

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BRYAN MCNEAL

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bryan McNeal of Rockwall, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Bryan has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Bryan was born in Dallas, Texas, and grew up near White Rock Lake. His passion for sports and leading his team to victory inspired him to pursue an opportunity to serve our country. After attending college for one year, Bryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1991. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune, where he helped develop a program to track the status of military investigations and court martials. In recognition of his important work and efforts, Bryan was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. Moreover, Bryan served as a volunteer firefighter in Hubert, North Carolina. During this time, he helped save a family from a house fire and assisted the North Carolina Forest Service in protecting a neighborhood from wildfire. As a result, Bryan became one of the first Marines to receive the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his dedication to service beyond the Marine Corps.

When he retired from the Marines as a Gunnery Sergeant, Bryan continued to be an active member of our community. He helped raised over \$500,000 for veterans' causes to help disabled veterans purchase prosthetics. With his help, one disabled Marine was even able to complete a 5k run with a new pair of motorized legs. Additionally, Bryan served as the Toys for Tots Coordinator for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where he led efforts to provide gifts to underprivileged children during the holiday season. I am proud of the work Bryan has accomplished, and I am certain he will continue to make a positive impact on our community for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Bryan with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING KAYLA COOLEY

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

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

Kayla has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to

make the most of their education, like Kayla, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kayla's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Ralston Valley High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELAY FOR LIFE OF CANTON AND PLYMOUTH

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Relay for Life event of Canton and Plymouth on the 25th anniversary of their efforts in the fight against cancer. The contributions that it has made to the Canton and Plymouth communities and in support of cancer research are worthy of commendation.

Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt decided to raise money for the American Cancer Society (ACS) by walking around a track for 24 hours. Since then, Relay for Life has grown to over 5,000 annual events across the globe, raising over \$5 billion in support of the ACS and cancer research, including in Canton and Plymouth, Michigan. Relay for Life brings together survivors, caregivers, and other community members to celebrate survivors, honor those who have lost the battle against cancer, and fight back against cancer as a united community. Today, Relay for Life is the largest annual not-for-profit fundraising event in the world, thanks in part to the efforts of the Canton and Plymouth Relay for Life.

Since 1999, the Canton and Plymouth communities have been participating in the ACS Relay for Life event, and they have helped the ACS fund over \$80.52 million in cancer research in Michigan and support more than 3.2 million cancer patients and their families. The success of Relay for Life would not be possible without the many community members and organizations that support it. The Relay for Life hosts numerous fundraising events a year at community institutions, and many community businesses support the Relay for Life of Plymouth and Canton. Along with dozens of fundraising teams and hundreds of participants, the Relay for Life of Plymouth and Canton has become a staple of support and service for the community.

Dedicated to ending cancer as we know it and fighting for all who have been touched by cancer, Relay for Life of Canton and Plymouth has shown its commitment to supporting the community throughout the past 25 years. By funding 147 cancer researchers, aiding in resources for patients and caregivers, and bringing together a community of those touched by cancer, this event has commendably united

and served the community. Relay for Life knows that everyone deserves to live a life without cancer and fights daily to make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Relay for Life of Canton and Plymouth and the contributions it has made to the fight against cancer. For the last 25 years, the event has brought together the Canton and Plymouth communities in support of the common goal to end cancer. Thanks to the efforts of all participants and volunteers, millions of dollars have been raised to fund cancer research in Michigan and support countless patients and families during their battles with cancer. We thank Relay for Life of Canton and Plymouth for its service to Michigan and are excited to see how the event continues serving the community.

HONORING THE RADCLIFF CENTER

**HON. RASHIDA TLAI**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the Radcliff Center, Garden City's recreation hub, as they celebrate the grand opening of their newly renovated space and newest facilities, the Teen Tech Room and the E-Sports Arena.

The Radcliff Center is a place where a community can thrive with no bounds. The extensive resources the Center offers, along with the events it hosts, cater to all ages and numerous interests, making for an incredible place where residents can come together socially. Additionally, the center houses community support resources such as the Food Pantry, Tax Assistance, and Veteran Services. These services are the backbone of the community. But, most importantly, they ensure that our residents feel comfortable and cared for.

The Radcliff Center is proud to debut these new spaces to the public to increase community engagement and social reach. The Teen Tech Room serves as a gateway for teens to come together and establish peer-to-peer connections. Likewise, the E-Sports Arena strives to accomplish the same goals within the bounds of electronic sports.

Please join me and the 12th Congressional District in celebrating the opening of Garden City's revamped Radcliff Center and its two newest resources.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT CHRIS DORWARD

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Chris Dorward of Rockwall,

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Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Chris has dedicated himself to faithfully serving and protecting our community and country.

From 2000 to 2004, Chris served in the United States Marine Corps as a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defense Specialist and deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Along with his unit, Chris received the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in action. Upon returning home, he joined the Dallas Police Department and served with its Narcotics Division as a detective. During the execution of a search warrant, Chris stepped into the line of fire to suppress an assailant and protect two fallen detectives until they could be extracted. For his outstanding actions, he was awarded the Medal of Valor, one of the highest awards a police officer can receive.

