

**HONORING RUDY JEHLER FOR FIVE  
DECADES OF SERVICE IN THE  
MOHAVE COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I honor Rudy Jehle who will retire from the Mohave County Sheriff's Search and Rescue after five decades of exemplary dedication to his community. Rudy truly personifies the patriotic virtue of service. From 1962 to 1964, he served his country in the Army and was honorably discharged. After moving to Lake Havasu City, Arizona in 1973, Rudy served as a Mohave County Sheriff's deputy and then as a reserve officer in the Lake Havasu Police Department.

Rudy also served in the Mohave County Search and Rescue program. Anyone who has traversed the sweeping wilderness of western Arizona can appreciate the lifesaving importance of this work. Through his time with the Search and Rescue division, of which he was a founding member, Rudy has been recognized with greatly deserved accreditations and awards. His work and service for the Mohave County community merits the utmost commendation.

On behalf of myself and the great people of Arizona's ninth district, I extend my sincere gratitude to Rudy for his service, and I wish him the best as he moves onto the next chapter of his life.

**HONORING JOSEPH A. FARROW**

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph A. Farrow, the Chief of Police with the University of California, Davis Police Department (UCDPD). I have named Mr. Farrow as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Yolo County in California's 4th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mr. Farrow was born in Tokyo, Japan and moved to the United States at the age of 10. He and his four brothers grew up in a military household and enjoyed all aspects of family, friendships and sports in the Monterey Peninsula. Mr. Farrow earned an associate of arts degree from Monterey Peninsula Community College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento and a master's degree in education at California State University, San Diego. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute, and the Peace Officer Standards and Training Law Enforcement Command College.

Mr. Farrow's distinguished career in law enforcement began as an officer with the Pacific Grove Police Department. He followed his lifelong dream of being a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer joining the CHP in 1980. Working his way through the ranks, Mr. Farrow became Deputy Commissioner in November 2004. He was appointed commissioner in

February 2008 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, becoming the first Japanese American to head the CHP and was later reappointed by Governor Jerry Brown.

Mr. Farrow has been serving as the Chief of Police at the University of California, Davis since 2017. He has contributed to the evolution of the Police Accountability Board, promoting accountability, trust and communication between the campus community and the UCDPD. Mr. Farrow is a proponent of diversifying the law enforcement workforce to ensure that UC Davis police officers are reflective of the communities they serve. He is the University of California Systemwide Coordinator, collaborating with all 10 police chiefs to effectively operate and guide contemporary policy and administer 21st century policing programs. He has earned awards for his leadership including the Distinguished Service Award in 2017 and the UC Davis Chancellor's Award for Exceptional University Leadership in 2023.

Mr. Farrow is an active member in our community being heavily involved with the California Chapter of the March of Dimes, the Special Olympics Northern California, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and various UC Davis athletic programs and initiatives. He is the President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness California as well as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the California Peace Officers Association and the Asian Peace Officers Association. In 2022, Mr. Farrow championed a new state law which made it possible for anyone who is legally authorized to work in the United States to become a peace officer in California, regardless of citizenship status.

For the past four decades, Mr. Farrow proved he is an accomplished and seasoned leader with a contagious passion for public service and safety. He embodies the values of respect, inclusion and kindness to others and consistently works towards staff diversity, community engagement and accountability implementing contemporary policies and programs that serve as a model for other institutions.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Farrow for his persistence, service and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

**RECOGNIZING AKRON MAYOR DAN  
HARRIGAN**

**HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Dan Horrigan on his service as the Mayor of Akron, and my sincere gratitude for all that he has done for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated his partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Mr. Horrigan's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that he has bettered countless lives as a result of his steadfast service. Throughout his time in office, he proved to be a true public servant and leader. He leads by example through his perseverance, compassion, and dedication to his role in the community.

As Mr. Horrigan goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Horrigan for his commitment to the people of Akron and to Northeast Ohio.

**RECOGNIZING THE CRAFT BOX**

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Craft Box for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Sustainability Award.

The Sustainability Award is given to a business in Wheat Ridge with a strong commitment to the environment. Since their opening, The Craft Box has created a sustainable program that has stopped 19,000 pieces of fabric, 6,000 rubber stamps, 14,000 books, and 152,000 craft items from ending up in a landfill—an estimated 12,000 pounds of waste.

I thank The Craft Box for their continued work to help create a greener, more sustainable Wheat Ridge.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROY  
SCHERER**

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Roy Scherer, who passed away on December 8th, at the age of 81.

Roy was born on February 2, 1942, in Richmond, Virginia. He spent most of his childhood attending military schools and then went on to spend a few years in the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

According to his family, Roy's experience at the 1969 Democratic Convention in Chicago inspired him to fight injustice wherever he saw it. For him, one of those injustices was the penalties for drugs in Virginia. Roy formed Virginians for the Study of Marijuana Laws, becoming Virginia's first registered marijuana lobbyist.

In 1977, Roy was arrested for sneaking weed plants into the Virginia State Capitol. According to Roy, Delegate Cranwell didn't know what a weed plant looked like and wanted to see one, so he brought one in to show him. This explanation was apparently true and led him to being let off the hook.

When I was in the House of Delegates, he came to all of the Subcommittee on Courts of Justice meetings, advocating for saner drug policies and weed legalization.

There was once a bill introduced which would make the penalties in Virginia for crack cocaine and powdered cocaine possession similar to those in the federal law. Roy stood up and detailed how powdered cocaine was used primarily by white drug users and crack cocaine was used primarily by black drug users, and that in the bill the penalty for crack was far harsher than for powdered cocaine. Knowing the Members of the Committee, Roy knew we wouldn't stand for this injustice.

