

RECOGNIZING USMC 1STLT
CECILIA ANN EADO ON EARNING
HER WINGS OF GOLD

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary constituent from my district, United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant Cecilia Ann Eado. 1stLt Eado is graduating from Advanced Jet Training at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas on February 2, 2024, earning the coveted "Wings of Gold".

Cecilia was born to Chris and Mariann Davies in Doylestown, PA and graduated from Central Bucks High School West. Since her childhood, Cecilia had been driven towards the goal of becoming a pilot, following in the footsteps of her brother, father, and grandfather. Her family has a distinguished legacy of service as aviators with her Grandfather Joe and older brother Christopher both serving in the United States Navy. Her father Chris was also a huge inspiration as a highly successful Boeing 777 pilot for United Airlines.

1stLt Eado attended college at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, where she participated as an NCAA Division 1 Collegiate Athlete in Cross-Country and Track. It was during college that Cecilia was selected into the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Course, completing Officer Candidate School during her summers. She earned a spot in the Marine Corps Aviation and was commissioned as a 2ndLt upon graduation at a ceremony held at the Liberty Bell Pavilion in Philadelphia on January 2, 2020.

After completing Marine Corps Officer Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, Cecilia reported to her primary flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. She completed Aviation Preflight Indoctrination and went on to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas to finish her primary flight training on the T-6B Texan II. Her performance was exemplary, and she was selected to Advanced Jet Training on the T-45A Goshawk. Upon her graduation, 1stLt Eado will be assigned to a fleet replacement squadron for either the F-35 Lightning II or the F-18 Super Hornet.

Cecilia met her husband, 1stLt Urgy Eado, while serving in the Marine Corps.

I am beyond proud of and exceptionally grateful for 1stLt Eado's service to our great Nation. Her dedication to this country as a Marine Corps Fighter Pilot demonstrates the highest commitment to the values that make America the beacon of liberty to the world. I am truly impressed by her determination to achieve greatness and employ all her mental and physical capacities to become the Woman, Officer, Marine, and Pilot that she is today. I wish her nothing but the best in her continued service to the United States.

RECOGNIZING NOLAN KEATING
AND MILO HUMMON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nolan Keating and

Milo Hummon for earning the Best in Show Award in the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

Nolan and Milo built an app entitled Carbon Chronicle, which features a technically sophisticated interactive platforming game of an animal escaping rising ocean levels as well as informational slides to teach users about climate change.

Nolan and Milo, students from Golden High School, spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at Golden High.

Congratulations to Nolan Keating and Milo Hummon for their hard work on this project. I am certain they will exhibit the same dedication and character in their future accomplishments, and I wish them the best of luck going forward.

HONORING MR. EDWARD R.
DESMOND

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen of Waltham, Massachusetts—a devoted husband, father, grandfather, a dedicated serviceman; and distinguished World War II Navy Veteran, Mr. Edward R. Desmond. Mr. Desmond was honored by the History Department at Marshfield High School on January 25, 2023.

Edward Desmond, known to most as Eddie, served as a Petty Officer 2nd Class on USS LCS (L) (3) 128 and served at the Battle of Okinawa. In his service he was regarded highly by peers as a good cook and earned the Navy's Combat Action Ribbon for his time under fire in the Battle of Okinawa.

Edward also received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and was involved in the Liberation of the Philippines. During his time in the Navy he spent time away from family in service to his country in some of the longest and hardest battles in the history of naval warfare. Perhaps even more notable than the long list of accolades and awards is Edward's 40-year career devoted as a Central Office Technician for the New England Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Desmond has accomplished so much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the support of family. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond raised five children. They are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.

It is a great honor to represent Edward Desmond and his lifetime commitment to advancing our Nation's understanding of World War II, what happened, and what can be done to avoid another war.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF CAPTAIN PHILLIP MIKE
BRODERICK

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Phillip Mike Broderick, a firefighter from Des Moines who lost his brave battle with liver cancer on January 14, 2024.

Prior to spending nearly 16 years with the Des Moines Fire Department, Mike spent over two decades serving our nation in the United States Army. He was a man who put service over himself for his entire life, and his commitment to ensuring safety for his community and his nation was unwavering. Those who knew him personally shared he was an incredible friend, a devout husband, a loving father, and someone who served his country and community with purpose and care. Mike Broderick leaves behind his wife Emily and daughters Grace, Ireland, Piper, and Cambell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Mike Broderick's commitment to our Nation and the entire Des Moines community. I join his family and those closest to him in mourning his loss. May his memory not be forgotten.

COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE
OF MAJOR GENERAL DOUGLAS
FARNHAM

HON. JARED F. GOLDEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. GOLDEN of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my sincerest congratulations to Major General Douglas Farnham on his retirement following 40 years of service in the United States Air Force. On behalf of the people of Maine and our Nation, I thank him for his dedicated service, and extend congratulations on his retirement.

Major General Farnham graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1984 and began his first assignment as a student in undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base. He then served as an instructor and flight examiner in the C-21A Learjet and as the primary pilot for the Commander of the United States Space Command.

Major General Farnham joined the Maine Air National Guard in 1991 and served in various command and operations positions in the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor through 2012. In 2013, he briefly left Bangor to deploy to Qatar as United States Central Command Deputy Director of Mobility Forces. After his deployment, he returned to Bangor as Commander of the 101st Air Refueling Wing from 2012 to 2016.

In 2016, Major General Farnham was appointed as Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard. In this position, he served as Commissioner for the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, managing the Maine Army and Air National Guard, Maine Veterans' Services, and Maine Emergency Management Agency.

