

The former Senator Bajoie legacy has spanned over three decades, she has fearlessly opened doors, not for herself but for others. Her work paves the way for young people to grow and build a better Louisiana. This shall be her Legacy.

On a personal note, I am honored to have served alongside Former Senator Diana Bajoie, as a true mentor, supporter, and dear friend. She is a true fighter—as a “lioness at heart,” but Don Hubbard calls her “killer”. The Greater New Orleans Community is blessed to have this incredible gem still making a difference in our great state. I am proud to say I can connect with her throughout my political career, and as Congressman, respecting the guidance and support she gives. I am forever grateful for her commitment to the residents of Louisiana, and guidance to our program. I will forever carry her direction as I serve the Constituents of LA02. May God continue to bless her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on July 24 and 25, I regrettably missed the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

No on Roll Call No. 391, Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 1376);

No on Roll Call No. 392, H. Res. 1376;

Yes on Roll Call No. 393, H. Res. 1367;

No on Roll Call No. 394, Perry Amendment No. 81;

No on Roll Call No. 395, Perry Amendment No. 82;

No on Roll Call No. 396, Perry Amendment No. 83;

No on Roll Call No. 397, Perry Amendment No. 85;

No on Roll Call No. 398, Tenney Amendment No. 91;

No on Roll Call No. 399, H.R. 8998; and

No on Roll Call No. 400, H. Res. 1371.

PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU'S JOINT ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my opposition to the speech given in this chamber by Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu. The speech given by the Prime Minister was outrageous. He disrespected his role as a foreign leader speaking before a joint session of Congress. He used the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to make blatantly political attacks on American citizens who disagree with his policies. He also made a full endorsement of former President Trump. One wonders if the Prime Minister's attacks were an attempt to salvage his own political survival in Israel by making it appear that he has the full support of the American people, which he does not.

This was a disturbing day for many Americans and a tragic day for Israelis and Palestin-

ians who are desperately looking for leadership—not political grandstanding. What the American people want, and what Prime Minister Netanyahu failed to deliver, was a clear plan to end the violence and bring about a lasting two state solution in the region.

HONORING DOROTHY LAWRENCE ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the astounding life of Dorothy Lawrence, who celebrates her 95th birthday this week.

Dorothy was born on July 29, 1929, along with her twin brother Dick, on the Borden Farm in Walkill, NY. She is the youngest of five children and spent her childhood on Borden Farms in Walkill and Earlville NY, which her father managed. In 1947, she graduated from Earlville High School. The following year, Dorothy earned a business certification from the Central City Business Institute in Syracuse, New York. She worked as a secretary until she married her beloved husband, John, in 1955.

Dorothy is a lifelong member of St. Malachy's Catholic Church in Sherburne, New York. Coming from a musical family, Dorothy has had a passion for singing all her life. When she was only four years old she and her twin brother sang “Little Old Lady Passing By” for a radio contest. In the 1960s, she helped found the Sherburne Community Chorus and was an active member until just recently. At the age of 95, Dorothy still enjoys music, attending local concerts whenever possible.

Currently, Dorothy still resides in the same house that she and her husband built in 1955. She is a loving mother to four children with whom she spends time with nearly every day. She has ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who she loves dearly, and she keeps informed about her many nieces and nephews as well. Dorothy is one of four surviving members of her high school class, and she has remained in contact with each of her former classmates since they graduated together in 1947. Dorothy is known by her family, friends, and other members of her community for her delicious apple pie.

Dorothy Lawrence is an exceptional member of her community whose dedication and love for her family and community is truly inspiring. I am thrilled to recognize her for her many accomplishments and wish her a very happy 95th birthday.

RECOGNIZING JOSAYNE ANDERSON-TEJERA

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Josayne Anderson-Tejera, for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award, an honor bestowed by the President of

the United States to recognize the invaluable contributions of volunteers in our Nation. Over the course of her career, Josayne has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to making a difference in her community, specifically in the areas of civil rights and women's advocacy.

