

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

the war effort. Lum assisted in maintaining the airstrip during the day, guarding the airstrip from snipers and sabotage while in a foxhole at night, and getting supplies to the southern portion of the island where the Japanese had a stronghold.

When the war ended, Lum's unit was sent to China to guard Japanese prisoners and help the Chinese repair their country. For their service in the Battle of Okinawa, the 6th Marine Division was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the highest division award possible.

Corporal George "Lum" Atkinson was awarded the World War II Combat Action Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal.

When he returned from World War II, he met and married the love of his life, Mary. They settled down in the small town of Gulfport, Florida, where they raised three girls. During this time, he joined the Marine Corps Reserve. He was called up for the Korean War and was stationed at Camp Lejeune. Always willing to serve his country and community, Lum worked for 38 years at Florida Power as a lineman, foreman, and switchman. While at Florida Power, he played on the company softball team. Knowing his love for the game, one of his coworkers asked him to help with Gulfport Little League around 1957. He started coaching and remained active on and off for almost 50 years, serving as President, Secretary, Umpire, Scorekeeper, Manager, Coach, and Groundskeeper. He is still in touch with many of his players. In fact, at his 95th birthday party, about 30 of his former ballplayers came to celebrate him.

In 2002, the City of Gulfport renovated the baseball fields at Tomlinson Park, and because of his dedication and loyalty, they named the new park "Lum Atkinson Ball Fields." Caring about the City of Gulfport, Lum was also a member of the Gulfport Volunteer Fire Department. He retired with the rank of lieutenant when the city changed to a Fire Department with full-time firefighters. When his wife Mary and her sister, Catherine Hickman, founded the Gulfport Community Players and the Gulfport Historical Society, Lum became a member of both organizations. Just as he was a dedicated member of the Gulfport Little League, Lum was an active supporter and volunteer of those two organizations Gulfport Community Players, Gulfport Historical Society, and the Gulfport Little League continue to flourish today, contributing to the vibrant community of Gulfport, thanks in no small measure to the dedication of Lum Atkinson.

Please join me in appreciation for Lum Atkinson and all the men like him, who selflessly defended our freedoms abroad and then came home to build strong families and strong communities. I thank Lum. May God Bless him and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was delayed in traveling to Washington, D.C. from South Carolina, and missed votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 177 (H.R. 7219), and YEA on Roll Call No. 178 (H.R. 7525).

RECOGNIZING JOELYS RIVERA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

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

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DELL COMPUTERS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor and celebrate Dell Technologies' 40 years of remarkable service. Founded on May 3, 1984, by Michael Dell in a dorm room at the University of Texas, the company has made a monumental and lasting impression toward making Central Texas a great place to call home. The impacts Dell Technologies has made not only on the region but also the state are impeccable and I am honored Dell Technologies calls Round Rock home.

Throughout their years of service, Dell Technologies has become a global leader in innovation and a critical economic engine for Central Texas. During their many years they have remained devoted to their mission of making technologies that drive human progress. While having their headquarters in Central Texas, Dell Technologies has been able to provide high paying jobs, make economic opportunities, and support our district's growth. Dell Technologies has made enormous contributions to the technology revolution that has defined our changing times, bringing growth and prosperity to Central Texas.

Dell Technologies has touched countless lives for the better and continues to make a positive impact on those it is dedicated to serve. I am proud to help celebrate 40 years of this incredible organization, and to join Central Texas in wishing this amazing company nothing but the best in the decades to come.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF KELLY LUNGREN MCCOLLUM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Kelly Lungren McCollum, my Chief of Staff since my election to Congress in 2010. Kelly is retiring from Capitol Hill today, having served several Members of Congress for more than twenty-five years.

The daughter of former U.S. Congressman Dan Lungren, Kelly was born in Long Beach, California. Upon her father's first election to Congress, her family moved to the Washington, DC area in 1979. Raised in Vienna, Virginia, Kelly attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School.

Kelly graduated from high school in three years and started at Santa Clara University. Shortly thereafter, Kelly began a career in August of 1994 as a Congressional staffer for then-U.S. Representative James Inhofe, who at that time was running for Oklahoma's open U.S. Senate seat. During Kelly's time in Congress, she held every position in my district and D.C. offices, other than Legislative Director.

After her service to the Sooner State, Kelly returned to Capitol Hill and entered a new chapter of her professional life, serving as Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry. Around the same time, she would meet her loving husband, Jason, whom she has been married to for nearly eighteen years.

Kelly would continue in Congress, dedicating a period of time to the legislative team of U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert before the beginning of a thirteen-and-a-half-year career as my Chief of Staff.

As my Chief of Staff, Kelly will be best remembered as a true professional, a dedicated servant to the people of Virginia's Ninth District, and a source of responsible leadership for my staff, colleagues, and family. More importantly, she has been a great friend.

Congratulations to Kelly on her remarkable career. Her institutional knowledge, loyalty and leadership are qualities that will be missed by my office and many others. I wish her nothing more than the absolute best.

HONORING JUDGE IRA LLOYD "TOOKIE" KIRKHAM

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my long-time friend, Ira Lloyd "Tookie" Kirkham of Tarkington Prairie, Texas, who passed away on April 29, 2024. Tookie dutifully served the residents of Liberty County for twelve years as county judge before retiring in 2006. He was a patriarch in the surrounding community, a wonderful mentor to many, a fantastic athlete, and a devoted public servant.

Tookie was born on August 26, 1942, in Cleveland, Texas, to Ira Joe Kirkham and Bobbie Chapman Kirkham. The family later moved to Tarkington Prairie, where Tookie attended Tarkington High School, excelling in