

RECOGNIZING CHRISTELLE
KUMESO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christelle Kumeso for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Christelle has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Christelle, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Christelle's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Christelle Kumeso on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING RACHELLE
MARTINEZ MARENTES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

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Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rachelle Martinez Marentes for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Rachelle has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Rachelle, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Rachelle's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Rachelle Martinez Marentes on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

COMMEMORATING JAQUA
REALTORS

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Jaqua Realtors as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. This achievement represents more than a half-century of service to the people of Southwest Michigan.

In 1975, Jaqua Realtors began with a single office in Kalamazoo operated by Chuck Jaqua. Since the doors first opened, Jaqua has opened thirteen more offices across Southwest Michigan. As a small business owner myself, I can attest that the hard work and dedication of the whole Jaqua family is a true representation of the American Dream. Marking half a century as a family-owned business.

Since their founding, ownership has remained in the family. The business is currently under the leadership of Dan Jaqua, who sees the value of maintaining his late father's commitment to the community.

Jaqua Realtors is a prominent piece of the Southwest Michigan community. They believe in a hands-on approach to community support and have been extensively philanthropic since their foundation. Jaqua Realtors has contributed to groups such as the Kalamazoo Literary Council, Girls on the Run, and the Greater Kalamazoo United Way.

We would like to thank Jaqua Realtors for more than fifty years of outstanding dedication in Southwest Michigan. This achievement is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jaqua Realtors as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL
RACINOWSKI

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Racinowski for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Michael has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Michael, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Michael's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Michael Racinowski on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING VALERIA SEANZ
ALVARADO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Valeria Seanz Alvarado for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Valeria has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Valeria, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Valeria's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Valeria Seanz Alvarado on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF HOWARD DAVIDSON

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a happy 100th birthday to Mr. Howard Lee Davidson of Visalia, California, a veteran of World War II and a hero of our community.

Howard was born in Visalia, California on April 2, 1925. With the entry of the United States into World War II, he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Army as Private First-Class Howard Lee Davidson. Howard would soon brave the treacherous Atlantic Ocean aboard the RMS *Queen Mary* vessel to join the war in Europe. On June 12, 1944, six days after the Normandy landings on D-Day, Howard was assigned to the U.S. Third Army, commanded by legendary General George Patton. During this time, Howard served as an anti-aircraft gunner in which he was part of the offensive across France, Belgium, and all the way into Germany. While advancing through the Ardennes Forest centered around Belgium and Luxembourg, Howard found himself in the Battle of the Bulge. Often referred to as "the greatest American battle of the war," Howard fought alongside British, French, and Canadian Allied forces to halt the final offensive of German reserves during a six-week winter onslaught. Without the bravery of Howard and others like him in the Third Army, the Allied offensive to liberate Europe would certainly have suffered deeply.

When he returned to the United States after serving in the war, Howard met his wife Stella Thrasher and the two were soon married. The couple had three children—Kenny, Danny, and Vicky, who is Howard's loving caretaker. Howard's grandson, also named Danny, followed his grandfather's dedication to patriotism and currently serves as Staff Sergeant at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska. In our country's proud history, it is so often the legacy of service among families which keeps our Nation safe and our Armed Forces strong. I hope Howard looks back with pride on his years of service, not only for the great sacrifices and honor, but also the enduring legacy it fosters for our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I ask my colleagues here in Congress to join me in celebrating 100 years of Howard Lee Davidson's brave and patriotic life.

RECOGNIZING NAYELI ANDAZOLA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nayeli Andazola for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Nayeli has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Nayeli, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Nayeli's hard

work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Nayeli Andazola on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING VERONICA QUEZADO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Veronica Quezada for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Veronica has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Veronica, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Veronica's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Veronica Quezada on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as "National Autism Awareness Month".

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3, impacting social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Today, 1 in 36 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism, and approximately 5.4 million Americans are living with autism spectrum disorder.

Autism prevalence has increased significantly over the past two decades, underscoring the need to expand research and provide adequate resources for individuals on the spectrum. By raising awareness, we can better support individuals and families affected by autism, helping them lead fulfilling lives.

Our schools and early childcare programs must be equipped with the knowledge, resources, and training to assist those living with autism. Early diagnosis and intervention are critical, as they can significantly improve communication, social skills, and quality of life for individuals with autism.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize my friend, Vincent McLaughlin, a dedicated advocate and a true inspiration. Vincent has shown unwavering commitment to his community through his decade-long service on the Ulster County Planning Board representing the Village of Saugerties, his 16 years of service as a volunteer firefighter, and his continuous work to raise awareness and support for those living with autism. In 2023, he was appointed to the New York State Council on De-

velopmental Disabilities because of his advocacy and dedication, which embody the spirit of community involvement and empowerment.

Vincent's selfless efforts make a difference every day, and I am grateful for his dedication and friendship.

As we observe Autism Awareness Month, let us commit to supporting all Americans living with autism, ensuring they receive the necessary resources, opportunities, and respect they deserve. Autism should never be a barrier to success or happiness.

RECOGNIZING ARGJEND KRASNIQI

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Argjend Krasniqi for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Argjend has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Argjend, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Argjend's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Argjend Krasniqi on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 8

8 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold receive a closed briefing on an update on the Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Program.

SVC-217

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bradley Hansell, of Virginia, to

be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Security, Earl Matthews, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, and Brandon Williams, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary, and Tyler Clarkson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Agriculture.

SR-328A

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's 2025 trade policy agenda.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian Burch, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, and Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Small Business to examine prosperity on Main Street, focusing on keeping taxes low for small businesses.

HVC-210

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on perspectives from public requesters.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217.

SD-G50

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Seapower

To hold hearings to examine the state of nuclear shipbuilding.

SR-222

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

APRIL 9

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine improving future management of the Superfund Program.

SD-406