

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING DAISY BRANCH FOR HER 82ND BIRTHDAY

**HON. JERRY L. CARL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daisy Branch for her 82nd birthday. As a devout member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, one of Alabama's oldest historically black Episcopal churches, Daisy embodies the highest ideals of faith and community.

She is also a member of the Cheerio Club, where she ministers to the sick and shut-in, exemplifying her dedication to caring for others. Daisy's acts of kindness extend far beyond her church community. She prepares meals for bereaved families, providing solace and support during their time of need. Her care has touched the lives of many and enriched our community immeasurably.

In representing the First District of Alabama, I take great pride in acknowledging individuals like Daisy Branch, whose grace and generosity elevate our community.

### RECOGNIZING HAPPY TRAILS RIDING ACADEMY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Happy Trails Riding Academy as they celebrate their 40-year anniversary. Established in 1983 by T.J. Barreiro, Happy Trails Riding Academy is dedicated to serving individuals with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities. For four decades, their devoted staff and volunteers have provided equine-assisted services to children, adults, and military veterans, offering a unique alternative to conventional therapies. Happy Trails Riding Academy is the only full accredited therapeutic riding center in the San Joaquin Valley. Participants from across the San Joaquin Valley, including those living with autism spectrum disorder, brain injuries, cerebral palsy, sight and hearing impairments, and posttraumatic stress disorder, have benefited immensely from Happy Trails' programs. Equine-assisted therapy provides numerous physical, psychological, and social benefits to riders. Happy Trails collaborates with several national and regional non-profit organizations, such as the Wounded Warrior Program, VA Direct Services, United Ways of Tulare and Kings Counties, Quail Park Memory Care Unit, Central Valley Regional Center, and Tulare County Health & Human Services. Through these partnerships, they provide a nurturing environment for individuals with disabilities to improve their overall well-being and gain independence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Happy Trails Riding Academy on their 40-year anniversary. Their unwavering commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities in the Central Valley will have a lasting impact for years to come.

### RECOGNIZING CHIEF BRIAN HILL'S RETIREMENT

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Gerrish Township Chief of Police, Brian A. Hill, for his forty-two years of service in law enforcement and wish him the best in his much-deserved retirement.

Chief Brian Hill attended Kirtland Community College from 1980 to 1982 where he earned an Associate's Degree in the Applied Science of Police Administration. Upon graduation from college in May of 1982, Chief Hill was hired by the Gerrish Township Police Department as a Road Patrol Officer.

His contribution to the Gerrish Township Police Department has led him to receive 7 Departmental Commendations/Citations for excellent investigative work as well as a Life-Saving Award for the use of a Department Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to save a heart attack victim. For his unwavering courage and work ethic, Chief Hill received a promotion to Sergeant in 1994.

As a Sergeant in 2004, he was appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Roscommon County COOR Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Chief Hill was then promoted from Sergeant to the office of Chief of Police on September 9, 2006.

For his exemplary leadership and service, Chief Hill was awarded the "Crime Fighter Award" in 2013 by the Fight Crime, Invest in Kids, Michigan organization for his role in fighting for Early Child Education appropriations from both Washington D.C. and our State Capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Gerrish Township Police Chief, Brian A. Hill, for his four-plus decades of service and wish him well in his retirement.

### HONORING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF DUMFRIES, VA

**HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Town of Dumfries on its 275th anniversary.

This year we celebrate the 275th Anniversary of the Charter Day of the Town of Dum-

fries, Virginia. Virginia's oldest continuously chartered town, the Town of Dumfries has a vast and storied past dating back to as early as 1690 when Mr. Richard Gibson erected a gristmill on Quantico Creek. The Virginia General Assembly established Dumfries as the first of seven townships in Prince William County and officially awarded the town its charter on May 11, 1749. The Town of Dumfries was founded on 60 acres of land provided by Mr. John Graham, who named the town after his birthplace, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

In Colonial America, Dumfries received tobacco and served as the second leading port—rivaling New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. For more than 15 years, Dumfries maintained its operations as a leading port. In June 1774, a resolution protesting taxation without representation was authored in the town at the Dumfries Courthouse. During the Revolutionary War, local men in Dumfries served as part of the Prince William County militia under Colonel Henry Lee, and the Town itself served as a holding place for Hessian officers held as prisoners and where Continental troops were inoculated for smallpox.

Today, the Town of Dumfries is growing rapidly. This growth can be traced back to the dedicated town staff, local elected officials, and the many residents who call Dumfries home and who work hard to make Dumfries a destination. Filled with charm, history, and many thriving small businesses, Dumfries, Virginia continues to add to the story that started 275 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the Town of Dumfries, Virginia on its 275th anniversary. I am honored to represent the many families who call Dumfries home and am excited to see all they will accomplish in the next chapter of their story.

### RECOGNIZING SOPHYA SOLE

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

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

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

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CONGRATULATING AINSLEY  
EARHARDT

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ainsley Earhardt, co-host of Fox Television's "FOX & Friends," on receiving an honorary doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina on May 4, 2024.

Ainsley was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Lewie and Dale Earhardt, and grew up in Columbia. After graduating from Spring Valley High School, she initially attended Florida State University, before transferring to the University of South Carolina (USC) and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.

