

care, interdisciplinary collaboration, and focused, one-on-one teaching of patients, their families, and their support systems.

I call upon all members of our community to join me in celebrating the strength, courage, and dedication of nephrology nurses. Let us honor those who care for this patient population in the Greater Philadelphia area and reaffirm our commitment to supporting these dedicated nurses.

Congress should also support the designation of September 8–14, 2024, as National Nephrology Nurses Week. Together, let us acknowledge the role of these nurses in our community regarding the care and support of those with CKD.

I encourage all individuals to learn more about chronic kidney disease and the impact it has on our health system and our population in Pennsylvania, as well as celebrate the invaluable impact made by nephrology nurses.

HONORING NATALIA SHEVTSOVA'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Natalia Shevtsova, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Natalia is from St. Paul, Minnesota. Her sister, Anastasia, loved playing the piano, singing, painting and drawing.

On April 20, 2022, Natalia lost her sister, Anastasia, to fentanyl poisoning. She purchased what she thought was Percocet marketed by a dealer. Those pills turned out to contain fentanyl.

Anastasia was 15 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Natalia, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning her grief into activism, Natalia has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Natalia for sharing Anastasia's story and demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

REMEMBERING SEAN GRIFFIN

HON. MARY SATTLER PELTOLA

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and remember a very special Alaskan.

On August 25th, a devastating landslide in Ketchikan destroyed homes and took a fellow Alaskan from us. That Alaskan was Sean Griffin. Sean was a selfless husband, father, son, neighbor, and public servant. Ketchikan families knew him for his positive spirit and his devotion to his friends, family, and community. At the time of the landslide, Sean, a senior maintenance technician for the city, was clearing stormwater drains on his day off.

It's heartbreaking to see that such a model Alaskan and public servant is now gone from

our Ketchikan community. He will be so deeply missed.

Earlier this month, I witnessed the landslide damage in Ketchikan firsthand. It was horrific. Alaskans had their entire lives uprooted.

Our delegation will be working closely with those affected to make sure Ketchikan is safe. But Sean was taken from us too soon. I am sharing my deepest condolences to his friends, family and all those whose lives he touched. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING SHELLY McLAREN

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the exceptional work demonstrated by Shelly McLaren, who selflessly dedicates her life to ensuring individuals feel comfort following life-altering events across the State of Iowa and the United States. This remarkable woman demonstrates an exceptional volunteer commitment to serve our communities. As the team lead for the Iowa chapter of Crisis Response Canines (CRC), a national nonprofit that provides comfort visits and crisis response support following traumatic incidents, she has made an indelible mark on Iowa communities and beyond.

Her dedication to rigorous training has earned both her and her canine partner, Jacks, the highest certifications. Embracing the credo "Purpose Beyond Oneself," she is committed to selflessly caring for those experiencing life-altering traumatic events.

She consistently shows an unparalleled ability to mobilize swiftly in response to crises, coordinating with operations leaders to support those impacted by critical incidents. During these interactions, she and Jacks bring their healing, compassionate presence to individuals enduring the most traumatic events of their lives. Their deployments include responding to the January 4, 2024, shooting in Perry, Iowa; assisting in Minden and Greenfield, Iowa, following spring 2024 tornadoes; and most recently, aiding multiple counties in northwestern Iowa after severe storms and flooding.

When not responding to tragic events, she and Jacks are a well-known and respected team, visiting community organizations and attending special events.

Her work has inspired others to join, creating a ripple effect that strengthens the community's ability to respond to crises effectively. The countless lives touched by her compassion and dedication serve as a testament to the lasting impact of her volunteerism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable woman and Jacks for their service to the State of Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL KEVIN STEWART

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Kevin Stewart, the

first President and CEO of the Carolina Museum of the Marine. BGen Stewart, an Iraq and Afghanistan War veteran, has served our Nation and his community with great honor and integrity. He retired from the Marine Corps in 2021 as the Director of the Global Operations Center at U.S. Transportation Command. He also served as the Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, as well as Chief of Staff for the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, at the United States Marine Corps headquarters.

In his two years as CEO, BGen Stewart has demonstrated remarkable fundraising and marketing prowess. He secured \$4 million from the state government, over \$1.9 million in private sector donations, and additional funds from the city and county governments. He also launched the first regional TV and live-streaming ad campaign for the Carolina Museum of the Marine. BGen Stewart implemented the organization's first brand guidelines and upgraded the website.

Under his leadership, the Carolina Museum of the Marine is coming to life. BGen Stewart is to be commended for assembling a team of outstanding design and construction firms and finalizing the necessary approvals for the museum. The official groundbreaking earlier this year celebrated the start of museum construction, and you can now see the walls going up as you drive by the Lejeune Memorial Gardens. To support this physical progress, he also strengthened the museum's organization, building a top-notch staff, improving fiscal management, and planning for its operations.

This transformational project is becoming so much more than just a museum and far surpassing traditional expectations. BGen Stewart led development of the Carolina Museum of the Marine's Al Gray Marine Leadership Forum that teaches the core values of the Marine Corps, strategic thinking, and leadership traits. He oversaw construction of the studio for the Leadership Forum and helped to shape the compelling programming created there.

Words do little justice when trying to fully capture the contributions BGen Stewart has made to our great Nation and to the development of this museum from the ground up. His talent and leadership skills are truly second to none. It has been an honor to witness his efforts to memorialize the history of our beloved Sailors and Marines in the Carolinas. I wish BGen Stewart swift recovery and look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes in the future.

HONORING JOSEPH CHAPLIK

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my

honor to recognize Arizona State Representative Joseph Chaplik from Legislative District 3, covering the northeast valley in the Phoenix-metro area.

