

cultural history are provided for those who listen.

The Asian American Heritage Festival is a dynamic hub for community engagement and cross-cultural connection. It represents a bold vision: one where multiculturalism is not only celebrated but woven into the daily life and economic vitality of our region.

Mr. Speaker, as we acknowledge this celebration, let us recognize the essential role that the Asian American Heritage Festival plays—not just as an event, but as a beacon of cultural exchange, generational growth, and community spirit. Please join me in celebrating and honoring the achievements of the Asian American Heritage Festival, as they remain an enduring source of pride and connection for generations to come.

HONORING 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the remarkable 75-year legacy of Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU), an institution that has profoundly impacted the Mississippi Delta and the state of Mississippi as a whole.

Founded in 1950 as Mississippi Vocational College, MVSU began with a mission to train teachers for rural and elementary schools and to provide vocational training. Over the decades, it has evolved into a comprehensive university offering a diverse range of undergraduate and graduate programs, including degrees in environmental health, criminal justice, business administration, and education. MVSU's commitment to academic excellence and community service has remained steadfast throughout its history.

Under the leadership of its eighth and current president, Dr. Jerryl Briggs, Sr., MVSU continues to advance its mission with the mantra: "ONE GOAL. ONE TEAM. ONE VALLEY . . . IN MOTION." The university has expanded its reach through off-campus centers such as the Greenwood Center and the Greenville Higher Learning Center, enhancing access to education in the Mississippi Delta.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, let us recognize the contributions of MVSU's students, faculty, alumni, and administration. Their dedication and hard work have ensured that Mississippi Valley of State University remains a beacon of opportunity and a catalyst for positive change in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mississippi Valley State University on its 75th anniversary and look forward to the continued success and impact of this esteemed institution.

RECOGNIZING KRISTIANNA MEISTER, GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in con-

gratulating Kristianna Meister. Kristianna is a member of Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Troop 1306, and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Kristianna Meister designed "Dancing Through The Decades" to enhance the lives of senior citizens and those who may need extra assistance going through life. Through dance, Kristianna created a program that engaged participants both mentally and physically, with the goal of getting people up and moving. She led participants in guided stretches to help them feel good in their bodies. She taught them about the history of different styles of dance and basic steps from each style of dance to get the participants engaged and moving. She created instructional videos for the dances, which were posted on YouTube and distributed to Senior Centers around the country.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I congratulate Kristianna Meister for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Kristianna for her leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE MARCH 9, 2025 PLANE CRASH IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and commend the emergency service personnel who responded to the March 9 plane crash in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

On March 9, 2025, a small plane carrying five people crashed just outside of Lancaster Airport and into the parking lot of Brethren Village, a nearby retirement community in Manheim Township. Within minutes, four EMS agencies arrived and provided lifesaving care to the victims of the airplane crash. The rapid and courageous actions of these first responders proved critical and ultimately contributed to more positive outcomes for the victims involved.

I include in the RECORD, the following individuals that responded to the scene and deserve our deepest appreciation and recognition for their heroism:

Manheim Township Ambulance Association: David Mortimer, Leanne Yake, Kayla Farkas, Ashlyn Eder, Collin Stritch, and Connor Kriston

Rothsville Ambulance: James Hoover and Lester Martin

Warwick Community Ambulance: Scott Strippel, Karly Emmert, Makayla Arnold, Gabriel Mitchell, and Rosene Ringler

Penn Medicine Lancaster General: Tyler McCardell

I am grateful for the heroism and commitment demonstrated by these individuals and their respective EMS agencies. First responders safeguard our wellbeing, and I am proud to stand here today and recognize their service in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

WELCOMING KIMBERLY-CLARK EXPANSION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolinians are grateful that the Kimberly-Clark Corporation is expanding within the Second District of South Carolina. As a producer of personal care products, Kimberly-Clark produces well-known brands such as Cottonelle, Huggies, Kleenex, Scott, and more.

Since its establishment in 1968, the Beech Island facility, with the leadership of plant manager, Jeff Hutter, has grown to become the company's largest manufacturing site globally. The planned addition of 1.1 million square feet in 2027 will further expand its capabilities and impact.

The \$200 million investment will create more than 150 new jobs, strengthen the local economy, and enhance career opportunities across the state. The expansion will also incorporate advanced robotics, artificial intelligence powered logistics systems, and high-density automated storage to improve operation efficiencies.

With a workforce of over 40,000 and a presence in more than 175 countries, Kimberly-Clark continues to demonstrate a commitment to innovation and growth. I appreciate the dedication and leadership of President Russ Torres.

Best wishes to Kimberly-Clark for success in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MARY VOLLINK ON EARNING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Mary Vollink, an exceptional resident of Traverse City, Michigan, for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Traverse Connect Board of Directors. Since 1929, this prestigious honor has been awarded to outstanding individuals for their significant contributions to social, economic, and

cultural improvements within the Traverse City area.

