

charity with morality alone. He always gave with disregard to any notion of self-preservation, even when his business could not afford to. Richard's Christian conduct of reckless selflessness foremost constitutes his life and legacy.

Millions of Americans now live reassured in the promise of Richard's work—EMS responders will come to their aid in moments of dire need. Richard's dedication has already culminated in countless saved lives and grateful families. Take heart that every life saved by Acadian Ambulance, now and forever, will be graced with the professional compassion of Richard Zuschlag.

As I contemplate the life of Richard Zuschlag, now in its entirety, Matthew 25 echoes in my mind: "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Lord Jesus, thank you for Richard, and please hold him close in Your Kingdom.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2024

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2024, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including assistance with disability claims and foreclosures. There are at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics. More needs to be done to sustain and increase the number of these programs.

I was a tenured professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and continued to teach a seminar there after being elected to Congress. I saw the expert assistance that clinical programs provide their clients.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who put their lives on the line for this country.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER JEFFERSON

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the late Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, a World War II Tuskegee Airman and one of Michigan's most decorated pilots as we prepare to dedicate a community gath-

ering space in his honor. Born in Detroit, he was the descendant of formerly enslaved people and would go on to become a Black trail-blazer.

One of the original Tuskegee Airmen, the U.S. Army's first Black Air Corps, Jefferson served as a P-51 fighter pilot with the Red Tail, 332nd Fighter Group 301st Fighter Squadron in Ramitelli, Italy. His unit bravely escorted bombers into action, providing critical protection from enemy aircraft and without losing a single plane. Jefferson was captured as a prisoner of war on August 12, 1944, three days before the invasion of Southern France, after he was shot down while firing at German radar stations on the coast. Presumed dead, he was held for more than nine months. He was liberated by U.S. Forces on April 29, 1945.

Following the war, Jefferson dedicated himself to education as an instrument instructor in advanced flight training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, continuing the storied Air Corps' legacy of excellence in flight. He was discharged from active duty in 1947 and retired from the reserves in 1969. In his civilian life, Jefferson worked as an elementary school science teacher in Detroit, where he would retire as an assistant principal in 1979.

He has received numerous awards and accolades for his bravery and his selfless service for our country, including the Purple Heart Award. He represented the best of Detroit. As we celebrate the dedication of the plaza in his honor, we offer our thanks for the service and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson.

#### RECOGNIZING AFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the outstanding accomplishments of Afton Elementary School's Environmental Protection Club, also known as the Green Team, which is a group of teachers and students in the Pennsbury School District whose hard work and dedication has garnered them well-deserved recognition both statewide and nationally.

I am proud to announce the Green Team has secured first place in the state of Pennsylvania for their outstanding contributions to the environmental protection services and has been recognized as a runner-up in the nation. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the passion, hard work, and commitment of the members and the following Advisors of the Green Team.

Mrs. Kristin Slota, Miss Emily Kopchinski, Ms. Angela Petrucci, Miss Emily Kirsh.

The Green Team's impact extends beyond Afton Elementary, as they have engaged in a multitude of initiatives aimed at promoting environmental conservation and sustainability. The Green Team has taken proactive steps to raise awareness about gas safety throughout their school in collaboration with PECO, ensuring their peers are equipped with the knowledge and resources necessary to stay safe and informed.

The Green Team's dedication to beautifying their surroundings is evident in their initiative to plant daffodils, pick up trash, and clean up their school's courtyard, transforming neglected spaces into vibrant and welcoming environments for all to enjoy.

In addition to their local efforts, the Green Team has demonstrated a strong commitment to global conservation efforts by raising money and awareness for endangered wildlife, contributing to vital conservation projects that are essential for preserving our planet's biodiversity.

