

for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Champion Award.

Every year, the Arvada Chamber of Commerce honors outstanding individuals and organizations that have left a lasting legacy on the Arvada area and its residents. Mr. Adams was a treasured member of the community, serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors, as well as at Thrive Workplace and Revive Church.

Mr. Adams was constantly asking tough questions and pushing those around him to achieve greatness. This drive created an environment of continuous improvement, propelling the Arvada Chamber and many local businesses toward success. His leadership, grace, and kindness will long be remembered in this area and beyond.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Mr. Adams for this award and thank him for his contributions to our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2024*

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, on September 14, 2023, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 391.

I strongly oppose H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act. This bill modifies the waiver process under the Clean Air Act. In doing so it would limit vehicle choices for consumers, hinder climate progress, and put public health at risk.

#### BENJAMIN FAIRFIELD

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2024*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past December, I had the honor of celebrating a remarkable young man, Benjamin Fairfield, who has achieved the prestigious Rank of Eagle Scout. His journey is a true testament to his dedication, leadership, and community service. Throughout his scouting journey, Benjamin has learned the importance of being prepared for anything and has made lifelong friends along the way. Benjamin's Eagle Project involved upgrading the Climbing Area at Camp Edge in Ranch Hope, South Jersey. He built a double-sided climbing wall, landscaped the area, and even pressure washed and painted benches, making it a safer and more enjoyable space for all. Benjamin is not only dedicated to scouting but also passionate about hunting and fishing, reflecting his love for the outdoors and adventure. Beyond scouting, Benjamin plans to continue working at Hidden Creek Farm and eventually open up his own farm. I am proud of this young man, and I wish him the best. God Bless Benjamin and God Bless the United States of America.

#### RECOGNIZING COLORADO SUCCEEDS

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colorado Succeeds for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Behind the Scenes Award.

Every year, the Chamber of Commerce awards one Behind the Scenes honor to an organization or individual who has served as an unsung hero in the Arvada community.

Colorado Succeeds is a coalition of business leaders with a vision to radically improve education and training outcomes for learners across backgrounds. Through their invaluable partnership with the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, they support workforce development projects, recruit talent for local businesses and nonprofits, advocate for positive change in government, and fight to break down barriers in our state's workforce system.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Colorado Succeeds for this award and thank them for their commitment to our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2024*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on January 30, 2024, I missed four roll call votes. Had I been present I would have voted:

No on Roll Call No. 22—On ordering the previous question;

No on Roll Call Vote 23—On agreeing to H. Res. 980 Providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5585) Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act; (H.R. 6678) Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act; (H.R. 6679) No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act; and (H.R. 6976) Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act;

Yes on Roll Call No. 24—On Agreeing to Crockett Amendment to H.R. 5585; and

No on Roll Call No. 25—On Final Passage of H.R. 5585.

#### CLAYTON SKROBANEK

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2024*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past November, I had the pleasure of attending Clayton Skrobanek's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Clayton has been involved in the Eagle Scouts for over a decade, starting in first grade as a Tiger Scout. Over the years, he has been very involved in his troop by holding four different leadership positions, contributing over 100 hours to community service, and participating in countless outdoor adventures all while earning 37 merit badges. Outside of the scouts, he dedicates his time to helping those in need by

volunteering at the "Your Place at the Table" Food Pantry. This upcoming year, he is expected to graduate from Clearview Regional High School and hopes to pursue a career in nursing. I am honored to congratulate this young man on his remarkable achievements, and I wish him the best. God Bless Clayton and God Bless the United States of America.

#### RECOGNIZING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IVAN ROSARIO, OUTSTANDING VETERAN IN THE 52ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

### HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2024*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Petty Officer Ivan Rosario, an outstanding veteran, who served our Nation in the United States Navy for more than 17 years.

Chief Rosario was born in Arkansas and spent much of his childhood abroad in Puerto Rico. He grew up with his five siblings, and as many military families do, moved to a new home depending on military orders. His father was a long-time servant in the United States Army and deployed to Vietnam numerous times.

Chief Rosario followed both his father's and brother's footsteps and initially joined the United States Army at the young age of 17 years old. He was stationed in Germany for three years, and when he returned, he realized the difficulty of pursuing a career without a high school diploma. He searched for options, and after going to the United States Navy Recruiting Center, he found his true calling to continue serving his country.

Chief Rosario dedicated 17 years of service with the United States Navy. He served as a Radar Systems Operator and completed several WestPac Tours overseas.

Chief Rosario was on active duty, while he and his spouse raised two children. As a dedicated family man, he continues to support his family and our country by working with his wife's former students, who have expressed an interest in joining the U.S. military.

He earned his High School GED in his first year as a sailor. Early on, he had a keen interest in cutting-edge technologies used on U.S. Navy ships. He achieved a college degree using the GI Bill, and he went on to receive both his bachelor's degree in computer science and a master's degree in computer technology. Chief Rosario's academic achievements led to mentorship opportunities for others, and he earned rank as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy.

Chief Rosario has served the local community, volunteering at Sunset Elementary School in San Ysidro, California, and other schools. He has worked with students during special school assemblies and has helped them with their technological needs. During these assemblies, Chief Rosario has also talked about his service in the United States Armed Forces and the different training programs available to them.

