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CONGRATULATING BOB HOUSER
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give thanks and to congratulate Bob Houser on his well-earned retirement.

2024 marks the 60th and final year that Mr. Houser is adding something sweet to the community through his Bob's Sno Balls business. The 76-year-old York County resident has been running Bob's Sno Balls since he was just 16. In his six decades running the business, Mr. Houser has become a staple in the York County community. His classic white truck and ringing bell have attracted patrons from all over the York area during the summer months.

While the summers are spent selling snow cones, Mr. Houser spends the rest of the year as an accountant. Mr. Houser remarked "I've got two professions . . . People aren't usually smiling when they come to the tax office. Sno ball truck's a whole different operation. People are happy. Kids are happy."

It has been the smiles and happiness that has brought Mr. Houser back for the past six decades. He stated that being able to make people, especially the children, happy has been his biggest joy in all his years of business.

Mr. Houser's six decades of business in York County have made a lasting impact on the communities and individuals that he has served. Generations of people have been fortunate enough to have someone like Mr. Houser in their community, not only as a business owner but as a friendly face.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Houser on his 60th year in business, and I wish him continued success and joy in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TRUCK
DRIVING AWARD WINNER FROM
MISSISSIPPI JACKIE REED

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fellow Mississippian Jackie Reed for his extraordinary accomplishment of winning the National Truck Driving Championships last month in Indianapolis. Jackie, from Collinsville, Mississippi, was named the Bendix Grand Champion at the 2024 Truck Driving and Step Van Championships. As we celebrate National Truck Driver Appreciation Week this week, I am honored to have the chance to recognize Jackie Reed.

Jackie has over 30 years of professional truck driving experience for FedEx and has

driven more than 3 million miles without an accident. For the third time, Jackie qualified for the National Truck Driving Championships by winning the state title at the Mississippi Truck Driving Championships.

I am proud of Jackie Reed's much-deserved recognition as the 2024 Grand Champion of the 87th National Truck Driving Championships. Jackie's record proves that he has had a career of excellence, and I am grateful for his expertise in this vital profession.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PA-
TRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT
CORBETT HOWARD

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Corbett Howard of Celina, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Corbett has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

Corbett was born in Roswell, New Mexico. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Southern Nazarene University and graduated from Engineer Officer Candidate School in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. After graduation, Corbett commissioned in the United States Army and served with the Military Assistant Command, Vietnam (MACV) as an advisor for the South Vietnamese Army. For his meritorious service, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Corbett was first elected to the Celina City Council in 1999. In 2002, he was elected to serve as the Mayor of Celina and was re-elected twice. Under Corbett's leadership, Celina transformed economically through increased job growth and critical business investments. As a result of his advocacy for Celina residents, he was recognized as a top influential leader in Collin County. After his tenure as mayor, Corbett served as the Executive Director of the Celina Economic Development Corporation for ten years. He also served on the Board of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District and the McKinney Urban Transit District. He is the past President of the Preston Trail Rotary Club and the current Chairman of Government Affairs for the Celina Chamber of Commerce. Corbett currently serves as the Market President of Lamar National Bank and is a board member of the Military Warriors Support Foundation, which donates homes and cars to wounded veterans. A devoted man of faith, he attends the Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, where he has led Bible study classes for over 33 years. I am proud of the work Corbett has accomplished, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Corbett with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNION
STATION REDEVELOPMENT COR-
PORATION FUNDING ELIGIBILITY
ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to make the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC), a nonprofit, eligible for funding under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Program, the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program and the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program, also known as the Mega Program. Funding under these transportation programs is essential to implement the planned expansion and modernization of Union Station in the District of Columbia, known as the Washington Union Station Expansion Project (USEP). I am pleased Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN has introduced this bill in the Senate.

Union Station is owned by the federal government, and USRC manages and operates the station under a lease with the federal government. The members of USRC's board of directors are the Federal Railroad Administration, Amtrak, Federal City Council, the District of Columbia and the USRC President and CEO. USRC is the only entity exclusively dedicated to the management and operations of Union Station and therefore should be eligible for funding under the FSP Program, the CRISI Program, the RAISE Program and the Mega Program.

Union Station is a vital local, regional and national intermodal transportation hub that, pre-pandemic, welcomed more than 100,000 travelers and visitors each day—more than either Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport or Washington Dulles International Airport. Located five blocks from the U.S. Capitol, Union Station serves as a gateway to the Nation's capital, as well as the backbone that connects East Coast rail lines to the north and south. People rely on Union Station every day to get to work and to visit the Nation's capital.

Despite the vital role Union Station plays in the Nation's capital, it has not undergone major renovation since the 1980s. The USEP represents a historic transportation and economic development opportunity for the Nation's capital and the national capital region, but billions of dollars are needed to carry it out. This bill would give USRC access to critical funding.

