

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CHLOE SHERMAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

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

RECOGNIZING GATEWAY PARKS AND BARN ELITE TRAINING

HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, in Utah, we believe in opportunity, hard work, and raising kids with the character to stand tall—not just in the classroom, but in life. That means giving them more than screens and participation trophies. It means real challenges, real discipline, and real opportunities to grow.

That's why I want to recognize two Utah businesses—Gateway Parks in Spanish Fork and Barn Elite Training in Mapleton—that are stepping up where too many institutions have failed.

Gateway Parks is making winter sports accessible to kids who might never get the chance, teaching them confidence, grit, and the value of falling down and getting back up. Barn Elite Training is giving young athletes a place to push their limits, to build mental and physical toughness in an era when both are in short supply.

Too many kids today are struggling—with stress, with isolation, and with a culture that pushes them toward passivity instead of purpose. Meanwhile, Washington drags its feet. But these businesses aren't waiting for permission—they're taking action. And as we refocus on Making America Healthy Again, this is exactly the kind of leadership we should be lifting up.

I'm proud to recognize Gateway Parks and Barn Elite Training for investing in our youth—because a strong America starts with strong kids.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF AUSTIN METCALF

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Austin Metcalf of Frisco, Texas, a young student athlete and aspiring leader who tragically passed away on April 2, 2025.

Austin was a student at Frisco Memorial High School, where he was an honors student, accomplished leader, and star athlete on the Memorial Warriors football team. He maintained an impressive 4.0 GPA and participated in track and field to supplement his football abilities. Moreover, Austin was voted MVP of his football team in the last season and was on the path to become a prospective football recruit for several top universities, all at the young age of 17 years old.

Austin's warm personality and natural leadership skills made an enormous impact on the lives of those around him. He was an exceptional, outgoing young man who lit up any room he was in with his smile. Outside of school and sports, Austin worked part-time at Halo Pizzeria in Frisco alongside his twin brother, Hunter. Together, they regularly attended church with their youth group and enjoyed going on hunting trips with their family. My heart goes out to Hunter and Austin's parents, Jeff and Meghan Metcalf, during this difficult moment. Austin's spirit and legacy will continue to inspire and guide us always.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in remembrance of Austin's wonderful life. May his memory be a blessing to his friends, family, and all who knew him.

HONORING THE CAREER OF POLICE CHIEF KERRY L. HOOVER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martinsburg Police Chief Kerry L. Hoover, who is retiring on May 2, 2025, after a distinguished 37-year career with the Martinsburg Police Department in Blair County, Pennsylvania.

A native of Martinsburg and graduate of Central High School, Chief Hoover began his career with the Martinsburg Police Department as a patrolman in 1988. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1990 and chief of police in 2002.

At 6 feet, 8 inches tall, Chief Hoover is someone who everyone in Martinsburg looked up to, both literally and figuratively. Tributes to Chief Hoover have echoed universal respect and praise for his leadership and gratitude for his enduring commitment to maintaining the

highest professional standards of law enforcement.

Joining with the citizens of Martinsburg, I express appreciation to Chief Hoover for outstanding service that has been central to the community's collective sense of safety and security throughout his tenure.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Police Chief Kerry Hoover on his retirement and express fond wishes for joy and contentment in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ALEXIS DELEO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

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

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

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JAMES FRANKLIN MOBLEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late James Franklin Mobley whose life exemplified honorable service and remarkable accomplishment.

James was born on June 11, 1948, in Gainesville, Florida, to Wilbur and Evelyn Mobley. In 1950, his family relocated to California, where he later graduated from Sanger High School in 1966.

Dedicated to a life of service, James served in the Vietnam War as part of the 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne, from January 1970 to March 1971. He later documented his experiences in his book, *Betrayal: Never Waste a Soldier*.

In 1973, he married Laurel Ann Miller, and together they had two children, Christopher and Daniel.

James pursued a career in politics, working first for California State Senator George Zenovich and later for Congressman Richard Lehman, his childhood best friend. He went on

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to serve Fresno County's IT Services Department for 21 years before retiring in 2009.

An avid skier and pilot, James embraced life with passion. In retirement, he remained active by caring for his grandson, Sebastian, and staying connected with friends and fellow veterans.

