

non-profits and actively participates in her church. Her strong faith, character, and compassionate heart make her a hero in our community. Additionally, Cathy's role as a prayer warrior and her unwavering support for those in need further showcase her exceptional qualities.

It is clear that Ms. Scheland has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be physically present for all votes on May 8th. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 194, and YEA on Roll Call No. 195.

#### HONORING ANNETTE WOLF'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Annette Wolf for her milestone 100th birthday celebrated on April 1, 2024. Annette has been a resident of Boynton Beach, Florida since 1999 and is a proud wife and mother to two great men. What a wonderful occasion for Annette, her family, and friends as she reminisces and celebrates a life great in years and rich in accomplishments.

Annette and her husband ran a corrugated box factory business in Upstate New York for several years. She started the Women's Business and Professional Organization in 1954 in Glens Falls, NY. Annette loves to socialize with her friends by playing Mah-Jongg and Canasta. She believes in doing everything in moderation and is an avid reader and regular viewer of MSNBC and CNN.

She has lived through extraordinary times in history and has no doubt witnessed remarkable changes unimaginable at the time of her birth in 1924. May this be a joyous time as her family and friends gather to celebrate this amazing milestone.

Annette always has a smile on her face and remains positive in all things. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate Ms. Annette Wolf on her 100th birthday and I wish her good health and great happiness.

#### RECOGNIZING MARK MCGOFF

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark McGoff of Arvada, Colorado for winning the Pioneer Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Mark has proudly served his community in Arvada for years as a member of the City

Council, the Arvada Fire Board, and a volunteer for the Historical Society, Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis, and the Arvada Center. He is an Emeritus Board Member of the Ralston House and is currently working to plan Arvada's anniversary celebration this year.

The Pioneer Award is granted when a previous winner of the Man or Woman of the Year Award continues to perform notable work for the people of Arvada. Mark has done exactly that with his continual contributions to the community and longstanding dedication to public service.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Mark McGoff for winning the Pioneer Award. We thank him for his commitment to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING MIKE ORLITO

### 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, Mike Orlito, who has made an indelible mark as an impactful and influential volunteer for the Community Food Bank. Mike's dedication, passion, and tireless efforts are inspirational. From the moment Mike stepped through the doors of this organization, his commitment to alleviating hunger and supporting those in need has been unwavering. His willingness to go above and beyond in every task he undertakes exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism and advocacy. One of Mike's most notable contributions is his leadership and promotion of the Community Food Bank within the community. Whether it's rallying local businesses, community groups, or donors, Mike has a remarkable ability to inspire others to join our fight against hunger. His strategic planning and effective communication skills have resulted in record-breaking donations, tremendous organizational growth, and increased awareness of food insecurity issues in our area. Beyond his efforts in advocacy, Mike lends his talents to the organization's Fundraising Committee, ensuring each event is a success. Mike always has a smile on his face and a genuine warmth in his heart, believing that we are all better together. His positive attitude is infectious and genuine. The empathy Mike demonstrates emulates the welcoming and inclusive environment that the Community Food Bank values and bases its mission upon. Mike also actively engages with local policymakers, participates in community forums, and raises awareness about the importance of addressing food insecurity. Through his efforts, Mike has helped to grow the Community Food Bank from a \$1.8 million operation to a \$5.1 million meal distribution hub for three counties in Florida.

It is clear that Mr. Orlito has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

#### RECOGNIZING COEN BREHMER'S FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Coen Brehmer, a Yulee High School Hornet who recently won the Florida High School weightlifting championships which is impressive at any age, but even more so as only a junior in high school.

Coen qualified for both the Olympic and traditional in the 119-pound weight class. At the state championship, Coen stung the competition, winning first in the Olympic lift and finishing second in traditional. He pulled off a 160-pound snatch, a 205-pound clean-and-jerk, and a 215-pound bench to bring home the gold. The victory was as sweet as honey and the crowd was buzzing at his magnificent displays of strength.

The Hornets, under the leadership of Coach Kyle Dougherty, performed incredibly well across the board this season. Coen's teammates, Zachary Kruger and Kevin Harris, also qualified for state after exceptional performances this season.

