

I want to recognize May 10th as National Lipid Day. More than 71 million adults have high levels of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), which increases their risk of developing heart disease—one of the leading causes of death in the United States. LDL-C accumulation in the arteries decreases the flow of blood and can deprive the heart or brain from an adequate supply of oxygen-rich blood.

Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), which can lead to a heart attack or stroke, is responsible for nearly 85 percent of cardiovascular deaths. More than 200 studies with over 2,000,000 patients have broadly established that elevated LDL-C levels unequivocally cause ASCVD.

Any comprehensive effort to reduce the number of adverse heart and stroke events across the country must be centered on cardiovascular disease prevention. We must also ensure that those who have already suffered a cardiac event do not suffer another. New data shows that there is a gap in care for Medicare beneficiaries who have had a heart attack. Less than 30 percent of Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries' LDL-C levels were tested in the 90 days after being hospitalized due to a heart attack, despite clinical guidelines recommending earlier and more frequent LDL-C testing to monitor and manage one's cholesterol levels. In fact, a third of those survivors did not receive an LDL-C test in the full year following their heart attack. The importance of timely LDL-C testing cannot be understated. Patients who fail to reach their LDL-C level goals are at a 44 percent higher risk of experiencing an adverse cardiac event. The lack of guideline-directed care represents a missed opportunity to prevent further adverse events.

According to an article published by the American Heart Association, Black Americans and other people of color suffered a disproportionately higher increase in cardiovascular disease-related deaths during the pandemic than their white counterparts. Black Americans experienced a 20 percent increase in cardiovascular disease-related deaths during the pandemic, compared to just a 2 percent increase among white Americans in the same timeframe. A person's race or ethnicity should not put them at a higher risk of incurring a cardiac event, yet this data shows striking disparities exist among racial and ethnic groups. All Americans deserve quality cardiovascular care with a focus on prevention and getting access to innovative treatments when needed. Special attention should be focused on the disparities in outcomes that occur among racial and ethnic groups.

On National Lipid Day, we must recognize the importance of routine lipid screening and management as a critical piece of the puzzle while we work to significantly reduce the frequency of cardiac events.

RECOGNIZING BOSMA ENTERPRISES

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional work of Indiana's very own Bosma Enterprises.

Bosma is the largest employer of people with vision loss in the state. Over half of its employees are blind and employed at all company levels, from production to executive leadership. Each year, nearly 900 clients benefit from their services, learning the skills necessary to live independently.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to support Bosma Enterprises and their work through the AbilityOne Program. They are truly making a difference in people's lives by creating opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired, allowing Americans to be independent and pursue their own version of the American Dream.

RECOGNIZING MARGARITA TIKHANOVA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

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

IN MEMORY OF NEW MEXICO STATE REPRESENTATIVE JIM TRUJILLO

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the loss of one of New Mexico's most accomplished and best-loved public servants, former New Mexico State Representative Jim Trujillo. He demonstrated what it means to answer the call to public service and that public service is an act of love. I am grateful for the love Rep. Trujillo gave to the people of his district and our state. He also truly embodied what it means to be a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

His legacy now lives on in countless lives he touched in our beautiful state through both his important career as a financial professional and his broad public service in the New Mexico Human Services Department, six years in the New Mexico National Guard, and his outstanding 17 years in the New Mexico Legislature. I met with Rep. Trujillo numerous times when I was working on voting rights and tribal intergovernmental matters. He always listened with deep attention and gave clear directions and support. He was a man of his word. His tireless dedication to the people of New Mex-

ico proves to all of us how much we can accomplish together for our beloved communities.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Virginia, their children, and the entire extended Trujillo family. I carry his inspiration with me as I continue my own service in the beautifully diverse Third District of New Mexico.

RECOGNIZING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR THEIR 170TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for their 170th Church Anniversary. Formed in 1854, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd has triumphed through wars, economic turmoil, and the Civil Rights Movement. Their motto, "Guiding and supporting one another, to love and to serve, giving thanks to God for our rich heritage," embodies who they are and how they live their lives as a congregation. The Church truly has a profound legacy of being Alabama's oldest historically black Episcopal church. We are so grateful for the impact that this Church has on our great state and Alabama's First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE WESTCARE FOUNDATION

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the WestCare Foundation on their 50-year anniversary and thank them for their significant contributions to the Central Valley. For decades, WestCare has played a vital role in delivering essential health programs and services to communities across the nation. Since their founding, WestCare has remained steadfast in its commitment to providing individuals and families with the care they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. In the Central Valley, WestCare California provides essential services to youth, veterans, the homeless, and other vulnerable populations. WestCare California is passionate about supporting individuals that struggle with substance abuse. Through its adult residential and outpatient services in both Fresno and Bakersfield, as well as their Adolescent Services outpatient programs in Hanford and Corcoran, WestCare California delivers comprehensive counseling, education classes, relapse prevention, job assistance and family support services. The organization is also dedicated to serving Central Valley veterans through its San Joaquin Valley Veterans (SJVV) program. The SJVV program provides transitional living facilities for all veterans, as well as drop-in locations throughout the Central Valley that offer housing services, job assistance, supportive care, and referrals. WestCare California also addresses homelessness through its Veteran's Plaza and

HomeFront programs, providing home and case management services for individuals for up to two years. These initiatives are crucial in ensuring that Central Valley veterans receive the care and support they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the WestCare Foundation on their 50-year anniversary. Their work to improve access to healthcare in the Central Valley will be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING ANDRES SANCHEZ-RUBIO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andres Sanchez-Rubio for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 60th reunion of the West Branch High School Class of 1964 and honor the 134th anniversary of the West Branch High School Alumni Association.

