

Chief Executive Officer of Junior Achievement, Jack continues to lead the organization with the same drive for excellence and impact that he has strived for throughout his career.

In addition to his roles at Junior Achievement, Jack was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve a two-year term on the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy in January 2008. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Achievement Foundation, is a past member of the United States Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and serves on the Council on Competitiveness' Learn to Compete Commission. Jack has also been named a Trustee of America's Promise Alliance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring and celebrating Jack Kosakowski for his fifty years of distinguished leadership and service to the youth in the Pikes Peak region, the United States of America, and around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 211.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK DUDKIEWICZ

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, Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Dudkiewicz, of the Pasco County Fire Department. On May 25, 2023, and again on June 1, 2023, while off-duty and working out at a local CrossFit gym, Firefighter Paramedic Patrick Dudkiewicz sprang into action to provide life-saving care to two individuals experiencing cardiac arrest. Firefighter/Paramedic Dudkiewicz performed Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and applied an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). In each instance, he successfully obtained Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) prior to the arrival of Fire Rescue. These actions not only saved the lives of two community members, but also serve as a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and readiness of Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Dudkiewicz. Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Dudkiewicz's actions highlight the importance of hands-only CPR, a simple yet effective technique that can be the difference between life and death in the event of cardiac arrest. His actions also serve as a powerful reminder of the critical role that first responders play in our communities and the lives that they save every day.

These are just two examples of the hard work, dedication, eagerness to help, and servant leadership that Firefighter/Paramedic Dudkiewicz exhibits every day when he goes to work. He is a shining example of what it means to be a Pasco County First Responder.

His work ethic should be a benchmark for which other first responders should strive to attain. It is evident that Firefighter/Paramedic Dudkiewicz 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 KANNAN SRINIVASAN 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, Kannan Srinivasan is a former president of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Central Florida. He served in the chamber for six years as a board member and advisor. He is an accomplished leader, entrepreneur, and tech executive with over 30 years of information technology experience. He is a visionary community leader with years of experience in technology, sourcing, non-profit management, and strategic planning. His career is hallmarked by exceptional leadership, relationship building, and creative thinking.

As the founder and CEO of Global KTech, he grew the company from scratch into one of the leading tech staffing companies in Central Florida. Kannan served on the board of Orlando Economic Partnership and on the leadership committee for the National Entrepreneur Center. He also served as president and board member of Tamil Sangam (MSCF) of Central Florida. In 2012, he cofounded the MSCF Charity, which has given more than 350 educational scholarships to underprivileged students in India and Central Florida. Kannan currently serves as a member of the Steering Committee of UCF's India Center and is a board member of Shakthi US, an organization that helps survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse with a focus on Central Florida's South Asian community. He is a life-long volunteer at the Hindu Society of Central Florida and a proud Rotarian.

His leadership was recognized by the Orlando Sentinel, which named him Central Florida 100—one of the 100 most influential leaders in Central Florida. In 1991, Kannan immigrated to Central Florida from India. He is a proud alumnus of the University of Central Florida, where he received his master's in computer engineering. He lives with his wife, Dr. Anita Ekambaram, and their twin daughters.

RECOGNIZING LUKAS CLEVINGER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

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

Lukas has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perse-

verance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Lukas, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Lukas'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 Lukas Clevenger on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING EFFORTS TO DESIGNATE A "NATIONAL ROOFING WEEK"

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association, headquartered in Rosemont, Illinois, and its efforts to designate the week of June 2–8, 2024, as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow, or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing-related businesses and workers across the country, as well as the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance quality roofing has on every home and business in the U.S.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the Nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members who represent the entire roofing supply chain. Using its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures in America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hardworking individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 2–8 by supporting numerous charitable projects, employee training programs and other activities across the Nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING RETIRED MARINE BURTON RAY GIGOUX

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor retired Marine Burton

Ray Gigoux for his selfless dedication to our country and his lifelong commitment to serving communities across Montana. On December 23, 2023, Burt, as his friends called him, went home to his Lord and Savior after a courageous battle with cancer. However, this extraordinary Montanan left a legacy that continues to inspire all of us today.

Since graduating High School, Burt has lived a life dedicated to public service, which led him to bravely answer the call of duty to serve in the United States Marine Corps. Following his courageous service in the Marine Corps, Burt married Anita, who became his lifelong partner in all his endeavors. After marrying, they both moved to Billings, Montana, where they had their son, David. Since moving to Billings, Burt, and Anita dedicated their time to serving veterans across the Treasure State. Burt's dream was to have a national veteran's cemetery in Yellowstone County, a land he found fitting as a final resting place for our Nation's finest men and women.

