

Whereas, Waldo transported university officials, including presidents and coaches, and made more than 1,000 organ transplant flights and medical assistance flights with hospital medics.

Whereas, in September 1972, Waldo rescued a student pilot after distress calls could not be heard by local air traffic control. Anderson was commended by the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists for his "calm, cool reassurances" that brought the plane back to a safe landing.

Whereas, Waldo retired from the University of Minnesota in 1996 but never from flying.

Whereas, Waldo has been an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner since 1967 and has flown more than 33,000 hours in more than 50 different aircraft.

Whereas, Waldo has been an instructor with the American Bonanza Society for more than 26 years.

Whereas, Waldo has provided flight instruction to countless pilots, including a NASA astronaut and more than 40 pilots now flying for commercial airlines, including two nephews who are captains with Delta Airlines.

Whereas, Waldo's vast network and experience also includes brushes with Hollywood. He has trained many celebrities, including Harrison Ford, and flew a 1929 Sikorsky S-38 in the movie "The Aviator" with Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett.

Whereas, Waldo is an accomplished airplane appraiser, providing reliable appraisals to satisfied customers across the country. Among the more interesting planes that he tracked down was one of the original Bellanca's that made up the fleet for Hawaiian Airlines at its founding. The plane was restored and featured in the airline's 80th anniversary celebration and he was invited to visit the restored plane in Honolulu.

Whereas, for all these accomplishments and more, Ralph Waldo Anderson was inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame in 2008.

Whereas, Waldo has been married to Ruth Anderson for over 59 years, raising five children together, and spends time in Minnesota and Arizona, with visits to every airport in between.

Whereas, Waldo celebrates his 90th birthday on September 23, 2024, and continues to fly, instruct, appraise, and enjoy planes, with no signs of stopping. Now, therefore, be it recognized,

That I honor Ralph Waldo Anderson for his distinguished career and outstanding service to the United States of America, to the state of Minnesota, to the profession of aviation, and to the instruction of pilots.

RECOGNIZING ARVADA ELKS LODGE NO. 2278

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arvada Elks Fraternal Order Lodge No. 2278 of Arvada, Colorado for winning the Arvada Economic Development Association's 2024 Community Partnership Award. Each year this award goes to an Arvada organization that demonstrates a strong commit-

ment to serving their community through outreach, engagement, and impact on local issues.

Members began Arvada Elks Fraternal Order in 1963 with the mission of giving back to their community. Today, over 1,200 members support their mission of providing "charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity" to the local community. Their service projects have a wide reach, from providing drug-use education in schools and awarding college scholarships to Arvada high school students to purchasing groceries for families in need and raising money for the families of fallen law enforcement officers. Their philanthropy work has made a large impact on countless veterans, children, and families throughout Jefferson County.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate the Arvada Elks Fraternal Order Lodge No. 2278 for winning the Community Partnership Award and thank them for their contributions to the Arvada community.

HONORING SERGEANT LORENZO F. GARRISI AS THE AUGUST VET- ERAN OF THE MONTH FOR MICHIGAN'S 9TH DISTRICT

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service and contributions of Sergeant Lorenzo F. Garrisi, our esteemed August Veteran of the Month for Michigan's 9th Congressional District. Mr. Garrisi's life is a testament to courage, dedication, and unwavering commitment both during his service in the U.S. Army and his work in our community.

Born in Balestrate, Sicily, Lorenzo immigrated to the United States at the age of 7, arriving through Ellis Island, New York, before moving with his family to Detroit. After graduating from East Detroit High School, he attended Lawrence Technological University. However, at the age of 20, Lorenzo left his studies to support his family by working in the family business, Ornamental Iron Works. His sense of duty extended beyond his family obligations when he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War on November 14, 1967.

Lorenzo's military career began with basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and he was soon assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry, First Squadron (C Troop), under the command of General George S. Patton, Jr. His valor and resilience were evident throughout his service in Vietnam. By April 1968, he was deployed to Vietnam, where his bravery and leadership shone brightly. Within a year, Lorenzo was promoted to Sergeant at the age of 21, and he was entrusted with significant responsibilities, including serving as a driver for General Patton on occasion.