In 2016, Chris began a career in real estate with a focus on his clients and helping fellow agents succeed. In his first year, he was named the Keller Williams Rookie of the Year for his exceptional performance and has continued to be a Top Producer. In addition to his real estate career, Chris is passionate about helping fellow veterans with PTSD and undiagnosed traumatic brain injuries. He co-founded the Texas Valor Project, a nonprofit that works to fund treatments for veterans and first responders who are affected by TBI. In only two years, it raised over \$500,000 to support the men and women who served our country. I am proud of the work Chris has accomplished, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on our community for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Chris with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING JAXON CARLSON

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

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

Jaxon 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 Jaxon, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Jaxon's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

#### COMMEMORATING ARMED FORCES DAY AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

#### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of our brave men and women for Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024. Armed Forces Day is a seventy-four-year tradition to thank all of those who are currently serving, as well as those who have served and sacrificed to defend our freedom. It is because of their duty, honor, and courage that the United States of America remains free today.

This Saturday, the Western New York Armed Forces Committee will honor twelve service men and women at its 61st Military Ball, and it is my honor to include in the RECORD their names as a tribute to their service, and the service of their brothers and sisters in arms:

Staff Sergeant Martin Gutierrez—U.S. ARMY

Staff Sergeant Richard Hy—U.S. ARMY RESERVE

Technical Sergeant Andrew D. Lindaman—U.S. AIR FORCE

Technical Sergeant Brian P. Nosbisch—U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE

Sergeant Ruby D. Wingo—NEW YORK ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Master Sergeant Seth D. Sampson—NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD

Specialist Jazon Krauze—NEW YORK GUARD

Sergeant Tiffany Nowicki—U.S. MARINE CORPS

Staff Sergeant Landon Suber—U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Petty Officer First Class Pierce Schrecengast—U.S. COAST GUARD

Petty Officer First Class Nolan M. Kinne—U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVES

Lance Corporal James J. Ward—NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA

Western New York and the Southern Tier are home to many proud service members and veterans, and our community has a long and proud tradition of military service. It is my honor to recognize their bravery. On behalf of the United States Congress and the constituents of New York's 23rd Congressional District, I thank these men and women for their service and all those who continue to serve with them.

#### RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN TOM CRAMBLETT

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Captain Tom Cramblett for his 41 years of service on the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler and designate May 30th as Captain Tom Day in Cascade Locks.

Tom has been part of the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler community from the beginning.

As a young man, Tom first saw the Sternwheeler as she was being constructed by the Nichols Brothers in Hood River. He was aboard on her maiden voyage in 1983, serving as a deckhand. Before long, Tom was promoted to engineer and within a couple years became captain.

With Captain Tom at the tiller, generations of guests have delighted at the Columbia River Gorge from the deck of the Sternwheeler, learning about the Gorge's history from Captain Tom.

Tom's understanding of the region is steeped in his reverence for its history and its people. A noted expert on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Tom addressed a room full of historians at the Corps of Discovery's 200-year anniversary celebration as it passed through Cascade Locks in 2004.

Tom's own family history stretches back five generations in Cascade Locks. His great-grandfather operated a wood scow, supplying sternwheelers with fuelwood cut from local forests.

Earlier this year, Captain Tom and his crewmember George valiantly saved the Sternwheeler after it broke from its moorings during a winter storm. They boarded the ship from a footbridge over the old locks where the boat had drifted and become lodged. Facing almost certain destruction, Tom piloted the ship away from hazard and downriver through the wind and roiling swell to safety below the Bonneville Locks.

Broader than the Sternwheeler, Tom's commitment to the town of Cascade Locks is legendary. A man of many hats, Tom served as town mayor for eight years, coached youth sports, led the Boy Scouts, acted as the town's Santa Claus, and volunteered at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum.

Tom and his wife Brenda married in 1982, and have two sons, Jared and Scott, who are both in the National Guard. Scott has his captain's license and serves as engineer on the Portland Spirit.

Tom has also trained a number of captains now operating on the Columbia River, and currently works part time on the Port of Cascade Locks' maintenance crew, working to keep Marine Park beautiful and available to the public.

A true living legend, we designate May 30th as Captain Tom Day, in light of his contributions and decades of service to the Cascade Locks community.

#### CONGRATULATING PATRICIA "PATTI CAKES" BALDI ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE WEIRS DRIVE-IN THEATER

#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Patricia "Patti Cakes" Baldi, who is being honored today for her retirement from running the iconic Weirs Drive-in Theater in Laconia, NH. While the Drive-in has been in operation since 1949, Patti Cakes purchased the property in 1974 and has since played an active part in continuing the theater's success. Throughout her career, Patti Cakes has been essential in adding three additional screens to