

the Department of Defense in the Global Posture Executive Council's Military Construction Prioritization Process before moving on to the Office of Congressional Liaisons in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As a Congressional Liaison, Captain Williams was responsible for liaising with 72 Members of Congress and their staff, covering eight states and two U.S. territories. He was a key player for developing engagement opportunities between Army Senior Leaders and Members of Congress, and he promoted legislative objectives and programs with a unique style of his own. Captain Williams did an exceptional job at executing communications and logistics support for Members and congressional staff as they attended CODELS and STAFFDELS. In fact, he received exceptional acclaim from my colleagues for his strategic excellence and logistical attentiveness during their CODEL to the INDOPACOM theater.

Beyond his adept coordination and organizational skills, Captain Williams proved to be innovative in his approach to the role of liaison. He took the initiative to incorporate his own strategies and programming that left a mark on Army Senior leaders and Members of Congress with whom he worked. Following his roots as a graduate of Fort Valley State University—the State of Georgia's 1890 land-grant university—Captain Williams promoted and facilitated lines of communication with the Congressional Black Caucus and the Bipartisan Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) Caucus. Through his ability to clearly define the Army message, Captain Williams was able to assist the caucus members with questions about national and international issues pertaining to the Army and discuss Army issues impacting the African American community.

Truly, Captain Williams' personal example, commitment to excellence, and exemplary performance of duty reflects distinct credit upon himself, the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, and the United States Army. Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that "service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on this earth." Captain Williams has paid his rent, and he has paid it well. Undoubtedly, he will continue in his service to the American people in whatever role he takes next.

Captain Anthony Williams has accomplished so much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and the enduring love and support of his wife, Courtney, and their three children, Trey, Journey, and Sydney.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in recognizing the tremendous contributions Captain Williams has made to help serve the U.S. Army and the American people during his career. We wish him and his family all the best as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING HEREDITARY
ANGIOEDEMA DAY AND THE
HAEA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May 16th as Hereditary Angioedema Awareness Day and to call attention to challenges and opportunities faced by this patient community. Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) is a rare, severe, and potentially life-threatening genetic condition in about 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 50,000 people. HAE symptoms include painful and disabling episodes of edema, or swelling, in all body parts including the abdomen. Throat swelling can close the airway and cause death by asphyxiation. While minor trauma or stress may trigger an attack, swelling often occurs without a known trigger. Symptoms of hereditary angioedema typically begin in childhood and worsen during puberty. Untreated individuals may have an attack every 1 to 2 weeks with most episodes lasting 3 to 4 days.

HAE used to be associated with an incredibly high mortality rate, but recent breakthroughs in medical science have taken the condition from a death sentence to a manageable chronic illness. With the advent of innovative therapies, HAE patients no longer experience disability and dependency, but rather live full, productive, and largely suffering-free lives. HAE affected individuals require near constant access to life-saving care and medication and additional research advancements are needed to sustain progress toward an elusive cure.

Loss of productivity at work and school is one of the many side effects of those suffering from HAE, particularly when it is not managed correctly and comprehensively. In an earlier survey conducted by the U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association (HAEA), 57 percent of patients reported as not having equal advancement in career pathways and 48 percent stated they did not achieve the educational level that they wanted. I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue to improve coverage and access and lowering out-of-pocket costs for patients with rare and chronic illnesses.

I am also proud to recognize the HAEA. This organization is celebrating its 25th anniversary and the tremendous advancement in research and patient care improvements over that time. They are an exemplary patient research advocacy organization in terms of support for the community and impact for the patients they serve.

I call on my colleagues to continue to support efforts to advance medical research, improve coverage and access, enhance patient care, and join me in recognizing May 16th as Hereditary Angioedema Awareness Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to the unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast

my votes for H.R. 5863 or H.R. 3019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 219 and YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

RECOGNIZING BECKY ARBAUGH'S
BRAVERY AND HEROISM

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable actions of a constituent in my district, Becky Arbaugh. Becky is a dedicated manager at a Taco Bell in Richboro where on the afternoon of April 13th this year she demonstrated unparalleled courage and quick thinking, saving the life of an eleven-week-old baby in a moment of crisis.

