

Navy while enrolled at Paris Junior College. He began flight training in 1949 and graduated from aviation school the following year. Jack flew combat tours during the Korean War and was stationed onboard the USS *Sicily* and USS *Rendova* aircraft carriers in the Sea of Japan. During the Vietnam War, he became the commander of Attack Squadron 22 and flew 254 combat missions. For his heroic actions in combat, Jack received numerous awards, including the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit, fourteen Air Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals. He later earned his master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University.

In July 1973, Jack retired from the Navy as a Captain. He had been working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. In civilian life, Jack continued his passion of flying while volunteering in our community. He conducted flights for police departments, schools, and individuals in need across North Texas. Jack previously served on the advisory board for Paris Airport and the City of Reno. He is a current board member of the Paris Junior College Alumni & Friends Association. For his outstanding contributions, Jack was recognized in 2017 as a distinguished graduate of Paris High School and inducted into Paris Junior College's Academic Hall of Honor. He also received the Federal Aviation Administration's prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to mark over 50 years of excellent flight. I wish Jack continued success and good health for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Jack with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL BASHAM'S RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the retirement of Lieutenant General Steven Basham after thirty-six years of service in the United States Air Force. A native of Bowling Green, General Basham received his commission in 1989 through the ROTC program at Western Kentucky University and went on to fly over 3,400 hours as a bomber pilot in the B-1, B-2, and B-52 planes. Lt. Gen. Basham then proudly served as the Legislative Director for the Department of the Air Force as a two-star general. His distinguished record of service and accomplishments are a result of his selfless and supportive family, so I thank his wife Angie and his daughters Lauren and Sarah for their sacrifice and support. Sarah even served as an intern in my office and possessed the same determination and work ethic as her proud father. Lt. Gen. Basham will complete his military career as the Deputy Commander for the United States European Command which oversees more than 64,000 military personnel and is responsible for U.S. defense operations and relations with NATO and 50 countries.

His career of service brings great pride to every Kentuckian, and I wish him and his family the best during his retirement.

COMMEMORATING PRIDE MONTH AND HONORING JAN LEE

**HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pride Month and honor an LGBTQIA+ community leader in New York's Tenth District, Jan Lee.

Jan Lee is a dedicated community organizer, activist, small business owner, and lifelong New Yorker. He is a third-generation resident of Manhattan's Chinatown and has been organizing his community since the 1990s, advocating for Chinatown's post-9/11 recovery, the reopening of Park Row, and representing the community's interests with regard to the borough-based jail.

For far too long, Manhattan's Chinatown has not received the recognition, services and representation that its residents have deserved.

Jan's work has begun to change that. From his community activism to helping manage the apartment buildings that have been in his family for over 100 years, Jan's commitment to his community is inspiring. I'm proud to call Jan a friend and partner as we continue to revitalize Chinatown and give the community the attention it deserves.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT DEVABRATA GANGULY

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Devabrata Ganguly of Paris, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Dr. Ganguly has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

Dr. Ganguly first trained as a physician in India, his country of birth, where he taught medicine in New Delhi. After moving to the United States with his wife, Dr. Ragini Ganguly, he completed his residency at St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Ganguly also attended the Jewish Parker Institute of Long Island Jewish Hospital for fellowship training in Geriatric Medicine. In 1999, Dr. Ganguly and his family moved to Texas, where he became an active practitioner based in Paris. Throughout his career, Dr. Ganguly has worked diligently to raise awareness about the opioid crisis and help others reduce their dependence on opioids. Moreover, he led his team of dedicated nurse practitioners to care for elderly patients in nursing homes during the pandemic.

Separately, Dr. Ganguly mentors and teaches college students, trainee physicians, and nurses using a combination of traditional and modern medicine. He is passionate about community advocacy and often engages with policymakers to discuss the issues of national security, international and domestic policy, and healthcare issues. As a fellow of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Ganguly promotes community wellbeing and works with numer-

ous charities to support children, veterans, and animals. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Ganguly for his outstanding efforts to provide quality care for senior citizens and improve the world around us.

It is an honor to bestow Dr. Ganguly with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

REMEMBERING BRIGADIER GENERAL TRAVIS ACHESON

**HON. ZACHARY NUNN**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of retired Brigadier General Travis Acheson who passed away this week after battling brain cancer.

Ever the patriot, Travis was born on July 4, 1968 in Des Moines, Iowa to Douglas and Margaret Acheson. He grew up on Army Post Road in West Des Moines and graduated from Valley High School in 1986. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Iowa in 1990, where he began dating his future wife. After five years together, Travis married Brooke in June 1995.

Travis spent much of his working life following his passion: flying airplanes. He retired from the military in September 2022 as a brigadier general after 33 years of service. Travis was a command pilot with almost 3,000 flying hours in the F-16 fighter jet. He was deployed overseas five times and flew over 500 combat hours during his military career. Travis was also employed as a commercial pilot with American Airlines for over 20 years. He was a captain on the Airbus at the time of his diagnosis.

Travis was an incredible pilot, a great Iowan, a loving husband to Brooke, and a doting father to daughters Isabelle, Emma, and Gretta.

I thank Travis for his service to our community, state, and country. Fly high.

CONGRATULATING BIG SKY RODEO

**HON. RYAN K. ZINKE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Big Sky PBR and Outlaw Partners for their remarkable achievement, winning the national Professional Bull Riders' "Event of the Year" award for the 10th consecutive year. I salute America and Montana's leadership in rodeo and those that carry that great legacy forward.

The traditions of rodeo run deep. The prayer and the pledge still observed before each event shows respect to both the rider and the bull. It takes a lot of courage, skill, and grit to ride a bull, and a little luck to ride it for the full eight seconds.

