

host champion speedboats to race across our iconic waterway, showcasing the lake's natural beauty for all, far and wide. In fact, he loved life on the lake so much that he co-owned several other marinas, including Conley Bottom Resort in Wayne County for many years, and Sunset Marina and Resort on Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee, which he took immense pride in. At every marina location, he raised the bar for exceptional management and operations, most recently earning the Army Corps' Clean Marina Award in 2022 at Rowena. In my humble opinion, one would be hard-pressed to find a better steward of Lake Cumberland than Tony Sloan—a friend to all.

While the lake was Tony's lifeblood, it paled in comparison to his adoration of his wife, Lola (Dyer) "Bettye" Sloan, with whom he celebrated more than 60 years of marriage. To know Tony Sloan was to love him. He was one of my closest friends and trusted advisors, a loyal supporter, and one of the best storytellers of any fisherman I have ever met. My wife Cynthia and I share our heartfelt condolences with the entire Sloan family, Tony's longtime business partner Tom Allen, and his countless lakeside friends.

COMMENDING MAYOR GARY
MANIER FOR 24 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and congratulate Gary Manier for his 24 years of service as the Mayor of Washington, Illinois.

Mayor Manier is a proud Washington native and graduated from Washington Community High School in 1972. Gary attended Illinois Central College and, upon graduation, started what would eventually become a 42-year career at Caterpillar, Inc. until his retirement in 2015.

Before becoming Mayor of Washington, his career of public service began on the Washington Community High School Board, where he served as both Vice President and President. In April of 2001, Manier was first elected as Mayor of Washington in a competitive election with four other candidates.

Throughout his decades long tenure as Mayor, Gary accomplished many projects on behalf of the city of Washington. These include, but are not limited to, the opening of the Five Points Community Center, a new Washington City Hall and police station, implementation of incentives to attract business investments in Washington, improvement of local streets and major roads, and an upgrade of the city's sewer system to accommodate the growth of the community.

One of the most pivotal times of Mayor Manier's tenure came after the historic and devastating EF-4 tornado on November 17, 2013. Tragically, the city of Washington suffered loss of life, approximately \$1 billion in property damage to more than 1,100 homes, and the priceless loss of cherished personal belongings. I know many in Washington hold Mayor Manier in high esteem for his strong, critical leadership during that extremely challenging time for the community.

Mayor Manier has earned numerous accolades including the President's Servant Leader Award from Eureka College, being named Washingtonian of the Year in 2014, and being elected twice as the Second Vice President of the Illinois Municipal League.

Undoubtedly, Mayor Manier's leadership will leave a lasting impact on the city of Washington and Central Illinois. It is my pleasure to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him, his wife Lada, daughter Brooke, son Chase, and their seven grandchildren the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING JAYDEN DEGROOT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

Jayden 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 Jayden, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Jayden'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 Jayden DeGroot on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE AMERICAN HUNGARIAN
FOUNDATION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Hungarian Foundation (AHF) in New Brunswick, New Jersey as it celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year. Since its incorporation in 1955, AHF has provided a cultural bridge between Hungary and the Hungarian American community through history, arts, and tradition.

In 1989, AHF established the Hungarian Heritage Center. The Center hosts a rich curation of historical archives which fosters a space for meaningful lectures, cultural events, and workshops for all to enjoy. Over the past few decades, AHF has amassed one of the most significant collections of Hungarian American artifacts and records in North America. Each artifact is a catalyst for cultural discovery, and often a chance to highlight lesser-known Hungarian artists. For those with an affinity for art and culture like me, frequenting the heritage center is truly an incredible experience.

Since its founding, the foundation's museum has welcomed over 80,000 visitors. There have been more than ninety different exhibition areas ranging from 'Budapest in the 1900s' with a focus on looking into the past to '40 years of the Hungarian Festival' to com-

memorate culture and community. With these resources, local schools, organizations, and residents can develop a deeper understanding to the folk immigrant experience. After 70 years, the foundation has stayed true to their mission: to preserve Hungarian American stories for future generations through collection, conservation, and celebration. By working to digitize their archive, AHF guarantees the long-term preservation of American Hungarian historical records for generations to come. Here, people can honor their roots and learn the special story of American Hungarians. I commend AHF for serving as a research hub for scholars, universities, and local organizations, and their unwavering dedication to this meaningful cause. These efforts for historic preservation are admirable, as such stewardship has really made our community a better place.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating the American Hungarian Foundation as its supporters gather to celebrate its 70th Anniversary. They are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING JASMINE BAKER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jasmine Baker, winner of a 2024 James Madison Fellowship from the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. This fellowship is awarded to educators who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to civic responsibility and education in the areas of American history, American government, or civics.

Mrs. Baker began her service in the U.S. Air Force, conducting signals analysis in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon leaving the military, Mrs. Baker continued to serve her community through education. She went to school using the GI Bill, and became a social studies teacher with an emphasis on supporting education in urban communities. As an eighth-grade teacher at Mrachek Middle School in Aurora, Colorado, she incorporates intensive discussion and diverse cultural narratives to promote critical thinking.

A participant in the national We the People research project and a "Push-In" facilitator, Mrs. Baker works to make education more accessible. As a facilitator, she focuses on addressing the challenges Black youth face in school and on creating more equitable spaces for young women through professional development programs and student groups.