It was an ordinary day at 4:45 PM, at the Taco Bell where Becky works, until an extraordinary event unfolded. A frantic scene emerged as screams were heard outside of the drive through window from mother, Natasha. Baby Myles Long suddenly stopped breathing. Without hesitation, Becky sprang into action upon realizing how dire the situation was. In those crucial moments, Becky's actions proved to be the difference between life and death. Becky began performing CPR on Myles, working tirelessly to revive the infant. Becky's own daughter had faced a similar life-threatening situation in the past. Drawing from the lessons learned during her daughter's ordeal, Becky approached the situation with a unique blend of empathy, experience, and unwavering determination.

As the ambulance arrived and whisked the baby away to receive further medical attention, Becky's actions stood as a testament to the power of compassion and selflessness. Her bravery serves as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the impact that one individual can make in the lives of others.

Becky Arbaugh's actions that day are a beacon of hope, embodying the true spirit of heroism. Today, we honor Becky and extend our heartfelt gratitude for her unwavering commitment to the well-being of others.

HONORING HEIMAN CHEIM

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and career of respected businessman and lifelong Yuba-Sutter resident, Heiman Cheim who passed away at the age of 86 years old.

Heiman was born on May 27, 1937, in Sacramento, California, to parents Harry and Lea. Heiman's Yuba-Sutter family roots run deep, as his maternal great-grandfather William G. Murphy was a member of the 1846 Donner Party. His father's side immigrated to Marysville in the mid-1800s from Germany.

Heiman attended Marysville High School, where he was active in sports and played the trombone. After graduation in 1954, he would first attend Menlo College in Palo Alto, CA, and was later recruited to play football at Westminster University in Salt Lake City, UT.

While at Westminster, he would meet his wife, Kaye, who he would marry in 1958. They would go on to have five children, along with many pets and countless family memories.

Heiman spent much of his early adulthood working with his father and uncles at the Union Lumber Company and Cheim Ranch. Heiman would eventually buy the company from his uncles and continue the family-owned legacy with his son, Harry. Heiman was a hard worker, his 64-year career was a testament to his tireless work ethic, and his deep connection with the community.

Heiman had an endless appetite for life, which included trips around the country and learning to ride a Harley-Davidson. His favorite place to be with family was Jackson Hole, Wyoming; together they would: flyfish, ski, track down bear jams, and enjoy our country's National Parks. After his wife passed away in 2004, it was imperative to carry on that tradition and make every holiday and birthday special. He shared many of these moments with his companion of twenty years, Donna.

Heiman is survived by his children, Heidi, Lorie, Harry, Charlotte, and Alison; twelve beloved grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is also survived by Donna Helms, along with many extended family and friends. His humor, generosity, drive, and joy in life inspired everyone around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING DENISE SMITH FOR
RECEIVING THE CARL E. WEHDE
AWARD

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denise Smith for receiving the esteemed Carl E. Wehde Award. This award, presented in memory of the late Mayor Carl E. Wehde, acknowledges individuals who embody the spirit of service, leadership, and dedication to improving the quality of life in the greater Crystal Lake area.

As the organization chair for the Downtown Crystal Lake Association, Denise plays a vital role in promoting the city's downtown area. She is also an active volunteer with numerous local charities, including St. Thomas Catholic Church, the Jake Keitner Memorial Blood Drive, the Family Health Partnership Clinic, and Girls on the Run.

Denise's passion for community involvement extends to her coordination of four premier races in the area. Three of these races, the Crystal Lake Aquathon, Crystal Lake Half Marathon, and McHenry County Santa Run, are dedicated to supporting charitable causes. The McHenry County Patriot Run benefits Veterans Path to Hope and the Veterans Assistance Commission.

In addition to her community service, Denise is an adjunct instructor at McHenry County College in the Physical Therapist and Assistant Program. She also owns a business in Crystal Lake, which she established in 2015 with the support of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Crystal Lake Association, and the broader community.

