend the rights of immigrants in Cypress Hills. Maria's commitment to social justice and equity was a guiding light for her community, inspiring others to join her in the fight for a better future for all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maria Jaya, a visionary leader, tireless advocate, and a devoted parent whose legacy will endure for generations to come. May she have a wonderful and fruitful retirement. She can now take a step back and admire the decades of work she leaves behind that has undoubtedly elevated the quality of life and education in Cypress Hills.

#### RECOGNIZING SERAPHINE PASARIBU

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

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

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

#### RECOGNIZING SHERBURNE COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER DIANE ARNOLD

#### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer Diane Arnold. After 34 years of service to the county, the last 17 of which as Auditor-Treasurer, Diane is retiring this July.

Throughout her tenure as Auditor-Treasurer, Diane has overseen financial operations in Sherburne County, ensuring the responsible and efficient management of taxpayer funds. Diane's dedication to transparency and ac-

countability has earned her the respect and trust of her coworkers and constituents.

In her role as County Auditor/Treasurer, Diane managed the county's investments and checking account, administered elections, issued driver's licenses and collected and computed taxes for individuals throughout Sherburne County.

Her achievements extend beyond her official role as Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer. Diane is a World Champion and Reserve World Champion with her horses and is an active member of the Sherburne County community.

We would like to thank Diane for the profound impact she has had on Sherburne County and hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GEORGE "LUM" ATKINSON

#### HON. ANNA PAULINA LUNA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024*

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George "Lum" Atkinson, a veteran and dedicated community leader from Gulfport, Florida.

George was born on June 23, 1926, in Birmingham, Alabama, right before the Great Depression. As Tom Brokaw once said, "the greatest generation that ever lived." The oldest of 4 boys, he had only one pair of shoes. They were for school, Church, and any other fancy occasion. This meant basketball in the school gym was played barefoot or in socks. When he was nine years old, he was hit in the head with a baseball bat and had to stay in bed for six months. He would spend his days in bed shooting bbs into a metal tin with wax. Every evening, his father would melt the wax, pick out the bbs, and hang it back up in the morning.

In the mid-1940s, Lum and his family had to leave the cold of Alabama for the warmth of Arizona or Florida due to his brother's asthma. They had been to Florida before to visit family, so they landed in Treasure Island and began their lives on the Gulf Coast. He and his family became a part of the community and became the first six members of Church by the Sea in Madeira Beach, Florida. Lum was a student in high school when World War II began. As a senior at St. Petersburg High School, Lum decided to drop out of school and enlist in the Marines to defend our country. Since he was only 17, his parents had to give their permission. His mother was against his early enlistment, wanting him to get his diploma before enlisting. She made him promise that he would get his diploma when he returned after the war was over. So, after the war, he returned to St. Petersburg High School to get his degree. When you make a promise to Momma, you keep it.

Lum was an excellent marksman during World War II. He went to Hawaii in the 2nd Division, then transferred to the 6th Division to participate in the Battle of Okinawa. On April 1, 1945, the invasion of Okinawa began. Lum was a member of the main landing force in northern Okinawa. By April 20th, the northern portion of the island was under the control of the 6th Division. With the northern portion secured, Lum's unit took on new duties critical to