As Aurora Public Schools' co-facilitator for social studies programs, she coordinates with all district middle school teachers to strengthen education our Aurora youth receive and to help mentor new educators. And as a coach of the Step Team, she drives her athletes to build leadership skills, confidence, community, and to pass down cultural and historical knowledge.

As Colorado's 2024 James Madison Fellow, Mrs. Baker will continue her own education and complete a master's degree at the University of Colorado Denver. She hopes to use this opportunity to facilitate even greater educational advancement for her students and to

build a stronger, more civically adept community.

I thank Mrs. Baker for her service to our community and wish her the best in her studies as she completes the James Madison Fellowship.

RECOGNIZING ISAAC DEWOLF

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

Isaac 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 Isaac, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Isaac's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Drake Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SERGEANT MAJOR ANDREW B. BROWN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Sergeant Major Andrew Brown for his exemplary and distinguished 22 years of service to our Nation. A native of Lubbock, Texas, Sergeant Major Brown has represented the great state of Texas and the city of Lubbock with honor, dedication, and distinction throughout his remarkable military career.

In 2003, Sergeant Major Brown enlisted as an Air Defense C4I Operator, later reenlisting as a Theater Missile Warning Operator, a member of the Defense Attaché Service, and most recently, a Legislative Liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives. Sergeant Major Brown is a graduate of Troy University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in International Politics. He also holds an advanced professional studies degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University. Sergeant Major Brown served with unparalleled distinction throughout his career in various Senior Noncommissioned Officer leadership and staff positions, demonstrating his expertise and leadership across the Joint, inter-agency, and intelligence community.

His leadership assignments included the Office of the Space Commandant, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; Delta Battery, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment. Sergeant Major Brown's staff assignments are equally impressive, including serving as a Defense Fellow for Rep. ELISE STEFANIK (R-NY-21); Operations NCO

and Missing Persons Project Manager, U.S. Defense Attaché Office, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Training and Evaluation NCO, for the Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTGS), among many others.

Sergeant Major Brown has deployed in support of numerous national security operations, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Spartan Shield. For his service, Sergeant Major Brown has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (7), U.S. Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award (3), and others. He also earned the Master Space Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and was awarded the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Sergeant Major Brown for his selfless dedication, unwavering leadership, and steadfast commitment to our country. As he concludes his 22 years of honorable service, I extend my deepest gratitude to him, his wife Lindsey, and their daughters, Claire and Ana Lisa, for their sacrifices and contributions to the strength and security of our Nation.

I wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives, and I know that Sergeant Major Brown will continue to be an inspiration and source of pride for Texas and our entire Nation.

HONORING THE WORK OF REVEREND DR. ALLEN N. PINCKNEY, JR.

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, Reverend Dr. Allen N. Pinckney, Jr. has served as the Senior Pastor of the Butler Memorial United Methodist Church in the Bronx, New York from July 2011 to the present. He follows a line of strong pastoral leaders in serving one of the historic United Methodist Churches in the Bronx community, and it is under his leadership that Butler has completed its renovation project.

Prior to serving as the pastor of Butler, his ordained ministry journey began in Long Island, New York serving as the pastor of South Floral Park UMC (1988–1989), Wakefield Grace UMC (1989–1997), St. John's UMC in Elmont (1997–2001), District Superintendent of the Long Island East District (2001–2007) and Salem UMC (2007–2011). His vision for Butler is for God's people to listen to the Spirit as a launching, learning, loving and living witness for Christ in the home, in the church, in the community and in the world.

A community builder, a community activist and an advocate for social justice issues, Dr. Pinckney has provided leadership in various community boards and agencies throughout his journey in ministry and continues to advocate for children and families as the building blocks for expanding the Kingdom of God in these contemporary times. With this vision, Dr. Pinckney has been instrumental in advocating for The Learning Tree Cultural Center to occupy the educational wing of the newly renovated Church building.

In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Dr. Pinckney served on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, the Board of Directors of the Black Methodists for Church Renewal and as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Bronx Cooperative Parish as well as other ecumenical and advocacy agencies.

Dr. Pinckney has been a lifelong Methodist and disciple for Jesus Christ with an unwavering passion for proclaiming the Good News of Salvation and participating in the lives of those who are seeking a better relationship with God.

RECOGNIZING EMMA DRUMM

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

Emma 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 Emma, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Emma's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Drake Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

CONGRATULATING ANN BAILEY ON HER RETIREMENT FROM DARTS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ann Bailey on her retirement as President of DARTS. Ann began her Journey with DARTS years before becoming President. When her father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, Ann worked diligently to get him the care he needed. Through her network, someone suggested that she call DARTS, a community-based organization serving caregivers and older adults in Minnesota. That call was a turning point for Ann and her father. She went on to join the Board of Directors and ultimately became President of the organization in 2015.

During her 10 years as President, Ann reimagined DARTS' vision to best serve individuals in the southeast metro area. She invested in the organization's volunteer program, revamped annual community and fundraising events and led the effort to turn part of their West St. Paul space into affordable senior apartments. When the pandemic hit in 2020, Ann ensured her team and volunteers were positioned to continue engagement with seniors in a safe way. DARTS also provided support to organizations that were struggling.