Currently, Ms. Vollink serves as the Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator for the Salvation Army in Traverse City, where her dedication to public service has made an immeasurable impact on Northern Michigan. Her tireless efforts have both helped countless individuals in times of need and undoubtedly strengthened the community across Grand Traverse County. Ms. Vollink's selection for this award speaks volumes about her character and her commitment to improving the lives of others.

Mary's work with the Salvation Army began nearly 40 years ago in Holland, Michigan. After relocating to Traverse City in 1988, Ms. Vollink joined the Traverse City Salvation Army while simultaneously working for the TCAPS Transportation Department as a school bus driver for elementary students and students with special needs—a role she held until 2010. In addition to serving as the Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator for the Salvation Army, Ms. Vollink works as an Emergency Disaster Services Coordinator for the region. Throughout her continued commitment to public service, she has formed lasting bonds with countless Northern Michigan families.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Vollink exemplifies the spirit of selfless service that strengthens communities across Michigan's First District. Her selection for the Distinguished Service Award is well deserved, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mary Vollink on this outstanding achievement and thanking her for her decades of exemplary service to the people of Traverse City and Northern Michigan.

**RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF
NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APP
CHALLENGE**

HON. GABE EVANS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. EVANS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the winners and honorable mentions of Northglenn High School's annual Congressional App Challenge. This competition has allowed high school students to recognize and encourage STEM talent across the Nation, as well as in my Congressional District. This year, I'm proud to recognize the following individuals for their talent and ingenuity in this year's Congressional App Challenge.

Payton Dollens developed an app to help high school students get involved in school activities by creating incentives through prizes and competitions. Her app addresses the importance of school involvement and giving students an opportunity to participate in our community. As a result of her ingenuity and creativity, her app won Best in Show in the Open Division.

Honorable mentions to highlight are Brayden Green, Bryan Korsen, and Desmond Reynolds. This group created an app that shares the negative effects of pollution on our oceans. The app both educates users about what needs to be cleaned out and shares how that can be done. With the combination of

education and animations, this group earned an Honorable Mention in the Open Division.

Alongside those from our Open Division are winners from this year's Rookie Division. The four students I would like to recognize for winning Best in Show are Lena McLaughlin, Hailey Fredrickson, Magdalena Herron-Skretta, and Kaylee Reinhardt. They developed an app that helps others learn how to cope with different emotions. By utilizing games, educational material, and informative tips, their app provides helpful insight on how to better handle emotions.

Finally, I would like to recognize Gus Blackham and Ila Locke for earning an Honorable Mention in the Rookie Division. Their app teaches about the negative effects of plastic on our oceans. The duo did this by developing a game to educate users about the consequences of plastic on ocean wildlife and help spread awareness about keeping our oceans clean.

Once again, I want to extend my sincerest congratulations to the winners and honorable mentions in this year's Congressional App Challenge at Northglenn High School. I am proud of the hard work and dedication they have put into their projects and am excited to see what they will achieve in the future.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE, SERVICE,
AND SACRIFICE OF OUR MILITARY
SERVICE MEMBERS: CLARENCE
VETERANS MEMORIAL
HONOR WALLS, MEMORIAL DAY
DEDICATION**

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life, service, and sacrifice of the brave men and women who served our great Nation. Memorial Day is a holiday of reverence: a date set for us to come together as a Nation and ensure that we remember our debt of gratitude to those brave soldiers who gave their lives defending our country and freedoms.

On May 26, 2025—this Memorial Day—eighteen names will be added to the Clarence Veterans Memorial Honor Walls. I am honored to include their names in the RECORD to be remembered and honored forever.

ARMY

Leroy W. Bender
Eric W. Gibson
Michael W. Gibson
George W. Bluhman
Joseph N. Currie
Eric J. Draves
Robert "Jim" J. Gustafson
Walter P. Leising
Justin J. Lex
Chad R. Stockwell

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Robert H. Schurr

Charles R. Fiegl

COAST GUARD

John D. O'Neil

It is now our duty to remember their sacrifice, courage, and valor as we go forward and continue to grow and build the greatest Nation the world has ever seen.

**RECOGNIZING DELAYNIE BOWLEY,
GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT**

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Delaynie Bowley. Delaynie is a member of Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Troop 188, and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

For her Gold Award project, Delaynie Bowley created "Pet Safety Patrol" to tackle the widespread issue of pet poisoning, which affects more than 401,500 animals annually in the U.S. Recognizing a gap in pet owners' knowledge about household hazards and essential pet first aid, Delaynie assembled and distributed pet first aid kits at Desert Hills Animal Hospital. She educated more than 50 people in one-on-one meetings about common dangers in their own homes. She provided each participant with a pet first aid kit, which included a pamphlet with a link to her website, which offers additional resources and a customizable pamphlet for animal hospitals and veterinarians to use nationwide.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I congratulate Delaynie Bowley for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Delaynie for her leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

**RECOGNIZING U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN
(LIEUTENANT COLONEL)
JOHN M. DILLER'S 21 YEARS OF
SERVICE**

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from