

RECOGNIZING RONIN MARASCO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

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

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

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

RECOGNIZING OFFICER KENNETH KORCHAK

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of one of my constituents, Officer Kenneth Korchak, of the Port Richey Police Department. Officer Korchak started his career at the Port Richey Police Department as a part-time Telecommunicator. He had already attended and graduated from the law enforcement academy and was subsequently hired as a Reserve Officer in addition to his telecommunicator duties. Officer Korchak volunteered to work patrol whenever Patrol Supervisors requested coverage for a shift. His work ethic and proactive mindset resulted in him being hired as a full-time Officer. After being promoted, he volunteered for dual duties whenever Telecommunicator coverage was needed. Officer Korchak put the agency's needs ahead of his desire to work as a Patrol Officer. He also has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to professional development, as evidenced by his participation in coursework to continually refine his skill set. Officer Korchak is one of the most proactive officers in the agency, and this is reflected in agency's monthly statistical data.

These are just a few examples of the hard work, dedication, eagerness to help, and servant leadership that Officer Korchak exhibits every day when he comes to work. He is a shining example of what it means to be a Port Richey Law Enforcement Officer. His work ethic should be a benchmark for which other first responders should strive to attain. It is evident that Officer Korchak has made a profoundly positive impact on our community and is qualified to be recognized as a First Responder of the Year for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

HONORING MARK ALAN BURROUGHS, SR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary life and legacy of former Denton Mayor, Mark Alan Burroughs, Sr. His recent, sudden passing has left a void in the hearts of many, but the imprint of his life has left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mayor Burroughs was not only a public servant; he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, esteemed attorney, and cherished friend. Born November 3, 1957, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mayor Burroughs' journey led him to become a pillar of the Denton community. As the second of seven children, Mayor Burroughs attended Klein High School in Klein, TX. He then attended Stephen F. Austin State University, in Nacogdoches, TX, honing the political and leadership skills the Mayor would later rely on by serving as SFA's Student Body President.

After earning his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1982, Mayor Burroughs briefly practiced ad valorem property tax in the Houston area, then joined a Fort Worth firm, working as defense counsel for federal contractors across the United States and as managing partner of Huke & Burroughs, P.C. In 1994, he partnered with Greg J. Sawko and established Sawko & Burroughs P.C. It was at this point that Mayor Burroughs' influence and leadership began shaping Denton's future that I honor today.

Beyond his legal practice, Mayor Burroughs devoted himself to a variety of civic endeavors, serving on numerous local boards and volunteering with several charitable organizations. Known for his active engagement and diligence on the boards he served, at the time of his passing, he was the sitting Board Chair of the Medical City Denton Hospital Board, Solutions of North Texas, Denton State Assisted Living Center Volunteer Services Council and the Denton Public School Foundation. His broad legacy of community leadership extended much further, heading the Greater Denton Arts Council and serving on the boards of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, Denton Humanitarian Association, CASA of Denton County, DISD Adopt-A-School, State Bar of Texas' Pro Bono College, Denton Business and Education Coalition, the Denton Teen Court and as Past President and active member of the Denton Rotary Club and the Denton Chamber of Commerce. The Denton Chamber recognized his numerous impacts in 2016 with its highest honor, the Otis L. Fowler Award.

As engaged as he was with community organizations, it was in his role as a public servant that Mayor Burroughs truly excelled. He was elected and served three 2-year terms on the Denton City Council as a Member at Large, during which his colleagues appointed him Mayor Pro Tem. In 2008 he was elected Mayor of the City of Denton, serving from 2008 to 2014. In this capacity he effectively led a divided council to invest in not only City assets such as the Denton Regional Airport and Denton Municipal Electric, but also in the infrastructure and other needs of a community

that added over 30,000 residents during his tenure on the Denton City Council.

The reach of his public service extended beyond the city limits through his national and regional affiliations. He held memberships in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities and Metroplex Mayors Association and served as Secretary for the Western Metroplex Mobility Coalition. Arguably, it was through his influence outside Denton that his impact benefited the city to the greatest degree. As Chair of the North Central Texas Council of Government Regional Transportation Council and service on the boards of TEX-21 Transportation Excellence, the North Texas Commission and DFW Partners in Mobility, he developed significant connections and influence as an advocate for the Phase I expansion of I-35E, which began in 2013.

Through all of his affiliations and accomplishments, Mayor Burroughs never took his privilege serve for granted, recognizing that the opportunity was provided by the people he was elected to represent. Above all though, Mayor Burroughs cherished his family. His love for his wife, Diana "Annie" McKee Burroughs, their children, Madeline and Mark Jr., and grandson, Greyson knew no bounds. His devotion to his family was evident in every aspect of his life.

As we mourn the loss of Mayor Burroughs, let us also celebrate the remarkable life and profound impact he had on our lives. Through his humor, diplomacy, and the legacy of love, integrity, and service, his inspiring spirit remains as a guide to a brighter future for generations to come.

HONORING DR. YA LAN CHIEN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Ya Lan Chien, a Taiwanese American who holds a Ph.D. from National Taiwan University, is a prominent figure in Florida's Taiwanese community. As the president of the Taiwanese American Association of Greater Orlando, she is deeply committed to fostering unity, community bonds, and cultural understanding.

Dr. Chien is also known for her altruism, serving as an executive member of the Florida Taiwanese Emergency Assistance Association for seven years. Additionally, she holds executive positions in the Global Federation of Chinese Business Women Orlando. Since relocating to the U.S., Dr. Chien has been a tireless advocate for cultural exchange and environmental stewardship. In 2019, she led Team Taiwan's adoption of South Econ Community Park, a project that not only enhances local green spaces but also serves as a gathering point for community engagement and cultural activities. Through her leadership, the park has become a symbol of the Taiwanese community's dedication to environmental and social well-being in Florida's Ninth Congressional District.

