

daughters. He is survived by his two older sisters, his two daughters, his two sons-in-law, and his four grandchildren. I offer my deepest condolences on their loss.

For his outstanding accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Lawrence Dennis Egan. His years of military service and commitment to the city and the people of Pomona are worthy of the highest commendation. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF JAMES BALYS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Chief James G. Baly on the occasion of his retirement from the Erie County Sheriff's Office, and to thank him for the dedication and commitment he demonstrated to his community through his long and distinguished career in law enforcement and corrections.

Chief Baly began his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Thomas Higgins in October of 1995, was promoted to Sergeant in February of 2013, then Lieutenant in August of 2016, and Captain in July of 2020. Finally, he joined the Command Staff in July of 2021 as 1st Deputy Superintendent of Correctional Health and six months later was promoted to Chief of Correctional Health. Through all of these roles, Chief Baly demonstrated a commitment to service to the public, to upholding the rule of law, and to his fellow officers. Before his service as a sworn officer in the Erie County Sheriff's Office, he supported the protection of public safety as an electrician with the Buffalo Fire Department.

Chief Baly now enjoys a well-earned retirement with Jeanine Colpoys, his wife of 29 years, and his children Allison, Olivia and Ryan. Like myself, Chief Baly is an alumnus of Buffalo State College; he grew up in West Seneca, NY.

Again, I commend Chief Baly for his long and distinguished career and thank him for his dedication to the safety of the public and the rule of law. His commitment has been exemplary.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 211

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of five exemplary individuals from Boy Scout Troop 211 who recently became Eagle Scouts: Patrick Harrigan, Ian Lochridge, Noah Brunet, Garner Abrams, and Garrison Abrams. Each of their Eagle Scout projects were carefully crafted and will leave a lasting impact on our community.

Patrick Harrigan constructed raised gardens and beds for Tucson Village Farm. TVF is a working urban farm built by and for the youth

of our community. It is a seed-to-table program designed to reconnect young people to a healthy food system, teach them how to grow and prepare fresh food and empower them to make healthy life choices.

Ian Lochridge and volunteers cleared half an acre of vegetation, leveled the land, pre-painted 200 inches of horse fencing, and built a fence into a coral. Ian did this for a local non-profit organization called the Brave Brays, which provides equine therapy to help preteen girls overcome their challenges.

Noah Brunet constructed a sensory path to support students with special needs and added a brick walkway to the outdoor classroom and garden at DeGrazia Elementary School.

Garner Abrams cleaned up and beautified the United States Flag grounds, the brick patio surrounding the flagpole, a lockbox for storing the U.S. flag, repainting the flagpole, and adding a bench for seating at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy.

Lastly, Garrison Abrams removed trespassing items and illegal catchments in the area of Rice Peak, and the Santa Catalina Mountains. He communicated with both Arizona Game and Fish Department and the US Forest Service in returning our public lands back to its natural state.

The dedication and hard work exhibited by Patrick Harrigan, Ian Lochridge, Noah Brunet, Garner Abrams, and Garrison Abrams in these projects are commendable. Their commitment to Troop 211 and the community does not go unnoticed. We take pride in having these outstanding young individuals in our district and encourage them to continue their exceptional work.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. BOB POSTON

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Robert "Bob" Poston, the esteemed founder of Vet to Vet, a nonprofit organization comprising over 1,500 members dedicated to supporting veterans in claiming the benefits they have rightfully earned. Dr. Bob's remarkable contributions warrant acknowledgment and sincere appreciation.

Dr. Bob Poston, a native of Cartersville, Georgia, enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Flourishing in the military, Dr. Bob seized every educational opportunity; and, after ascending to the rank of Sergeant, accepted a commission, ultimately retiring as a Major. His two tours in Vietnam earned him accolades and awards, including the Bronze Star for bravery. Bob was also awarded two Purple Hearts, as he still bears the physical reminders of his sacrifices, with bullets embedded from a sniper's rifle.

Among Dr. Bob's myriad of accomplishments, he was a former president, and remains an active member, of the Gideon's, conducts weekly meetings at Young Street Baptist Church to aid those grappling with PTSD, spousal abuse, or drug addiction, and leads a jailhouse ministry on weekends, as well as currently serving as the President of the Vet to Vet organization. I have known Dr.

Bob for many years and can personally attest to the fact that he consistently serves his country and community, and it is my pleasure to have this opportunity to express my gratitude for his transformative impact on Bartow County and our entire community.

On behalf of the citizens of Bartow County and Georgia's 11th Congressional District, I offer my heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Bob Poston for his unyielding dedication to his fellow veterans, and his community and country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VED NANDA

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished member of Denver's academic community and a cherished friend, Professor Ved Nanda. His recent passing is a profound loss, not only to the University of Denver and our local community, but to many across the U.S. and the world.

Professor Nanda was more than just an esteemed colleague; he was a kind and passionate individual whose impact on our community extended far beyond the walls of the university. His commitment to education, international law, and the promotion of cultural understanding left a mark on all who knew him.

Born in 1934 in Gujranwala, India, Ved Nanda built an exemplary career starting at Punjab University where he received an M.A. in Economics. He went on to receive a law degree from Delhi University, a law degree from Northwestern University, and completed subsequent postgraduate work at Yale University.

After joining the University of Denver's (DU's) Sturm College of Law in 1972, Professor Nanda inspired generations of scholars, students, and activists, whether it was through his teachings or the 24 books he authored—spanning various fields of international law.

For over five decades, Professor Nanda uplifted the students of DU and the Indian diaspora community, becoming a prominent figure and a bridge between our two nations. He also served in several illustrious positions, including Chairman of the Board of Hindu University of America and Vice President of the American Society of International Law.

