

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING NYX WALTON

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

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

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

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

### RECOGNIZING LUKE BOWLSBY ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

#### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 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 Luke Bowlsby from Amherst, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Luke's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval 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. Luke brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending Marion L. Steele High School, he was involved in cross country and track and field, earning his varsity letter in both. After high school, he attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

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

### HONORING MR. JOSEPH DECOSIMO

#### HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Joseph F. Decosimo of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on his 100th birthday, and to recognize his commitment to the Chattanooga community.

Joe was born to immigrant parents in 1925. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Navy during World War II. After the war, Joe attended the University of Georgia on the GI Bill, earning his degree in accounting before earning his MBA from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University.

Joe and his wife, Rachel, then returned to Chattanooga, where he began his first job as a certified public accountant. In 1971, he started his own firm, Joseph Decosimo & Company. He would go on to hire four of his nine children at the growing firm. JD&Co would grow into one of Tennessee's largest accounting firms, employing over 300 people. He would take the knowledge gained from this to found Decosimo Corporate Finance, where he continues serving as Principal Emeritus.

Joe's involvement in our community can be seen through the legacy of his name. In 2014, the University of Tennessee—Chattanooga honored his support and involvement with the Joseph F. Decosimo Student Success Center within the University's Rollins College of Business. Further, Joe has established two scholarships and a professorship in Accounting at UTC and has served as a teacher, advocate, and supporter of the University and the Rollins College of Business. Joe also served as a founding member of the stadium board for Finley Stadium and was instrumental in the construction of the stadium.

Joe has served in key board positions at several Fortune 500 companies and has been involved in several civic and professional organizations during his career. He served as president of the TN CPA Society and as chair of the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy. Joe also chaired the Chattanooga United Way Board of Directors and led its annual campaign drive, served as a founding board member of the Hamilton County/Chattanooga Convention Center, served on the board of the Chattanooga Bible Institute (now Richmond Graduate University), served as senior investment advisor to the Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation, and as President of the Chattanooga Rotary Club. He was honored by the Chattanooga Kiwanis Club as their Person of the Year and was King of the Chattanooga Cotton Ball, an annual event to raise money for charities to benefit women and children in need in the Chattanooga area. Joe has served as chairman for numerous charitable drives that have raised millions of dollars for the Chattanooga community.

Joe's legacy is also reflected in his family. Joe and Rachel were married on September 27, 1949, and celebrated their 75th anniversary this past year, and are parents to nine children and 72 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His children and grandchildren continue to serve the community as business and civic engagement leaders throughout Chattanooga. Joe is a parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church of Signal Mountain.

It is with great pride and profound gratitude that I recognize Joseph F. Decosimo for his extraordinary service to our community. His dedication, leadership, and contributions stand as a model of service. I have been fortunate to know Joe as a personal friend and stand to express my sincere appreciation for all he has done in support of our great Nation and community.

### RECOGNIZING JAYDEN CORDIC

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

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

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

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

### RECOGNIZING FAITH MCCREA, GOLD AWARD

#### HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Faith McCrea. Faith 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

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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.

Faith McCrea created “Emotions through Art,” designed to help students who experience anxiety and depression when dealing with the pressures of school. Faith began by researching art therapy and how it can help people who are dealing with negative emotions. Applying her research on art therapy techniques, Faith’s project helped students express their negative emotions through art using colors and shapes. Faith presented the color wheel to students and taught them how they can use art to express and influence their emotions. She uploaded art videos to YouTube for people to watch when they are feeling upset, and she also passed out brochures that she designed with resources on how to seek professional help if they need it.

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

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not present for Roll Call votes on May 19, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 132, and YEA on Roll Call No. 133.

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#### RECOGNIZING INDIO PORTER

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Indio Porter for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

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

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, while leading a delegation on behalf of the Speaker of the House to the Vatican, I was delayed by unavoidable mechanical issues with my aircraft and was not present for votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 132, and YEA on Roll Call No. 133.

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#### TRIBUTE TO ALISON WALES— CALIFORNIA’S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, I have the privilege of honoring women on the Central Coast who have made a meaningful impact in our community through the Women of the Year Award. This year, it’s my pleasure to recognize Alison Wales of Lompoc, California, for her outstanding contributions and commitment to improving the lives of countless individuals.

Alison’s journey began in a small Iowa town, where the values of service and community were instilled in her by her family. Since arriving in Lompoc in 1987, she has demonstrated dedication to uplifting others and amplifying voices that might otherwise go unheard.

In 1996, Alison transitioned from volunteer to team member at the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, launching a 30-year career in crisis counseling, program development, and survivor advocacy. Through her work, Alison has shaped programs that have had a lasting difference in our community. Including an AMAC support group that has served individuals for over two decades, initiatives supporting at-risk boys and their mothers, teen parenting programs, and a five-year tenure as the Lompoc Police Department Advocate.

Alison also prioritized education, earning degrees from Chapman University to strengthen her ability to serve others. She played a pivotal role in civic engagement, serving with the League of Women Voters and the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women. During her tenure, she helped secure funding for the launch of ‘She Raised Her Hand,’ an initiative dedicated to addressing the unique challenges faced by female veterans, and providing them with the education, support, and connections they need to thrive.

It is with great pride that I honor Alison Wales as Women of the Year for her contributions to our community and for being a beacon of hope and positive change for so many. Her legacy of service and her commitment to others will continue to inspire future generations.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alison Wales, a true champion of justice, compassion, and influence in California’s 24th Congressional District.

#### RECOGNIZING IBRAHIM YOUSUF

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ibrahim Yousuf for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

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

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#### HONORING COLEE M. ANTHONY

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional young leader, Mr. Colee M. Anthony of Indianola, Mississippi, for his academic excellence, public service, and unwavering dedication to civic engagement across the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Anthony is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy Leadership and Political Science at the University of Mississippi, with an expected graduation in May 2025. A proud graduate of Gentry High School in Indianola, Mississippi, he ranked 22nd out of a graduating class of 150 students in May 2021.

Throughout his academic journey, Mr. Anthony has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to leadership and public service. As a member of the University of Mississippi’s Men of Excellence organization since 2021, he has served in various roles, including Vice President during the 2022–2023 academic year and President during 2023–2024. His leadership has helped cultivate a culture of integrity, mentorship, and excellence on campus.

Mr. Anthony is also an active member of the Black Student Union, where he was elected Judicial Chair in November 2024. In this position, he ensures the organization upholds its constitution and remains mission-driven in serving Black students at the university. Additionally, he is a dedicated member of the University of Mississippi chapter of the NAACP.

Outside of campus life, Mr. Anthony’s service extends into the broader community. Since July 2024, he has served as the Mayor’s Youth Advisor in Indianola, Mississippi, working to strengthen relationships between the city’s youth and senior citizens and advising on crime-reduction strategies and community development initiatives.

Mr. Anthony’s commitment to public service is also reflected in his internship experiences. In the summer of 2024, he served in my Greenwood office, assisting with scheduling