After persuading the county commissioners to join in his efforts, legislation was introduced in the Montana Legislature to establish the Yellowstone County Veteran's Cemetery, and it was approved. Burt's determination was enough to give the veterans of Yellowstone County a rightful resting place deserving of their accomplishments. However, Burt kept pushing to make it a national cemetery. After nearly a decade of convincing the VA, with all the odds stacked against him, his efforts were rewarded on Memorial Day in 2014, when the U.S. Undersecretary of the VA dedicated the Yellowstone County Veteran's Cemetery to national status. Thanks to Burt, Yellowstone National Cemetery is now the resting place of our Nation's finest heroes in Montana.

In addition, Burt proudly assisted 750 WWII veterans in visiting their national monument here in Washington, D.C. Through these actions and more, Burton Ray Gigoux left a lasting legacy and serves as an example to us all. May God bless the Gigoux family as they mourn the passing of this true hero.

It is a privilege to recognize his accomplishments and his lifelong service to our country in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN MARKFORD

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, Firefighter/Paramedic Steven Matthew "Steve" Markford, of the Hernando County Fire Department. Firefighter/Paramedic Markford was selected for this honor by his peers because he has made many significant contributions to the Department during the past year. Furthermore, throughout his 12-year tenure with the Department, he has demonstrated superior abilities when responding to a wide variety of emergency incidents. Because of his steady leadership, impressive skill and relentless mentorship of new recruits, Firefighter/Paramedic Markford has advanced to his current rank of Driver-Engineer.

These are just a few examples of the hard work, dedication, eagerness to help, and serv-

ant leadership that Firefighter/Paramedic Markford exhibits every day when he goes to work. He is a shining example of what it means to be a Hernando County First Responder. His work ethic should be a benchmark for which other first responders should strive to attain. It is evident that Firefighter/Paramedic Markford 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 LIN LIN 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, Lin Lin was born in Northeast China and came to the United States in 2002. She is a certified public accountant with more than 18 years of experience in financial leadership. The last 14 years of her career have been with Orlando Health. During Lin's remarkable professional career, she has managed large-scale projects in healthcare and developed consistent processes in finance, operations, budgets, and forecasts. She is currently the senior director of finance at Orlando Health St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Florida. Previously, she was a senior auditor at Vesel & Wiler, CPAs in Orlando, Florida.

After earning her Bachelor of Arts in International Tourism Management at the University of North London, London, United Kingdom, Lin earned a Master of Science in Accounting at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, where she remains an active UCF Alumni member.

Lin is fluent in English and Chinese. She is an active mentor of other financial health care professionals and has managed many interns and promoted their development in finance.

Lin is a member of the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). She is also a member of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce for Orlando, Florida. Lin is a community volunteer with the Adult Literacy League, helping Central Floridians to become thriving members of the community. Lin also gives her time to volunteer at Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Florida, providing a range of accommodation facilities to more than 75,000 children and families suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

RECOGNIZING OLIVIA MACIAS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

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

Olivia has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perse-

verance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Olivia, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Olivia'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 Olivia Macias on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I mistakenly voted Yea on Roll Call No. 202, passage of H. Res. 1210, the Resolution "Condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result."

I intended to vote Nay, as I've consistently done on similar politically-charged, non-binding resolutions that play politics instead of work to achieve a bipartisan solution to the border. I regret the error.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF ZELL STEEVER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a great environmental champion from southeastern Connecticut whom we lost recently, Mr. E. Zell Steever, V. A fierce advocate for climate resilience and sustainability policy, Zell spent his career in ecology and biology, serving as Director of Water and Related Resources at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, along with other roles in water resources protection and management at agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His decade-spanning support for environmental conservation and dedication to robust civic participation has been instrumental in the great strides our State has taken to realize a sustainable, climate-resilient future.

Zell began life with his family in Noank, Connecticut, where he settled after graduating from the University of Connecticut. He attended graduate school at Connecticut College, studying the local coastal salt marsh ecosystem and building a repository of evidence of the importance of healthy wetlands to fisheries, one of southeastern Connecticut's mainstay professions. In his free time, Zell was frequently seen sailing up and down the Long Island Sound, designing and renovating homes, and building Aleutian kayaks.

Zell's impact has reached far beyond the limits of Eastern Connecticut, as he held multiple national level positions. He advised President Nixon as a staff member of the President's Council on Environmental Equality. In