Coen is a fantastic representation of Northeast Florida. He is a kind friend and a great teammate. His hard work paid off and he became Yulee High School's first male state champion in any sport.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's 4th Congressional District, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in congratulating Coen Brehmer on this remarkable achievement.

#### BRINGING AWARENESS TO THE EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACT, ISSUES SURROUNDING THE BORDER CRISIS, ANTISEMITISM AND ENERGY COSTS

### HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents to bring awareness to the Equal Representation Act in addition to issues surrounding the border crisis, anti-semitism and energy costs.

Dear Friend,

This week, I was successful in passing my fourth bill since serving in Congress, the Equal Representation Act.

Our democracy depends on electoral integrity, and that includes fair and equal representation of American citizens.

By requiring a citizenship question on the decennial census, the Equal Representation Act would make sure that only U.S. citizens—those who have the right to vote—are counted when apportioning the number of congressional seats and Electoral College votes that each state has.

Including non-citizens in the count when divvying up the number of congressional seats for each state weakens Americans' representation. In fact, the Center for Immigration Studies found that California has more congressional seats than the population would otherwise allow, and New York has

four more, giving these states a greater influence in determining the direction of our country.

We need guardrails to protect our democracy, and that includes making sure that American citizens—and American citizens only—are accurately represented in their federal government.

It's time to stop diluting the voice and votes of Americans and with the passage of my bill, it's clear that many of my colleagues agree.

#### CONDEMNING THE ADMINISTRATION'S DEADLY BORDER CRISIS

A major reason we need to stop illegal immigrants from skewing representation numbers in our government is due to this administration's disastrous open-border policies that have allowed more than 7.2 million illegal immigrants to enter our country through our southern border. That is more than the population of 36 states.

President Biden inherited policies from President Trump that would have strengthened our border security. However, since Biden's first day in office, he has reversed policies that were in place to stem the flow of illegal immigrants, and has undermined U.S. border security on more than 60 occasions.

The House sent a strong message by passing H. Res. 1112, which condemns this administration's policies that have created this costly border crisis. We also urged the administration to take immediate action to end this national security threat, and we will not rest until law and order is restored at our borders.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CLANDESTINE FLIGHTS OF MORE THAN 400,000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

The House Homeland Security Committee recently released documents that identified more than 45 airport locations to which the president secretly flew more than 400,000 illegal immigrants.

These documents are another example of how this administration is jeopardizing the safety of Americans and our national security, and why the House needed to pass the strongest border security bill in history, the Secure the Border Act, which would strengthen our borders by restoring President Trump's border policies.

#### STANDING WITH JEWISH STUDENTS AND ISRAEL

You've probably seen footage of antisemitic mobs who have been defending the actions of Hamas, harassing Jewish students and disrupting learning across college campuses in America.

The House has launched a probe to crack down on campus antisemitism, and we will not stop until Jewish students feel safe on their campuses, and until universities that fail to do their part are held accountable.

Colleges and universities need leadership with a moral backbone to stand up against antisemitism and provide a safe learning environment for Jewish students. Any administrators who refuse to hold these protestors accountable are not fit to lead and should resign.

#### TAXPAYERS ARE SHOULDERING THE COST OF OPEN BORDER POLICIES

During a House Budget Committee hearing, members examined the financial consequences of the administration's border crisis and had an opportunity to inform the American people of the true cost of open border policies.

The White House's open border policies have resulted in a surge of illegal immigrant encounters and influx of deadly drugs across our southwestern border.

This is being paid for by the American taxpayer at the federal, state and local levels.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) calculated that illegal immi-

gration for 2023 alone cost taxpayers \$150.7 billion. Taxpayers are shouldering \$8,776 per illegal immigrant per year for nearly 22 million illegal immigrants to cover costs including for housing, feeding, clothing, jailing, adjudication, education and shelter.

To protect American lives and improve the federal government's stewardship of taxpayer dollars, securing our southwestern border requires a collaborative partnership among all levels of government, including federal, state and local.

