

2013, he started an over-a-decade-long career at the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department. He went to work every day with a positive attitude, a passion for his profession, and unwavering selflessness. He took on a number of roles, serving as a firefighter, technical rescue technician, SWAT medic and member of the dive team. His former supervisors remember him as a standout—the epitome of what a firefighter should be. As a reward for his years of excellence, Scott was promoted to captain paramedic in 2022.

Beloved by his department and his wider community, Captain Leatham was living the life he had always dreamed of—a life committed to public service, family, and faith—when he received the devastating news of his diagnosis. Yet even in his final days, Captain Leatham remained positive, and certain he made the right decision in choosing a profession he found so meaningful and rewarding. Hundreds of fellow service members, friends, family, and community members attended Captain Leatham's funeral in January of this year to pay their respects.

Firefighters face an increased risk of cancer diagnosis and cancer-related death as a result of their service, and Captain Leatham's story is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices shouldered by our firefighters as they dedicated their lives to ensuring public safety. Despite the risks of this profession that this loss so painfully illustrated, Captain Leatham's fellow crew members at Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department feel inspired by his legacy and are continuing to serve the people of Tempe with pride.

Ahead of National Firefighters Day, I stand to honor Captain Scott Leatham and all our Nation's firefighters. We are forever indebted to them for their courage and their service.

Godspeed, Captain.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
SERVICE OF DICK YOUNG

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable life and service of Richard "Dick" Young, a lifelong member of the Lancaster, New York community, who recently passed away at the age of 94.

Dick was a proud graduate of Lancaster High School, Class of 1948, where he served as class president and remained dedicated to keeping his classmates connected for decades. In fact, those remaining from his class gathered in 2023 to celebrate their 75th reunion—an extraordinary milestone.

Following graduation, Dick answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Navy. From 1948 to 1949, he served aboard the USS *Buck* 761 Destroyer, supporting efforts during the Chinese Revolution. After his initial service, he enrolled at Marietta College, but when the Korean War broke out, he was called back to duty—this time serving as a ship-fitter on the USS *Marsh* DE699 from 1950 to 1952. In recognition of his dedicated service, Dick was honored in 2019 through the Honor Flight to Washington.

Dick returned home to join the family business. His father, Lester Young, had founded

the Young Fire Equipment Corporation in 1944, and by the time Dick completed his military service, he was destined to lead the company. As President, he relocated it to 204 Cemetery Road in Lancaster, where his Navy-honed skills and forward-thinking mindset revolutionized the fire apparatus industry. He designed firetrucks that were decades ahead of their time—earning a reputation for building the "Cadillac of Firetrucks."

Though Young Fire closed in 1991, Dick's passion for innovation never waned. In 1993, he launched the Performance Advantage Company in Lancaster, which continues to design and distribute tool and equipment mounting solutions for the fire service, military, and other industries in over 38 countries.

In 2007, Dick established the Greater Lancaster Museum of Firefighting, located next to his business. The museum showcases historic firefighting artifacts, including those from local departments and even pieces from the 9/11 Towers. It stands as a tribute to volunteerism, which Dick regarded as the backbone of strong communities. He often said, "Communities cannot function without the selfless sacrifices that volunteers contribute. We've got to encourage more volunteers."

Dick also served his community as an elected member of the Lancaster Village Board, where he played a key role in uniting the Village and Town to address critical infrastructure needs, including improvements to the sewer system.

Mr. Speaker, Dick Young leaves behind a legacy of service, innovation, and unwavering dedication to his community and country. His accomplishments, generosity, and leadership set a gold standard that will continue to inspire generations to come. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the vote due to an unforeseen conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 112.

RECOGNIZING SARAH CONNOR ON  
HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT  
TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES  
MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Sarah Connor of Avon, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Sarah's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2029. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education

while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Sarah brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending Avon High School, she participated in Sign Language Club, Model UN, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was on the honor roll. Throughout high school, Sarah was involved in track and field and tennis, earning her varsity letter in both. I am confident that she will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sarah Connor on her offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Sarah will excel during her career at the Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SCOTT H. PETERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 112.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WARREN DAVIDSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I missed the first Roll Call Vote in the vote series due to an important meeting with constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 108.

COMMEMORATING THE BOROUGH  
OF EBENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA'S  
200TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with residents of the Borough of Ebensburg in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, in commemorating the borough's 200th anniversary.

Founded in the 1790's and incorporated decades later, Ebensburg conducted its first borough council meeting on April 27, 1825.

Ebensburg was the first permanent settlement on the Allegheny Front. The town was built on lands purchased in 1796 from Dr. Benjamin Rush, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Within a decade, Ebensburg became the county seat.

Three log houses remain from Ebensburg's pioneer period, including the Hugh Roberts Homestead, which was built in 1797. The homestead is the oldest structure in Cambria County.

As one county official observed, Ebensburg is a town built not only by hands and hard work, but by faith, courage and an unshakable belief in the American spirit.

As Ebensburg celebrates this significant milestone throughout the year, worthy tribute is bestowed upon the many generations of residents, business owners, community leaders and government officials who have partnered to fulfill collective goals and aspirations.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the Borough of Ebensburg on its 200th anniversary and express fond wishes for continued growth and prosperity.

