

Diego's Homeless Women Task Force, providing critical support to women who lack access to public health and psychological care. He also authored multiple books addressing the homelessness crisis in America, including *A Street is Not a Home*, which served as a model for multiple Grand Juries in implementing equitable solutions to housing disputes.

Judge Coates' enduring spirit will live on in his wife of 19 years, daughter, son, and three grandchildren. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Judge Coates' loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of California, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

HONORING RABBI FELIPE
GOODMAN

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Felipe Goodman for his 25 years of dedicated service to Temple Beth Shalom and southern Nevada.

Before joining Temple Beth Shalom in 1998, Rabbi Goodman served as assistant Rabbi in Comunidad Bet-El de Mexico in Mexico City, one of the largest conservative synagogues in Latin America. He also co-authored the most widely distributed Pesach Haggadah of the Conservative Movement in Latin America.

Rabbi Goodman has served as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Las Vegas, Nevada for 25 years, and his charisma and dedication to community has made a profound impact on our Jewish community. Attendance at Shabbat services has increased significantly during his tenure through innovative programming and a true sense of community that has transformed Temple Beth Shalom into a more vibrant and stronger congregation.

Rabbi Goodman remains an active leader outside the synagogue. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Joint Retirement Board of the Conservative Movement. He is also one of the nine Permanent Members of the Joint Bet Din of Conservative Judaism, and one of a group of only 17 Conservative Rabbis in the world certified by The Joint Bet Din of The Conservative Movement, as experts in the laws and writing of "Gittin." Rabbi Goodman is also part of the AIPAC National Leadership Council and is working on his new book, "Torah from Sin City."

In 2013, Rabbi Goodman was selected by The Daily Forward as one of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis, among the distinguished "36 Rabbis Shaping The 21st Century." In the past, he has served as a member of The Chancellor's Rabbinic Advisory Committee at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, a member of the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, and as President of the Board of Rabbis of Southern Nevada.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Rabbi Felipe Goodman for his many years of dedicated service to southern Nevada, and in congratulating Rabbi Goodman on his 25th Anniversary Jubilee.

EDWARD GANT, LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Life and Legacy of Edward Gant.

Born in Pleasantville, New Jersey and raised in Absecon, New Jersey, Edward Gant spent much of his childhood along the beautiful shores of New Jersey, being considered by those close to him a "Bay Rat". Edward Gant enjoyed the shore so much that it became a way of life for him. He was a fisherman among many other things, and passing those traits onto his children, most notably Gabriel and Matthew Gant. While spending many of his days enjoying New Jersey's magnificent waters, in the spring of 1974 Edward Gant began an apprenticeship, that would become a staple in who he was.

Edward Gant was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 351, and during his career he became IBEW's business manager and, was an advocate and instrumental voice involved in many individuals' careers as well as local organized labor. During his time as a IBEW member, he became a close friend and mentor to me. Edward Gant and I worked closely together not only in IBEW related matters but matters that were paramount to all working families.

Returning to his roots in Pleasantville, New Jersey, Edward Gant spent time as a board member on the New Jersey Casino Redevelopment Authority (CRDA). It was evident that his love for the area in which he grew up and developed so many fond memories held a special place in his heart. Edward Gant wanted to give back, making positive and everlasting change.

Today, Edward Gant is survived by his wife Susan; his son and daughter in law, Gabriel and Kiersten; his son and daughter Matthew and Andrea; and his two grandchildren, Lyla and Jaxson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Edward Gant of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community and who has thoroughly served them to the best of his ability.

HONORING KENTUCKY EAGLE, INC.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kentucky Eagle, Inc., which is located in Lexington, Kentucky. The company celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2023.

Kentucky Eagle, an alcoholic beverage wholesaler, was founded in 1948 by O.A. Bakhaus. Mr. Bakhaus moved from Oklahoma to Kentucky during the Great Depression in 1937 to support his mother and sister. After serving his country as a Major in World War II, he continued his business career back home in Lexington with numerous different businesses, one being what is today Kentucky Eagle.