Lorenzo's service was marked by extraordinary heroism. He earned two Purple Hearts—one for surviving deadly crossfire while scouting to report back to his base, and another for sustaining shrapnel injuries in his face and back after an RPG attack on the tank he was driving. His selflessness and courage

were further recognized with a Bronze Star for saving his captain's life and carrying him to safety following an ambush.

After his distinguished service, Lorenzo returned home and married his wife, Antoinette, in the spring of 1971. Together, they raised three children. Lorenzo then embarked on a successful career as a builder, founding "Sunshine Homes" in the early 1980s. Now retired, Lorenzo continues to serve his community with the same dedication he showed in his military career. As the current president of the "Americans of Italian Origin" (AIO), he plays a pivotal role in the AIO Annual Seafood Dinner, raising thousands of dollars in scholarships for the children and grandchildren of local Italian Americans. Lorenzo also contributes to the Quality of Life Committee of "Focus Macomb," offering valuable recommendations to improve living conditions in Macomb County. His past involvement with the Italian American Chamber of Commerce further highlights his commitment to community service.

Mr. Speaker, Lorenzo F. Garrisi's life of service and leadership exemplifies the highest ideals of patriotism and dedication. His heroism in Vietnam and his continued community service serves as a beacon of inspiration for us all. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and admiration for Sergeant Lorenzo F. Garrisi's exemplary service to our country and community.

HONORING THE PITT COUNTY ALL- STARS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pitt County Girls Softball League 12u All-Stars for its historic win in the 2024 Little League Softball World Series Championship in its own home of Pitt County. It was an extraordinary achievement, especially since they won the World Series in their hometown representing their hometown. Twelve young female athletes represented Pitt County in the championship: Caroline Reynolds, Candace Lynn, Braelyn Johnson, Kenzie Carson, Emery Peebles, Anna Rose, Isabella Ford, Brooklyn Medhus, Emma Pilgreen, Aurora Edwards, Brooke Rose, and Mikalya Bateman led by three coaches: Percy Edwards, Brandon Peebles, and Brad Medhus.

Pitt County entered the tournament as underdogs but defied expectations by winning five consecutive games in the weeklong series. Coaches Edwards, Peebles and Medhus team's defense was so strong they never even allowed their opponents to score a single run. Even though Hurricane Debby's storms tried to damper and delay the series by two days, she didn't keep our Pitt County Girls 12u All-Stars down for long. These young female athletes and their coaches inspired a community that loves its softball and baseball. The girls and coaches put in so much effort practicing nearly year-round. These team members embody the best qualities of Pitt County: perseverance, dedication, and teamwork. With their mantra "Never give up", the 12u Allstars fought through a field of seven U.S. teams

and four international teams to take the title. I am humbled and honored to extend this chamber's recognition to the Pitt County All-Stars for completing its "unfinished business."

HONORING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF DR. DOUGLAS "SCOTT" BROWN

HON. MARK ALFORD

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career and retirement of Dr. Douglas 'Scott' Brown, a man whose contributions to agricultural economics, particularly in dairy policy, have left an indelible mark on Missouri and the Nation.

Dr. Scott Brown has dedicated over three decades to advancing our understanding of agricultural markets and policies. As an Associate Extension Professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics and the Interim Director of the Rural and Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center (RaFF) at the University of Missouri, Dr. Brown's expertise has been instrumental in shaping the landscape of American agriculture.

A native of northwest Missouri, Dr. Brown's roots run deep in the very fields he has devoted his life to studying. After earning his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business from Northwest Missouri State University, he pursued his Master's and PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Missouri. In 1989, he joined the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri, where his work began to influence federal dairy and livestock policies. His appointment to the university faculty in 1998 marked the beginning of a long and impactful academic career, during which he not only educated future leaders but also provided critical market insights and policy analysis that have guided farmers, industry stakeholders, and policymakers alike.

Dr. Brown's unparalleled expertise in interpreting market price movements and evaluating the impacts of federal and state policies on agriculture has made him a sought-after voice in both state and national agricultural discussions. His testimony before the U.S. Congress has helped shape policies that directly affect the livelihood of farmers and the agricultural economy. In Missouri, his work with the state legislature has been vital in assessing the economic effects of state policy options on Missouri agriculture, ensuring that our farmers have the information they need to thrive.

