

It is clear that Mr. Rodgers and his fellow board members have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH**

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, one month that is commonly and unfortunately overlooked in our country is Jewish American Heritage Month. As we witness anti-Semitism rise across the country, it is more important now more than ever that we recognize the great accomplishments that Jewish Americans have contributed to the United States and the world. Jewish Americans have thrived in our great nation for generations by serving honorably in the government and military, winning Nobel prizes, leading universities and corporations, and serving on the Supreme Court as symbols of Justice. In South Jersey, it is no different as we boast of many successful Jewish authors, physicists, entrepreneurs, and a former Secretary of Homeland Security. We are proudly home to over 200,000 Jewish Americans so join me as we honor this great group of individuals by celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month. God bless our Jewish Americans, God bless Israel, and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING CONNOR DELO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Connor 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 Connor, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Connor's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Mandalay Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Connor Delo on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

**RECOGNIZING ORANGE COUNTY,
FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS**

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Orange County Sheriff John Mina, City of Apopka Police Chief Michael McKinley, City of Ocoee Police Chief

Vincent Ogburn, City of Winter Garden Police Chief Steve Graham, Town of Oakland Police Chief Floyd Mitchell, Town of Windermere Police Chief David Ogden and all the law enforcement officers who keep Orange County safe every single day.

This week marks the annual observance of Police Week. Though we set aside one week a year to honor law enforcement, I encourage all Americans to join me not only this week, but every day, in recognizing the honor, courage, and commitment of America's law enforcement.

Our law enforcement officers are heroes in the community. They keep us safe and are willing to put their lives on the line every day in the course of their duties. It is impossible to fully express our gratitude or adequately recognize the professionalism of the men and women who voluntarily put their lives on the line for our safety and security. It is with deep respect that we pause today to honor the memory of the heroes who gave the last full measure of devotion and made the ultimate sacrifice.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all the law enforcement officers who bravely and selflessly serve throughout Orange County. It is an honor to recognize them and all men and women in law enforcement.

**RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
MR. WEARLEY'S RETIREMENT**

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the recent retirement of a remarkable Montanan, Mr. Milford Wearley, who served his community and dedicated years of his life to training and teaching future farmers and ranchers across Montana.

After graduating from Choteau High School in 1971, Mr. Wearley attended Montana State University in Bozeman, where he later graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Science and a Master's degree in Agricultural Education.

Upon graduation, Mr. Wearley chose to pursue his career in training and educating students about Agriculture as he served as an FFA Advisor at Malta High School in 1981. Since then, Mr. Wearley's passion for teaching and training the next generation of farmers in Montana flourished. After three years in Malta, Mr. Wearley moved to Choteau to continue his career and passion for teaching, where he stayed until recently retiring.

Agriculture isn't just an industry in Montana, it's our way of life, and thanks to Mr. Wearley's lifelong dedication to training, teaching, and advising aspiring farmers, ranchers, and students, our state is stronger, and our agricultural industry is more resilient.

It is a privilege to recognize Mr. Wearley's 40 years of service and his impact while instructing the next generation of farmers and ranchers across the Treasure State.

**RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE PETERS
FOR 15 YEARS WITH MICROSOFT**

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Stephanie Peters for over thirty-five years of work in corporate social responsibility, and to congratulate her on her retirement as one of Microsoft's Directors of Federal Government Affairs for the House of Representatives.

Throughout her 15 years with Microsoft, Stephanie has been instrumental in guiding and evolving the company's public policy practice. She was responsible for engaging Democrats in the House of Representatives to advance a wide range of priorities for Microsoft, including supply chain management, national security, and intellectual property matters.

While Stephanie's service to Microsoft is commendable on its own, her prior experience and achievements with the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and Patton Boggs LLP are equally worthy of praise and recognition.

Thanks to her unmatched combination of work ethic and subject matter expertise, House Democrats were able to draft and pass the landmark Digital Millennium Copyright Act, as well as navigate complex immigration reform negotiations throughout the late 1990s. Moreover, her legal work on international issues ranging from corporate global sustainability to pro-bono representation of refugees is a testament to her commitment to building a better world and helping others advance.

From her service on the Boards of Directors for organizations like the Ohio State University Alumni Association to her co-founding of DC Jazz Fest, Stephanie's desire to foster positive community is evident in every personal and professional effort she embarks on. Her mentorship to others and dedication to lifting as she climbs has left an indelible mark on everyone in her path, and they will continue leaving a positive impact on her community and our country for years to come.

HONORING LOIS A. MURELL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lois A. Parish Murell, who passed away at the age of 103 on April 8, 2024.

Lois was born on November 20, 1920, in El Paso, Texas to parents William C. Parish and Willie C. Parish. She attended Douglass High School and graduated from Austin Tillitson College with a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics.

She met her husband, John Melvyn Murell while teaching, and moved with him from Texas to Oakland, California. They later settled in their dream home that they built in Windsor, California.

