

them in furtherance of a political agenda. The scope of this issue is further confirmed as a contributing factor in the Supreme Court's consideration of *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*.

Congress should also be concerned about the Biden Administration's willingness to carry out this Act as written in light of its stated opposition to the Equal Representation Act. Just this week, the Biden Administration issued a formal Statement of Administration Policy "strongly opposing the bill." Contrary to the Administration's statement, this law is imperative to gathering important information on the number of non-citizens living here, to the integrity of U.S. elections, and to ensuring that only American citizens are counted towards Congressional apportionment. This is especially so at a time when the Biden Administration is allowing non-citizens en masse into the country.

Congress intends to collect information on the citizenship status of all census respondents, using the legal definition of a United States citizen, and to use this count to determine Congressional apportionment and the electoral college. No administrative rulemaking or policy can or should be used to waive, circumvent, provide exceptions to, or otherwise change the intent of Congress in the Equal Representation Act.

#### RECOGNIZING TERENCE TRACY

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Terenn Tracy of Arvada, Colorado, for winning the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award recognizes High School students who have exemplified extraordinary skills in entrepreneurship, innovation, community impact, and leadership.

Terenn's teachers and peers alike have recognized her as kind, honest, committed, aware, respectful, and empathetic. She has served the Arvada community through an internship with Outdoor Lab, offering to adapt the curriculum around Native Americans at Windy Peak, and through numerous clubs and organizations. Her commitment to the environment and public service demonstrate her bright future as an advocate for Colorado.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Terenn Tracy for winning the Arvada Chamber's Rising Star Award and thank her for her contributions to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING THOMAS SNEE

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made to our community by one of my constituents, Thomas Snee, who is a member of the Pasco County Senior Leadership Team. In June of 2023, in order to avoid disruption of

services for vulnerable seniors in Pasco County, the county stepped up to the plate to provide state and federally funded essential case management and services to seniors via three major programs: Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Home Care for the Elderly (HCE), and the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI). When the former lead agency was unable to continue at that capacity, Pasco County Senior Services Leadership Team acted swiftly because they understood the importance of ensuring seamless continuity of services to seniors. As such, the team spent hundreds of hours researching and writing a 750-page grant that they did not have experience writing, preparing services that they had never offered, and standing up a new team to complete the services, whereby, almost doubling the size of its current Division. They did so while continuing their normal services to seniors throughout the county. In the end, the county was awarded the honor of becoming the new "Lead Agency." This ensured that over 500 at-risk seniors in Pasco would not go without critical care. The Pasco County Senior Services Leadership Team also took on new duties and extra challenges during the transition period. All Program Coordinators took specific parts of the new grant or accompanying duties to learn and provide feedback on or they took on extra work to allow other team leaders to do so. This team truly collaborated with each other and several other departments to make this Lead Agency bid a reality. Taking on this new tier of services demonstrates how this team exemplifies the term "Heroes Among Us."

It is clear that Mr. Snee and the Pasco County Senior Leadership Team has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

#### HONORING REDFORD TOWNSHIP RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize a historic milestone for Redford Township as they break ground on their community Recreation and Wellness Center, serving the residents throughout the township. As the Congressperson for Redford Township, I am blessed to have played a small part in obtaining funding for the Center.

This is the first recreation-focused building in Redford Township in more than fifty years. The project reflects the hard work and contributions of many who helped bring it to life. With a nearly 50,000-strong population, Redford has made strides to create opportunities to enjoy outdoor and recreational activities. I am confident that this project will be a treasure and resource for countless residents for years to come.

The 12th Congressional District joins in celebration of this momentous occasion with Redford Township and our residents of the groundbreaking of its Recreation and Wellness Center.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CAPT. THADDEUS (THAD) RAVEN

#### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Captain Thaddeus (Thad) Raven, who served our city in the Fort Worth Fire Department for 25 years. Captain Raven was an exemplary firefighter and leader and served as the Head of Recruitment during his decades of service to our community.

He was also known as a steadfast champion of diversity in firefighting. In 2022, as the result of his hard work, the most diverse class of fire recruits in the Department's 129-year history graduated. His work helped include more diverse voices and backgrounds into the firefighter ranks, reinforcing the department's commitment to inclusivity and representation in the community it serves.

Captain Raven's legacy with the Fort Worth Fire Department and service to our community will not soon be forgotten. I am praying for his loved ones and the Fort Worth Fire Department during this time.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD RE- LATING TO "STANDARD FOR DE- TERMINING JOINT EMPLOYER STATUS"—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address my intended vote against H.J. Res. 98, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of a rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status."

In January, House Republicans brought forward a resolution to block a rule issued by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to clarify the definition of who is considered a joint employer under federal law. I voted against the resolution in January because, not only would it have blocked the NLRB's rule, it would have prohibited the Biden administration and any future administrations from issuing similar rulemaking to clarify the definition of who is considered a joint employer. The resolution passed the House in January in a vote of 206-177 and passed the Senate in April in a vote of 50-48. When the resolution was sent to President Biden's desk he vetoed the resolution. When the resolution to override the President's veto comes to the floor, I intend to vote no because I still believe we should not tie the hands of the National Labor Relations Board from ever taking up a similar attempt to clarify essential protections against labor rights violations in situations where multiple companies have control of a worker's conditions.