Many rodeo athletes who cut their teeth in small town arenas go on to do great things in the sport on a national level. A great deal of that success comes from the community that is built up under the Big Sky. That community is epitomized by Big Sky's annual event, with

the best arena, best landscape, best bulls, and of course, the best crowds. Former professional bull rider Cord McCoy said it best himself: "I have been around the world three times and Big Sky is my favorite PBR stop."

Big Sky PBR brings fans from all over the world to Montana. It increases tourism, supports local businesses, and allows people to see the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

I also cannot neglect to mention the huge amount of charity work that is done at each year's event. Organizers are committed to giving back to the local community that hosts them and a portion of the proceeds from a number of the events go to local nonprofits. They understand that Montana is one small town with one long road, and if you want to be a part of that town, you help your neighbors.

We have a lot to celebrate in Montana. We have deep traditions that go back generations. We also have growth that sometimes conflicts with our heritage. I am happy to be able to celebrate an event that brings Montana tradition to all of us—whether we're fifth generation Montanans or first. It is organizations like Big Sky PBR and Outlaw Partners that foster the growth of America and Montanan's tradition of Bull Riding. They showcase the values that make America Great. Big Sky PBR is one of the prides of western Montana, and I am honored to be able to recognize them today. Bravo Zulu.

Mr. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues, I ask that you join me in congratulating Big Sky PBR and Outlaw Partners for their achievement.

#### COMMEMORATING PRIDE MONTH AND HONORING ROSY MOTA

#### HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pride Month and honor an LGBTQIA+ community leader in New York's Tenth District, Rosy Mota.

Rosy Mota is a public servant, activist, and advocate for her community in Sunset Park and around the country. Rosy is the Director of Policy for the Latino Commission on AIDS, a nationwide group dedicated to addressing the unique needs of her community.

At the commission, she advocates for health policy that prioritizes the needs of Latino Americans across the country. In the past 18 months, Rosy led a team of twelve community health workers in the North Bronx dedicated to improving health outcomes in this underserved community.

Currently, Rosy is helping newly arrived migrants in our City navigate our health system and receive the care that they need. Rosy is also the treasurer for Sunset Park's industrious Community Board 7, giving her community a voice in City government and ensuring its needs are met. It is a great honor to recognize Rosy's tireless advocacy on behalf of her community and our great City.

#### RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BRIAN WHITE

#### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian White of Frisco, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Brian has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Brian was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and attended Del City High School. He served in the United States Army from 1982 to 1991 as a Howitzer Section Chief and Field Artillery Instructor. After leaving the Army, Brian obtained his Journeyman Plumbing and Gas Fitting license. He later began a 20-year career auditing and risk management at several large financial institutions, where he held leadership positions. In 2021, Brian received his bachelor's degree in applied management from Grand Canyon University. He is certified as an Internal Control Auditor and currently works as a Regulatory Compliance and Operational Risk consultant at Forvis Mazars USA, a top 10 accounting firm.

Alongside his professional career, Brian serves as the Director of Family Outreach for Memories of Honor, a nonprofit organization devoted to honoring fallen veterans and supporting Gold Star families. Brian works closely with several nonprofits, including the Frontline Healing Foundation, Warrior's Heart, and the One Tribe Foundation, to support veteran communities. In addition, he served as a running coach for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation for many years to raise awareness and funds to help tackle these diseases. I am proud of the work Brian has accomplished for our community, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Brian with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on June 28, 2024, I was unable to be present during the first three votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 327; NAY on Roll Call No. 328; and NAY on Roll Call No. 329.

#### COMMEMORATION OF THE LONGEST DAY

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the recently passed Longest Day, marked annually by the Alzheimer's Association on the Summer Solstice. For the Alzheimer's Association, the Summer Solstice—

the day with the most light—is an opportunity to spread awareness of the darkness of Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses.

Alzheimer's impacts millions of Americans and their families. Nearly 7 million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's. But their burden is not theirs alone. Each of those individuals have families and communities that are impacted. In fact, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that 11 million Americans provide unpaid support to patients every year, accounting for more than 18 billion hours of care.

Alzheimer's impacts families in every state, every city, every neighborhood, of all races, incomes, and religions. As we commemorate this day that highlights the pain felt by so many Americans, the House must pass H.R. 619, the National Alzheimer's Project Act reauthorization, as well as H.R. 620, the Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act. These bipartisan bills continue our nation's commitment to researching, treating, and ultimately curing this disease that has caused so much heartbreak and pain across the country.

I want to thank the countless advocates who have volunteered their time caring for loved ones, fought for new research funding, and always kept faith that future generations will never have to feel the grief of watching a loved one slowly slip away.

#### RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT DRU NEWMAN

#### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Drusilla "Dru" Wade Newman of Frisco, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Dru has dedicated herself to faithfully serving our community.

Dru is a fourth-generation resident of Frisco and graduated from Frisco High School in 1974. She earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education from Baylor University in 1978. For over 45 years, Dru has been a fantastic community leader and passionate advocate for youth education. She worked closely with the Frisco Education Foundation to help provide students with scholarships. Furthermore, Dru mentored young adults at her church while being involved in local parent-teacher associations and booster clubs.

In addition to her work on education, Dru has continued to be involved in charitable efforts in Frisco to help families in need. She participated in mission trips around the world to support humanitarian efforts and share her faith. Dru also worked with the Frisco Heritage Association to organize and fundraise for their annual Heritage Days event, which highlights the beauty and rich history of the city. She has a servant's heart, and her generosity and kindness has not gone unnoticed by those around her. In her free time, Dru is an avid sports fan, and she enjoys cheering for the Baylor Bears. Along with her husband Jim, she attends Frisco First Baptist Church. I am proud of the work Dru has accomplished for our community, and I wish her continued success for many years to come.