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SALUTING ELIZABETH CLAXTON

(Mr. ALFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our top 10 speechwriters for this year's Missouri's Fourth Congressional District Speech Competition. They were chosen to write speeches on what America means to them, and today, we are saluting Elizabeth Claxton of Holden High School in Johnson County, Missouri.

Elizabeth says: "To me, America is more than just the land I grew up in. America is the persons who surround me and the companionships I share with them. America is small towns and big cities full of people and their lives and the bonds they form with each other. Fellowships of all kinds fill America and make up our Nation. We are all of different backgrounds, who have different futures but are deeply intertwined as members of our beautiful and intricate country. America is all of these people and cultures woven together to create our society. America isn't just a land or national entity but one diverse yet blended people."

Mr. Speaker, we salute Elizabeth and thank her for her great work.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PHIL BRANDI

(Mr. DELUZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of my constituent, Phil Brandi, who passed away on July 17 at the age of 90.

He lived in Greentree and was born and raised in Sheraden. He was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. He was married to Alice for 66 years. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his buddies at McDonald's, his Local 27 retirees, and his friends at the cardiac rehab at Ohio Valley Hospital.

A veteran, he served his country in the Army and was a proud member of Plumbers Local 27 for 65 years. Not only was he a proud union member and retiree, his son and grandkids have followed in his footsteps in Local 27.

Phil's life may seem ordinary to many, but I think he represents the very best of western Pennsylvania, the values of hard work, patriotism, and sacrifice. We honor his life. We honor his legacy, and we hold him and his family in our hearts.

CELEBRATING SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH'S CENTENNIAL

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight a significant milestone in the history of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the heart of Covington, Virginia, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Originally a mission of St. Joseph's Church in Clifton Forge, Sacred Heart became a full parish in 1924, and Reverend William Payne served as its first parish priest.

Reverend Joseph Jurgens served as Sacred Heart's longest tenured pastor from 1939 to 1968, and it was during this time that the church grew immensely. The many expansions and renovations the parish hall and church have seen over the years are a testament to Sacred Heart's vibrant life and giving spirit.

Sacred Heart's service to the community includes a preschool that has served hundreds of children in the region, as well as the Allegheny Highlands Christmas Mother Program, which has been assisting families in need during the Christmas season for over 70 years.

Sacred Heart's centennial was celebrated beginning with Mass and the ceremonial participation of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, followed by a catered luncheon in the parish hall. Sacred Heart is a solid rock on which Covington's faithful parishioners stand. I congratulate them on reaching this special moment in their history.

SARA FROM GAZA

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to fulfill a promise, a promise I made to a 17-year-old girl named Sara to share her story.

Sara is a brilliant artist and a loving sister. She was savagely burned and severely injured in an Israeli airstrike, an airstrike that killed her two brothers, Ahmad, 15 years old, and Mohamed, 8 years old.

Sara and her mother are currently in the U.S. seeking medical treatment, treatment she couldn't access for over a month as her family was trapped in Gaza and denied care. No child should ever have to endure this brutality.

Sara's mother spoke about Ahmad and Mohamed with love. They were gentle, sweet boys who lit up the room with joy and loved to ride horses with their sister.

What have we as a Nation done? We are supplying bombs that maim and murder babies. Where is our humanity?

I carry Sara and her family with me always, and I will press for peace in her name.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MELISSA DANGERFIELD

(Mr. BEAN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, whether flying by with sirens wailing in those awesome cruisers or walking the neighborhood beat, we know we can depend on our local police for safety and security. It is even better when the officer has a familiar face.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of those familiar faces, Sergeant Melissa Dangerfield, for her extraordinary commitment and service to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

For 35 years, Sergeant Dangerfield has dedicated her career to the safety of Clay County, Florida. Sergeant Dangerfield began her journey in 1989 as a dispatcher and later became a sworn law enforcement officer, investigating crimes with the special victims unit.

Since 2016, she has been imparting her knowledge as a professor by teaching at the St. Johns River State College Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Clay County is a safer place thanks to the dedication of Sergeant Melissa Dangerfield.

On behalf of Clay County and these United States, we extend our deepest appreciation for her 35 years of exemplary service.

RECOGNIZING TOMMY PAUL

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an eastern North Carolina native and American tennis superstar, Tommy Paul.

Raised in Greenville, North Carolina, Tommy began his professional tennis career after graduating from J.H. Rose High School at 18 years old.

Nearly a decade later, Tommy will represent the United States at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Earlier, Tommy became the highest ranked American tennis professional, reaching a career-high world tour ranking number of 12. In June, he won his biggest title ever at the Queen's Club in London and followed it up with a quarterfinal finish in Wimbledon.

As the Olympics get underway, we will all enthusiastically cheer for Tommy as he goes for gold. With the full support of eastern North Carolina, we will be hearing, "Game, set, match, Paul," very soon.

CONGRATULATING MINNESOTA CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET EVAN EKSTRAND

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Minnesota Civil Air Patrol Cadet Evan Ekstrand, who was awarded the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

This award is the Civil Air Patrol's highest honor and is given to less than 1 percent of Civil Air Patrol cadets for excellence in leadership, character,

physical fitness, and aerospace education. Evan has dedicated his life to service, and this award is well-deserved.

I met with Evan and his fellow cadets earlier this year. Evan stands out. He stood out from the group because of his patriotism and his passion for aviation.

