

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.

#### 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.

#### RECOGNIZING INDIO PORTER

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. 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.

#### 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 PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. 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.

#### 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

and constituent services. In 2023, he interned with Judge Carlos Palmer at Palmer Law Services in Greenwood, where he supported client appointments, attended court proceedings, and proofread legal documents. He also served as a student ambassador during the 2024 U.S. Senate campaign for Ty Pinkins, helping organize events and bringing the candidate to engage with students at the University of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, Colee M. Anthony embodies the promise of Mississippi's future—intelligent, driven, and dedicated to service. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his outstanding achievements and in celebrating the positive example he sets for youth in our communities and across the Nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to make the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 132, and YEA on Roll Call No. 133.

#### RECOGNIZING GIANA PADILLA

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

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

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

#### CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF RADIO MARTÍ

### HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a monumental milestone, the 40th anniversary of Radio Martí.

For four decades, Radio Martí has been a beacon of truth for the Cuban people, piercing through the propaganda and tyranny of the Castro regime.

In a country where freedom of speech is silenced and independent media is outlawed, Radio Martí has delivered uncensored news, real stories, and a powerful message: liberty is not only possible, it is on the horizon.

As a proud Cuban American and a staunch defender of democracy, I know firsthand the value of what Radio Martí represents. It's more than just a station; it's a lifeline for a community that longs for freedom.

I thank the dedicated journalists and staff who have carried this mission forward since 1985. Their work is vital, their courage is undeniable, and their impact is immeasurable.

Here's to 40 years of truth, resilience, and the unbreakable spirit of the Cuban people. May this next chapter bring us even closer to a Cuba libre.

#### ACCELERATING NETWORKING, CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE, AND HARDWARE FOR OCEANIC RESEARCH ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1223, the Accelerating Networking, Cyberinfrastructure, and Hardware for Oceanic Research Act, or ANCHOR Act. I would like to thank my colleague, Representative VINCE FONG (R-CA), for working with me to advance this bipartisan legislation. I would also like to thank Senators ALEX PADILLA (D-CA) and DAN SULLIVAN (R-AK) for taking up this important legislation in the Senate.

The Blue Heron, a research vessel operated by the University of Minnesota Duluth, is the only U.S. Academic Research Fleet vessel operating in the Great Lakes. It provides critical research that informs science-based decisions to protect Michigan's gift to the country, our Great Lakes. These vessels represent a global network of essential research platforms that advance our understanding of the world's marine and freshwater ecosystems. It is paramount for Michiganders that the Blue Heron and the entire fleet have the resources they need to operate safely, securely, and effectively for years to come.

However, just like every part of our modern economy, these vessels are increasingly vulnerable to cybersecurity threats. For the past several years, the National Science Foundation has taken steps to harden terrestrial research infrastructure, especially after major telescopes were disabled for weeks in 2023 due to a cyber incident. It is vital that NSF also hardens the cyberinfrastructure capabilities of the Blue Heron, and the entire Academic Research Fleet.

This common-sense, bipartisan, bicameral legislation is designed to support the efforts of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet to advance their cyberinfrastructure and networks to ensure they are protected and able to continue to do their important work. The ANCHOR Act directs the National Science Foundation to develop a plan to modernize the Academic Research Fleet's information technology, including its cybersecurity practices, to carry out the fleet's mission to deliver critical science that protects Michigan's Great Lakes.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill to secure and modernize the IT systems used by our academic research fleet.

#### RECOGNIZING MAKILA CORDOVA

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

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

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

#### CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF RUTT INSURANCE

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Rutt Insurance for their 90th anniversary.

Founded in May 1935 by B. Titus Rutt, an orchard manager-turned-insurance salesman, Rutt Insurance is a family-run independent insurance company located on Main Street in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. Since Jamie Rutt, Titus's grandson, joined the business in 1991, the company has nearly doubled in size and expanded its reach by acquiring other small agencies.

Rutt Insurance continues to serve the people of Lancaster County with integrity, helping individuals and businesses find the right coverage for their homes, vehicles, and livelihoods. As proud members of the Keystone Insurers Group and the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce, their contributions extend beyond business—they are active participants in building a stronger, more resilient community.

As Rutt Insurance celebrates a milestone anniversary and prepares the next generation of Rutt family leadership, I commend Rutt Insurance for 90 years of hard work, service, and positive community impact. The American Dream is alive in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, and Rutt Insurance demonstrates that. May their success continue for many more years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call Votes No. 123 and Roll Call No. 124 on May 13, 2025. Had I been present, my votes would have been Yea on Roll Call No. 123, and Yea on Roll Call No. 124.