

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.

It is an honor to bestow Dru with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAYOU CLASSIC SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY VS. GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Bayou Classic, an annual football classic that honors the heritage and accomplishments of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, specifically between Grambling State University and Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and, Grambling State University, a member of the University of Louisiana System Institution, is in Grambling, Louisiana. Southern University A&M College, a member of the Southern University System, is in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Bayou Classic has earned the distinction of being the No. 1 HBCU Classic in the Nation, with a storied history dating back to 1932, and has long promoted the importance of sportsmanship, musicianship, community, and traditions by representing the talents and achievements of students, staff, and alumni of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The Bayou Classic brings together fans and alumni of Grambling State University and Southern University and A&M College from around the globe to New Orleans, creating a vibrant celebration of football, family, traditions, and pageantry surrounding Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The Bayou Classic's core audience primarily consists of students, alumni, military personnel, and leaders from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, with age demographics ranging from high school students, college students, university alumni, and football fanatics.

The Bayou Classic attracts participants from all over the world, but has a dedicated national audience, including but not limited to Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

The Bayou Classic has consistently achieved record-breaking attendance, with projections of sustained future growth, particularly the Battle of the Bands & Greek Step Show, which draws an average attendance of 30,000 with sold out crowds for the past three years, and over 60,000–65,000 attendees for Game Day.

The 44th Annual Bayou Classic in 2017 propelled the event to be recognized as the No. 1 HBCU Classic and the most attended football game in the FCS division, further solidifying its status as the No. 1 HBCU Classic in the world since 2019.

The Bayou Classic officially celebrated 50 years of HBCU football rivalry, in which Southern University defeated Grambling State 27–22, on November 25, 2023 in the City of New Orleans at the Caesars Superdome. The school's records are Southern 26 wins, Grambling 24 wins.

I am happy to recognize this event, held in Louisiana's Second Congressional District, and proclaim the Bayou Classic as an historic event that showcases the excellence, pride, and unity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. I appreciate all attendees from around the country and beyond who joined us in celebrating this momentous occasion, and to recognize the enduring legacy of the Bayou Classic, as we celebrated the 50th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO A TRIBE FOR JAZZ

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations and honor A Tribe for Jazz for receiving the Battelle Central Ohio STEM Grant for their innovative Jazz Lab Mobile Pilot Initiative in partnership with COSI, the PAST Foundation, and Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks.

Since its establishment in 2021, A Tribe for Jazz has not only been a beacon of cultural enrichment and social impact, but also a catalyst for change in our community. Through a multifaceted mission that includes visual storytelling, live and virtual performances, education, and community engagement, the organization has consistently championed the preservation and evolution of Jazz, leaving an indelible mark on our cultural landscape.

The Jazz Lab is a mobile pop-up session uniting jazz music and science through immersive experiences that nurture curiosity, inclusivity, collaboration, and wonder. The pilot program for middle and elementary school students explores systems thinking in jazz through technology, engineering, and math, highlighting the intersection of jazz and STEM. With support from the Battelle Central Ohio STEM Grant, students in Central Ohio gain enriched access to jazz and STEM education.

The Jazz Lab Mobile Pilot Initiative is valuable for everyone in Central Ohio. It illustrates the possibilities for STEAM in all fields and everyday life. Congratulations to A Tribe for Jazz for bringing this extraordinary educational experience to our children.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT JIM NEWMAN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2024

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

A fifth-generation resident of Frisco, Jim attended Frisco High School and graduated in 1975. Two years later, he graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural economics. In 1978, Jim married the love of his life, Dru, and they raised two children. That same year, he estab-

lished Newman Real Estate to manage property developments around Frisco and became a certified Property Tax Consultant shortly after. For nearly five decades, Jim has worked diligently to support the youth in our community and empower them to be successful. He firmly believes that our Nation's children is our greatest asset, and he has made good on his promise to ensure they receive positive guidance in life. Jim has mentored high school students while working with school bands, sports clubs, and school bond programs.

Furthermore, Jim is passionate about community service and the conservation of nature. He was a member of the North American Mission Board, the Texas Mission Foundation, and Christian Hands in Action to help provide disaster relief and humanitarian aid for families in need. Jim also served as a dedicated RA director at Frisco First Baptist Church for many years. For his outstanding work in community and business development, Jim was presented with the Micro Business Award, the Small Business Award, and the Developer of the Year Award by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce. In his free time, he is a devoted outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and fishing. I am proud of Jim's contributions to our community, and I am sure he will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the inclusion of a pilot program for a national simulation-based emergency preparedness network in the Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. This pilot program will support the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Health Security's (OHS) mission to strengthen the Nation's health security through leadership and partnership, a safer and healthier Department of Homeland Security (DHS) workforce, and optimal care for patients.

I worked on this language with my fellow co-chairs of the Modeling and Simulation Caucus, Reps. BERGMAN, SORESENSEN, and RUTHERFORD and am pleased to see it included.

The simulation-based emergency preparedness network will deliver simulation-based training that meets existing and emerging local and regional needs to licensed healthcare professionals, first responders, and volunteers. This network supports all five phases of emergency management by ensuring our vital healthcare workforce is prepared prior to an emergency, able to respond effectively, save lives, prevent further damage, and contribute to healing during recovery. The program will also serve the training needs of the greater U.S. healthcare system.

Unfortunately, the underlying appropriations bill fails to invest in other national needs. It fails to fund effective strategies to keep our communities safe, much needed programs to