Let's also be clear about why House Republicans are bringing up this resolution and attempting to override the President's veto. They didn't do it because they're the party of workers' rights. They brought forth H.J. Res. 98 simply as another way to attack the Biden Administration and try to stop the federal government's regulatory and rulemaking authority.

Tuesday afternoon, shortly before the House floor vote on H.J. Res. 98, I met with a group of St. Paul area realtors to discuss several issues including the importance of protecting independent contractor status for real estate agents. Eighty-seven percent of realtors are classified as independent contractors. When the National Labor Relations Board and the Department of Labor are issuing rules relating to joint employers and independent contractors, the agencies must keep in mind the unique classification of realtors as independent contractors. That is why I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 5419 which would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(e)) to ensure that the status of realtors as independent contractors is protected.

The NLRB should work to issue regulations that address the concerns of independent contractors like realtors and protect the rights of working-class Americans whose working conditions are impacted by multiple employers. But it would be prohibited from ever doing that essential work if this veto override was passed, and so I will oppose this legislation.

#### RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE PAUL

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Paul for earning this year's Young Professional Leadership Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

For years, Stephanie has shown a commitment to improving Olde Town Arvada. As the Director of Marketing and Events for the Arvada Business Improvement District, she has helped transform Olde Town into a vibrant area that residents and visitors alike can enjoy.

Stephanie was an instrumental part of bolstering the Olde Town Second Saturday summer concert series, doubling attendance since the beginning of her tenure. She actively engages with local business leaders and community members to ensure projects have input from everyone involved.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Stephanie Paul on receiving the 2023 Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Leadership Award.

#### RECOGNIZING JOSEPHINE BENSON

##### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made to our community by one of my constituents, Josephine Benson, who is a member of

the Pasco County Senior Leadership Team. In June of 2023, in order to avoid disruption of services for vulnerable seniors in Pasco County, the county stepped up to the plate to provide state and federally funded essential case management and services to seniors via three major programs: Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Home Care for the Elderly (HCE), and the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI). When the former lead agency was unable to continue it that capacity, Pasco County Senior Services Leadership Team acted swiftly because they understood the importance of ensuring seamless continuity of services to seniors. As such, the team spent hundreds of hours researching and writing a 750-page grant that they did not have experience writing, preparing services that they had never offered, and standing up a new team to complete the services, whereby, almost doubling the size of its current Division. They did so while continuing their normal services to seniors throughout the county. In the end, the county was awarded the honor of becoming the new "Lead Agency." This ensured that over 500 at-risk seniors in Pasco would not go without critical care. The Pasco County Senior Services Leadership Team also took on new duties and extra challenges during the transition period. All Program Coordinators took specific parts of the new grant or accompanying duties to learn and provide feedback on or they took on extra work to allow other team leaders to do so. This team truly collaborated with each other and several other departments to make this Lead Agency bid a reality. Taking on this new tier of services demonstrates how this team exemplifies the term "Heroes Among Us."

It is clear that Ms. Benson and the Pasco County Senior Leadership Team has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to vote in favor on the motion to table the motion to vacate the Speaker.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 188.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2024 LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

##### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 2024 Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame inductees. This year's class of sports superstars includes multiple U.S. Olympians and All-American athletes, an Ironman Triathlete and Ultramarathoner, dedicated coaches, and more.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania

through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

This year's inductees include:

Francis Xavier Baur of Shavertown—Football and Basketball

Frederick "Fritz" Bleich of Hanover Township—Wrestling

Qadry "Missile" Ismail of Wilkes-Barre—Football and Track & Field

Raghib "Rocket" Ismail of Wilkes-Barre—Football and Track & Field

Samuel "Sam" Hyder of Hanover Township—Karate International Competitor

Sean Ribbons, Esq. of Dallas—Ironman Triathlete and Ultra Marathoner

Jayson Terdiman of Berwick—U.S. Winter Olympics Luge 2014 and 2018

Ray Yakavonis of Hanover Township—Football and Track & Field

Edward Zawatski of Larksville—Swimming and Water Polo Athlete and Coach

Taylor Lillian Dean of Mountaintop—Figure Skating U.S. Olympics Committee Representative

Amanda Faust of Larksville—Field Hockey Athlete and Coach

Sara Silvetti of Mountaintop—Field Hockey U.S. Olympics Alternative 2008

Each person honored has made sports history through their outstanding feats of athletic achievement here at home and in many cases around the world. They have left an indelible mark on regional athletics, and I am pleased to celebrate their contributions to our sports communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

It is an honor to recognize these 12 talented individuals on their induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May their stories and impressive careers inspire the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

#### RECOGNIZING ASHLEY PALACIOS

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ashley Palacios with Hope House Colorado for winning the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Leadership Award.

The Young Professional Leadership Award recognizes an Arvada young professional whose leadership and dedication has impacted the world around them.

Ashley is the Director of Operations at Hope House Colorado, an Arvada-based resource center and housing provider for teen mothers and their children. She is currently working to help open their Early Learning Center to give more opportunities to kids in the community. Relentless and compassionate, Ashley has also been a dedicated volunteer tutor with at-risk youth with Whiz Kids for twelve years, as well as a youth soccer coach.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Ashley on her award and thank her for all she does to support young people in our community.