

perform colonoscopies. If a mass is found, the center gives the patient the pamphlet so patients don't have to go through their cancer journey alone. The foundation also provides the public with pamphlets about colon cancer screening and pamphlets for current colon cancer patients. All of the pamphlets have been designed by Bryan. Bryan has also been instrumental in fundraising efforts to ensure the non-profit foundation has the resources it needs to operate. Bryan even formed the "Green and Gold Committee" at USF where he and his fellow Pre-Med students met regularly to discuss ways to help the Foundation prosper. They held a "game night" at USF to educate college kids about colon cancer and offered screening information for them to share with their family members. They raised a little money and dispensed a lot of information. Bryan is about to start his journey in medical school this summer and plans to practice medicine in Citrus County one day.

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

TRIBUTE TO VIOLET SAGE WALKER—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Violet Sage Walker of San Luis Obispo, California.

Violet is the chairwoman of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council (NCTC), a non-profit offering a foundation for the Chumash people of San Luis Obispo County to continue practicing their heritage and culture with dignity and vibrancy. She assumed the position after the passing of her father, Native American Tribal Chief Fred Harvey Collins, on October 1, 2021, and continues to advance Chumash heritage and culture in partnership with a broad community of Tribal allies, conservation organizations, and others.

As leader of the NCTC, Violet's mission is to protect the sacred places for those who were here long ago, for those here now, and for those who are still coming. The Central Coast is home to many sacred locations that are mentioned in Chumash oral tradition which include stories (saga' squatinas'ni) and context over the past 15,000 years, including an older recorded date at Point Conception, an extremely important Chumash Sacred Place known to Native Americans as the Western Gate (Humqaq).

For Violet, one of those duties is serving as the nominator of the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, the first Indigenous-led sanctuary nomination and one that tribal elders and members of the local community in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties have advocated for decades. As proposed, this sanctuary bridges the physical gap of protection between the Monterey Bay and

Channel Islands national marine sanctuaries. It will enhance the life force (tishwin) of coastal ocean waters and shorelines by integrating and engaging the traditional knowledge of the indigenous People in partnership with scientists, environmental public interest groups, and diverse members of the concerned public.

So far, the proposal has received an overwhelmingly positive response, and the plan is to provide formal designation by mid-2024.

Violet's continued leadership to the Chumash people and the San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara County community is an inspiration to men and women throughout the district. Her ongoing efforts ensure that the heritage and legacy of the Chumash are respected and will endure for generations to come.

I am honored to recognize Violet Sage Walker for her continued commitment to the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District for her incredible work in the community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 FAIRFAX COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Volunteer Fairfax and express my sincere appreciation to recipients of the 2024 Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Established 50 years ago, Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of thousands of volunteers with the needs of local non-profit organizations. The success of this model and its impact on delivery of needed services is beyond question; Volunteer Fairfax has been rated as one of the most effective community service organizations in the nation.

Each year, Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations to receive special recognition. It is my great pleasure to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2024 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards honorees:

Anthony Amos—2024 Rising Star
 Jeffrey Katz—2024 Volunteer Manager
 Michael Mixon—2024 Volunteer of the Year
 Food for Neighbors—2024 Volunteer Program of the Year
 Able Moving & Storage—2024 Outstanding Corporate Citizen of the Year
 Eileen Ellsworth—Lifetime Achievement Award
 Jeff Bentley—2024 Executive Leader of the Year
 Tom McCook—Braddock District Champion
 Angie Guevara—Dranesville Community Champion
 Hasan Shah—Franconia District Champion
 Dr. Eric Goplerud—Hunter Mill District Champion
 Nancy Hall—Mason District Champion
 Cathy Hosek—Mount Vernon District Champion
 Carrie Conley—Providence District Champion
 Isabella Solano—Springfield District Champion
 Patti Cooksey—Sully District Champion

Robbie Mosley—Chairman's Champion

Mr. Speaker. I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service. I congratulate the recipients of the 2024 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards and thank them and the thousands of other local volunteers for their incredible contributions to our community. Their selfless dedication is worthy of our highest praise and is one of the main reasons that our community is often ranked as one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF DEXTER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Educational Foundation of Dexter on the 40th anniversary of their founding. The support they have provided for Dexter's students and educators over the last 40 years is worthy of commendation.

The Educational Foundation of Dexter (EFD) was founded in 1984 to enhance the educational experience for those enrolled in the Dexter Community School District. Through teacher written grants, the EFD provides financial support for new and innovative educational projects. The EFD has awarded over \$1 million since 1984 for programs such as FLEX Robotics Kits for Creekside Middle School, a field trip to the Charles H. Wright Museum for the entire 5th grade, adaptive music for students with special needs, and equipment to support the Iron Dread program at Dexter High School. In 2023, the EFD's Spring Auction raised over \$24,000 for Dexter students.

In 2015, Excellence 4 Dexter Students (E4DS) was formed in response to multiple years of annual budget cuts at the state level. This led to some notable changes within the district, including larger class sizes and reduced staffing. Since their founding, E4DS has donated over \$182,000 to the Dexter Community Schools for additional programming. Their donations have supported additional math and science programming for grades 3–6, mental wellness programs for both staff and students, and an experience at Eastern Michigan University for many 6th grade classes. In 2020, E4DS and the Educational Foundation of Dexter joined forces to better support and respond to the needs of the Dexter Community School District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the work of the Educational Foundation of Dexter over the last four decades. Both the teachers and students of the Dexter community have had a more fulfilling educational experience due to the hard work of the EFD. We are excited to see what they can accomplish over the next 40 years. I thank the EFD.

RECOGNIZING HUMBLE HOUSE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Humble House Cafe from Golden, Colorado for being honored as part of the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Awards.

Known for its positive atmosphere and work environment, Humble House has designed a business model which includes both community involvement and charity work. Humble House is involved with a variety of causes. They offer free coffee Tuesdays for teachers, first-responders, and non-profit workers, sell retail on behalf of passionate artisans in the local community and creators in developing countries, and allow customers to choose which of several nonprofits the charity proceeds from their purchase will go.

Humble House has taken great care to create a business model that caters to the needs of the environment, encourages local commu-

nity growth and engagement, and supports those in need around the world.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to thank the wonderful people of Humble House for their active involvement in our community.

RECOGNIZING ERNEST SCANGO

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 service and patriotism of one of my constituents, Ernest Scango. Mr. Scango was born on January 8, 1923 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was drafted into the United States Army on March 5, 1943. After training at Fort Benning, Ernest joined the 551st Paratroop Infantry Battalion. As a Parachutist and Rifleman, Ernest participated in the major battles taking place in France. He took part in Operation Dragoon which was de-

signed to secure the southern coast of France and the critical Mediterranean ports while forcing the Germans to open a second front while facing the D-Day invasion in Normandy under Operation Overlord. Then, he subsequently redeployed and took part in the Ardennes Offensive and Rhineland campaigns which were critical to ending war in Europe.

Today, Mr. Scango lives in Homosassa, Florida where he just celebrated his 102nd birthday. This month, he is receiving the distinguished insignia at "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" ("Knight in the Legion of Honor") from the French government. As a Member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Scango and his fellow brothers and sisters-in-arms demonstrated incredible bravery and skill as they fought to save the world from the evils of Nazism, hatred and genocide. We all owe this hero a debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid. Today and always, we remember his patriotism and courageous actions. We must honor his service and sacrifice by continuing to protect the sacred values of freedom he fought so hard to defend.