Chief Rosario was honored as the 52nd District Constituent of the Month in November 2023, when Veterans Day is celebrated. He is commended for his dedication and lifelong

commitment to our Nation, and also for giving back to the local community.

#### RECOGNIZING ECHTER'S NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTER

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Echter's Nursery and Garden Center of Arvada, Colorado for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Business of the Year Award.

Every year, this award recognizes a business that has established a reputation for providing a superior level of customer service while using ingenuity and innovation to overcome challenges. Not only are the businesses recognized for their economic impact and successes, but they receive this honor because of the support they provide the community by partnering with town residents and nonprofit organizations.

Echter's Nursery and Garden Center has been one of Colorado's premiere garden retailers since 1959. The center offers over 2500 varieties of flowers each year in its 70,000 square foot display area. Echter's also gives back to the community in a number of ways, from providing over 300 Christmas trees to families in need every year to hosting events with local nonprofits, such as food drives and fundraisers to provide financial support to teenage parents and their children.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Echter's Nursery and Garden Center for this award and thank them for their commitment to our community.

COLIN FINNEY

##### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past December, we gathered to celebrate Colin Finney, a bright young man who worked his way up to the rank of Eagle Scout. To achieve this rank, Colin undertook an Eagle Scout Project involving the restoration of generators and fans at Fort Mott State Park in Pennsville, South Jersey. Fort Mott holds a significant historical importance to our nation, serving as an Army Base during World War II. In 1942, three Diesel Generators were installed to provide essential electric services. Colin dedicated his time to the meticulous restoration work of these generators that involved cleaning, priming, and painting, as well as the restoration of the three fans and the gate door, ensuring their preservation for future generations. Looking ahead, Colin has ambitious plans. He plans to graduate from Salem Vo-Tech's Electrical program and continue his journey in the Electrical Field as a Lineman. Beyond scouting and his career aspirations, Colin enjoys hunting, spending time with friends, and has a commendable interest in firefighting. This remarkable young man has a bright future ahead of him and I can't wait to

see what he accomplishes. God Bless Colin and God Bless the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 30, 2023, I was absent for Roll Call No. 176. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on the Levin amendment to H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF ANDY FLICK

##### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my thanks to Andy Flick, the Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition for the past two years.

Throughout his 15-year career in the House of Representatives, Andy has supported many New Dem Members and the Coalition as a whole in their work to break through gridlock and deliver for the American people.

As Chair of the New Democrat Coalition, Andy and I worked hand-in-hand to find new solutions to the persistent challenges facing our country, Congress, and Coalition. From standing up our policy task forces and working groups to ensuring each and every New Dem had the resources to succeed, he has made an incredible and long-lasting impact on our Members.

Under Andy's guidance, he has grown the Coalition's staff, tackled issues from inflation to infrastructure, and has ultimately helped turn the organization into one of the most powerful forces in Congress. His work to see old problems through a new lens has been at the center of our policy program and we will carry on his vision in the years to come. He truly embodies the spirit of the 'Can Do Caucus.'

As a result of his impressive work ethic, extensive knowledge of Capitol Hill dynamics, and policy prowess, he caught the eye of the Vice President's office, where he now serves as the Director of Legislative Affairs.

As we look toward the future, we know Andy's influence will leave a mark on the NDC and he will always be known for his exemplary service to the House, multiple Member offices, and the Coalition.

New Dems will be forever grateful to Andy for his astute insights, friendly demeanor, and political savvy, and there is no doubt he will bring this same positive attitude to his new role.

I wish Andy all the best in his future endeavors and look forward to continuing our shared work to move our country forward and ensure everyone has the chance to thrive.

RECOGNIZING FOOTHILLS REGIONAL HOUSING AND THE COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF JEFFERSON AND GILPIN COUNTIES

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Foothills Regional Housing and the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Nonprofit of the Year Award.

Every year, the Non-Profit of the Year Award typically honors one outstanding organization for their support of Arvada and its citizens through impactful programs, services, and overall involvement within the community.

This year, Foothills Regional Housing and CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties are being recognized together for their innovative development of the AVi at Olde Town affordable housing community which opened in February 2023. With 100 affordable housing units, AVi serves low-income families, homeless veterans, and emancipated foster youth. CASA manages an on-site Youth Alliance program which pairs foster youth with one-on-one educational, financial, and job mentors. Foothills Regional Housing also maintains an on-site case manager who provides direct support to residents and connects them to needed outside resources such as nutrition assistance or childcare. So far, the AVi development has housed over 100 families and made an immeasurable impact in the community.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate these two organizations for this award and thank them for their contributions to our community.

JACK FOWLER

##### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this December, I had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor of Jack Fowler, a young man who has accomplished a significant milestone in the world of scouting. Jack's hard work is a testament to his commitment to making a positive impact on the South Jersey community and his unwavering dedication to the values of scouting. For his eagle scout project, he took on the task of building fences and cleaning up the grounds of the Mount Zion AME Cemetery in Woodstown, South Jersey. The cemetery had become overgrown, and its boundaries were unkempt. With great care and effort, Jack built fences, created a defined entrance, and trimmed bushes and trees to beautify the area. His hard work not only restored the cemetery to its rightful dignity but also honored the memory of those laid to rest there. In this upcoming year, Jack plans to graduate from Salem County Vocational Technical Schools with an associate's degree in Biochemistry from Salem Community College. Outside of scouting and school,