

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

on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on April 9 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the Record the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

Joseph J. Adduci, Robert J. Aksamit, Frank N. Allemana, James L. Ammirati, Dennis J. Antolec, Richard T. Arnold, Donald L. Axe, Gus G. Baseleon, Steven D. Beam, Stanley J. Bobek, George J. Bogner, Donald A. Brady, Douglas R. Brooks, Earl A. Burke, Ronald L. Byrd, Sr., Richard J. Cameron, Robert W. Carter, Gary W. Carver, Michael J. Casey, Lee E. Cherry, George G. Coll, John H. Connors, Gerald T. Cyrkiel, Gerald O. Dagenais, James Dalton, James F. Downey, Bernard Durkin, Jr., Kenneth Ebner, Chars E. Edwards, Douglas R. Ermel, Victor R. Fischer, Charles J. Fletcher, John T. Floodas, Lorenzo Franklin, James J. Furlong, Ismael Garcia, Jose L. Garcia, Juan Garcia, Jr., Juan Garcia, Sr., Joseph Garofalo, Donald J. Gawlik, Cleophus Glover, Alex D. Golden, George A. Haggis, Thomas R. Hamilton, Ronald W. Hayes, Russell E. Hengels, Lee F. Hiller, Jr., Mathew P. Hirt, II, Charles O. Ingram, Ladell Jackson, Lonnie Jackson, Jr., Michael T. Johns, Elisha Johnson, Jr., William C. Kairis, Daniel K. Kantor, Clayton J. Klein, Anthony P. Koufos, John J. Langerock, Lawrence S. Leugoud, David Lilly, Bruce J. Lipman, William J. Lopez, Charles F. Lyons, Robert M. Machuga, Paul R. Macko, John C. Malm, Ross H. Manna, Michael R. Marcelain, Thomas W. Marren, Leroy Maxie, Raymond McElree, Thomas Meadath, Jerry Mecklenburg, James D. Michels, Raymond V. Mikrut, Ronald J. Miller, Sr., Stanley P. Misiunas, Michael E. Moore, Noel E. Morgridge, Shelley A. Morrison, John H. Mukoyama, Larry E. Nazimek, Kenneth Nitz, Thaddeus Opiola, Larry D. Overton, Ronald A. Parker, Robert Perez, Raphael Perez, Jr., Robert L. Phelps, Daniel M. Pratscher, Flemon L. Pullins, Fredric P. Rademacher, Robert A. Rein, Ronald A. Reutenauer, Jerry K. Rule, Jerry Sabo, Arthur J. Salzman, Thomas E. Schaller, Robert J. Schultz, Leroy Schweitzer, Willie C. Smith, John A. Tartaglione, Jonathan R. Tunney, Timothy M. Voncina, Guy E. Vorsanger, Frank J. Walters, Sr., Kenneth R. Watts, Martin E. Wehner, William R. Weimar, Desmond Westerkamp, Edward G. White, Danny P. Wolfe, and Richard A. Zordani.

HONORING BERTHA MAZON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable constituent from my

district, Bertha Mazon, to celebrate her 100th birthday.

On April 5, 1925, Bertha Martinez was born in Guadalajara, Mexico. She immigrated to Arizona when she was just 11 months old. After graduating from Phoenix Union High School in 1943, she went on to work for the Department of Economic Security, starting as an employment office manager where she helped countless Arizonans acquire jobs. She then went on to be a legislative liaison within the Department for over 45 years. Bertha's guiding mission in this role was to give back to the community, which she did through obtaining lost employment checks, food stamps, veteran claims, and other benefits. Legislators and constituents alike came to know her as "the Angel of DES".

Since the 1970's, Bertha provided countless resources for the Valley through her involvement in Las Damas del Valle, the oldest Latina volunteer organization in Arizona for which Bertha was one of the first members. Through this organization, Bertha did door-to-door education to eradicate Tuberculosis, supported the local South Phoenix Boy Scout troop with supplies, and acted as an auxiliary volunteer for the County Hospital before it opened in 1970.

Bertha devoted her life to creating opportunities for the people of Arizona and continues to empower the Latino community through education and service. Beyond her career, she is also a skilled painter, once earning a recognition that resulted in her work being displayed in the U.S. Capitol building. She is also a life-long-learner, an amazing cook, and secret comedian with a knack for bilingual jokes.

As we celebrate this incredible 100 years Bertha has lived, we reflect on the many achievements that have shaped her life. Through it all, her love for her family has been a constant source of strength and joy. Married for over 60 years, she raised 4 children—Mark, Sonja, Frankie, and Linda, and her family continues to grow.

Bertha has also faced profound loss, including the loss of her son Frankie when he was just 17. His spirit lives on through the generations of the Mazon family. Her deep love for her family and support for her community is a constant source of inspiration to all who know her.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the many contributions Ms. Mazon has provided for our community and celebrate this incredible milestone by wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING ARIANNA ROBERTS GARCIA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

Arianna 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 Arianna, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their

lives. This award is a testament to Arianna'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 Arianna Roberts Garcia on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. KIRK SCHULZ

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues from Washington state, Representatives SUZAN DELBENE, RICK LARSEN, MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ, MICHAEL BAUMGARTNER, EMILY RANDALL, PRAMILA JAYAPAL, KIM SCHRIER, ADAM SMITH, and MARILYN STRICKLAND, to recognize and commend the distinguished tenure of Dr. Kirk Schulz as President of Washington State University (WSU). Since 2016, President Schulz has guided WSU through a period of immense growth, advancing research, student success, and statewide partnerships. As he prepares for retirement, we honor his leadership and dedication to higher education in Washington State.

Under President Schulz's tenure, WSU has strengthened its reputation as a world-class research institution, addressing critical challenges in agriculture, medicine, and clean energy. His efforts have ensured that students across our state have access to high-quality education, and his work with Washington's congressional delegation has helped secure funding for key university initiatives.

Each of Washington's ten congressional districts has benefited from President Schulz's leadership, reinforcing WSU's role as an institution that serves all Washingtonians. I would like to highlight a few key impacts across the state.

1st District: WSU has built strong partnerships with the region's tech industry, working with companies in King and Snohomish counties to prepare students for careers in artificial intelligence, software development, and semiconductor manufacturing. These efforts ensure Washington remains at the forefront of technological advancement.

2nd District: WSU's agricultural extension programs in Northwest Washington have played a vital role in supporting farmers and sustaining fisheries in the region. WSU's Everett campus provides entrepreneurs critical business management skills and trains engineers for the world-class aerospace and high-tech industries in Northwest Washington.

3rd District: WSU Vancouver has expanded opportunities in STEM education, creating new pathways for students to enter high-demand fields like engineering and healthcare. By connecting with local industries and healthcare providers, WSU is strengthening Southwest Washington's workforce and economic outlook.

4th District: Home to some of the Nation's premier vineyards, Central Washington has benefited from WSU's viticulture and enology programs. Through cutting-edge research and collaboration with winemakers, WSU has