The Green Team's achievements serve as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the profound impact that dedicated individuals can have on safeguarding our planet for future generations. The students who served on the Green Team for the 2023–2024 school year are:

Abigail Perez, Bridget McCarthy, Chase Geipel, Easton Samuels, Hailey Powell, Jack Fitch, Keshav Dave, Maddie Behme, Rose Nini, Violette Hausner, Agalya Manikandan, Brooklyn Bromberg, Daniel Hartman, Ethan Moses, Hazel DeSantis, Jaya Dave, Lila Kelly, Nayan Aggarwal, Sienna Burton, Xander Matlick.

Avery Cumberland, Caitlin Castner, Daniel Stauss, Gloria Naumovich, Henry Bankoske, Justin Navon, Luca Incontro, Reuben Hollins, Stevie Birnbaum, Benjamin Strauss, Caroline Fitch, Danielle Bosque, Grace Carr, Ishaan Moghe, Kaitlin Savage, Mackenzie Holmgren, Riley Fitzpatrick, Veer Gandhi.

Therefore, it is with the utmost admiration and appreciation that I commend the Afton Elementary Environmental Protection Club for their outstanding contributions to environmental conservation and sustainability. May their passion and dedication continue to inspire others to join them in the noble cause of protecting our planet.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the exceptional achievements of the Afton Elementary Environmental Protection Club.

#### CONGRATULATING CALEB TOTH

#### HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Caleb Toth, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Caleb's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

Congratulations to Caleb, I know that he will make this Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING FIRE ENGINEER  
ROBIN BUCHHOLZ

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the 12th Congressional District's Fire Engineer Robin Buchholz for her twenty-five years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department.

Fire Engineer Buchholz began her career as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 1999. Over the past twenty-five years, she has been twice promoted and has remained steadfast in her commitment to service and keeping our communities safe. Fire Engineer Buchholz has been recognized over twenty-five times in her career for her exemplary record, including lifesaving and safe driving. She has also been awarded the esteemed Fire Chief Life Saving Award for life saving service and the Meritorious Company Commendation on multiple occasions. As Fire Engineer for the department, Ms. Buchholz has also obtained certifications in life support and rescue techniques.

Please join me and our community in recognizing Fire Engineer Robin Buchholz for her twenty-five years of outstanding service to the people of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish her well in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICE NELSON WEBB'S RETIREMENT

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent of my district, Middletown Township Police Officer Nelson Webb, who is retiring on June 28,

2024, after 36 years of dedicated and faithful service to the citizens of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Nelson began his career in policing on June 24, 1990, as a Penndel Borough Police Officer. After six years with the Penndel Borough Police Department, he joined the Middletown Township Police Department on June 24, 1996. During his distinguished career, he has received several department commendations for outstanding work. In addition, Nelson has served as a field training officer, a motorcycle patrol officer, and served for 20 years on the Bucks County South Central Special Emergency Response (SWAT) team.

Beyond his accomplishments, Officer Webb embodies the essence of a devoted public servant. Modest and humble, he avoids the spotlight, preferring to lead through actions and example rather than words. His exemplary conduct serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, earning him respect as a true leader and mentor among his peers. In every sense, Officer Nelson Webb epitomizes the true law enforcement professional—a person of integrity, dedication, and great work ethic.

I wish to congratulate Nelson Webb on his 36 years of service to the citizens of Bucks County and on his well-deserved retirement from the Middletown Township Police Department.

CONGRATULATING PATRICK  
ROWAN

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Patrick Rowan, upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto, "Semper Paratus"

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation

since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Patrick's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

Congratulations to Patrick, I know that he will make this Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CAPTAIN JON  
DRENNON

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2024*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Fire Captain Jon Drennon for his twenty-five years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Fire Captain Drennon got his start in public service in 1999 as a Firefighter. After only one year of service, he received the first of many Meritorious Company Commendations. In addition, he has been recognized numerous times for valor and lifesaving. Over the course of his public service career, Fire Captain Drennon has committed himself to continuous professional development, completing numerous certification and educational programs in various rescue operations techniques and other technical programming.

Fire Captain Drennon has been an outstanding public servant to the communities served by the Dearborn Fire Department. Please join me in recognizing his twenty-five years of commitment to protecting our families' safety across Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.