

nuts and bolts of organizing, like forging strong connections with people from all walks of life, formulating the hard-nosed political strategy required to win change and managing the administrative tedium essential to the functioning of any organization. His talents were recognized when he was asked to establish ACORN's activities in Louisiana, California and Florida. He helped organize the South's first union of health care workers. He oversaw Project Vote's campaign to register millions of voters. And he created a strategy to pass a ballot initiative raising the minimum wage for hardworking Arkansans in 2014. When he eventually served as Senior Vice President of the Public Interest Network, Zach refused to leave his adopted home state because of his commitment to the people of Arkansas.

Zach met the love of his life, Mary Mayeaux, while searching for ACORN volunteers in Louisiana. He and Mary raised their two sons Mark and David in Little Rock, and became the loving grandparents of Kian, Luka, Luna, and Vera. Zach's family and his chosen family of progressive organizers across America continue to feel the pain of his loss as a husband, father, grandfather, and leader. In his honor, we must continue his life's work to defend our democracy, build power from the ground up and steer our course towards a freer and more just future for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, last week I mistakenly voted Yea on Roll Call No. 191, passage of H.R. 2925, the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024. I intended to vote Nay. I regret the error.

I oppose H.R. 2925 and I voted against this legislation on February 6, 2024 in the House Natural Resources Committee.

TRIBUTE TO THE USS HORNET CV-12 ON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the USS *Hornet* CV-12, a ship served the US Navy during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

The predecessor aircraft carrier, USS *Hornet* CV-8 was known as "Shangri-La", the mysterious base from which Lt. Colonel James "Jimmy" Doolittle led the Doolittle Raiders, 21 B-25 bombers, on the Tokyo Raid on April 18, 1942.

In World War II, during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, on October 26, 1942, the USS *Hornet* CV-8, was attacked and sunk by Japanese dive bomber and torpedo planes with the loss of 140 of her 2,200 sailors. 21 aircraft went down with the ship.

A new Essex-class carrier was commissioned the USS *Hornet* CV-12 on November 29, 1943, 80 years ago.

The USS *Hornet* CV-12 joined the Pacific Fleet in 1944. Her first battle was a strike on the Palau Islands on March 30th 1944. After this, the USS *Hornet* CV-12 participated in almost every major naval engagement in the Pacific for the rest of the war, including the Battle of the Philippine Sea, the invasion of the Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

In WWII, in 18 months of combat operations, the aircraft that served on the USS *Hornet* CV-12 destroyed more Japanese aircraft than any other aircraft carrier—668 Japanese planes shot down, 742 Japanese planes destroyed on the ground, 1,269,710 tons of enemy ships sunk or heavily damaged. 73 ships sunk, 37 probable, and 413 damaged.

The USS *Hornet* CVS-12 served 3 tours at Yankee Station during the Vietnam War in the 1960s.

On July 24th, 1969, the USS *Hornet* CV-12 was the recovery ship for the Apollo 11 astronauts, hosting President Nixon as he welcomed back the first men to ever walk on the Moon.

On November 24th, 1969, the USS *Hornet* CVS-12 recovered the Apollo 12 astronauts.

The USS *Hornet* CVS-12 was decommissioned on June 30, 1970.

On her way to the scrapyard, the USS *Hornet* CVS-12 was saved and turned into a floating museum. She opened her doors on October 17, 1998, 25 years ago as the USS *Hornet* Sea, Air & Space Museum at the former Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda, California.

The USS *Hornet* Sea, Air & Space Museum now projects its power as an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the largest museum, research, and educational facility in the world.