In 2006 Professor Nanda was honored with a \$1 million founding gift from the University of Denver to launch the Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law, promoting programs and scholarships in the field of international law. He was also honored with the prestigious Gandhi-King-Ikeda Award for Community Peace Building in 2004 and the Padma Bhushan in 2018. These accolades are a testament to his significant impact on the field and tireless efforts to advance knowledge and cultural exchange. His work was noticed and rightly honored for its impact.

For more than 30 years, Professor Nanda shared his wisdom with the larger Colorado community through his regular columns in the Denver Post. His clear and reasoned explanations of international issues provided important perspectives to readers.

As we remember and mourn the passing of Ved Nanda, we also celebrate the enduring legacy he leaves behind. I have no doubt his

intellectual contributions, passion for education, and love for both India and the United States will continue to inspire us all.

Sadly, Ved lost his beloved wife and partner Katharine last August. During this difficult time, my heart goes out to his friends and family—his daughter, Anjati, son-in-law, granddaughters, extended family, and all those who counted him as a friend, teacher, and mentor.

He will be missed.

CONGRATULATING DUCHESNE
BOYS' SOCCER ON THEIR CLASS
1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Duchesne High School on their victory in Missouri's Class 1 Boys' Soccer State Championship.

The Pioneers claimed the Class 1 title for the first time in 20 years with a narrow 1–0 victory over Dubourg. Junior Zach Hubert came off the bench to net the game's only goal, as goalie Ben Burke led the defense in recording its ninth shutout of the season. The team should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home a state championship to their school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Duchesne Boys' Soccer Team for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING GREEN MAYOR
GERARD NEUGEBAUER

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 Gerard Neugebauer on his service as the Mayor of Green, 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. Neugebauer'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. Neugebauer 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. Neugebauer for his commitment to the people of Green and to Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB
OF DADE CITY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Dade City as it celebrates its 100th anniversary this week. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, with Kiwanis members participating in over 150,000 service projects, devoting more than six million hours of service and raising nearly \$100 million every year in communities around the globe.

The Kiwanis Club of Dade City is especially impactful. Under the skillful leadership of President Kristia Dimarakis, the Kiwanis Club of Dade City has made immeasurable contributions to the community. In addition to raising funds to support countless local charities and organizations, the Club sponsors a program to help children receive eyeglasses in partnership with the local schools and eye doctors. Kiwanis of Dade City also helps facilitate clothing drives and keeps the local food pantry stocked for children in need. The lives of residents throughout Pasco County have been improved because of this group's philanthropic approach to making a difference to the lives of others.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON
HUSKIES' 2023 FOOTBALL SEASON

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Washington Huskies' remarkable 2023 football season. The Huskies reached the College Football Playoff, secured the greatest number of wins in the football program's history, and won the Pac-12 Championship. Under the leadership of head coach Kalen DeBoer, the Huskies put a well-deserved national spotlight on the university's football program and concluded the regular season with a perfect 13–0 record.

The University of Washington continues to bring immense pride to Seattle and Washington State. It is a leader in both academic and athletic excellence in the Pacific Northwest and the United States. I would like to commemorate the amazing work of the coaching staff and the student-athletes as they prepare for another excellent season. Congratulations on a phenomenal season and go Dawgs.

RECOGNIZING ONE HUNDRED
YEARS OF THE KERHONKSON
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the historic 100-year anniversary of the Kerhonkson Volunteer Fire Company.

On December 26, 1924, the Kerhonkson Fire Company was organized as a meeting of

31 men. In a community that needed their men to step up, the community worked together to build a fire company that has continuously protected Kerhonkson and the surrounding areas. Today, the fire company includes 84 men and women among its ranks.

Over the past 100 years, the Kerhonkson Volunteer Fire Company has maintained a strong group of dedicated workers and generations of families. Creating such a strong institution is inspiring and I wish them success in the next 100 years as they continue protecting their neighbors.

I want to personally thank the men who started this fire company 100 years ago as well as those who lead this great group of men and women today. I thank Fire Chief Steve Stephens and President, Former Chief, and Life Member Christopher D. DePew. Their work does not go unnoticed, and I wish them great success in the future.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS
DAYS

HON. SHRI THANEDAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation honoring the 15th Anniversary of the Shen Yun Performing Arts Days:

Whereas, Shen Yun Performing Arts was established in 2006 by a group of elite Chinese artists in New York with a mission of reviving 5,000 years of Chinese culture, and since then, has grown into a household name around the world; and

Whereas, Through the universal language of music and dance, Shen Yun weaves a wondrous tapestry of heavenly realms, ancient legends, and modern heroic tales, taking you on a journey through 5,000 years of Chinese culture, its stunning beauty and tremendous energy leave audiences uplifted and inspired; and

Whereas, Shen Yun features the world's foremost classically trained dancers, a unique orchestra blending East and West, and dazzling animated backdrops—together creating one spectacular performance; and

Whereas, There has been an overwhelming and positive response to Shen Yun Performing Arts around the world, it is traditional Chinese culture as it was meant to be, a study in grace, fluidity, inner strength, and positive virtues; and

Whereas, Themes of kindness, compassion, and courage are brought out through the songs of eminent vocalists and stunning choreography, the human spirit triumphs over adversity in powerful, thought-provoking dances, providing an uplifting and inspiring experience, energizing our Motor City with hope; and

Now therefore, be it resolved, I, SHRI THANEDAR, Member of Congress, do hereby proclaim the Shen Yun Performing Arts to be recognized for their artistic accomplishments and culture contributions to the city of Detroit.