RECOGNIZING THE GRASSROOTS
GRANDMAS

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize two special individuals in the Phoenix West Valley, Barbara Wylie and Corky Haynes, otherwise known as the "Grassroots Grandmas." Both Barbara and

Corky educate constituents on the civic engagement process and are a strong force for conservative causes across Arizona. They have been instrumental in the success of elected officials, candidates, and others in the Republican Party. During my tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, I have been thankful for their leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate their efforts and service to Congressional District 8 and the State of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING KYLE
HOSTETTLER

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kyle Hostetler, a first responder and recent winner of The Atmore Advance Readers' Choice Awards. The residents honored Kyle by selecting him as their favorite first responder in the area. The award is chosen annually by the individuals residing within a 60-mile radius of Atmore, Alabama. The ceremony was held on September 10, 2024, to honor Kyle and the recent winners of these awards. Prior to attending his graduation from the Alabama Fire College in 2021, Kyle attended Coastal Alabama Community College's Brewton campus. As a first responder, Kyle bravely goes above and beyond to ensure the safety of Atmore's residents. I am honored to have such a courageous individual residing in and serving the people of the First District of Alabama. I am proud to congratulate Kyle on receiving this outstanding award.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PA-
TRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT JUDGE
TRAVIS RANSOM

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Travis Ransom of Atlanta, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Judge Ransom has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

A distinguished alumnus of Atlanta High School, Judge Ransom attended Texarkana College and earned his Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science at Texas A&M University at Texarkana. He began his career as a legislative aide in the Texas State Senate, a position he held for eleven years. Since May of 2022, Judge Ransom has served as Cass County Judge and was previously the Mayor of Atlanta, Texas, for five years. As Mayor, Judge Ransom lowered tax rates for Atlanta residents and fought for the creation of new jobs, improved public infrastructure, and increased economic development. He concurrently works as a Commercial Insurance Agent for Offenhauser Insurance and is a 27-year veteran of the United States Army Reserves. In the Army, Judge Ransom served as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 505th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Sam Hous-

ton and deployed several times in support of peacekeeping and contingency operations around the world. When he returned from Afghanistan in July 2021, Judge Ransom was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service.

On top of his professional career, Judge Ransom is an active leader in our community and has served in a variety of volunteer positions. He is a current member of the Executive Board for the ARK-TEX Council of Governments and is the past president of the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council and the Atlanta Lions Club. As an Eagle Scout himself and the father of a proud Eagle Scout, Judge Ransom serves on the advisory board for the Caddo Area Council Boy Scouts of America. He is a devoted man of faith and attends First Baptist Church in Atlanta with his wife, Emily, and their three children. I'm proud of the work Judge Ransom has accomplished, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Judge Ransom with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR RAYMOND
ROBERTS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Major Raymond Roberts of Denton, Texas, who passed away on August 29, 2024. With his celebration of life ceremony being held this week, I would like to share about his tremendous life of service to his country and our great state of Texas.

Since he could first walk, Ray always wanted to be a pilot, which prompted him to join the U.S. military at the young age of 14. Initially joining the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and then transitioning to the Army Air Corps, Ray spent 22 years serving in our Nation's military.

Ray's storied military career included assignments as an airman, mechanic, and flight engineer during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. In 1948, Ray was also one of the few pilots to fly nonstop as part of the greatest humanitarian airlift in history to carry supplies to the encircled people of West Berlin. Despite the great risks and challenges that came with supplying the necessities of food and fuel for thousands of people, he remained dedicated and committed to providing the resources necessary to sustain the men, women, and children in dire need on the ground. Ray played a pivotal role in history and the success of our military.

After leaving military service, Ray did not stop serving his community. Developing a career as an entrepreneur, corporate manager, car salesman, aviation administrator, and private pilot, he ensured our state continued to grow economically. Ray loved his country and numerous times put his life on the line for the future generations of Americans. I am glad to call him a constituent of mine and was honored to nominate his son, Brandon, for the Air Force Academy back in 2012 and see him successfully follow his father in service to his country.

May his extraordinary life be remembered by many in the 26th District of Texas and across the United States. Sending my prayers and love to his family and friends, as they celebrate his life.

HONORING THE CAREER OF TAD
WEBER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tad Weber, an esteemed journalist, and Opinion Page Editor at The Fresno Bee, on his retirement.

Mr. Weber has dedicated more than 50 years of his life to a career in journalism, of which over a decade was carried out here in Fresno at The Fresno Bee newspaper. Before coming to The Fresno Bee in 2013, Mr. Weber worked at newspapers in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo, California. His journey eventually led him to Fresno, where he served as Metro Editor of the Fresno Bee, directing news coverage of the Central San Joaquin Valley. In 2018, Tad was promoted to the Opinion Page Editor, a position which granted him the responsibility of writing editorials shaping opinion on key issues impacts the Valley. He is known for his dedication, fairness, and well-thought-out commentaries.

Over his lengthy career, Tad earned many awards and leaves a legacy of fair and accurate news coverage. The Executive Editor of the San Luis Obispo Tribune, Sandra Duerr, describes Tad as "a key player in strengthening news coverage countywide, producing terrific journalism that has made a difference to readers and won many state and national awards." Most recently, Mr. Weber was awarded Best Editorial in Large Digital/Print for the 2024 George F. Gruner Awards for San Joaquin Valley news outlets.

Tad will enjoy his retirement in Clovis, California, with his wife Donna and adult children, Katie and John, and their family dog, Ginger.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the phenomenal career of Tad Weber. May we never forget his contributions and commitment to journalism throughout his life. We hope his legacy of excellence inspires future generations of journalists.

RECOGNIZING LOU SNIDERMAN

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Lou Sniderman of Sun City, Arizona. Lou is a hardworking and dedicated leader with an outstanding track record of supporting his community.

Lou is a strong advocate for conservative principles and works diligently to educate and train citizens on civic engagement. His support for elected officials, candidates, and the Republican Party has been instrumental to their success. I am thankful for Lou's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I