Throughout his career, Dr. Brown has been recognized for his contributions to agricultural policy and education. His accolades are numerous and well-deserved. On the national stage, he has been honored with awards such as the USDA-NIFA Partnership Award for his work with the Missouri Quality Beef Team, the National Farm and Ranch Financial Management Program Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and the Distinguished American Agricultural Economics Association Policy Contribution Award.

In Missouri, Dr. Brown has also been celebrated for his service to the agricultural community. He received the prestigious Jay B.

Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence from the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City, the Meritorious Service Award from the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors, and the C. Brice Ratchford Memorial Fellowship from the University of Missouri System Board of Curators, among others.

As Dr. Brown enters retirement, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for his service to the agricultural community, not just in Missouri, but across the Nation. His work has made a profound impact on the agricultural policies that sustain our rural communities and ensure the prosperity of our nation's farmers. Dr. Brown's legacy will continue to influence agricultural economics and policy for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Douglas 'Scott' Brown for his exemplary career and wishing him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING CAPPELLO'S

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cappello's of Arvada, Colorado for winning the Arvada Economic Development Association's 2024 Outstanding Small Business Award. Each year, this award honors one small business in Arvada that demonstrates excellence in innovation, local outreach, and community engagement.

Ben Frochlichstein and Stacey Marcellus created Cappello's in 2011 when they noticed a lack of gluten-free products in Colorado grocery stores. This led them to create their line of products that emphasize simple, fresh ingredients that prioritize the health and well-being of their customers with celiac disease and other gluten sensitivities.

Since then, Cappello's has expanded to grocery store shelves across the country, creating a large variety of products, including gluten-free pizzas, pastas, cookie doughs, and biscuits. Their business has allowed people in Colorado and across the country to make and enjoy the foods they love with safety and peace of mind.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Cappello's for winning the 2024 Outstanding Small Business Award and thank them for their contributions to the Arvada Community.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF KERN ENERGY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kern Energy on its remarkable 90 years of service as a vital family-owned and operated transportation fuel producer in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. Since its founding in 1934, Kern Energy has exemplified a resilient "small but mighty" ethos, continuously evolving to meet California's dynamic energy

needs. As the sole refinery producing gasoline and diesel between Los Angeles and the Bay Area, Kern Energy plays a crucial role in fueling both our state's agricultural heartland and its major transportation networks. Today, they proudly contribute 1 percent of California's gasoline and 3 percent of its diesel supply.

Refining up to 27,000 barrels per day of crude oil and producing a wide range of "California Clean" renewable products, Kern Energy's team of 185 continues to proudly meet the transportation needs of the Central Valley and the state. Kern Energy takes a pragmatic approach to producing the clean energy California needs now and in the future. With a focus on driving down the carbon intensity of gasoline and diesel, reducing the environmental footprint of their facility, and innovating toward next-generation renewable fuels, their mission is both essential and commendable.

Throughout its history, Kern Energy has not only adapted to California's rigorous regulatory landscape but has thrived as an innovator in renewable fuel production. A powerhouse for innovation, they were among the first in the Nation to produce renewable diesel through bio-feed co-processing and the first small refinery in our state to blend biodiesel, aligning with California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard and the Federal Renewable Fuel Standard. Their efforts have resulted in over 58 million gallons of renewable diesel and 74 million gallons of biodiesel blended into their fuels.

Beyond their contributions to clean energy, Kern Energy has been a steadfast community partner, committed to both economic growth and environmental stewardship. Over the years, Kern Energy has demonstrated a strong commitment to their workforce and the communities they serve, ensuring that their operations contribute positively to our region's prosperity.

As we celebrate Kern Energy's 90th anniversary, I commend them for their leadership in energy innovation and their dedication to preserving our community's quality of life. Here's to another 90 years of excellence, job creation and sustainable solutions as Kern Energy continues to pave the way for a cleaner, brighter future for California.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring Kern Energy. Let us celebrate their legacy and their ongoing commitment to advancing California's climate goals.

CONGRATULATING DR. SARA "MANDY" REECE

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Sara "Mandy" Reece on her appointment as Interim dean of the School of Pharmacy at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, known as PCOM.

Dr. Reece has been a part of the Georgia PCOM community since 2010, having served as the Vice Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Director of Interprofessional Education.

Before Joining the PCOM community, Dr. Reece served as a pharmacy director and diabetes educator at District 2 Public Health in Gainesville, Georgia.