Please join me as I salute the sailors who served on the USS *Hornet* CVS-12. I also thank those who now use the USS *Hornet* Sea, Air & Space Museum and its collections, exhibitions, and educational programming to promote awareness and understanding of history, science, technology, and service as a Smithsonian Affiliate. This historic ship has the unique opportunity to live on, welcoming visitors from across the country to learn about its 80-year legacy.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA MANUEL

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 unique contributions of one of my constituents, Barbara Manuel, who serves as a volunteer Board Member for the local non-profit, Brooksville Main Street. These outstanding volunteers put in hundreds of hours while running their businesses and organizations. They have all come together for a common cause—to serve the community by bringing much-loved events to downtown Brooksville. Each of these board members have servant hearts, and their dedication and commitment to our community is impressive. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Ms. Manuel and her fellow board members have made a profoundly posi-

tive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

RECOGNIZING GREY VALDEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Grey has overcome many challenges along their journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Grey, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Grey'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 Grey Valdez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING MAJOR VICTORIA C. MAYNARD

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Victoria Maynard for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow. Major Maynard will soon transition from the Army Congressional Budget Liaison Office to serve as a Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A native of Kentucky, Major Maynard was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps from the Morehead State University ROTC program. She earned a bachelor's degree in Geography from Morehead State University and a master's degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

Major Maynard has served in a broad range of assignments during her 14 years as an Army officer, including Platoon Leader and Battalion S6 in the 214th Fires Brigade at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Company Commander and Battalion S6 in the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky; a joint planner for NATO in Brunssum, Netherlands; Communications OIC to the USFOR-A Commander; and a Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer in the 102nd Signal Battalion in Wiesbaden, Germany.

She has also served two combat tours in Afghanistan and one humanitarian tour in Haiti.

I had the privilege of working directly with Tori who served as a fellow in my Capitol Hill office in 2022 as well as an Army Liaison this past year. Her professionalism, performance, and commitment to the mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and made a lasting impression on both Members of the United States Congress and their staff. Throughout her career, Major Maynard has made a positive impact on soldiers, peers and superiors alike.

On a personal level, I had the honor of meeting Major Maynard's husband, who, as with all American military families, shares her selfless commitment to our country. I want to thank her husband, Brian, for the sacrifices he has made in supporting Tori's service to our country as well as his own as an Army Officer.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Major Maynard during the second session of the 117th Congress. Our country has benefited from her extraordinary leadership, judgment and passion for the Army profession. It is with great appreciation that I recognize and commend Major Maynard for her service to our country and wish her all the best as she continues her service in the United States Army.

**CELEBRATING BERKELEY HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY**

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Berkeley Heights Police Department as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year.

The Berkeley Heights Police Department was established in 1924 with Chief Dominick Russo serving as the Township's first full-time police officer. A hundred years later, the department consists of 28 full-time officers and support staff committed to protecting the Berkeley Heights community and upholding the department's history and values. Their dedicated efforts have made Berkeley Heights one of New Jersey's most consistently safe municipalities.

I am proud that the 7th District is home to such committed individuals like the officers and staff of the Berkeley Heights Police Department. As the Police Department enters a new era in its history, I congratulate all who have helped it reach this notable milestone.

**HONORING FIVE LAFAYETTE PO-
LICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
FOR HEROIC ACTION IN THE
LINE OF DUTY**

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor five members of the Lafayette Police Department (LPD) for heroic actions in the line of duty.

For their united display of valor, Corporal Adam Bradford, Corporal Maverick Morvant, Officer Hali Bradford, Officer Alan Cortez, and Officer Raynard Ford have earned their designation as 2024 recipients of the National Association of Police Organizations' "TOP COP" award.

In the early morning of August 5, 2023, LPD Officers Bradford, Cortez, and Ford responded to a "Disturbance in Progress" call. As they arrived on scene, the officers heard a woman cry for help from within the residence. While attempting entry, the perpetrator forced the

door shut. Officer Ford promptly breached the door, discovering a young woman and two children, who the officers quickly evacuated. The perpetrator, who had retreated deeper into the residence, reappeared and opened fire on the officers without warning. Officer Bradford was targeted by the perpetrator, incurring injuries that left her paralyzed from the waist-down. Officers Cortez and Ford immediately returned fire with their service weapons, striking the perpetrator multiple times. Meanwhile, Officer Cortez stepped forward to draw fire from Officer Bradford, sustaining gunshot wounds in the process.

