

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 Guadalupe, 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 PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. 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

helped the region maintain its reputation as a world-class wine producer.

5th District: WSU's Pullman campus is a cornerstone of agricultural research, and the completion of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) building has only strengthened that legacy. The facility provides farmers and food producers with critical innovations in crop science and food security, supporting one of Washington's most essential industries.

6th District: WSU researchers have been at the forefront of sustainable forestry and climate resilience efforts. Their work supports the health of Washington's forests, which are vital for the economy, outdoor recreation, and the environment, ensuring these natural resources are protected for future generations.

7th District: WSU's collaborations with Seattle-area institutions have led to major advancements in medical research, including breakthroughs in cancer treatment and biomedical engineering. These efforts not only push the boundaries of science but also create opportunities for students to engage in life-changing research.

8th District: With a focus on clean energy, WSU has led the way in developing innovative hydroelectric, wind, and solar power solutions. These advancements have benefited communities across the Cascades, helping Washington transition to a more sustainable energy future.

9th District: The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine has provided new opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds to enter the medical profession. By expanding access to healthcare education, WSU is addressing physician shortages and improving healthcare access across Washington.

10th District: Military families near Joint Base Lewis-McChord have benefited from WSU's extension programs, which provide educational support and workforce development opportunities. These initiatives ensure that service members and their families have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, as President Schulz concludes his tenure, we recognize his transformative impact on Washington State University and our communities. His leadership has strengthened WSU's role as a center of innovation, education, and economic opportunity.

I thank President Schulz for his years of service, and I look forward to seeing how WSU continues to grow and thrive in the years to come.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO THOMAS OWEN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Thomas Owen. Thomas is a senior at Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas. With his graduation quickly approaching, instead of making the celebration about him, he is organizing a graduation party to benefit Make-A-Wish North Texas.

Thomas serves on the Make-A-Wish Youth Leadership Council, and has brought together a team of students from local North Texas high schools to help support this cause. He is

inspiring others to take action and give back to their communities.

I thank Thomas for inspiring his fellow North Texans through his selflessness and leadership. Through the use of his entrepreneurial skills, he is making a difference in our community.

RECOGNIZING DANOVIN BARSCOCCHINI

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

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

CONGRATULATING THE LINVILLE HILL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the Linville Hill Christian School boys' basketball team on winning the Class 2A PIAA Championship on March 28, 2025.

A small Christian school at the rural eastern edge of the 11th Congressional District, Linville Hill Christian School has defied expectations. After cruising through the regular season and the playoffs, the boys' basketball team made their way to the Class 2A PIAA Championship game.

Though they trailed with four minutes to go in the fourth quarter, late game heroism cut the deficit to a single point. Senior captain and Linville Hill's all-time leading scorer, Stephen Smucker, then sank the go-ahead basket with under thirty seconds to go. A spectacular defense from Linville Hill Christian sealed a 55-54 victory. Their state title, the first in the program's history, crowned a historic 29-3 season. Coach Mike Schatzmann and the players of Linville Hill Christian School should be proud of this extraordinary accomplishment.

I congratulate them on their Class 2A PIAA Basketball Championship and wish them the best in their future endeavors. I am certain that the lessons that each of these students learned on the court will continue to serve them well throughout their lives.

HONORING A HERO FOCUSED ON GIVING BACK: DR. MICHAEL L. ZOLLICOFFER, M.D.

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a beloved native son of Baltimore, Dr. Michael L. Zollicoffer, M.D. Dr. Z, as he's known to most of his patients, is a physician of boundless compassion and enthusiasm, and he has spent more than 35 years breaking down barriers to healthcare for all Baltimoreans, regardless of their ability to pay. His clinic has been a ray of hope for the under and uninsured, and his selfless commitment to healing has had major impacts on the wellbeing of his community.

Dr. Michael Zollicoffer is the son of trailblazing pediatrician Dr. Lawrence Zollicoffer, co-founder of Garwyn Medical Center, one of Baltimore's first Black-owned multi-specialty medical centers. Dr. Z followed in his father's footsteps by attending the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine located in Chapel Hill; the school that his father helped integrate. While at UNC, Dr. Z was honored with the MacNider Award, a prize given to sophomores with humility, good character, and impeccable personal integrity.

Dr. Z earned his Doctor of Medicine from UNC in 1985 and returned to his hometown to finish his medical training. He completed his residency in pediatrics at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore in 1988 and remained in Baltimore to begin his own practice. He opened his urgent care facility, Life Care Plus, in an area of our city that struggles with poor health outcomes and poverty.

In the decades since he opened Life Care Plus, Dr. Z has been a guardian angel to the people of the 21215 ZIP Code. Beyond his willingness to practice in an underserved area, what is so remarkable about Dr. Z is that he will never turn away a patient because they don't have enough money. A pediatrician by trade, he encourages patients to bring in their grandparents for free check-ups, and he'll happily give patients his personal cell phone number to call him any time, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

Dr. Z's spirit of generosity has turned his clinic into a family home, and many of the people he treated as children now bring their own kids to the clinic. His incredible value to his community has been repeatedly recognized, with Dr. Z receiving awards like the UNC Harvey E. Beech Outstanding Alumni Award and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's Community Leadership Award.

The love that the people of Baltimore hold for Dr. Z was most clearly shown in recent months, as Dr. Z is now dealing with health struggles of his own. He was recently diagnosed with renal and colorectal cancer, and due to insurance issues, he was facing the possibility of being unable to pay his medical bills. When his patients heard, they leapt into action to create a GoFundMe which has raised more than \$250,000 from over 3,000 individual donors. As further proof of his virtue, Dr. Z made clear that every penny that he doesn't need for his treatment, will go directly into his clinic.

Mr. Speaker, you would be hard-pressed to find another individual with as much passion