As a member of the House Budget Committee, I'll continue to look for avenues to enforce the law of the land and implement a cost-effective, comprehensive border security strategy that secures our border, ends illegal immigration and protects our citizens.

#### A PORT'S SIGNIFICANCE IN THE HEALTH OF U.S. SUPPLY CHAIN, ECONOMY

Imagine this: You go to the grocery store and there's no fruit. Or maybe you're building a house and there's a steel and lumber shortage. Why? Because North Carolina's largest port, the Port of Wilmington, has been cut off due to a collapse of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge.

This collapse would immediately restrict access to the port, which contributes \$12.9 billion to North Carolina's economy every year, directly and indirectly supports more than 87,700 jobs across the Old North State, and would cost the economy tens of millions of dollars each day the port is closed.

That's what the Port of Baltimore and the citizens of Maryland are experiencing due to the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge over the lower Patapsco River.

I recently visited the Port of Baltimore and the wreckage site of the Francis Scott Key Bridge as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Our mission was to better understand the collapse, its impact on the economy, and what will be needed to rebuild the bridge.

The Port of Baltimore is the nation's farthest-inland port, and the top domestic port for cars, forest products, farm equipment and sugar. The port generates \$4.7 billion in economic value to the state of Maryland and supports nearly 22,000 jobs.

Estimates predict the Baltimore port's closure costs America's economy \$15 million each day it is closed and has added hours to transportation times for vital goods and services that Americans rely on every day in the mid-Atlantic region and beyond.

Ships are having to travel greater distances to offload shipments, and an estimated 5,000 trucks per day are being diverted across the region, adding hours to their travel time and significantly affecting the flow of goods across most of the United States.

Maryland's transportation secretary estimates that the cost to rebuild this critical pillar of our nation's supply chain is nearly \$1.9 billion.

At some point, when Maryland comes to the federal government for our assistance in funding this rebuild, I want you to know that I will be supporting that effort for the sake of our nation's supply chain and for the health of our national economy, just as I would hope my colleagues in Maryland would do if such a tragedy were to ever happen at a North Carolina port.

#### SCALING BACK UNACHIEVABLE ENERGY STANDARDS

If the White House is going to require new product standards for energy conservation, the requirements should be feasible and reasonable.

I cast NC-11's vote for the Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act to modify the Department of Energy's (DOE) procedures for mandating energy-efficiency standards by pro-

hibiting the DOE secretary from requiring standards that are not technologically feasible and economically justified.

Western North Carolinians are already burdened by rising costs, and the last thing we need is more unrealistic federal regulations that further raise prices, fail to provide meaningful energy savings and take away consumer choice.

#### GOLD STAR FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Gold Star Family Fellowship Program is organized by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the House of Representatives and is an opportunity for Gold Star family members to apply for a one-year fellowship with members of Congress. This includes any family member (parents, children including stepchildren, spouses or siblings) of military members who have died in the line of duty.

If you are interested in applying for this fellowship, visit the CAO website here.

With my warmest regards,  
Chuck Edwards  
Member of Congress

#### RECOGNIZING KEITH SORCI

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keith Sorci for earning the Man of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Keith has been serving his community for over 20 years in many capacities, including as president of the Arvada Gardeners, volunteering with the Arvada Historical Society and with local schools, and distributing food to those in need. Keith also works with Jefferson County Justice Services which offers alternatives to incarceration for Coloradans, training others to be equally helpful in their work for the community. His continued dedication to the Arvada Community showcases his spirit of service and this award acknowledges his hard work.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Keith on achieving the 2023 Arvada Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award.

#### RECOGNIZING BRYAN FISHER

##### 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 that have been made to our community by one of my constituents, Bryan Fisher. Three years ago, his mother was diagnosed with colon cancer and started a non-profit charity with her gastroenterologist and surgeon. Their goal was helping other colon cancer patients. Bryan, who was a Pre-Med student at the University of South Florida in Tampa at the time, volunteered countless hours to help the organization get off the ground. He maintains the non-profit organization's website, updating it regularly with helpful resources for patients and healthcare providers. The Foundation provides pamphlets to endoscopy centers that