In 1997, Mr. Bakhaus' daughter, Ann Bakhaus, became the company's second CEO. She ran the company as a family business and diversified its products. Under her leadership, the company experienced growth and success.

Seventy-five years after its founding, Kentucky Eagle has grown into a leading beverage distributor in the state, delivering beer, soda (Kentucky's own Ale-8-One among others) and water to 23 counties in central Kentucky as well as fine Kentucky Bourbons and other wines and spirits to all counties statewide where alcohol sales are legal.

Today, Kentucky Eagle employs over 250 hard-working Kentuckians and is very close to completing an 80,000-square-foot warehouse expansion. The team is led by Mr. Bakhaus' grandchildren, who proudly represent the company as 3rd generation owners and plan on at least 75 more years of business in the Commonwealth. Tate Russell serves as President and Michael Russell is a Vice President of Kentucky Eagle.

Kentucky Eagle is a highly respected Kentucky business. As the company celebrates its 75th anniversary, I congratulate the owners and all the employees and wish them a bright future. I am honored to recognize this company before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
REBECCA P. SWANSON

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, I stand before you today to pay tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of Williamsport resident, Rebecca Powell Swanson, who passed away on December 31, 2023.

Rebecca was a longtime substitute teacher in Warren, Pennsylvania, where she began her teaching career in the Warren County School District. She taught first at Sheffield Area High School, then at Beaty Middle School, and finally at Warren Area High School, where she retired in 1987.

Rebecca's unwavering commitment extended beyond the classroom. She proudly served as a member of the Warren First Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday School, took on the role of a Deacon, engaged in Bible Study circles, and later assumed the position of Secretary for the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team.

Rebecca's involvement reached across various organizations, including the Warren Association of College Women, Retired Women Teachers of the City of Warren, Warren Forest Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, and as a Full Life Member of the PASR.

Away from her commitments, Rebecca found joy in travel, literature, piano, crossword puzzles, and enjoyed many bridge games with friends. Most importantly, she enjoyed cheering on the Penn State Nittany Lion football team while surrounded by her loving family.

Today, I encourage my colleagues in Congress to join me in commemorating the life of Rebecca Powell Swanson. May the memory of Rebecca bring solace and blessings to her family, friends, and the community.

HONORING MR. JASON SMILEY
FOR HIS ACTIONS TO HELP OTHERS
ESCAPE FROM AN OVERTURNED VEHICLE

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I recognize and appreciate my constituent, Mr. Jason Smiley, for the actions he took to save strangers from an overturned vehicle on Christmas Eve. His service to this country has been exceptional and I thank him for the sacrifices that he and his family have made time and again.

On December 24th when a family found themselves in a dangerous and scary situation, he took action to ensure their safety. He should be commended for his action and his willingness to respond quickly, calmly, and without hesitation. In Colorado there are often severe weather conditions which lead to emergencies like this. It is not uncommon for Coloradans to be dependent on their neighbor's vigilance and kindness for assistance on the roads. I hope that Mr. Smiley's unhesitating willingness to intervene after an accident can be emulated by all my constituents.

What I admire most about Mr. Smiley's story is not only his eagerness to help others, but his willingness to do so after having already given so much for our country. Through injury and decades of military service, Mr. Smiley has been an exemplary member of his community and a good citizen.

In choosing to help others, he demonstrated the best characteristics of a serviceman: selflessness, attentiveness, and calm in the face of danger. It is an honor to represent Mr. Jason Smiley in Congress and it is my absolute pleasure to thank him not only for his eagerness to help, but for his consistent dedication to the defense of The United States of America.

HONORING THE IMPRESSIVE
SERVICE OF BETHANY MOULTRY

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 9-year-old Bethany Moultry for her amazing work in providing care packages to give to the homeless. Through her business, Bethany's Happy Bags, Bethany and her mother have dedicated hours of service providing food, first aid kits, toiletries, and so much more to people in need.

Bethany's mother, Colleen Moultry, began Bethany's Happy Bags in December of 2020, when Bethany's wish for her birthday was to help people. As word began to spread over Facebook, the Moultry's began receiving supplies and funding from across our country. With many packages being sent to their doorstep, schools were able to get involved in helping with packing and distribution.

