

the theater as well as guiding her business through a global pandemic.

Since purchasing the Weirs Drive-in Theater, Patti Cakes and her team have cemented the theater's status as a staple attraction of the Lakes Region. Whether they came to see a summer blockbuster or participate in a community event, countless families from across the Granite State and beyond will forever cherish the memories they made at Weirs Drive-in Theater.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Patti Cakes for the decades of entertainment and memories that she has provided to our community. I congratulate her again on her incredible career and I thank her for all that she has done to make our state such a wonderful place to live.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BOB AMICK

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

Bob was born on August 21, 1939, in Gauley Bridge, West Virginia. He attended Gordon Military College and graduated from Marshall University with a BBA in banking and finance. Afterwards, Bob commissioned into the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he served as the Commander of the Special Forces A Detachment and a company of Army Patrol Boats. He was also the Military Police Battalion Commander at Fort McClellan and held numerous leadership positions. For his outstanding service, Bob received numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and two Gallantry Crosses with Palm from the former South Vietnamese government.

After he retired from the military in 1984, Bob served as the Director of Security, Director of Ethics, and Director of Plant Management for Raytheon for many years. In September 1999, Bob co-founded ComCept and served as its Vice President of Operations until his retirement in 2002. Along with his beloved wife Sandy, he co-founded Band of Brothers, Sisters, & Friends to support veterans and their families. The group currently has over 290 team members who are committed to uplifting the men and women who served our country. Bob credits much of his success and guidance in life to Sandy. Together, they raised two wonderful children and have one grandchild. I am proud to call Bob a good friend of mine, 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 Bob with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING ANNETTE ALAZAE REYES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

It is my honor to congratulate Annette Alazae Reyes on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on May 15, 2024, I missed Roll Call votes No. 198, No. 199, No. 200, No. 201, No. 202, No. 203, No. 204, No. 205, No. 206, No. 207, No. 208, No. 209, No. 210, No. 211, and No. 212 on the floor of the House of Representatives. I was temporarily ill and unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call votes No. 200, No. 203, No. 204, No. 205, No. 206, No. 207, No. 208, No. 209, No. 210, No. 211, and No. 212. I would have voted NO on Roll Call votes No. 198, No. 199, No. 201, and No. 202.

CELEBRATING DR. RACHAEL MAHMOOD, THE 2024 ILLINOIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate an educator from Aurora, Illinois. Dr. Rachael Mahmood, a fifth-grade teacher in Indian Prairie School District 204 at Georgetown Elementary School, was named the 2024 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Mahmood has taught in her district since 2005 and came to Georgetown Elementary School in 2015. Dr. Mahmood was selected from a group of 13 finalists from across the state and is the first person from Indian Prairie School District 204 to be chosen as Illinois Teacher of the Year.

As the daughter of a Russian mother and an Indian father, Dr. Mahmood found her passion for teaching by overcoming obstacles she faced as a mixed-race student. Her dedication to service, education, and equity has allowed her to make a lasting impact on the lives of her students—whether it be helping them suc-

ceed in their studies or achieve their extracurricular goals.

Dr. Mahmood has also become an indispensable leader beyond the classroom, pioneering various cultural and social initiatives to create an inclusive environment where students can connect with their peers. As one administrator notes, she "embodies the qualities of an exceptional educator and inspiring leader."

At the end of the 2023–2024 school year, Dr. Mahmood will go on sabbatical, touring schools around the state of Illinois and sharing some of her valuable insight with her fellow educators.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Rachael Mahmood on being named Illinois Teacher of the Year and thank her for her commitment to improving education for young people in the Aurora community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOOD

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the second series on May 15.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 201; YEA on Roll Call No. 202; YEA on Roll Call No. 203; YEA on Roll Call No. 204; NAY on Roll Call No. 205; NAY on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; NAY on Roll Call No. 209; NAY on Roll Call No. 210; NAY on Roll Call No. 211; and NAY on Roll Call No. 212.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT JEFF SKINNER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

Jeff was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1981. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1999, where he served as a Field Radio Operator during the Global War on Terrorism. Along with his unit, Jeff was involved in numerous successful combat missions. Most notably, he participated in the longest amphibious airfield seizure in Marine Corps history at Camp Rhino, Afghanistan, and was one of the first Marines to enter Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his service, Jeff received numerous awards, including the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze campaign stars, and Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars.