USC holds a special place in Ainsley's heart as her family has a long history of attending the University, including her grandparents.

Prior to Ainsley's successful career at Fox News, she got her start as a reporter for WLTX, the local CBS station in Columbia, while attending USC. She was soon promoted to the morning and noon anchor. After the 9/11 Attack, she went to New York City to cover South Carolina middle school students raising money for a new fire truck for the firefighters who had lost theirs at the World Trade Center site.

Since joining Fox in 2007, Ainsley has had her own segment on Hannity, "Ainsley Across America," and has co-hosted "Fox and Friends Weekend," "All-American New Year's Eve," and "America's News Headquarters." In 2016, she became a co-host of "FOX & Friends," where she continues to bring us real news and honest opinions as a leading, distinguished media personality and broadcast journalist.

As a fellow South Carolinian and USC alum, I am grateful to join Ainsley's family and friends in congratulating her on her honorary doctorate degree and to thank her for representing South Carolina so well.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING  
MEDICAID CONTINUITY FOR THE  
INSULAR AREAS ACT OF 2024

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Medicaid Continuity for the Insular Areas Act of 2014, which would protect access to health insurance for our most vulnerable Americans in the territories. Specifically, my legislation would authorize the redistribution of unused Medicaid block grant funding to address shortfalls in the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Medicaid programs in the U.S. territories are subject to a statutory cap, denying them the open-ended federal funding enjoyed by Medicaid programs in the states. Block grant programs, however, are inherently ill-equipped to respond to emergencies due to their fixed

funding structure. This disparity most recently became pronounced during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Congress knows well the challenges associated with block grant programs. That's why we designed contingency measures for other block grant programs, such as the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In the event of a funding shortfall, states and territory CHIP programs have access to multiple contingency measures to protect and sustain access to healthcare services. Territory Medicaid programs face similar funding challenges as CHIP due to their shared block grant structure yet lack equivalent contingency measures.

My bill, the Ensuring Medicaid Continuity for the Insular Areas Act of 2024, fixes this critical gap in our Nation's health safety net for Americans in the territories. Under terms set out by my legislation, territory Medicaid programs—like CHIP programs—would be better equipped to address emergencies through the redistribution of unused territory Medicaid allotment funds to shortfall territories.

This bipartisan legislation presents a common-sense, budget-neutral solution, establishing a long overdue fail-safe for Medicaid in the territories. The well-being of our citizens and the care to which they have access to, regardless of their geographic location, must be our top priority.

The gentleman from Guam, Mr. MOYLAN, and the gentelady from American Samoa, Ms. RADEWAGEN, are original cosponsors of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this vital legislation and uphold our commitment to providing equitable health insurance coverage for all Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
SARA CUNNINGHAM

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Director of Cheboygan County Veterans Services, Sara Cunningham. Sara's role in assisting Veterans and their families in obtaining county, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled has been monumental for our servicemembers and their loved ones.

Sara served the country in the United States Coast Guard from 1999 to 2004. She was stationed in Texas and New Jersey during her five years of military service. She came to the Cheboygan area when her husband was transferred to the United States Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw* in 2014. She has worked in the Cheboygan County Veterans Services Office since December 2015 and also serves as the treasurer and secretary for the Veterans Memorial Park Committee.

In April 2022, Sara was recognized as the Hometown Hero of the Year by the Cheboygan County Veterans Subcommittee for everything she has done for local veterans. She was the first person to receive this honor for her exemplary work and humble service. Sara has also been the recipient of numerous statements of support and heartfelt appreciation from multiple Veterans and their families for the sacrifices she makes every day to serve those heroes.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Director of Cheboygan County Veterans Serv-

ices, Sara Cunningham for all her hard work and efforts on behalf of Veterans. Sara is an outstanding example of the ripple effect of positivity that one individual can start for a community and a grateful Nation and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING FREMONT OEM AND  
DOT

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fremont County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Department of Transportation (DOT) for their life-saving work to keep roads clear and restore power during a record-breaking winter storm in March of 2024. This harsh winter storm brought over thirteen inches of snow and caused major power outages throughout the county.

Staff from the Fremont County Office of Emergency Management, led by Emergency Manager Mykel Kroll, and the Fremont County Department of Transportation, led by Director Mike Whitt, worked overtime and over weekends throughout inclement weather conditions to clear roadways and restore traffic to over 700 miles of mountainous roadways in the county. Together, they freed an elderly woman who had been trapped in her car by the snow, secured housing for a family who were victims of a fire, restored power to a residential care facility in Florence, rescued a man caught in his vehicle after an avalanche, and helped maintain power for a family with a young child who relies on a supplemental oxygen supply.

Under some of the most extreme conditions possible, Fremont County OEM and DOT did an exemplary job of saving lives and serving our community during this storm.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Fremont County Office of Emergency Management and Department of Transportation for their outstanding work and service to our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I was present for the vote on the House floor and thought I had voted "AYE" for the bill using my member card but it did not properly count my vote. Had it been counted, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 186.

NATIONAL LIPID DAY

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, as co-Chair of the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition,