

her true calling as a family law litigator. While these roles may seem like large leaps, they all share one core theme—Judith's deep commitment to serving others. Each Career reflected her passion for advocacy, care and justice for those in need.

As a Family Law Litigator, Judith frequently took on Pro Bono cases. To Judith, they were not just a case but instead someone who could continue to come back to ask for help or to share their life stories. She advocated for women who were in protection from abuse and worked many judicial bypass cases. Judith served on the board of the National Network of Runaway & Homeless Youth Services and chaired the Interagency Youth Coalition of Bucks County. She was a founding member of Bucks County AIDS Network and a board member of Legal Aid of Southeastern PA. She spent time serving the Bucks County Bar Association as President and as a chair for many of the committees. She even contributed to the startup of the Bucks County Bar Foundation. She also led the parent lawyers' group which ran out of the Juvenile Dependency Court. Through this group she served hundreds of children as a guardian ad litem to offer support for those who could not advocate for themselves.

In addition to her professional work, Judith was also a pioneer in our community. She became one of the first two female volunteer firefighters in Warwick Township. This showcases her steadfast dedication to service and her unwavering courage. Additionally, Judith spent five years as a Public Official acting on the Zoning Hearing Board. In 1999 she was elected to the Board of Supervisors of Warwick Township and in 2004 she served as its chairperson for over 20 years. She also served as a Board Member at Hatboro Federal Savings.

Having had a life full of achievements, it is no surprise that Judith had received a number of recognitions throughout her career. She was chosen as the Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award winner twice and was honored with the Arthur B. Walsh Jr. Award for Pro Bono Services.

Despite her busy schedule, Judith always made time for her family. She cherished the moments she spent with her husband Frank, daughter Shannon and her three grandchildren. Even on the busiest days, she always cooked breakfast for Shannon and her friends every day before school. She was an avid reader and a talented at word games such as scrabble and crossword puzzles. She enjoyed playing volleyball and climbing mountains.

Although our community mourns Judith's passing, we celebrate the legacy of service and dedication that she forged in her life. She will be greatly missed by us all.

HONORING PETER PEARSON

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Peter Pearson, a 57-year resident of New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, who recently passed away at the age of 83. Residing in the town of Andover, he was elected member of the Andover Regional

Board of Education from 1984 to 1996 and later as an Andover Borough Councilman from 2002 to 2022. Additionally, Mr. Pearson served as comptroller for multiple small businesses and as the School Business Administrator for several of the surrounding school districts for over 25 years. Mr. Pearson was always ready to help with anything that would better his community and will be remembered for his kind personality and dedication to serving those around him. I am honored to be able to recognize such a dedicated and thoughtful resident of my district.

RECOGNIZING ABDULLAHI ALI

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

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

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

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

RECOGNIZING DANIEL FLORES

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Daniel Flores has made to our community through his work with New Beginnings Youth Shelter, which serves homeless kids aged 10–17 who are between foster homes; abandoned, or homeless. The whole team jumps in to take care of the kids who have no one else looking out for them. They teach kids structure, respect, understanding and so much more in a loving environment. The team really cares, and each member is deeply invested in the kids' long-term success.

It is clear Daniel Flores has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. CHIQUITA MICHELE GREENE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the extraordinary life

and legacy of Ms. Chiquita Michele Greene—a devoted educator, trailblazer, and servant leader from Southwest Georgia. Her unwavering commitment to her students and the greater community has profoundly touched countless lives across Georgia and the Nation. Sadly, Ms. Greene transitioned from labor to reward on April 6, 2025. A celebration of her life was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at Unity Baptist Church in Sylvester, Georgia.

Ms. Greene was born from the union of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. and Earnestine Greene. Raised in Sylvester, Georgia, Ms. Greene embodied academic excellence, purpose, and pride in her heritage from an early age. A 1995 graduate of Worth County High School, she made history as the first African American member of the school's dance team—an early indicator of the pioneering spirit that would define her life's work.

After high school, Ms. Greene attended Albany State University (ASU), earning her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and later pursued advanced degrees in education at Wheelock College, Walden University, Georgia Southern University, and Northcentral University. She was a lifelong learner who transformed her knowledge into service, becoming a beacon of empowerment for students and colleagues alike.

As a teacher in the Dougherty County School System (DCSS), she poured her passion into every classroom she entered—most notably at Albany Early College and Westover High School, where she was named the 2018–2019 Teacher of the Year and a finalist for the district-wide honor. Over her career, she served with distinction in multiple Georgia school districts, including Savannah-Chatham and Glynn counties, holding leadership positions such as English Department Chair, Instructional Coach, Graduation Coach, and more. She also advised student teams, including the Black History Quiz Bowl, Delta GEMS, and EMBODI, helping to cultivate a sense of school pride, heritage, and academic excellence among the students at the institutions she supported.

Ms. Greene's service extended well beyond the school walls where she worked. She was a fierce advocate for her community and a transformational leader within numerous civic and social organizations. She served as President of the Albany, Georgia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where under her leadership, the chapter earned national Red Ribbon recognition. She championed historical preservation, helping to secure a mayoral proclamation honoring Delta Sigma Theta cofounder, Osceola Macarthy Adams, and initiated a petition for a historical marker in her name. She also served as co-advisor to the Delta Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at her beloved alma mater, Albany State University.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Ms. Chiquita Michele Greene paid her rent and continued going the extra mile to give her time and efforts to benefit others. Ms. Greene held leadership roles in the National Council of Negro Women, the ASU Alumni Association, Ma Flora's Helping Hands, the Marching Rams Show Band National Alumni Association, the Worth County NAACP, and several other civic, educational, and fraternal organizations. She was a mentor to many and a pillar of strength, especially in spaces dedicated

to uplifting young women, promoting scholarship, and preserving Black heritage.

Among her numerous accolades were the 2021 Trellis Cuffie Volunteer Award; the 2021 Multicultural Award from the Georgia Council of Teachers of English; the Distinguished Delta Award; 2017 Albany State University "A Future to Fulfill" Award; Leadership Academy for Women of Small-town America—Class of 2016; 2007 Caring Person in the Community—Brunswick, Georgia; 2016 DCSS Leadership Academy Selectee; and recognition as one of Albany State University's 50 Under 50. These honors are a testament to a life lived with purpose and service at the forefront.

None of Ms. Greene's momentous accomplishments and contributions would have been possible without the enduring love and support of her God, her family, and her beloved friends across the state of Georgia. She is survived by many loved ones, including her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. and Earnestine B. Greene; grandparent: Mr. Lacy Lee Smith; siblings: Buffy; Daryl D. Warren; and Riccardo C. Greene; many nieces and nephews; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and beloved friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in honoring the life and legacy of Ms. Chiquita Michele Greene and in extending our deepest sympathies to her family, friends, colleagues, and all those who mourn her tragic loss. We pray that all will be consoled by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING RAYNE SUCHER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

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

Rayne has overcome many challenges along their journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Rayne, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Rayne'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 Rayne Sucher on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDNA BELLE PEMBERTON

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Edna Belle Pemberton, a beloved mother, grandmother, community leader, and a tireless advocate for positive change in the Oak Cliff community and beyond. Born on March 27, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, Edna was

the youngest of nine children. After losing her mother at a young age and growing up in the foster care system, she became a fierce advocate for her community and a force for good, committed to improving the lives of those around her. Edna's earthly journey ended on April 13, 2025, at the age of 81.

Edna met the love of her life, the late DarNell Pemberton, while attending church as a teenager. The couple's bond grew into a strong partnership, and they married on September 19, 1964. Together, Edna and DarNell raised four daughters and, in a remarkable act of love and dedication, adopted and helped raise eight of Edna's nieces, nephews, and young relatives. Their family of fourteen lived in California before relocating to Dallas, where they settled in the Oak Cliff neighborhood, where Edna's advocacy continued to grow.

A dedicated voice for the people of southern Dallas, Edna began her career at Kmart, where she worked her way up from stockroom employee to management, leading various community initiatives and supply drives along the way. Her efforts to enact a youth curfew to improve safety, extend bus lines to provide better access to services, and save the Southwest Center Mall, formerly known as Red Bird Mall, stand as testament to her determination to make a positive impact on her city.

Edna was an active member of many local organizations, including the Dallas chapter of the NAACP, the Martin Luther King Center, and Camp Wisdom Now. She was a founder of Positively Oak Cliff, a nonprofit coalition of entrepreneurs and community leaders, and served as a voter registrar and the precinct chair of her local precinct. Edna received several Governors' awards for her contributions to her community, and she was honored to serve as a torchbearer in Dallas ahead of the 1996 Olympic Games.

Known affectionately as "Mrs. P," Edna was not only a community leader but a mother-figure and mentor to many. She personified her faith in her daily life as an active and longtime member of Concord Missionary Baptist Church, where she made an immeasurable impact. Her compassion for others, especially during times of disaster and financial hardship, made a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Above all, Edna Pemberton cherished spending time with her family. Her unwavering love and support for her children, who have gone on to become educators, community leaders, and volunteers, serve as a shining example of the dedicated spirit and servant heart she poured into those around her. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many, and her legacy of compassion, resilience, and community service will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my sincerest condolences to Edna's family, her friends, and the Oak Cliff and wider Dallas community. May her extraordinary legacy of service, love, and dedication continue to inspire future generations.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT JOHN "JOHNNY" ROTHFUS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John "Johnny" Rothfus of Prosper, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Johnny has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Johnny was born in Sachse, Texas, and moved with his family to Prosper at a young age. In 1943, he graduated high school and joined the United States Army Air Forces the following year. Johnny served as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber and was briefly stationed overseas for six months. As a result of his meritorious service, he received the Purple Heart, an Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one silver battle star, and the Good Conduct Medal with one overseas bar. Johnny completed his service in 1947 and later fulfilled an advertisement recruiting firefighters. For two decades, he drove a fire engine, and he retired in November 1974.

Johnny's incredible career as an aviator turned first responder is remarkable to witness. After returning from overseas, he married in 1945. Johnny has one daughter and many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family and building and painting homes in his free time. Johnny has remained a devoted man of faith, and he regularly attends First Christian Church in Celina. I am proud to commemorate Johnny for a lifetime of contributions to our country, as he has been steadfast in his service to his community, be it at the senior center or drug store. I wish him good health for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Johnny with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING MIYA ATENCIO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

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

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

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