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.

REMEMBERING VICTOR KILLINGSWORTH

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and heroic service of Mr. Victor Killingsworth of Taft, California. Victor, a veteran of World War II, served our country in the U.S. Navy for over three years and made incredible contributions to the Taft community. Victor passed away on April 5, 2025, at the age of 104.

Victor was born on November 11, 1921, in Coalinga, California, to Francis and Evelena Killingsworth. Shortly thereafter, Francis and Evelena would move to Taft, California, which would become Victor's home for over 90 years. After graduating from Taft High School and later Taft College, Victor enrolled in the University of California, Berkley. While studying there, the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, causing the United States to formally enter World War II. Eager to defend his country, Victor enlisted in the U.S. Navy at a time when Japanese and German naval attacks had stretched American naval forces precariously thin. Victor sought to be a more valuable asset to the Navy and enrolled in Midshipman School at Columbia University on December 7, 1942. Industrious American shipbuilders soon remedied the ship shortage with remarkable speed, enabling Victor to later serve in the campaigns against Imperial Japan in the Pacific Ocean. During his naval training, while at Joint Expeditionary Base—Little Creek, Victor met his future wife Margaret (Peggy) Sexton who would keep his morale high with frequent devoted letters throughout the war.

Upon completion of Midshipman School, Victor received orders to be assigned to the USS *Sumter*, a troop transport ship, carrying elements of the 4th Marine Division. Assigned to a U.S. Navy Amphibious Squad, Victor worked to transport ''Carlson's Raiders'' to Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands in February 1944. He would transport Marines onto the six-square mile atoll throughout a fierce four-day battle as part of the Gilbert and Marshall Islands Campaign. In the pouring rain and amidst choppy surf, Victor towed Marine landing forces behind him to the beach like ''ducklings'' as he recalled. Victor later noted that his audaciousness in landing so close to enemy positions at night seemed to have tricked the Japanese defenders into thinking his boat was one of theirs.

Victor next took part in the operation to capture the island of Saipan. While on the island, Victor drove too far into enemy lines where he witnessed tremendous human suffering on the island. In one location in Saipan, he would successfully urge numerous Japanese soldiers to lay down their arms by promising the men they would be treated with civility. Adopting similar de-escalation strategies with civilians he encountered, Victor's compassion saved many from perishing.

Upon completion of U.S. operations in Saipan in late July 1944, Victor transported—in just one day—some 8,000 Marines in 75 boatloads across three miles of open ocean to secure the Japanese-held island of Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands. This vital island would later provide the two airfields necessary for American bombers to quickly reach Japan and bring about the culmination of World War II.

Later in 1944, Victor served as a Communications Officer aboard the USS *Artemis*. While onboard at the onset of the heroic Battle of Iwo Jima in February 1945, the USS *Artemis* sustained withering fire from Japanese coastal artillery and was forced to withdraw to Guam. This was Victor's final combat of World War II, as the war would end seven months later on September 2, 1945. Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, Victor was honorably discharged, married Peggy, and returned to his hometown of Taft.

The couple ran Taft Sporting Goods for 37 years while raising their three daughters—Barbara, Janet, and Patty. Victor was passionate about supporting his community, helping launch Westside Little League and Westside Jr. Football. Later in life, Victor wrote a book about his service titled ''The Gator Navy,'' where he detailed stories of his training and service. Cementing his local legacy, Victor conceived of the idea to construct the iconic Oil Worker Monument in Taft, the largest bronze statue west of the Mississippi River, to mark the centennial anniversary of the city. Whether it was his service to our country or our community, Victor has certainly left a lasting impact on countless individuals. The Taft community remains fortunate and grateful to have had such a hero.

Victor is survived by his daughters: Patty Killingsworth Gray, Barbara Killingsworth, and Janet Killingsworth Sandoval; his sons-in-law: Everett Gray and Miguel Sandoval; five grandchildren: Christian Gray, Ashley Gray, John Gray, Sarah Sandoval, and Andrew Sandoval; and eight great-grandchildren: Samantha Gray, Andrew Gray, Piper Gray, Foster Gray, Lex Gray, Charlotte Sandoval, Victoria Sandoval, and Oliver Sandoval.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in remembering Victor Killingsworth, and his legacy of invaluable service to both our country and his community.

RECOGNIZING MARISOL CHAVEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

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

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARY SELECKY

HON. SUZAN K. DelBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, alongside my colleague Rep. DAN NEWHOUSE, to honor the life and legacy of Washington's former Secretary of Health Mary Selecky, who we both had the honor of serving besides in former Governor Christine Gregoire's cabinet. For over four decades, Mary dedicated her life and career to improving public health across Washington. She began her career as the administrator for the Northeast Tri County Health District. In 1999, she was appointed as the Secretary of Health by Governor Gary Locke and continued in that role under Governors Gregoire and Jay Inslee until her retirement in 2013.

During her tenure as Washington's Secretary of Health, Mary was instrumental in reducing smoking rates and increasing childhood vaccination coverage across the state. She was known for her commitment to preventive care and for strengthening the collaboration between state and local health agencies. In 2020, during the onset of the COVID–19 pandemic, the state drew on Mary's commitment to preparedness for a public health emergency. During our time in the cabinet with her, we valued her expertise, tenacity, and mentorship that she provided to all.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Mary was deeply connected to her community in Colville, Washington, where she resided for over 50 years. Her dedication to both her local community and the broader public health landscape left a lasting impact on the state. Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in honoring Mary Selecky's life and contributions to public health, as well as Washington.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.