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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.

Over the last 10 years, Ann has made DARTS a well-known and reliable community-based organization. Seniors and older adults in the community have a support system and caregivers have services to rely on. I'm proud to have worked with Ann since I first came to Congress in 2019. She even helped to moderate and participate in one of my town halls. Her passion for this work and drive to support our seniors is inspirational. I know I will continue to seek her guidance, especially when it comes to showing up for our most vulnerable community members.

I thank Ann for her vision and years of service.

RECOGNIZING JAMES E. BAKER, II
AS CASS CITY'S 2025 CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man whose lifetime of service and dedication to Cass City has left an indelible mark on our community. It is with great admiration that I recognize James E. Baker, II, as the 2025 Cass City Citizen of the Year.

Born and raised in Cass City, Jim Baker has lived a life defined by generosity, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to others. A proud graduate of Cass City High School and Michigan Technological University, he has built a successful career as the owner and president of Jebco Consulting, where his expertise in electro-mechanical engineering has been widely respected. Yet, despite his professional success, his true legacy is his dedication to serving his community.

Jim's contributions to Cass City are immeasurable. As a mentor in the Boy Scouts, he has guided generations of young men toward the rank of Eagle Scout, instilling in them values of discipline, responsibility, and service. His impact extends beyond Scouting, as he has dedicated countless hours to coaching youth athletics, shaping the lives of young athletes in Little League Baseball, high school football, and the Cass City Youth Football initiative. His belief in the power of mentorship has left a lasting impression on the young people he has supported and inspired.

Beyond coaching and mentorship, Jim has worked tirelessly to strengthen his community. He has been a dedicated member of the Rotary Club, an advocate for educational initiatives, and a key organizer in numerous fundraising efforts that have uplifted Cass City. Even in the face of personal health challenges, undergoing both a liver and kidney transplant, Jim has remained steadfast in his commitment to serving others. The overwhelming support he received during his health battles was a testament to the lives he has touched through his generosity and kindness.

Mr. Speaker, James Baker is more than a community leader—he is a pillar of Cass City, embodying the very best of selfless service, mentorship, and resilience. It is my great privilege to recognize him as the Cass City Citizen of the Year. His legacy of service will continue to inspire and strengthen our community for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDRIA
CARPENTER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

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

RECOGNIZING LINDA MCCARTHY

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda McCarthy on her retirement from Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood and thank her for her many decades of service and dedication to the people of Northwest Washington.

Since 1977, Linda McCarthy has been an advocate for women's health at Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, starting as a secretary and eventually rising to become the CEO for 21 years.

Under Linda McCarthy's leadership, Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood expanded access to exceptional and essential health and social services to many people in Whatcom, Skagit and San Juan counties.

It has been an honor and a privilege working with Linda, and I will continue to honor her work by supporting women's health care, reproductive rights and family planning services in Northwest Washington.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF OFFICER OSMAR RODARTE

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and memory of Officer Osmar Rodarte, a dedicated law enforcement officer, a U.S. Army veteran, and a loving husband and father. Officer Rodarte made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while serving with the Marysville Police Department, tragically taken from us at just 27 years old.

Osmar Rodarte was a proud graduate of Rio Linda High School, Class of 2016. He answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Army before returning

home to continue that service in law enforcement. As an officer with the Marysville Police Department, he was known for his dedication, professionalism, and commitment to keeping people safe.

On the day he was taken from us, Officer Rodarte was participating in a multi-agency operation targeting transnational drug trafficking organizations, work that is critical in keeping our streets safe from the influence of dangerous criminals. His sacrifice is a reminder of the risks our law enforcement officers take every day to protect the people they serve.

Officer Rodarte was more than a public servant. He was a father, a husband, a brother, and a friend. His fellow officers described him as a true hero, and those who knew him best spoke of his unwavering dedication to his family and loved ones. In the aftermath of this tragic loss, the people of Marysville, Rio Linda, and the entire North State have come together in mourning, offering prayers and support to his family.

Osmar leaves behind a wife and child who now face an unimaginable loss. No words can fully ease their grief, but we must ensure that Officer Rodarte's sacrifice isn't forgotten. His service, both in uniform and in his everyday life, is a testament to his character and his deep sense of duty.

We honor Officer Rodarte's bravery, his service, and his legacy. Our prayers are with his family, his fellow officers, and all who knew him. May he rest in eternal peace. God bless him.

RECOGNIZING AMELIA FERKUNIAK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

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

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN
WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 9, 2025, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials