

specters of the 20th century remain. Historian and author of Bloodlands Timothy Snyder urges us, "It is now up to us to preserve everything that the Greatest Generation fought and died for."

In my own judgment, eternal vigilance demands attention to strengthen our NATO alliance and allowing Ukraine to accede to the constellation of free nations of Europe. Meeting global strategic imperatives requires requisite weapons systems, naval, satellite, and air supremacy being tested every day by those who would do us harm. Liberty requires accelerating our nation's quest for energy independence in perpetuity. Ladies and gentlemen, let us remember the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who spoke on February 12th, 1943. "We have faith that future generations will know here, in the middle of the twentieth century, there came a time when men of good will found a way to unite, and produce, and fight to destroy the forces of ignorance, and intolerance, and slavery, and war."

May God bless those we honor here and their families. May blessings flow to those serving in posts at home and overseas. May everyone gathered here today draw strength from the words and works of the heroes and heroines of the Greatest Generation. And may God bless the United States of America. Thank you.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial annually presents the Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Unity Award to individuals or groups that exemplify the spirit of unity and shared values prevalent during World War II. Named after Brigadier General Charles Magee, an original Tuskegee Airman, this award honors those who actively work for community betterment and embody the moral integrity of General McGee and the Greatest Generation. We're proud to present the fourth annual Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Unity Award to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. Representing Ohio's 9th District since 1983, Congresswoman Kaptur has dedicated her career to promoting unity and cooperation, focusing on economic development, veterans affairs, and environmental conservation.

In 1987, Congresswoman Kaptur recognized the need for a national tribute to World War II veterans and introduced legislation to create a Memorial. Her persistent advocacy led to the passage of the World War II Memorial Act in 1993. Dedicated in 2004, the Memorial has since welcomed 100 million visitors. Congresswoman Kaptur continues to teach the lessons of the war, and promote values of unity, and cooperation. Her legislative and community efforts foster bipartisan cooperation, emphasizing common ground and governance. Here to present Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur with the Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Unity Award is Yvonne McGee, daughter of the late General McGee.

YVONNE MCGEE

I just want to say it's an honor to be here to represent my father, and he would be here to represent, as this award is all the men and women of that generation. He used to love to talk with young people. He always gave him his 4 P's, I think you exemplify all of those, which is perceive, prepare, perform, and persevere, which I know you had to do to get this to happen. So, it's our honor, and thank you to Holly and everyone from the World War II Memorial. Thank you.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Congratulations Congresswoman Kaptur.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD KONAR

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month and to recognize an extraordinary individual from Rochester, NY, whose accomplishments and contributions have left a lasting impact on our region: Howard Konar.

Howard Konar has a longstanding history of leadership in Rochester and has done extensive philanthropic work locally and across the country. He serves as a trustee for the William & Sheila Konar Foundation supporting Jewish life and culture and as a member of the Board of Governors for the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester. In 2008, then-President George W. Bush named Howard to the council of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. His positive influence can be felt across every facet of our Jewish community.

During Jewish American Heritage Month, it is my privilege to recognize Howard Konar. He has dedicated himself to honoring the history of the Jewish people and has worked tirelessly to strengthen the future of our local Jewish neighbors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MORGAN LUTTRELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 22, 2024, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 122. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 122.

HONORING LEON'S TRIATHLON

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I take this time to recognize one of Northwest Indiana's finest organizations, Leon's Heroes, as it will once again host the annual Leon's Triathlon, widely known as "America's Race." This outstanding display of patriotism and athleticism honors our veterans and active service members, with a special focus on those who have sustained injuries during their time in service. This year's event will be held at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana, and will include static displays, festivities, and opening ceremonies leading up to the start of the race on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Founded in 1983 by Leon Wolek, an avid triathlete and native of Hobart, Indiana, Leon's Triathlon has drawn participants from across the country and has been a source of immense pride for the Northwest Indiana community. Having grown up admiring his father who served in the military, and spending time with and listening to the stories of other veterans at American Legion Post 454 in New

Chicago, Indiana, Leon was compelled to ensure that the many brave individuals who have defended our nation throughout its history received the recognition they deserve. With this idea in mind, Leon's Triathlon emerged.

Originally, the race took place in Leon's hometown of Hobart at the Izaak Walton League before its popularity and corresponding growth required its relocation. The city of Hammond, Indiana, was inspired by the organization's unwavering commitment to those who serve and have served our country and proudly welcomed the special event to the city. Fittingly, a portion of the race now runs along the Gold Star Memorial Highway, a designation which Leon's Heroes was instrumental in securing, and is dedicated to Indiana families who have lost loved ones in service. Leon's Triathlon has seen immense growth in participation since its inception, and many of the participants are veterans and active military members. As participation has grown so too has the number of events, which now includes additional events throughout the year. Since 2021, Leon's Heroes has also hosted an annual obstacle course event which takes place every September at Indiana Dunes National Park. This event recalls the attacks of September 11, 2001, while honoring our veterans and the many first responders who came to aid our fellow citizens on that tragic day.

Mr. Speaker, throughout its history, Leon's Heroes has remained steadfast in its commitment to honoring the legacy of our military members, past and present. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the organization for its outstanding dedication to the community, to our veterans, to our active service members, and to our first responders. Leon Wolek and the many devoted volunteers involved with this extraordinary organization are truly worthy of our highest praise.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER KILLION

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Sergeant Christopher Killion, resident of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong, for his service in the United States Army.

This year, Sergeant Killion, a three-time Purple Heart recipient, being honored by the City of Dearborn as a Grand Marshal in their annual Memorial Day events. Sergeant Chris Killion was born in Detroit and raised in Dearborn Heights. He joined the Army in 2001 and was deployed to Iraq in 2003, where he was wounded multiple times. Sergeant Killion left the Army with the rank of E-5. He currently lives in Dearborn and is a member of several veteran organizations, including the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Dearborn Allied Veterans Council, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Please join me in recognizing Sergeant Christopher Killion, for his outstanding service, and as Grand Marshal of the City of Dearborn's ninety-eighth Memorial Day festivities.

RECOGNIZING ISOBEL GOLDMAN

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month and to recognize an outstanding individual from Rochester, NY, whose contributions have made a lasting impact on our local Jewish community: Isobel Goldman.

Isobel Goldman served for 18 years as Director of Community Relations at the Jewish Federation. In that capacity, she created and directed the Rochester Jewish Coalition for Literacy, which started with six volunteers and under her leadership, grew to over 200 people who went once a week to Rochester City Schools to assist with students in K–6 with literacy skills. She also served as the Director of Grants at the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation where she started the First in Family College Tuition-free program, led Jewish Education programming, and started an initiative to help fund scholarships for teens hoping to travel to Israel. She has truly embodied the spirit of service to others.

This Jewish American Heritage Month, it is my honor and privilege to recognize Isobel Goldman. Her extraordinary legacy has uplifted the lives of everyone who calls Rochester home and will continue to inspire us all for decades to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION TO COMBAT WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Commission to Combat Workplace Sexual Harassment Act, which would establish a national commission to combat sexual harassment in the workplace. I have modeled this bill on bills Congress has passed to establish commissions to address other national problems. Specifically, this bill would establish a commission to carry out a comprehensive investigation and study of workplace sexual harassment in the United States.

A national commission would assure the American people that Congress takes sexual harassment seriously, beyond just the high-profile workplace instances. Most importantly, the commission would hear from a cross section of workers—from office and factory workers to retail and food service workers. The commission could travel or invite witnesses to the District of Columbia from throughout the country to recommend changes in laws or regulations and best practices to prevent, investigate, respond to and penalize sexual harassment in the private and public sectors.

Our constituents expect Congress to take on the problem of sexual harassment throughout our national economy. A national commission could help reach and reduce sexual harassment, a form of gender discrimination, where the average American works.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you to recognize May 2024 as National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month. We honor individuals who have been affected by ALS and pledge unwavering support to patients and their families.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord stop working and die. Over time, a person's mind loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away the ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe. After symptoms develop, most patients only live for another 2–5 years, and despite its destructive nature, currently no one knows what causes most cases of ALS and there are no cures. Today, an estimated 31,000 people in the United States are living with ALS.

In order to combat this devastating illness, we must increase education and support research. ALS Awareness Month deepens the public's awareness of people with ALS' dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person, but on his or her family and the community. It further recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease and is why I sign an annual appropriations letter each year requesting increased funding for ALS research. Our commitment to accelerating the pace of discovery must remain unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating the month of May to advocate for patients fighting ALS and for the tireless work of the families, caretakers, and researchers supporting those affected by this relentless disease.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. BORDER PATROL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, with the introduction of H. Res. 1261, I join my colleagues on the House Committee on Homeland Security in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation of the United States Border Patrol. It is important that we honor the service and sacrifices of the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol and their families, past and present.

Since the U.S. Border Patrol's creation on May 28, 1924, Border Patrol agents have shown commitment and dedication to safeguarding our Nation by securing and protecting our borders.

The U.S. Border Patrol has seen its mission expand greatly since its first stations opened in Detroit, Michigan, and El Paso, Texas, in 1924. Congress expanded its duties to patrolling the seacoast in 1925. U.S. Border Patrol's Air Operations officially commenced in 1941.

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, underscored the importance of homeland security and led to significant enhancements in U.S. Border Patrol operations.

With each new mission set, the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol have consistently risen to the challenge. As we mark the agency's centennial, we particularly remember the 156 Border Patrol agents who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The United States Border Patrol has overcome significant challenges while protecting Americans and our national security. I take this opportunity to thank the nearly 20,000 agents currently protecting the 6,000 miles of international land borders and 2,000 miles of coastal waters. I also celebrate the agents who came before them and the families who endure great sacrifices and provide unwavering support to those who serve in the United States Border Patrol.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF WILL NEITZEL

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Will Neitzel, a member of my staff for the last five and a half years. Will joined my team as I opened a new office and started my first term, serving Wisconsin's First Congressional District. Will has been an integral member of my team.

While serving in my personal office, Will's candor, hard work, and humor have been tremendous assets to my office. When first starting my office, Will was essential in getting my mail program up and running, working tirelessly to produce dozens of letters each week. As a policy staffer Will helped Wisconsin families and small businesses better understand and navigate federal programs.

After serving as one of my lead staffers in my personal office, Will then moved to the Committee on House Administration when I became Chairman in January of 2022. Will quickly became my Wisconsin advocate with the Committee, always thinking of ways House Administration can benefit the people of Wisconsin's First District. Will also jumped right in and helped lead the Committee's widely successful "Running an Effective Committee in the Majority Series", "Level Up: GOP Staff Development Course", and the "Intern Lecture Series", among many others.

With Will as a part of my Member Services team, the Committee has held briefings and education trainings for over 2,000 Members of Congress and their staff. This team has also successfully completed over 600 Member-related requests. Will also spearheaded the planting of the Sugar Maple tree on the U.S. Capitol Grounds commemorating the 175th anniversary of the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that the great people of Wisconsin are better off because of Will's service here in the U.S.