While bleeding heavily and fighting to remain conscious, Officer Bradford dutifully withdrew from the line of fire, drew her service weapon, and communicated her condition to her colleagues. Still under fire, Officer Ford left cover and rushed to Officer Bradford's aid, dragging her further to safety. LPD Corporal Bradford and Corporal Morvant then arrived on scene, assuming aid of Officer Bradford. With a determination that she could not wait for an ambulance, they placed Officer Bradford in a service vehicle. As Corporal Morvant drove, Corporal Bradford administered first aid. They reached a nearby hospital in just three minutes, where she underwent lifesaving surgery.

This lifesaving outcome, despite extraordinarily adverse circumstances, is a credit to the heroism, professionalism, and teamwork of these five police officers. Scripture tells us, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Without hesitation, these officers demonstrated such a commitment, in defense of our community and one other. This is emblematic of the very finest of the Thin Blue Line.

On behalf of Louisiana's 3rd District, I ask the blessings of our Lord upon Corporal Bradford, Corporal Morvant, Officer Bradford, Officer Cortez, and Officer Ford for their service and sacrifice. God bless them one and all.

**HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE USS HORNET SEA,
AIR & SPACE MUSEUM**

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the USS *Hornet* Sea, Air & Space Museum in Alameda, California. The USS *Hornet* is an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum, education, and research complex, dedicated to the increase and diffusion of knowledge.

The museum is housed in the aircraft carrier USS *Hornet*, CV-12 which was part of the U.S. Navy's offensive force in the Pacific theater during World War II. Along with the anniversary of the museum, we are also celebrating the 80th anniversary of the commissioning of this historic ship. The USS *Hornet* saw fierce action during World War II, as well as serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars. The ship was decommissioned in 1970 and turned into a museum, which first opened in 1998.

The ship is moored permanently at the former Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda,

California, overlooking the San Francisco Bay. Visitors can see how the crew ate, lived, slept, and worked during their time aboard the ship.

Visitors can explore the flight deck, hangar deck, and first deck on self-guided tours. Documented tours take visitors to the ship's navigation and flight deck control areas, as well as into engineering spaces that hold two of the four ship's propulsion turbines.

In addition to the historic ship itself, there are vintage military aircraft on display, including exhibits from NASA's Apollo missions 11 and 12. The *Hornet* served as the primary recovery ship for Apollo 11, picking up astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins upon their return from the moon following their splashdown in the Pacific Ocean. The Apollo Block 1 Command Module is on a special loan from Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

The *Hornet* also has a STEM to Stern Program, where students can learn how science, technology, engineering, and mathematics apply to the operational functions of a World War II aircraft carrier. This program offers a perspective on modern technology by offering a comparison to the past.

On June 1, 2017, the Smithsonian Institution added the USS *Hornet* Sea, Air & Space Museum as an affiliate. This allowed the *Hornet* to share objects for display and work together to enhance the experience of museumgoers.

The USS *Hornet* Museum is now one of 216 organizations in 46 states, as well as Puerto Rico and Panama, that are part of the Smithsonian's affiliate program. The affiliate program will allow the *Hornet* to share objects for display, facilitate co-branding, and professional development of staff.

Please join me as I recognize the 25th anniversary of this beloved museum, as well as the staff and volunteers who serve on it. This Veteran's Day, the USS *Hornet* Sea, Air & Space Museum will open its doors to members of the community for free in honor of the occasion. Its collections, exhibitions, and educational programming will promote awareness and understanding of history, science, technology, and service as a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIE WILLIAMS

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 unique contributions of one of my constituents, Christie Williams, who serves as a volunteer Board Member for the local non-profit, Brooksville Main Street. These outstanding volunteers put in hundreds of hours while running their businesses and organizations. They have all come together for a common cause—to serve the community by bringing much-loved events to downtown Brooksville. Each of these board members have servant hearts, and their dedication and commitment to our community is impressive. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.