

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.

Efforts to remedy these disparities by promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in education have been met with relentless resistance from conservatives. They've rolled back affirmative action and continually seek to suppress instruction of Black history and literature. This concerted effort to perpetuate inequality and silence our voices cannot go unchallenged. We must raise our voices against these regressive measures and utilize every available avenue to resist discrimination and promote equity in education and beyond.

We must continue to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in education, in the workplace, and in the marketplace, to uphold Brown v. Board's legacy of desegregation and equity. By doing so, we honor the promise of a just America and ensure that every individual has access to the opportunities they need to thrive.

HAITIAN FLAG DAY

HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on May 18th, we celebrate Haitian Flag Day to commemorate and celebrate the pride, strength, history, and courage the Haitian flag represents.

With over 30,000 Haitians in Central Florida, Haitians' work and passion have profoundly impacted the lives of countless people in Orlando and beyond. Their commitment to serving our community is a testament to the strength and solidarity that defines the Haitian people.

I want to express my gratitude to the Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce for all they do to contribute to Orlando's economic and cultural vibrancy.

The humanitarian crisis in Haiti weighs heavy on the hearts of countless people, especially as individuals see friends and family enduring unimaginable hardships. During these times, it is important to be mindful of the importance of community, compassion, and unity in the face of adversity.

In Congress, I am advocating for the aid and support that Haiti urgently deserves, not just deserves but needs and demands, by advocating for efforts to invest in Haiti's economy, create jobs, foster trade, and provide stability.

Especially on Haitian Flag Day, remember that pride, history, and culture will help guide us all in the fight for a better day for the people of Haiti. The work that our Central Florida Haitian community is doing is critical to these efforts. I will continue to fight for and with the Haitian people.

RECOGNIZING BORICUA COLLEGE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Boricua College on the special occasion of its 50th anniversary and in appreciation for decades of higher education. Boricua College was the first private, not-for-

profit post-secondary educational institution established in the United States specifically designed to meet the academic needs of Puerto Ricans and other Spanish-speaking people. Today, it is a diverse institution for learning and professional development.

Boricua College inspired educated and passionate advocates for the Puerto Rican Diaspora during the 1960's and 70's in New York City. Visionaries like Dr. Antonia Pantoja, founder of Universidad Boricua and the precursor of Boricua College, founded by Dr. Victor Alicea, believed that higher education and cultural pride were crucial to addressing poverty and creating economic empowerment. The significant migration of Puerto Ricans to New York City warranted a grassroots response to navigate the socio-economic opportunities and challenges of plantando bandera in a new environment. Thus, Boricua College was created and became a beacon of hope for the Latino community in Brooklyn.

Since its founding in 1974, Boricua College has grown from its humble beginnings on a single-floor storefront in Williamsburg to a multi-campus institution spanning Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx. The first Boricua College class had just 26 students. When it opened its doors, it broke all barriers to higher learning with a cadre of Puerto Rican bilingual professionals in New York City. Today, Boricua College has an enrollment of thousands of students pursuing an Associate, Bachelor or Master's degree in the field of Human Services, Business, Liberal Arts, Childhood Education and inter-American Studies to list a few. It is also a designated Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education.

The growth of Boricua College exemplifies the growth of Latinos' economic and political empowerment across the country. The college may not have millions in endowments, if at all. However, it does have an unwavering commitment to educational advancement. By 2060, nearly 1 in 4 Americans are likely to be Latinos'. Thanks to vital institutions like Boricua College, we are making even greater contributions in every sector of society—education, politics, business, the arts, and sciences.

This fine institution is as successful as the administration and leadership. Therefore, I would also like to salute Founder and President Dr. Victor G. Alicea for a lifetime of public service, Board of Trustees Chair Benito R. Fernandez, the deans, faculty, staff, and graduates. Mr. Speaker, please join us in recognizing Boricua College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and offering our best wishes for another 50 years of serving the community.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT QUINT AVENETTI

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

Quint was born in Hayden, Arizona, in 1962. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1980 and participated in active service for nearly three decades. From providing security to several U.S. Embassies around the world to being deployed during the Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism, Quint served with distinction and merit. He specialized in Joint Targeting, Geodesy, Counterfire Radar, Artillery Operations, and Fire Support. As a result of his exceptional leadership and expertise, Quint achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5.

After retiring from the military in March 2008, Quint moved to Rockwall with his family. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Combat Systems Sector for Navmar Applied Science Corp. In this role, Quint works diligently to train the next generation of Marine Joint Fire Observers, enhance security at diplomatic locations for the State Department, and develop unmanned aircraft technology. In addition to his work in protecting our national security, he serves on the Advisory Board for Veterans Mortgage of America to help veterans succeed in home ownership. Quint is the Commandant of the CWO2 James Randolph Detachment of the Marine Corps League and is involved with many veterans' advocacy organizations. He also serves as a mentor to Eagle Scouts and was the previous Scoutmaster of Rockwall Troop 989. I am proud of Quint's contributions to our community, 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 Quint with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING JACOB MCCULLOUGH

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

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

HONORING THE 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OLD SITE

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Shiloh Baptist Church Old Site on 170 years of service to the community.