Evan is not the only member, however, of the Ekstrand family to be involved in the Civil Air Patrol. Until recently, Evan's mom, Tami, served as the deputy commander for cadets of the Civil Air Patrol, St. Croix Squadron.

I congratulate Evan, again, and I wish him, his fiancée, and his family all the best.

CHICANO-CHICANA HERITAGE MONTH

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize August as Chicano-Chicana Heritage Month and to celebrate the contributions of millions of Chicanos in Orange County and across this great Nation.

Mexican Americans have used this term, "Chicano-Chicana," to address common historical, cultural, and economic struggles in this great country.

Today, Chicanos are the largest ethnic minority in this great country. We are doctors, lawyers, scientists, teachers, police officers, and soldiers. We have fought in all wars defending this great country, and many Chicano-Chicana veterans are among the most highly decorated soldiers in this great country. Many are part of the Greatest Generation, like my constituent Ventura Hernandez, a proud World War II veteran who fought in Patton's Army and came back and built this great Nation.

Today, with this resolution, we acknowledge and recognize Chicano-Chicana Heritage Month and their contributions to this great country. We encourage young people to learn more about American history.

RECOGNIZING MELODY AND RACHEL STEINER

(Mr. MILLER of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Melody and Rachel Steiner, the Sunbow 57 Girls who sell cotton candy and homemade cookies at farmers markets across our district and northeast Ohio.

I met Melody at the Downtown Wooster Farmers Market, where she is using her business proceeds to save up for aviation school.

One of my biggest priorities in Congress has been career and technical education. I know how badly we need more pilots and aviation workers. I am proud to have young leaders in my dis-

trict pursuing their dreams and securing the future of the American workforce.

Small businesses are the foundation of our economy, as over 99 percent of United States businesses are small businesses. Whether you run a cotton candy stand or a local factory, the United States is rightfully called the land of opportunity, and the American Dream is alive and well.

I am grateful for the hard work, ingenuity, and dedication of entrepreneurs like Melody and Rachel in northeast Ohio who make our communities great places to live.

MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF MAUI FIRES

(Ms. TOKUDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, in 2 weeks, we will observe the 1-year anniversary of last August's fires on Maui.

We will honor the lives of 102 loved ones lost and never stop looking for the 2 still missing. We will remember the neighborhoods, businesses, and, of course, the town of Lahaina that we will always love.

Even as we look back, we look ahead. In a few months, the last of the debris will be removed. Already, properties are being rebuilt, and a long-term recovery plan is being developed with extensive community input.

As we prepare to leave for the August recess, our work is not done. Disasters continue to strike, and we must deliver supplemental funding to help communities like Maui recover. This is how we best honor their grit and strength, by giving them hope for the long road ahead.

I never expected as a freshman Member of Congress that a historic disaster would occur and so drastically reshape my work here. Yet, as our Maui "family," "ohana" reflects on the past year and courageously faces the future, my commitment to them remains unwavering, and I continue to be with them every step of the way.

HONORING PRIVATE HENRY "HANK" WEBB AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Private Henry "Hank" Webb, an American hero.

He was raised by a sharecropper, Dust Bowl Okie family who fled Oklahoma to California in 1943 in search of work. After arriving in Wasco, California, he lived and worked for 3 years in a migrant worker labor camp.

He served in the Army for 3 years and spent most of his time in Germany with an artillery unit. After the Army, he returned to college and earned his

degree in criminal justice from the University of California, Berkeley.

After graduating from college in June 1960, he entered the U.S. Border Academy, where he graduated at the top of his class. He proudly served as a Border Patrol agent for 2 years.

In 1962, he was hired as a special agent by the "once proud," his words, FBI, where he served for 25 years. He received many awards and assisted in protecting President Johnson in Mexico City and President Nixon in California.

After retiring, he continued to work in law enforcement in Texas. When he left law enforcement, he and his family moved to Tennessee.

Our country's heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces, Mr. Speaker, like Private Webb.

It is my honor to recognize Private Henry "Hank" Webb as Tennessee's Second District's July 2024 Veteran of the Month.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JANA BOMMERSBACH

(Mr. STANTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a legendary Arizona journalist and trailblazer, Jana Bommersbach, who passed away on July 17.

When Jana started at The Arizona Republic in the 1970s, she was one of just six female reporters in the newsroom. She worked her way up from reporter to editor, first at The Republic and later at the Phoenix New Times.

Because of her dogged reporting, the Arizona Press Club named her Arizona Journalist of the Year and honored her with its top investigative journalism prize, the Don Bolles Award, many times.

One of those award-winning stories turned into her hit book, "The Trunk Murderess," which revisited the story of Winnie Ruth Judd and a more than 60-year-old murder case. Jana earned the trust of the elderly Judd, getting her to tell her side of the story for the very first time.

That was Jana, reporting on true crime before it was trendy, but also telling the story of Phoenix as a young frontier town, full of colorful and complicated characters. Her life's work brought attention to matters close to her heart, like mental health and domestic violence, and she paired vigorous journalism with selfless advocacy, giving her time to countless nonprofits.

More than anything, she was a joy to be around, a quick-witted, gifted storyteller who would leave any room crackling up. She kept friends from all backgrounds and political parties, throwing jabs with a grin and a twinkle in her eye. Congress should take a lesson from her.

My prayers are with her family, her friends, especially Bob Boze Bell, and