In September 2003, Jeff was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps. He currently operates Black Level AV, a small business that specializes in delivering elite audio and visual technology for North Texans. Jeff is

also actively involved in our community and is passionate about youth mentorship. He currently serves as the Public Affairs Officer for the CWO2 James Randolph Marine Corps League and is the Public Relations Officer for the Lake Ray Hubbard Young Marines. Jeff also led the charge to bring Toys for Tots to Rockwall and is involved with the Youth Leadership Symposium. As such, the Marine Corps League has recognized him as Marine of the Year for his contributions to the League and our community. I am proud of the work Jeff has accomplished, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us for many years to come.

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

RECOGNIZING CAMI WILLIAMS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, 2024, I was attending to matters outside of DC and could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 218.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROSE M. SCHWARTZ

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rose M. Schwartz, an exceptional woman whose contributions during World War II exemplify the resilience and dedication of the Greatest Generation. Rose was born on April 13, 1923, in Italy, and although she made her home in Philadelphia, her frequent visits to Pittsfield to see her children have connected her indelibly to our community.

During the war, while her husband, Adam James Schwartz, served bravely as a Staff

Sergeant in the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, earning a Purple Heart, Rose contributed to the war effort on the home front. She worked at the Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia, one of the key facilities producing munitions for the Allies. The Arsenal was instrumental in manufacturing critical supplies, and the women who worked there played a vital role in ensuring our military had the resources needed to fight and win the war.

Rose's commitment to supporting her family and her country during one of the most challenging periods in our history is a testament to her strength and patriotism. Women like Rose, who took on roles in factories and other essential industries, were the backbone of the wartime workforce. Their efforts not only supported the immediate needs of the military but also paved the way for future generations of women in the workforce.

Rose and Adam raised three children: Lorraine Rayca, James Schwartz, and Deborah Miller. Deborah, who resides in Pittsfield, carries on her mother's legacy of strength and dedication. Rose's life is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many on the home front and the enduring impact of their contributions.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on Rose's life, let us also remember the countless others who, like her, answered the call of duty in their own unique ways. Their stories are woven into the fabric of our Nation's history, and it is our duty to honor and preserve their legacies.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Rose's family and express my deepest gratitude for her service and sacrifice. Rose M. Schwartz's life is a beacon of courage and commitment, and her memory will continue to inspire us all.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RUSSELL GREEN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Russell Lee Green of Savoy, Texas, who peacefully passed away on March 30, 2024.

Mr. Green was born on November 18, 1941, to Norris J. Green and Fairy Faye Green. As a young man, he wanted to serve his country and contribute to a greater cause. Mr. Green joined the United States Navy, where he attended radar school and specialized in operating sophisticated electronic equipment. After serving in the Navy, he attended the University of North Texas, where he met his beloved wife, Denise. They married in 1966 after completing their freshman year. Together, they purchased land outside of Ector and built a house. For most of his professional career, Mr. Green worked in management positions for Texas Instruments in its Government Products Division and other electronic manufacturing companies in the Dallas area.

Mr. Green was a devoted man of faith. He attended the Church of Christ in Savoy, where he led many Bible studies and served as a lay preacher. In his free time, Mr. Green was passionate about conservative politics, raising honeybees, and taking care of his Limousin cattle. He was a gardener, and he worked with Denise to grow fruits and vegetables for his

family and community. Moreover, Mr. Green enjoyed camping, travelling, and most importantly, fishing. He has requested his ashes to be scattered on his favorite fishing pond. I am saddened to hear of Mr. Green's passing, as his kindness and generosity truly made the world a brighter place.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor Mr. Green's wonderful life. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING CARLEE McDOUGAL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my esteemed Congressional Black Caucus colleagues to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision in the Brown vs. Board of Education case. This pivotal moment in our Nation's history marked the end of state-sanctioned segregation in public schools and affirmed the Constitutional principle of equal protection under the law.

The Supreme Court's ruling in Brown vs. Board of Education laid the foundation for subsequent civil rights legislation and legal battles aimed at dismantling segregation across various spheres of society. However, despite seven decades of progress, the shadow of segregation still looms large in American education and beyond.

Even today, non-white school districts receive \$2,226 less per student on average, perpetuating an achievement gap that reduces the college attendance and lifetime earnings of Black students by 65 percent. The disparities extend to advanced education with African American women holding advanced degrees, such as a master's, earning \$7 less per hour than white men with a bachelor's degree, and \$17 less per hour than their white male peers.