Lois and Melvyn were prominent businesspeople in the Bay Area. Lois opened a high-end gift shop called "Hi Lite Décor" on

Lakeshore Boulevard in Oakland and became the first Black businessowner in the Lakeshore shopping area. Together, Lois and Melvyn founded Oakland Federal Savings and Loan, the first Black-owned savings and loan company in Oakland. They also owned apartment buildings throughout the East Bay and a nightclub in Richmond, California.

"Auntie Lois" was known for being a stylish dresser, great dancer, and the best cook. She loved to travel and spent many days taking trips with her friends in her senior travel group. She was known for being thrifty and instilled that quality in her nieces, encouraging us to save and invest our money to be independent women.

She delighted in meeting her cousins, the Parrishes, later in life after she turned 100. Her family stories were engaging, and her memory was keen and sharp.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents William C. Parish and Willie C. Parish and her sisters Juanita A. Franklin and Mildred P. Massey. She is survived by her loving nieces Mildred Whitfield, Beverly Hardy, and me, along with several great and great-great nephews and nieces, and a host of extended family and friends.

Auntie Lois was a phenomenal woman and a loving Auntie who, despite having no children, was like a second mother to all of us. She will be greatly missed by all who had the honor of knowing her, especially those who were part of her family. May she rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING MARTELL SWAIN, JR.

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service and patriotism of one of my constituents, Martell Swain, Jr. (Master Sergeant Retired), who enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17 in 1961. MSgt Swain's early training in the Army was in Infantry. In 1963, he was assigned to a unit that eventually became the famous Air Calvary Division. A year later, the status of his entire Brigade was changed to Airborne. All troops were required to become Paratroopers to remain with this unit. It was during this time he was promoted to Sergeant. In July of 1965 the entire Division was ordered to Vietnam by our President. This was the first Division to go to Vietnam as a unit. It was not the last. Serving two tours in Vietnam, Sergeant Swain was involved in extremely heavy combat, earning the coveted Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star with "V" for Valor, Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Air Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnamese Civil Action Honor Medal, 2 Presidential Unit Citations, and other awards and medals.

Despite the fact that MSgt Swain never earned his high school diploma, he participated in many educational opportunities available through the military and became an instructor for Red Eye Air Defense Missile Systems and Anti-Tank Systems. Sergeant First Class Swain attended Drill Instructor School and served in that capacity for three years in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His last assign-

ment was as a Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor at Syracuse University, preparing Cadets for active duty as officers in the United States Army. While there, he was promoted to Master Sergeant. MSgt retired after 23 years of faithful service. In 2022 Master Sergeant (Retired) Swain was honored by the National Infantry Association with induction into the Order of Saint Maurice in the rank of Centurion. MSgt Swain will be presented with an honorary high school diploma from a high school in Citrus County this year. With immense gratitude, we congratulate him on this important honor and thank him for his many years of distinguished service to our country.

RECOGNIZING JAMES SCALICE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past month, it was my honor to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for an incredible young man, James Scalice. James has learned an incredible amount through the merit badge program earning 41 total badges in subjects such as Life Skills, Business, and Science. Within his troop, this young man has developed leadership skills through elected positions and has learned the value of serving his community by participating in countless hours of service to his church and community. He has displayed his love for God by earning two religious emblems including "Pope Pius the twelfth" from the Catholic Diocese of Camden. With a deep love for his country and great respect for veterans, James decided to help out the American Legion Post 28 in Absecon, South Jersey for his Eagle Scout project.

RECOGNIZING GABRIEL TZINTZUN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabriel Tzintzun for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

RECOGNIZING ERNEST SCANGO

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service and patriot-

ism 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 designed 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 re-deployed 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 of "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.

RECOGNIZING IgA NEPHROPATHY DAY

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to again recognize May 14th as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day. This year, I'd also like to recognize that 2024 represents the IgA Nephropathy Foundation's 20th anniversary. For twenty years, this organization has worked on behalf of all families affected by IgA Nephropathy (IgAN), a rare genetic autoimmune disease which affects over 150,000 people a year in the United States.

IgAN is the most common form of glomerulonephritis, which is the leading cause of kidney disease after diabetes and hypertension. It is particularly devastating because while it can present at any age, it most often affects younger Americans in their 20s and 30s when many are considering starting a family. About half of those affected by IgAN will go on to develop end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) which leads to dialysis, transplant, or death. What makes IgAN particularly insidious is that it can recur in a transplanted kidney. Unfortunately, there are usually little or no immediate signs and symptoms and patients are often not diagnosed until their kidneys are already damaged, or they "crash into dialysis" in an emergency room.

This year, I include in the RECORD a letter which was sent to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the impact of rare kidney disease as a health equity issue for the Asian American communities. The letter, which was signed by twelve organizations ranging from rare kidney disease patient