HONORING CARNEGIE MEDAL  
RECIPIENT, SARA SCHALLER

**HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise to honor a true hero from Indiana's First Congressional District, Sara Schaller from Hammond, Indiana. Sara was recently awarded the Carnegie Medal for her courageous acts that saved a fourteen-year-old girl from drowning in Lake Michigan.

On June 20, 2023, Sara Schaller and her four-year-old daughter made a trip to the beach at the Indiana Dunes National Park. Suddenly, a rip current swept two swimmers out into Lake Michigan about 300 feet from shore. Sara did not hesitate to act, and after asking a woman to watch her daughter, she ran into the lake and swam out to reach the drowning girl. Sara grabbed the girl under both arms and swam with her 150 feet back to safety where bystanders helped to pull her out of the water. Paramedics were able to treat the girl at the scene of the incident, and she later recovered at the hospital. For her swift and valiant efforts that saved a young girl's life, Sara Schaller is to be commended.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission awards the Carnegie Medal to civilians who enter extreme danger, risk death or serious injury to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others throughout the United States and Canada. It was my honor to invite Sara to my office to present her with the Carnegie Medal on April 22, 2025. On that day, Sara's family shared their praises for her heroic feat. Sara was raised by a family of first responders who were not surprised at her ability and willingness to act at a moment's notice to help someone in need. Truly a "hometown hero", Sara Schaller is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Sara Schaller for her courageous deeds and in congratulating her on being presented with the prestigious Carnegie Medal. Sara's story serves as an inspiration to us all, and we as a community are grateful for her determination and bravery.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES KNIGHT  
ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT  
TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES  
MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Charles Knight of Republic, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Charles's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2029. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Charles brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending Columbian High School, he participated in Boy Scouts earning his Eagle Scout rank, Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council, and was on the honor roll. Throughout high school, Charles was involved in soccer, earning his varsity letter and becoming team captain. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Charles Knight on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Charles will excel during his career at the Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT  
WOMEN IN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2025*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable group of women whose leadership, service, and achievements have made a profound impact on communities across Virginia's Fourth Congressional District and beyond. From advancing equity in education and environmental justice to transforming industries through innovation and empowering families in need, these honorees exemplify the very best of civic and professional excellence. Each awardee has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to making a difference—lifting others as they lead and setting powerful examples for future generations. It is a privilege to celebrate their accomplishments and recognize their outstanding contributions.

Businesswoman of the Year—Monika Mueller: Monika's journey to becoming Chief Strategy Officer is a true testament to her visionary leadership, relentless innovation, and

deep commitment to empowering others. Over the past several years, she transformed multiple departments, drove major revenue growth, expanded international operations, and championed the use of AI to accelerate performance across the company. Beyond her business achievements, Monika mentors women, volunteers with organizations like IT Girls, and uplifts her community with the same passion and dedication she brings to her career. Her story is one of resilience and excellence, making a lasting impact.

Non-Profit of the Year—Little Hands VA: Little Hands Virginia is transforming the lives of young children and their families by providing essential items, such as diapers, safe sleep spaces, and strollers, to those in need across Central Virginia. Focused on children from birth to age three, Little Hands alleviates financial stress for families, improves early childhood outcomes, and strengthens community support systems. In just five years, they have grown from serving 100 children a month to reaching over 10,000 annually through partnerships with 130 local organizations. Their work not only addresses immediate needs but also empowers parents and creates a foundation for lifelong success—making Little Hands a shining example of compassion, impact, and community leadership.

The Women of Impact in Education Award—Kayla Diaz: Kayla Diaz has dedicated her career to breaking down language and cultural barriers for students and families at Colonial Heights Public Schools. Drawing from her own experiences navigating a new language and school system, Kayla became a tireless advocate for better support services, leading to the creation of a full-time interpreter position she now proudly holds. Beyond translation, she builds bridges, fosters understanding, and empowers families to thrive. A first-generation college graduate and proud daughter of Puerto Rico, Kayla's work embodies compassion, resilience, and a deep commitment to educational equity.

Women in Action Volunteer Award—Fatima Smith: Fatima M. Smith is a powerful advocate, volunteer, and community leader whose work spans anti-violence initiatives, racial justice, and philanthropy. With over 15 years of experience, she has championed child advocacy, led major legislative efforts to protect survivors, and founded Collective 365 to empower Black and Brown communities through accessible grant funding. Through her work with organizations like Side by Side and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia, and as a mentor and speaker, Fatima's unwavering commitment to building safer, more inclusive communities makes her a true force for positive change.

The Dr. Gladys West Women in STEM Award—Pamela Bingham: Pamela R. Bingham is a trailblazing environmental engineer whose 30-year career has bridged STEM, environmental justice (EJ), public health, and community empowerment. As Operations Manager for the University of Maryland's Health, Environmental, and Economic Justice Lab, she leads initiatives that support grassroots environmental justice (EJ) organizations and empower future generations through education and mentorship. From managing multi-million-dollar climate action grants to volunteering with Girl Scouts and the National Society of Black Engineers, Pamela's impact is far-reaching. Pamela remains a tireless advocate