Josayne was driven to a career in public service after she lost a close friend to domestic violence. Coupled with her own experiences surviving domestic violence, she has since dedicated her life to speaking out against domestic and sexual violence. In 2004, she founded the Love Quest Foundation, an organization that seeks to provide a safe space for young adults and survivors of domestic violence to learn healthy relationship habits and heal from trauma. Over the past 2 decades, the Love Quest Foundation has transformed the lives of countless young people and survivors across Dutchess County.

In addition to her work with her foundation, Ms. Anderson-Tetera has served as Dutchess County's Equal Opportunity and Inclusion Officer since 2020. In her position, Josayne is charged with maintaining and improving the County's commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Previously, she worked for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision where she conducted investigations which aimed to prevent discrimination, misconduct, and assaults in the workplace. She has also served as: Financial Secretary and recruitment presenter for the New York State Minorities in Criminal Justice, Board Member for Life Flows Through Every Body, and Fellow for CEO Action for Racial Equity.

I commend Josayne's impressive contributions to the Hudson Valley. Through her work, she has undoubtedly made a positive impact on the lives of countless men and women. The President's Volunteer Service Award is a formal acknowledgment of the hundreds of hours she has devoted to improving her community, but I want to take this opportunity to attest to the immeasurable contributions that she has selflessly made to Dutchess County and to our state.

RECOGNIZING THE QUAPAW CANOE COMPANY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to acknowledge a standout business from our community that has been honored with the 2024 National Small Business Week Award, Quapaw Canoe Company. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional contributions of John Ruskey and his team, whose dedication has not only enhanced our local economy but also enriched the cultural and environmental landscape of our region.

Quapaw Canoe Company, founded by John Ruskey, provides guiding and outfitting on the biggest river in North America, the mighty Mississippi River. They have been making a significant impact for about 26 years. By offering guided canoe tours and educational programs on the Mississippi River, they have created opportunities for people to connect with nature, learn about our history, and appreciate

the beauty of the river that has shaped our community.

What sets Quapaw Canoe Company apart is their unwavering commitment to environmental conservation and cultural preservation. Their work goes beyond simply providing recreational activities; it involves a deep respect for the river's ecosystem and a passion for sharing the rich stories of our past. Through their efforts, they have fostered a greater appreciation for the Mississippi River and have played a crucial role in maintaining its natural beauty for future generations.

During the challenges of the past few years, Quapaw Canoe Company has demonstrated remarkable resilience and innovation. They adapted their business practices to meet new demands and continued to serve our community with dedication and excellence. This ability to overcome obstacles and continue to thrive is a true reflection of the spirit of entrepreneurship.

As we celebrate their accomplishment, it is fitting that we recognize Quapaw Canoe Company for their outstanding achievements. John Ruskey and his team are deserving of this honor, and their success serves as an inspiration to us all.

Please join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to Quapaw Canoe Company for this prestigious award. Their contributions to our community and their dedication to their mission are truly commendable.

MISSION VIEJO CITY MANAGER
DENNIS WILBERG RETIREMENT

HON. YOUNG KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Mission Viejo City Manager, Dennis Wilberg, for his decades of service to our Mission Viejo community and to Orange County.

His work in the public and private sectors of civil and transportation engineering, including 20 years as City Manager, has left an enormous impact across Mission Viejo and the County.

From helping create the second-largest animal shelter in Orange County and building a water treatment facility, to increasing public safety and maintaining the City's transportation network, there's no question how he has become the longest-tenured city manager in Orange County.

I thank Dennis for his dedication to keeping our communities safe and connected.

We are grateful for his leadership, and I wish him a wonderful retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call No. 391. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 391.

APPRECIATING
BRUCE SAMUEL KIMBRELL, JR.
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. WALTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and an exceptional leader in our U.S. Navy.

Commander Bruce Kimbrell has distinguished himself through his professional character and dedication by serving this Nation in uniform. For the past year, Commander Kimbrell served admirably as the Department of Defense Legislative Fellow for my office where he handled House Armed Service Committee hearing preparation and execution while also contributing to my work on with the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Above all, he was the driving force behind my Maritime policy portfolio via multiple, pieces of maritime legislation, congressional letters, as well as multiple Maritime Statecraft engagements with representatives from the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, Maritime Administrator, and an extensive executive list of Maritime industry stakeholders involved in carrying out maritime statecraft activities and national maritime strategy.

His efforts advanced a shared effort for reinvigorating our Nation's maritime sector and gaining greater insight into the tools available for helping create a more favorable global environment for advancing America's maritime power.

Commander Kimbrell has had a remarkable twenty-two-year career after enlisting into the U.S. Navy in 2002, graduating from the University of Massachusetts in 2011, and commissioning as an Ensign designated as an Intelligence Officer. He served aboard two aircraft carriers, an amphibious war ship, as well as temporary duties aboard the NATO Afloat Standing Maritime Group Flag Ship. Later, he won the 2017 RADM Thomas A Brooks Junior Officer of the Year for the Naval Intelligence Community Award while assigned to Carrier Air Wing THREE. He also served as the Deputy Director of Maritime Intelligence Operations Center and Chief of Targets for U.S. FIFTH Fleet during which he was designated as a member of the Military Top 40 Under 40 in 2017 by Recruit Military, Bradley Morris, Inc. In addition, he served as the Executive Assistance to the Director Maritime Operations as U.S. Pacific Fleet prior to his role as Special Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations on force design, strategic planning, ally and partner interoperability, and strategic risk.

The Secretary of the Navy was impressed enough by his legislative work and especially in his creation of the maritime task force that he selected Commander Kimbrell to serve as his Special Advisor in which he advised the Secretary on maritime policy at the intersection of industry, government agencies, strategic think tanks, maritime advocacy groups, and U.S. Congress. His efforts led to the second annual Maritime Statecraft Innovation workshop sponsored by the Secretary of the Navy and Maritime Administration.

Mr. Speaker, next month Commander Kimbrell will assume duties as the Deputy

Legislative Director to the Commander of European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. It has been a great pleasure to work with Commander Kimbrell during his time representing the Department of Defense in my office on Capitol Hill. On behalf of our grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Commander Kimbrell and his four children. I wish them the very best as they continue their journey in our U.S. Navy. They have dedicated their lives to the service of our great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on Roll Call Nos. 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, and 399. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 391, NAY on Roll Call No. 392, YEA on Roll Call No. 393, NAY on Roll Call No. 394, NAY on Roll Call No. 395, NAY on Roll Call No. 396, NAY on Roll Call No. 397, NAY on Roll Call No. 398, and NAY on Roll Call No. 399.

HONORING DIXON FAMILY SERVICES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dixon Family Services as they celebrate their 40th year of service.

Established in 1984, Dixon Family Services is a community-based organization that offers intervention and support services. Cooperating with local schools, churches, businesses, and community members, Dixon Family Services assists residents in the pursuit of goals such as financial stability, improved or increased employment, escape from domestic violence, household budgeting, improved nutrition, and emotional wellness.

Dixon Family Services maintains the Dixon Family Services Food Pantry, which helps combat food insecurity in local households. Dixon Family Service also acts as a bridge between residents and larger health care and governmental programs, ensuring that the local population is aware of and able to use resources that they may have otherwise overlooked or struggled to access.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our community's need for human services dramatically increased. Answering this need, the dedicated staff of Dixon Family Services ensured that the organization safely remained open. Because of their compassion and commitment, Dixon Family Services was able to continue to provide vital information and referral services to clients even during the depths of the pandemic.

Dixon Family Services uplifts members of our community, providing future opportunities for all. Over the past 40 years, Dixon Family Services has welcomed numerous college intern therapists, case managers, and clerical