Bob McDonald, Dave Albo, and I looked at each other and then looked down the dais. Kenny Melvin and others looked back and instantly we knew Roy was right; we amended the bill to make the penalties equitable.

Years later, the Supreme Court of the United States struck down the federal law because the inequitable drug penalties were unconstitutional.

Roy Scherer proved that, at least in Virginia, a well-reasoned conscientious citizen could address his government and be heard. We will always be indebted to his example.

Roy was also a big supporter of concealed carry. Being that he had no driver's license, Roy would ride his bicycle to the Capitol and keep his gun on him as the route he traveled to the Capitol was through an unsafe part of town. However, when he wanted to eat in a restaurant nearby, he would have to hide his gun in a bush outside of the restaurant. This led him to fight for concealed carry in restaurants in Virginia.

Roy is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Sally, his sister Barbara, and his brother Frank, as well as many friends. I wish them all my deepest condolences for their loss.

A true Libertarian and a dedicated citizen, Roy made an impact on everyone he met, including myself. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

#### CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAUREN CURRY

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lauren Curry on becoming the new Chief of Staff for Gov. Brian Kemp.

Lauren has made history, once again, this time becoming the first woman to permanently hold the position. Previously, she made history when she became the first female deputy Chief of Staff to the governor.

Lauren graduated with a bachelor's from Wofford College. She then pursued a master's from the University of Georgia.

Her entire career has been dedicated to public service. She has held an array of impressive positions in state government, such as Deputy Director of Georgia's Environmental Protection Division, and Director of government and public affairs at the Georgia DNR.

Lauren is also a veteran of Governor Kemp's staff, having served as his Chief Operating Officer and as his director of governmental affairs and policy.

I congratulate Lauren. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this position.

#### TAU CHAPTER 100TH CELEBRATION

#### HON. SHRI THANEDAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the members of Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,

Incorporated as they celebrate 100 years of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action.

Tau Chapter was chartered in the 13th Congressional District on January 24, 1924, and was the first Black Greek letter organization chartered on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. Delta Sigma Theta, A Service Sorority, was founded 111 years ago on January 13, 1913, on the campus of Howard University by twenty-two collegiate women. Just two months after its founding, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta, in their first act of public service, participated in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C., advocating for the right to vote for all women.

It is no coincidence that an organization committed to public service, and political awareness would have trailblazing and dedicated members who have contributed so much to congress. From my great state of Michigan, I want to recognize my predecessors, also members of Delta Sigma Theta, Congresswomen Barbara-Rose Collins, Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick and Brenda Lawrence.

In the 100 years since its chartering, Tau Chapter has continued the mission of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action within Detroit, MI. Congratulations.

#### RECOGNIZING LAKEMORE MAYOR RICHARD COLE, JR.

#### HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Richard Cole, Jr., on his service as the Mayor of Lakemore, and my sincere gratitude for all that he has done for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated his partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Mr. Cole's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that he has bettered countless lives as a result of his steadfast service. Throughout his time in office, he proved to be a true public servant and leader. He leads by example through his perseverance, compassion, and dedication to his role in the community.

As Mr. Cole goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Cole for his commitment to the people of Lakemore and to Northeast Ohio.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WHEAT RIDGE COMMUNITY AND FAMILY COALITION FOR EDUCATION

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Wheat Ridge Community and Family Coalition for Education for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 City Council Partnership Award.

The award is given to an organization in the Wheat Ridge community that has demonstrated dedication, service, and leadership to the local area. The members of this organization selflessly volunteer their time, even in the face of challenging circumstances, to nurture and uplift young people growing up in Wheat Ridge. Initially formed as a response to the impact of the pandemic on Wheat Ridge families, the coalition has continued to support and address the needs of the community, ensuring that every family has the safety and support they need to navigate uncertain times.

Congratulations to the Wheat Ridge Community and Family Coalition for Education on the accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for their contributions to the Wheat Ridge community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROLINE WEST

#### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 18, 2024*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to extend my condolences to the family and the Tampa Bay community mourning the passing of Caroline West. Caroline passed away at the age of 26 due to complications of Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood (AHC), a rare neurological disorder that she was born with. Despite experiencing the challenges from a rare generic condition, Caroline was a champion for improving health care for people with medical complexities and a beacon of inspiration to me and everyone whose paths she crossed.

Born five weeks prematurely, Caroline suffered a seizure and stopped breathing in the first 12 hours of her life. Throughout her life, she underwent specialized speech, physical and cognitive therapy coordinated with the help of the Chronic-Complex Clinic at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, a national leader in pediatric care. Although her battle with AHC was challenging and debilitating, Caroline was able to receive an education while creating lasting memories.

Caroline was always vibrant and loving, and her joy centered around spending precious moments with her family and friends. From indulging in her favorite music by Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift to getting pampered with nails and makeup, she embraced life with a fun-loving spirit. Despite her limited speech, Caroline communicated effortlessly through her expressive eyes, warm hugs and an innate ability to sense when someone needed comfort, making her a uniquely perceptive and uplifting presence in the lives of those around her.

I am proud of Caroline's resilience and of her mother, Tish, for her unconditional love and willingness to fight for Caroline and every child with medically complex conditions. Caroline and Tish's invaluable work and advocacy inspired my work on the ACE Kids Act, which created a national medical home model for children with medical complexities. Tish and Caroline advocated for this bill in Washington and locally in Florida and in Congress, including Tish's testimony before the Energy and Commerce Committee. Because of their tireless advocacy, ACE Kids was signed into law.