For almost three decades, Joseph has been a successful business executive. He is the founder of Joseph Bernard Investment Real Estate, handling more than one billion dollars of sales volume. The Portland Business Journal recognized him as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Business Leaders, and he has won awards including Business Ethics Finalist and Top Corporate Philanthropy.

As a member of the Arizona Legislature, Representative Chaplik has sponsored many bills that reflect the values of our great state, including proposals to enhance our border security, election integrity, and economic freedom.

Arizona's 8th Congressional District is thankful for Representative Chaplik's endeavors on behalf of his district and our state. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber and achievements in the State Legislature.

FRIENDSHIP HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the historic Friendship Hose Company No. 1 on its 150th Anniversary.

The Friendship Hose Company No. 1 has provided fire protection dating back to the 1830s—with the purchase of a fire engine called "Juno"—originating in Newville Pennsylvania. Formally established on January 14, 1874, the then-Newville Fire Company officially formed and elected its first officers. Facing the continuous challenges of staffing and funding, the Friendship Hose Company No. 1 endured and prevailed when other fire companies fell short.

Over the past 150 years, the Friendship Hose Company No. 1 has operated out of three locations in our community, has had hundreds of members, and currently operates with approximately 20–25 active volunteers. Under the current leadership of President Trent Wagner and Fire Chief David Bobb, the Company continues to serve our community through tireless service and heroic work in fire protection.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to recognize the Friendship Hose Company No. 1 on their 150th Anniversary. Their selfless and tireless service to the community, Commonwealth, and Nation is the standard by which we should all be judged. I wish them Godspeed in their continued endeavors and pray for their safety and security for years to come.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIERRA CLUB SAN FRANCISCO BAY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the

San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, and their continued dedication to conservation and environmental action and advocacy in the Bay Area.

The Sierra Club was originally founded in 1892, and the San Francisco Bay Chapter was established in 1924, including Alameda, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Marin, and San Mateo counties.

Since its founding in 1924, the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club has persisted in its mission to advance conservation and environmental action in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Throughout their history, the chapter has advocated for the preservation of natural landscapes, the protection of wildlife habitats, and the promotion of sustainability in public policy. Now in 2024, the Sierra Club continues its work to be a leader of climate action and environmental justice.

Early accomplishments of the Bay Chapter include supporting the creation of Mt. Tamalpais State Park and the East Bay Regional Park District, a system of parks and trails throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. In the decades that followed, the chapter played a key role in the creation of landmark legislation such as the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Save the Bay movement of the mid-'60s, and the creation of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park in Berkeley, California.

In more recent years, the Bay Chapter has focused on addressing pressing environmental challenges such as climate change and urban sprawl. Through grassroots organizing, advocacy campaigns, and community outreach, the Sierra Club has worked to promote renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and advocate for sustainable land use policies. The Bay Chapter balances its important campaign priorities with a love of the outdoors, encouraging community members to experience the outdoors for themselves through one of their vibrant activity groups.

The Bay Chapter's commitment to environmental justice and equitable access to nature is a central part of its mission. From tree-planting campaigns in Oakland to passing Climate Literacy resolutions in local school districts, the Sierra Club aims to create a Bay Area where the outdoors and healthy, livable communities are available to all.

I honor the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club for a century of environmental advocacy and critical service to our community. Their legacy of leadership and commitment to action will inspire positive change in California's 12th Congressional District and beyond for years to come. Here's to many more years of inspiring dedication to exploring, enjoying, and protecting our environment.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. WALTER HEARNE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an exemplary staff member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Mr. Walter Hearne, as he retires from Federal Government service this year.

For twenty-five years, Walter has served the U.S. Congress with distinction. He began his career in 1999 as a Staff Assistant with the Senate Budget Committee where he developed an affinity for the federal budget process. In 2002, he transitioned to the U.S. House of Representatives, and the House Committee on Appropriations, where he served for several years as professional staff on the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government and the Subcommittee on Transportation and the Treasury.

In 2004, Walter began working on funding our national security when he joined the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. For seven years, Walter worked to pass annual appropriations bills that improved the quality of life for service members and their families including improvements in medical care, housing, and child development centers. At the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Walter also worked to pass several supplemental appropriations bills in support of ongoing military operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

In 2011, Walter brought his national security and appropriations experience to the Subcommittee on Defense, where he would work for the next fourteen years. On the Subcommittee, Walter primarily served as the professional staff member in charge of the Air Force portfolio. He worked on programs of tremendous national security importance like the modernization of America's nuclear triad, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the KC-46 tanker, and Intelligence Community programs. Ultimately, Walter would assist in shepherding fifteen appropriations bills through Congress while serving as staff on the Subcommittee on Defense.

In the 117th Congress, I was honored to serve as the Chair of the Defense Subcommittee during a particularly tumultuous time in America's national security. This Congress included the COVID-19 pandemic, the end of the War in Afghanistan, and the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. I was able to be successful as Chair during the 117th Congress because of the incredible Subcommittee staff serving with me, Walter chief among him. As Chair, I knew I could always count on Walter's utmost professionalism, deep wealth of knowledge, and his best counsel, which he has always provided to Clerks and Chairs of the Subcommittee from both parties. His work and was critical to helping me enact the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Defense Appropriation Acts, and I will always be grateful to him for his work.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in recognizing Walter Hearne's achievements over 25 years working in Congress and his record of incredible service to our Nation. I wish him all the best in the years to come.

HONORING NATALIA RUSTAND'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Natalia Rustand, who