Major General Farnham's commitment and dedication to the safety and well-being of this country is clear from his dozens of military awards and recognitions, including a Legion of Merit, a Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, a Combat Readiness medal with two oak leaf clusters, and countless others he received throughout his military career for his leadership and service to the country.

It is my honor to congratulate Major General Farnham on his well-deserved retirement. I thank Major General Farnham for his 40 years of dedicated service to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act. Senator CORY BOOKER is introducing the companion bill in the Senate. This bill would permit the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and Section 8 housing, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state (including the District of Columbia) where the property is located.

Individuals living in federally assisted housing should not be denied admission, or fear eviction, for using a legal product. Adult-use marijuana, medical marijuana or both are currently legal in 38 states and the District of Columbia, and over 90 percent of Americans support legalized medical marijuana. Under current federal law, users of drugs that are illegal under federal law, including marijuana, are prohibited from being admitted into federally assisted housing. Moreover, federal law allows landlords to evict residents of federally assisted housing for using illegal drugs.

The federal government has begun to change its approach to marijuana. In 2018, the Food and Drug Administration approved Epidiolex, which is derived from marijuana. Epidiolex is used to treat children who suffer from seizures. Notably, the medicine does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive component in marijuana. For the last several years, Congress has prohibited the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using federal funds to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their medical marijuana law's. This bill would similarly allow individuals to use marijuana in federally assisted housing in compliance with a state's marijuana laws. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), like DOJ, should not be allowed to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their marijuana laws.

Under this bill, HUD must develop regulations that restrict smoking marijuana in federally assisted housing in the same manner and the same locations as HUD restricts smoking tobacco in federally assisted housing.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING PARKER BROWN AND THE CARRABBA'S TEAM

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Parker Brown and his team at Carrabba's Italian Grill on winning Westminister's 2023 Large Business Community Support Award.

Receiving four nominations for the award, constituents in the community thanked Carrabba's owner, Parker Brown, for donating much of his resources and time to support local school events and students. Carrabba's and Mr. Brown have donated food and raised funds for the community as a whole as well, earning them this Large Business Community Support Award.

Mr. Brown has been a managing partner for Carrabba's since 2013, and also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Westminster Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of the residents of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Brown and his team for their hard work and thank them for their dedication to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 572.

CELEBRATING SEPTA CHAIRMAN PASQUALE T. DEON, SR.'S RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Representative DWIGHT EVANS, in recognition of the retirement of a remarkable constituent from my district and dear friend, Pasquale T. Deon, Sr. who will be retiring from the board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, SEPTA on January 25, 2024. Pat is the longest tenured chairman and Board Member of SEPTA, serving the residents of the greater Philadelphia region since 1995.

During his tenure at SEPTA, Chairman Deon was committed to the securing of budgetary stability for the transportation authority through the use of innovative financial mechanisms. Chairman Deon revitalized the transit authority and contributed to 22 years of balanced budgets and the growth of SEPTA into the fifth largest public transportation system in the nation. Furthermore, Chairman Deon boasts an impressive record of bipartisan success for SEPTA, having worked with 6 governors, 5 Philadelphia mayors, and numerous

Commissioners and Councilmembers to secure the resources integral to SEPTA's continued operations throughout the region. Additionally, Chairman Deon was an active member of his community and advocate of various important causes throughout Philadelphia, including co-chairing SEPTA's Hub of Hope initiative to construct a homeless engagement center that provides resources for Philadelphia's homeless population.

Under his leadership, Chairman Deon advocated for the development and implementation of new technologies that put SEPTA at the cutting edge of efficient public transportation, including the introduction of the SEPTA Key, the integration of the SEPTA Control Center centralized command station, and the implementation of Positive Train Control, a system designed to advance and improve rail safety technologies. Additionally, Chairman Deon oversaw numerous technological advancements dedicated to making SEPTA a more sustainable system, including the introduction of hybrid buses into the fleet. SEPTA is now a committed partner of the MACH 2 hydrogen hub proposal, a project aiming to use existing technologies to generate clean hydrogen energy with the goal of transitioning the SEPTA fleet to zero-emission by 2040.

Chairman Deon's career will continue to service as a beacon of innovation and ingenuity worth emulating. By his example, we are convinced that his colleagues will continue his work towards modernizing SEPTA into an efficient, cutting-edge transit authority dedicated to quality service for the residents of the Commonwealth and all those who visit our Philly region. Thank Pat for his tireless service to our community.

NORTHEASTERN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Northeastern Senior Community Center on its 50th Anniversary on March 5, 2024, and tireless diligence in serving our community's Seniors.

In 1974, the Northeastern Senior Community Center opened. In addition to serving a noon meal, it "open[ed] new social dimensions in the life of the persons of Social Security age." In its 50 years, the Center has grown exponentially, and presently reaches well over 400 participants who receive monthly hot meals and participate in indispensable and engaging activities. The Center's selfless and unhesitatingly diligent volunteers never leave behind Seniors who are homebound—delivering meals to more than 60 residences throughout ten municipalities in York County. The Center's growth, professionalism, concern, and mission focus has led to earning 75 volunteers, four part-time employees, and Executive Director Deb Davis—all unwaveringly dedicated to serving our Seniors.

As the first senior center to open in York County, operating through ebb and flow, it is a vital part of our community. The legacy of its founding members (Clara Butcher, Jay W. House, Helen C. Provenza, B. Charlotte Sides, Cleon F. Prowell, Sylvia Sweitzer, J.E.