He is survived by his son Christopher and daughter-in-law Cassiane; his son Daniel; his grandchildren Evelyn and Sebastian; his sister Jacqueline and brother-in-law Alan Schwartzman; his nephew Justin Schwartzman; his niece Marisa Schwartzman; and his nephew Michael Mobley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of James Franklin Mobley. Let us celebrate his life and recognize his invaluable contributions to our community and Nation.

**RECOGNIZING COLUMBUS GROVE
HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE DI-
VISION VI STATE GIRLS' BAS-
KETBALL**

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school basketball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young women of the Columbus Grove High School girls' basketball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division VI State Girls Basketball Title. In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division VI State Basketball Playoffs, the Columbus Grove Bulldogs overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Columbus Grove Lady Bulldogs defeated the Rootstown Rovers to win their first state basketball championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the court, in achieving this accomplishment, is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Columbus Grove High School girls' basketball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement. Congratulations and go Bulldogs.

**RECOGNIZING THE UTAH PIPE
BAND**

HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Utah Pipe Band and the Barclay School of Highland Dance—two groups that embody the spirit of tradition, excellence, and service.

For over a century, the Utah Pipe Band has honored our heroes, playing at Memorial Day events across our great state, competing in Highland Games, and standing as a living trib-

ute to history. Last year, they marched on the sands of Utah Beach for the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Before that, they played in Honolulu for the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Their music isn't just performance, it's a bridge to the past, a reminder of sacrifice, and a call to honor.

Their motto, Act well thy part, is more than words—it's a way of life. And it speaks to what makes Utah special: faith, family, service, and a deep respect for the past.

I thank them not just for their music, but for what they represent. Our state, our country, and our history are better because of them.

RECOGNIZING ADELE MAYER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

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

**HONORING THE KILGORE COLLEGE
RANGERETTES OF KILGORE,
TEXAS**

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kilgore College Rangerettes and to celebrate two remarkable milestones in their storied legacy: the 30th anniversary of the Rangerettes Class of 1995 and the 85th anniversary of this world-renowned team.

Founded in 1940 by the visionary Gussie Nell Davis, the Kilgore College Rangerettes were the first precision dance team in the United States to perform during a college football halftime show. Ms. Davis established the team with a bold vision to elevate the collegiate experience and set a new standard of excellence for performance and presentation.

From their iconic high kicks and jump splits to their timeless red, white, and blue uniforms, the Rangerettes exemplify the best of Texas culture—blending grace, athleticism, and discipline into a performance style recognized around the world.

Over the decades, the Rangerettes have graced stages from the Cotton Bowl and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade to Presidential Inaugurations, Las Vegas stages, and USO tours abroad. Yet it is their commitment to tradition, poise, and teamwork that has inspired generations of young women and

helped shape the landscape of precision dance teams across the country.

The Class of 1995 holds a special place in this legacy, and their 30th anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on their impact, both as performers and as ambassadors of the Rangerette tradition.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring all the teammates from the Class of 1995, and the entire Kilgore College Rangerettes organization for 85 extraordinary years.

**HONORING DR. BISHOP T.
GARROTT BENJAMIN, JR.**

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Dr. Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin, Jr., a true servant leader who has embodied the spirit of advocacy and service. Dr. Benjamin's contributions have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers, and it is with great pride that we congratulate him on receiving the Living Legend Award from Christian Theological Seminary on April 23, 2025.

Dr. Benjamin served as Senior Pastor of the Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis for over 43 years. During his tenure, he mentored and ordained more than 50 ministers, many of whom have earned advanced theological degrees and serve in churches across the nation.

Dr. Benjamin's influence beyond the pulpit earned him the title "City's Pastor," as he consistently advocated for racial justice, youth empowerment, and the well-being of all people. He also co-founded the Celebration of Hope, an interracial and interdenominational worship service, was the first pastor to chair the Mayor's Human Rights Commission, and sit on the board of directors of a local bank. Dr. Benjamin is the only pastor in Indianapolis to receive Indiana's "Sagamore of the Wabash" from four different governors and earn the Indianapolis Whistler Award for community service.

In retirement, Dr. Benjamin remains dedicated to inspiring and educating young ministers through the Tom Benjamin School of Ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University. A respected author, he has written several books focused on uplifting young Black men and emphasizing the crucial role of fathers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin, whose legacy of service and leadership has made Indianapolis a better place for us all. May God continue to bless his future endeavors and the work he does in service to others.

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF RUTH
CLAPP**

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Ruth Clapp, one of my earliest employees and a loyal public servant to the constituents of Washington's Ninth District.