Sixty years ago, the West Branch High School Class of 1964 graduated with 88 students who went on to lead by example through their knowledge, skills, sacrifices, and perseverance. Our community takes immense pride in the West branch class of '64, as we salute and pay tribute to the military Veterans for their brave and honorable service to our Nation. During the Vietnam era and beyond, 50 percent of the male graduates from the class of '64 went on to serve in the United States military.

Accomplishments shared by the West Branch High School Class of 1964 attest to the lasting, positive impact that educators made on their lives and to the strength of friendships that have endured for decades, leaving a legacy that Michiganders across the 1st District can be proud of. I also recognize the West Branch High School Alumni Association on the occasion of its 134th anniversary, underscoring the dedicated leadership and significant efforts that have been made to keep the Alumni Association active and vital, long after the school closed 55 years ago.

I'm confident that the legacy of the school will continue to live on through "The Orioles Forever West Branch High School Alumni Endowment Fund," established in 2006 to perpetually provide scholarships to graduating seniors from the West Branch—Rose City Schools who are continuing their education.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate the 60th reunion of the West Branch High School Class of 1964, as well as the 134th anniversary of the West Branch High School Alumni Association. I wish everyone the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SUNNY GURPREET SINGH FOR ALL HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sunny Gurpreet Singh for his lifetime of work focused on wellbeing and holistic health.

Mr. Singh grew up in Punjab, India where he developed a passion for the environment and its relationship with human wellbeing. His upbringing emphasized the importance of nature, which eventually inspired him to pursue a master's degree at Montana State University. During his studies, he took advantage of Montana's natural beauty and made the connection between environment and personal well-being. This led him to a career focused on healthcare and creating pathways for people to reconnect with nature.

The link between the environment and health inspired Mr. Singh to start a company and develop programs that would make his philosophy accessible to anyone who was interested. He worked to improve healthcare delivery for patients, caregivers, and professionals and implement a proactive wellness approach. He also created a tool to assist people in making positive, long-term changes to enhance their lives.

Mr. Singh continues to give back to his community through various initiatives focused on increasing access for underserved communities to athletics, education, women's empowerment, and environmental protection. This philanthropic work has helped shape the way people view the environment and take care of themselves.

Roundglass Sustain, Mr. Singh's environmental philanthropic arm, has worked to document biodiversity in India and has campaigned to promote environmental conservation and showcase the planet's wildlife diversity through thousands of photos and videos that have reached millions of people.

Additionally, Mr. Singh developed the Roundglass India Center initiative based in Seattle University. The Center serves as a bridge between Seattle and India through their events and collaborations. He has helped students from Punjab pursue a legal education at Seattle University's School of Law through the Center's Punjab Scholarship. The Center also funds research that is aimed at gaining insights into the major challenges confronting societies today and promotes conversations on regional and national social and economic transformations for India.

Sunny Singh's life is the embodiment of the American Dream. As a fellow immigrant from India, I am deeply honored to commemorate Sunny Singh's significant contributions and accomplishments. Mr. Sunny Gurpreet Singh has empowered and uplifted countless individuals across the United States and India, and it is for that impact, Mr. Speaker, that I wish to extend my gratitude and appreciation to Sunny Gurpreet Singh.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELK RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Elk Run Baptist Church.

Today, I am honored to celebrate the Elk Run Baptist Church community, which since 1874 has built a legacy of service. The community first met under a chestnut tree located near the home of the late Deacon Henry Spotswood, Sr. in Madison County, Virginia. Soon after, Reverend Frank Tibbs became the church's first pastor.

Through the decades, Elk Run Baptist Church has faced trying times, such as a fire in 1954 that destroyed the church and displaced congregants for two years. However, in the face of adversity, this resilient community responded with tenacity and devotion. Today, Elk Run Baptist Church is known for having a welcoming and service-minded congregation that continues to provide support to its members through its worship and programming.

Elk Run Baptist Church has been a steadfast pillar of hope for Madison County and its residents. Under the current leadership of Reverend Maurice Evans, Elk Run Baptist Church has continued to have a positive impact on the Madison County community—from partnering with Virginia Food Ministry to feed the community to making sure their church is a safe haven for all who need it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Elk Run Baptist Church on their 150th anniversary. I am honored to represent the families and individuals who make up the Elk Run Baptist Church community and look forward to celebrating their continued success for years to come.

RECOGNIZING CAITLEN RULIFFSON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Caitlen 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 Caitlen, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.