Dr. Chien's efforts extend beyond environmental initiatives. She is also passionate

about integrating Taiwanese cultural values into the broader American fabric. By organizing cultural events and educational programs, she strives to bridge the gap between Taiwanese traditions and American society, enriching the multicultural landscape of Central Florida and enhancing Taiwanese-American visibility and integration.

Balancing her influential public endeavors with her roles as a devoted mother to two daughters and partner to her supportive husband, Dr. Chien embodies the resilience, generosity, and communal spirit of the Taiwanese American community. Her enduring dedication makes her a commendable honoree during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, underscoring her significant impact on community cohesion and cultural understanding.

RECOGNIZING RAIN OLLENBERGER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of one of my constituents, Critical Care Paramedic Rain Ollenberger, of Hernando County MedFleet. Paramedic Ollenberger has been a shining example of excellence since arriving at MedFleet Ambulance. Although a relatively new Paramedic, Ollenberger has developed a wealth of knowledge and shows a level of expertise in the profession of critical care paramedicine. Paramedic Ollenberger consistently delivers top-notch care to those in need and her advanced skills and quick thinking have undoubtedly made a difference in the patients she has transported. Paramedic Ollenberger's dedication to ongoing professional development sets her apart as a leader in her field. Whether she is participating in advanced medical training or sharing her knowledge with colleagues, her passion for excellence is evident in everything she does. Her compassion, skill, and unwavering commitment to providing the best possible care makes her a true asset to the team and the communities they serve. Paramedic Ollenberger has been tasked with mentoring new paramedics and EMTs as a field training officer and continues to have outstanding reviews with excellent overall development of trainees.

These are just a few examples of the hard work, dedication, eagerness to help, and servant leadership that Paramedic Ollenberger exhibits every day when she goes to work. She is a shining example of what it means to be a First Responder. Her work ethic should be a benchmark for which other first responders should strive to attain. It is evident that Paramedic Ollenberger has made a profoundly positive impact on our community and is qualified to be recognized as a First Responder of the Year for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN SLABY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

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

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

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

HONORING DAVID B. COMBS

HON. BRANDON WILLIAMS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Army veteran and former Police Chief, David B. Combs for his distinguished career of service.

David was born in Rome, New York, to the late Vaughn and Edna Combs. He attended Rome schools and graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1967. Shortly after graduation, David enlisted in the United States Army. After basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he went to Fort Gordon, Georgia where he trained as a telephone lineman. Upon graduation, David was assigned to A Company, 37th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade in Vietnam where he installed and maintained telephones and telephone lines in military installations throughout DaNang and the surrounding area. After working with that battalion for 18 months, David returned to Fort Bragg NC where he completed his tour at the rank of Sgt. E-5. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the New York State Medal for Merit.

After receiving an honorable discharge, David continued his service to the community by joining the Rome Police Department. He began his career in July 1971 as a patrolman and was promoted through every uniform rank, retiring as Chief of Police in 1993.

Apart from his personal military service, David designed and constructed over 60 flag boxes which were presented to each member of the 174th Fighter Wing upon their return from Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. For this selfless act, David received a Certificate of Appreciation from the commander of the squadron.

Additionally, David is a member of the Rome VFW Post 2246 and a member and officer of the Lee Center American Legion Post 1794. David is also a member of the Rome Coin Club, the Point Rock Gun Club, the Lee Center Gun Club, the Rome Police and Fire Department Retirees Group and the Lake Delta Kiwanis.

On behalf of New York's 22nd District, I am pleased to recognize the service and accomplishments of David B. Combs and thank him for his dedication to our country and community.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4510, the NTIA Reauthorization Act, bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), update the statutory mission and policy of the agency, authorize certain offices and activities of the agency, and provide greater Congressional oversight of the NTIA. H.R. 4510 also contains two bills I introduced regarding Cybersecurity, the Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act, and the American Cybersecurity Literacy Act.

THE UNDERSTANDING CYBERSECURITY OF MOBILE NETWORKS ACT

Every day Americans make calls, send texts, and access data on 2G, 3G, and 4G networks, yet we lack a comprehensive assessment of what vulnerabilities exist on these networks, what issues have been resolved, and where mobile cybersecurity policymaking should be focused. Since cellphones became common in the 1990s, government agencies, academics, think tanks, industry associations, and independent researchers have discovered various Cybersecurity vulnerabilities in our wireless networks. Wireless network companies, mobile device manufacturers, and other companies have responded to many of these vulnerabilities, but recent cybersecurity developments depict that vulnerabilities continue to exist in mobile cybersecurity. For example, Stingray's cell site simulators continue to intercept calls, texts, and mobile data of unwitting victims; SIM swaps are increasing as a means of identity fraud; and mobile spyware made by NSO Group and others have threatened the safety of journalists, activists, dissidents, and government officials around the globe. In each of these instances companies have taken certain actions to mitigate threats, but we lack a sophisticated, comprehensive, and independent assessment of what vulnerabilities persist, what issues have been resolved, and where mobile cybersecurity policymaking should be focused.

The Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act solves this lack of information. The legislation requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to conduct a comprehensive study on the cybersecurity vulnerabilities of our 2G, 3G, and 4G networks.

Specifically, the study will include an assessment of responses to known vulnerabilities and deployment of best practices, an estimate of the prevalence of effective encryption and authentication techniques,