

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 Bellevue High School girls' basketball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

RECOGNIZING CRISTIAN GUILLEN-REYES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cristian Guillen-Reyes for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

It is my honor to congratulate Cristian Guillen-Reyes on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LUE N. YANG

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Mr. Lue N. Yang, an extraordinary advocate, organizer, teacher, and public figure.

Born on April 10, 1955, in Xieng Khouang, Laos, Mr. Yang has been a pillar for the Hmong community. At the age of 14, he served with the Hmong Special Guerrilla Unit (SGU) during Vietnam. After serving with the SGU, Mr. Yang moved to Vientiane to continue his education. Upon graduating, he became a Peace Officer for the US Embassy from 1972 to 1975. Shortly after, Mr. Yang fled to Thailand as many Hmong refugees did at the end of the Vietnam War.

A year later in Hawaii, he began to work with the non-profit: Vietnamese Indochinese Volunteer Agency (VIVA) and the Department of Labor as an agent. A few years later, Mr. Yang moved to Des Moines, Iowa and worked for Volunteer Enrichment Services. In 1991, he moved to Fresno and worked briefly with the Lao Family Community of Fresno.

In 1992, Mr. Yang began his work at the Fresno Center for New Americans, a local non-profit that serves the Southeast Asian Community. Later that year he served as the Executive Director for FCNA from 1992 to 2017. Under Mr. Yang's leadership, FCNA managed to grow fourteen programs with an annual budget of \$6.8 million and a team of 38. As an Executive Director, he was seen as a role model and mentor by many young Hmong professionals at FCNA, who continued

to push for progress for the Hmong community.

Furthermore, during Mr. Yang's tenure at FCNA he was able to establish several key sustainable programs. The Living Well was the first Hmong mental health program in the state that provided culturally competent mental health services. Mr. Yang also drafted an Adult Day Health Care program that provided essential support for senior community members. These two programs are still in operation today and are seen as the pillars of FCNA's work.

Mr. Yang has been an advocate for refugees and immigrants for 41 years. He has worked collaboratively with non-profits, community leaders, elected officials, and educational institutions to address the disparities, challenges, and stigma that the Southeast Asian communities face. Mr. Yang's work via his community partnerships and advocacy resulted in the hiring of the first Hmong detective in the Fresno Police Department, and Hmong representation in administration and other leadership positions within the Fresno Unified School District.

He was also instrumental in helping Hmong refugees who were attending school, manage their transition. Mr. Yang helped secure funding for a group that went to Wat Tham Krabok, Thailand, the location of the last recognized Hmong refugee group. After assessing different challenges unique to the Hmong refugee population, including access to education, the group published its findings to the City and County of Fresno, as well as the State Refugee Office. This was what culminated with the creation of the New American School, which assisted Hmong student refugees as they transitioned into mainstream school.

The work of Mr. Yang has given the Hmong community immense support over the years and without this work many of these accomplishments wouldn't have been possible.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of Lue N. Yang. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

HONORING 60 YEARS OF GRAPHICS UNIVERSAL OF GREENCASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Graphics Universal of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, for 60 years of success as a leading provider of diversified design and commercial printing services.

A family-owned business, Graphics Universal has distinguished itself with an inspiring corporate philosophy that was established by Gary and Nancy Gembe when they purchased the company in 1970.

That philosophy is based on treating clients as long-term partners, fostering a rewarding work experience for staff, adhering to the highest standards of integrity and maintaining respect for the environment. Gary and Nancy's son Garon Gembe proudly expands upon their legacy of achievement as Company President.

Effectively employing a relationship-centered approach with all stakeholders, the team at

Graphics Universal prides itself on a commitment to collaboration, open communication and trusted service.

On behalf of everyone in the 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the entire Gembe family on their company's milestone and offer best wishes for continued success.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MATTHEW FINKE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Matthew Logan Finke of Bells, Texas, who peacefully passed away on September 25, 2024.

Mr. Finke was born on July 27, 1987, in Denison, Texas. He attended Denison High School and graduated from Austin College in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in business, where he was a star athlete and captain of its football and baseball teams. In his outstanding football career, Mr. Finke was recognized numerous times as the All-Conference performer, Conference Player of the week, and the National Defensive Back of the week. He also earned the Shellie Hersch Special Teams Player of the Year and was named the Duke Babb Most Outstanding Player as a senior. Upon graduating, Mr. Finke heeded the call to serve his nation and joined the United States Army to serve as an Orthopedic Technician. In 2019, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve as the Movement and Security Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge.

Mr. Finke received a battlefield promotion for his contributions to the war effort against terrorist forces in this operation and also earned his Air Assault Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in Gold, and Norwegian Ruck March Badge. Moreover, Mr. Finke won first place in the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command NCO of the Year Best Warrior Competition, out of a cadre of 6,000 soldiers. Outside of his Army duties, Mr. Finke was a devoted husband to his wife, Chelsey, and a father to three beautiful daughters. He was an uplifting leader who enjoyed playing football with kids in his neighborhood and his Army buddies. You could always count on Mr. Finke to be there and push you to be better than you were yesterday, both physically and mentally. His legacy of compassion, integrity, and friendship will always be remembered.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mr. Finke's incredible life and service to our Nation. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING UTAH GLOBAL PIZZA CHAMPIONS

HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary team of hard-working Utahns who brought home a world

title—Team Utah from Papa John's, winners of the 2025 Global Pizza Games.

Out of more than 6,000 locations worldwide, this locally owned and operated franchise in West Jordan achieved something that's never been done before in our state. Competing against teams from Peru, the UK, South Korea, the UAE, and across the United States, they earned first place with unmatched precision, speed, and teamwork, setting a record time of 8 minutes and 33 seconds while producing four near-perfect pizzas, each scoring an impressive 9.9 out of 10.

Behind this victory are three standout individuals: Nicole Brock, a 25-year veteran and general manager in American Fork; Benny Loughton, her assistant manager; and Phillip Newson, their coach and motivator. Their dedication, discipline, and belief in excellence

showcase the best of Utah's work ethic and spirit.

Mr. Speaker, their victory is a testament to what's possible when local businesses invest in people, when teams lead with pride, and when hard work meets opportunity.

Congratulations to Team Utah, our Global Pizza Champions. They have made us proud.

RECOGNIZING ALEXYA SANDOVAL-
PEREZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexya Sandoval-Perez for earn-

ing the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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