Denise's commitment to her community extends to her role as a recently elected rep-

resentative on the Crystal Lake City Council. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Greater McHenry County organization, demonstrating her dedication to the region's well-being.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the community of Crystal Lake and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Denise Smith for her selfless service to the Crystal Lake community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF CHEF SILVANA SALCIDO
ESPARZA

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Chef Silvana Salcido Esparza's retirement and all her accomplishments. Since opening Barrio Café, she has been featured in Sunset Magazine, Esquire Magazine, and Food Network's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, and has been a finalist for the James Beard Award several times. Throughout the years, Chef Silvana has shared her expertise, mentoring the next generation of chefs and small business owners. Inducted into the Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame, Chef Silvana has left her indelible mark on the Phoenix food scene.

Chef Silvana is a community leader and civil rights advocate in her own right. She has tirelessly advocated for the rights of all in Arizona and against abusive and discriminatory legislation like SB1070. Chef Silvana cooked and distributed food to those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her leadership and vision have transformed a stretch of 16th Street into 'Calle 16,' a hub for local economic development, flourishing with Mexican art, murals, culture, and food.

Since 2002, Barrio Café has been a Phoenix institution, serving world-renowned Mexican food—'comida chingona'—and promoting Mexican American arts and culture. Chef Silvana's story lives on with her autobiographical book, 'La Hija de la Chingada: Chronicles of a Mexican Chef in the U.S.A.' I am lucky to call Chef Silvana a friend, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SCHARMEL
ROUSSEL

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scharmél Roussel.

In 2009, Ms. Roussel became a founding member of Arkansas Affiliate of Interfaith Power and Light which fights to protect the Earth and our environment.

In March of 2024, Roussel received the Peace Activist of the Year award from the Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice.

Roussel's dedication to environmentalism has earned her several grants, including such from the EPA and the USDA.

Scharmél Roussel is more than deserving of this award, and I thank her for her important

work to help preserve the world's ecosystems through faith.

HONORING PASTOR EUGENE
ROBERSON ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Pastor Eugene Roberson, an esteemed leader and dear friend in our community as he marks his 30th pastoral anniversary at First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago. In 1994, First Corinthian named Pastor Roberson as the Shepherd of their congregation, beginning a tremendous period of growth in faith and service to our community. Thirty years on, I am proud to formally recognize his service and dedication to his congregation, a truly remarkable achievement.

Pastor Roberson's faith journey began in his home state of Mississippi, where he was the fourth of ten children born to John and Lula Roberson in Tutwiler. Educated in Clarksdale, Mississippi, Pastor Roberson earned his B.A. in Social Studies from Jackson State University. He entered into the ministry in 1979 where he ascended in service to his faith from Deacon to Assistant Pastor to the late Pastor Peter Goudeaux, Jr., and ultimately becoming his successor.

I have the privilege of knowing Pastor Roberson as a friend, community leader, man of faith and servant of the community. His passion and leadership are consistently a source of inspiration for me and countless others. I am grateful to have joined Pastor Roberson and his congregation on many occasions. During each visit, I feel at home and leave with a renewed feeling of hope and determination.

Pastor Roberson's work extends well beyond the doors of his church. Through his work on the Lake County Commission on Government Reform and Accountability, the Workforce Development Board, and twice as the elected President of the North Shore Baptist Ministers Alliance, he has had great impact lifting up the lives of Lake County residents.

Pastor Roberson is a regular fixture at service initiatives that make our community stronger, such as back to school giveaways, annual Christmas food basket giveaways, weekly soup kitchens and assisting families in crisis.

Pastor Roberson also holds the honor of being a guest chaplain for the House of Representatives, opening a session of Congress on October 24, 2001.

Under Pastor Roberson's leadership the congregation at First Corinthian has built a strong and resilient community that has touched the lives of people throughout North Chicago and Illinois's Tenth District. Setting an example for many to follow, and I am honored to be his representative in Congress.

Congratulations once again to Pastor Eugene Roberson, his remarkable wife, Sis. Geraldine Roberson, and his entire family. I am deeply honored to congratulate him and First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church on their 30th pastoral anniversary, and I wish him only