

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.

Dr. Reece's appointment as interim dean is only one of her many accomplishments, among being named the PCOM School of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year for Pharmacy Practice in 2019 and Faculty Preceptor of the Year in 2022 and 2023.

In Dr. Reece's new role as interim dean, she will continue to advance the great mission of PCOM's School of Pharmacy throughout the state of Georgia.

I sincerely congratulate Dr. Reece on her accomplishments and share this excitement with the Georgia PCOM community.

RECOGNIZING DAVID LUCAS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Lucas for winning the 2024 Paul Kroegel Refuge Manager of the Year award from the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

The Paul Kroegel Award honors refuge managers who have made significant contributions to the protection and management of national wildlife refuges. During his time as a manager for the Rocky Flats, Two Ponds, and Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuges, David rehabilitated two formerly hazardous waste sites into thriving animal refuges, oversaw the restoration of 15,000 acres of prairie habitat, and reintroduced the Black-Footed Ferret to one of his refuges. He also expanded access to his refuges by installing ADA accessible e trails and piers and hiring bilingual rangers. David's work brought Colorado's public lands closer to home, ensuring that everyone can learn from and enjoy our diverse environment.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate David Lucas on receiving the Refuge Manager of the Year award and thank him for his remarkable work in conserving Colorado's public lands.

LORNA KEARNEY NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize Lorna Kearney of Akron as Ohio 13's Champion of the Week.

Lorna recently made history at 66 years old when she became the oldest player to play in the American Women's Football League for her team, the Detroit Prowl.

Lorna has always had a love for sports, and her passion for football led to her interest in joining the American Women's Football League.

Unfortunately, the year she was supposed to start playing, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

However, Lorna fought hard and won her battle with cancer, and this year, she played her first game.

Lorna's dedication is an inspiration, not just to her family and teammates, but to everyone in our community.

Lorna's dedication to tackle adversity on and off the field is a shining example of the spirit that makes Ohio's 13th Congressional District the Birthplace of Champions.

I congratulate Lorna Kearney, for making history and demonstrating it's never too late to do the things you love.

RECOGNIZING HENRIKSEN AMPLIFIERS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Henriksen Amplifiers of Arvada, Colorado for receiving the Arvada Economic Development Association's 2024 Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. Each year, this award recognizes an Arvada company that demonstrates excellence in entrepreneurial spirit, creative business practices, and economic innovation.

Bud Henriksen founded Henriksen Amplifiers in 2006 with his son Peter when a newly acquired jazz guitar led him to make his own amp. Since Bud's passing in 2009, Peter Henriksen has carried on his father's legacy while expanding further into other genres of music. Henriksen's contributions to Arvada extend beyond amplifiers: the business has been committed to investing their time, expertise, and money in local concerts, artists, and community events, such as the annual Rocky Mountain Archtop Guitar Festival in Olde Town Arvada. Henriksen Amplifiers sets a clear example of how a business can bring more to a community than just their product.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Henriksen Amplifiers for receiving the Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award and for their contributions to the Arvada community.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MARIA RODRIGUEZ MENA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Maria Rodriguez Mena, who passed away on July 1, 2024. Maria Rodriguez Mena was born in Aquila, Michoacan, on December 27, 1958, to Maria and Severo Rodriguez. At the age of 15, she moved to the United States with her parents and siblings, where they settled in Visalia. She later graduated from the College of the Sequoias. Mrs. Mena began her career in broadcasting at KQIQ radio station, initially working in promotions. She later hosted her own show, "Mujer a Mujer," where she offered advice on relationships to her listeners. In 1986, Mrs. Mena married Patricio Mena, a local realtor and owner of Studio 45. After her time at KQIQ, she transitioned into real estate herself, becoming a well-known and respected realtor

within the Latino community. Throughout her career, she was passionate about helping families find their ideal homes. In 2007, she and her husband remodeled Studio 45 and opened Giovanni's Pizzeria and Arcade. Mrs. Mena was deeply committed to helping improve the lives of others in the Porterville community. She was an active participant in Encuentro Matrimonial, helping couples to resolve their issues. She also served as president of both the Exchange Club and the Southeastern Tulare County Republican Women. She graduated from Leadership Porterville and was a member of the Zonta Club of Porterville. Mrs. Mena was a dedicated parishioner at Holy Cross Church. In her free time, she enjoyed spending time with her family and playing golf with friends. Mrs. Mena will be remembered for her kindness, empathy, and passion for the well-being of the Porterville community. She is survived by her husband Patricio and their three children, Pierre, Bonita and Giovanni.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mrs. Maria Rodriguez Mena. Her dedication to the Porterville community will be felt for generations to come.

CHRIS POA NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Chris Poa of Hudson as Ohio 13's Champion of the Week.

Chris has been a Hudson U.S. Postal worker for 29 years, and recently, his awareness and quick-thinking helped save the life of an elderly woman.

Chris was on his delivery route when he noticed one of the residents he delivers to, a 91-year-old woman, had not picked up her mail in a few days.

Chris often chatted with the resident, and his concern prompted him to call in a wellness check for her.

When EMS arrived, they found that the older woman had fallen in her home and was unable to get up.

Thanks to Chris's attentiveness, EMS was able to take the woman to the hospital for treatment.

Chris was awarded the Hudson EMS Life Saving Award for his actions.

And his selflessness and compassion is a shining example of the spirit that makes our district the Birthplace of Champions—a place where neighbors care for each other and look out for one another.

I thank Chris Poa for his continued dedication to serving our community.

CELEBRATING THE ADAMS FIRE COMPANY 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Adams Fire Company's 100-