

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Natalia is from St. Paul Park, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

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

I thank Natalia for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

JENNIFER JAIME'S COMMITMENT  
TO COLORADO EDUCATION

**HON. GREG LOPEZ**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, Colorado native Jennifer Jaime is a testament and great example of the hardworking students Colorado has to offer. She is a first-generation student from metro Denver, and enrolled in CU Denver in 2017, and participated in the Marc U-Star Program—a scholarship program for students interested in research careers and plan in pursuing their Ph.D's in behavioral and biomedical sciences. Through the MARC U-program Jennifer participated in a summer research program at Princeton University.

She graduated in 2019 with a BA in psychology and was admitted to the University of Michigan's competitive Neuroscience Graduate Program for her doctorate. Jaime received her PhD in May 2024 and has chosen to return to Colorado for her post graduate work at CU Anschutz where she started her post-doctoral fellowship in August 2024.

It is my distinct privilege as the United States Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to congratulate Jennifer for her hard work in achieving this accomplishment and I'm so glad she chose to return home to Colorado. Welcome home to Jennifer, and I thank her for her example and the research she is doing.

HONORING JERRY WEIERS

**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, I would like to recognize the mayor of Glendale, Arizona, Jerry Weiers.

Originally born in South Dakota, Mayor Weiers moved to Phoenix as a child where he went on to serve in the Arizona House of Representatives before becoming mayor of Glendale in 2012. Outside of public service, Mayor Weiers was also a proud small-business owner and family man.

During his time in both the state legislature and as mayor of Glendale, Mayor Weiers has been a strong advocate for the military and veterans, reduced bureaucratic red tape, and created conditions for small businesses to thrive. As mayor, he has created a thriving business-sector through public-private partnerships, increased public safety, worked toward reducing homelessness, and been a strong advocate for Luke Air Force Base and Glendale's veterans.

His successes in public service have left a lasting impact on both the Glendale community and the state of Arizona as a whole. I thank him for his service.