Bethany's Happy Bags initiative grew, developing a movement across the nation and inspiring others to do the same. This project has formed into a much larger service where community members have joined together to give

donations to the Moultry's. These efforts have led to over 5,000 happy bags to be distributed to the people who need them the most.

I had the privilege of recently meeting Bethany Moultry and was amazed by her dedication to giving back to her community in so many ways. Her slogan "I want every person experiencing homelessness to know that I see you and I care," is truly inspiring and I hope she knows that myself, as well as many others in the district, stand with her and can't wait to see what the future holds for this extraordinary project.

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN DILLER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nathan Diller for his exemplary dedication and service to our nation. Over the past year, Nate has been a key asset to the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Prior to this, Nate—known then as Colonel Diller—had a distinguished career as an Airman in our United States Air Force.

A proud Texan and graduate of the Air Force Academy, Nate received his commission as a United States Air Force officer in 2000. A pilot with over 2,800 flying hours. Nate flew over 60 different aircraft, was a combat F-16 instructor, instructed at the Air Force Test Pilot School, and held many other positions that bolstered the careers of countless Airmen.

After receiving his wings, Nate was deployed to the 36th Fighter Squadron at Osan Air Base in South Korea where he was responsible for the Korean Peninsula F-16 war plans. In 2006, he was identified as the top F-16 wingman at the squadron. Due to his success with this important mission, Nate was then sent to Shaw Air Force Base. Here he served as the executive officer to the Commander, was a flight instructor, led flights for theater security package deployments, and engaged in operational flight tests with the United States Army. Yet again. Nate showed his ability to excel, being named the top company grade officer of the 20th Fighter Wing.

Next, Nate was sent to his hardship tours—the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and the French Test Pilot School in Toulouse and Istres, France. Here, Nate gained language and flight experience with a close ally in a wide array of aircraft.

After barely making it through these assignments, Nate dove headfirst into assignments that would shape the rest of his career as an Airman. In the following years, Nate was assigned to the Air Force's Science Advisory Board, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Joint Staff, the White House Office of Science and Technology, the Department of Defense Strategic Capabilities Office, the Air Force's Rapid Capabilities Office, and later as the proud Director of AFWERX. At AFWERX, he was the lead change agent for the Air Force and was responsible for the largest small business innovation budget in the federal government.

Over these years, he also somehow found time to lead flight tests and operations for the F-35 and the F-16, serve as the commander

of the 586th Flight Test Squadron, and work on many classified programs. He also is perhaps the most educated person I have come to know. His degrees include bachelor's degrees in Physics and Humanities from the United States Air Force Academy, a master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's degree in International Security and Political Economy from Harvard, a master's degree in Flight Test Engineering from Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace, and a master's degree from the National Defense University at the Eisenhower School.

In 2023, Colonel Diller departed the Air Force and became a Professional Staff Member on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. In this role, Nate used what he learned as an Airman to craft an innovation strategy adopted by the House of Representatives in the Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Appropriations Bill. Because of Nate, the entire Department of Defense is increasingly focused on the challenges facing our Nation and is more appropriately resourced to address them.

On a personal note, Nate has become a trusted advisor, staffer, and friend to the Members of the Subcommittee on both sides of the political aisle and all the staff. Nate's deep knowledge of just about every issue has been a tremendous addition to the Subcommittee. As Nate departs to pursue other goals, I am confident that "past will prove future" and Nate will continue his legacy of service.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Nate for his service to our country, and we wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the House floor on March 8, 2023 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 138.

HONORING COMMANDER SHEILA
CORCORAN

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Indiana resident Commander Sheila Corcoran.

Even within the veteran community, female veterans tend to be overlooked and underrecognized. This year, I am proud to honor the many Hoosier women veterans who continue to serve our community.

In 2023, Commander Sheila Corcoran became the first woman appointed State Commander to the Department of Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Commander Corcoran carries on the VFW's noble mission. Among many other accomplishments, the VFW was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI Bill for the 20th century, and fighting to improve VA medical center service for women.