

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.

RECOGNIZING LILI PRYOR

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE I. BICE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes yesterday, as travel back from the Congressional Delegation to attend Pope Leo XIV's Mass for the beginning of his Pontificate was delayed due to a mechanical problem. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 132, and YEA on Roll Call No. 133.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL ROOFING WEEK

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association headquartered in Itasca, Illinois, on the occasion of National Roofing Week between June 1–7, 2025.

National Roofing Week honors the efforts of thousands of roofing-related workers and businesses across the country, as well as the industry's commitment to public service in general. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance quality roofing has on every home and business in the U.S.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the Nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members representing the entire roofing supply chain. Using its network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures in America. Most of NRCA's members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hardworking individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 1–7, by supporting numerous charitable projects, employee training programs and other activities across the Nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

RECOGNIZING LEYANA MILLER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

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

SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CAUCUS ON DEFENDING SNAP AND MEDICAID CUTS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to defend Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps, from an ongoing Republican assault.

In a few hours Republicans will meet to advance a bill that abandons Americans who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. It guts Medicaid, which covers health care for children, people with disabilities, seniors, and low-income workers, and it cuts nearly \$300 billion from agriculture and programs that combat hunger, including food stamps.

This Republican bill cuts Medicaid, forcing states to pay more or cover fewer people—it cuts benefits.

I think of the 64,000 people in Connecticut, including 27,000 children, who can eat thanks to food stamps.

If this program is pushed back to the states, who have fewer resources, the children will go hungry, and their families will not be able to afford healthy foods. In this cost of living crisis, the last thing we should be doing is making it harder for families to put food on the table. But that is exactly what Republicans are preparing to do. The results will be devastating—the largest cut to the most successful anti-hunger program in American history. All to pay for massive giveaways to billionaires.

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT-ELECT NICUSOR DAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the American people extend their congratulations to President-Elect Nicușor Dan on decisively winning the runoff election, as an independent, to become the President of Romania held on May 18, 2025.

The President-elect's political career as the leader of the Save Romania Union (USR) party began in 2016, during his service in the Romanian Chamber of Deputies, then in 2020, went on to become the Mayor of Bucharest.

His strong priorities of strengthening cooperation with the United States and the European Union demonstrates his suitability to be the right leader for the people of Romania. I have a personal appreciation for Romania with visits since 1997 where Cluj-Napoca was adopted as sister city of Columbia, South Carolina. I have visited numerous parts of the country with troops from South Carolina stationed at NATO facilities enduring the warm friendship of Americans for Romanians.

There is a deep appreciation for President-Elect Dan and his commitment to promoting both academic and civil engagement in Romania, which dates back to his co-founding of the Școala Normală Superioară București, in 2001, modeled after the French École Normale Supérieure. Aiming to cultivate academic excellence in Romania, his commitment to furthering academic excellence in Romania, combined with his efforts to eliminate corruption and encourage fiscal reform nationwide, cements the strong policy foundation he will take with him as he enters office.

My appreciation for the people of Romania is personal as I have seen firsthand how they have flourished since being liberated from the tyranny of the failed Soviet empire. As war criminal Putin attempts to rebuild the former Soviet Empire, I am grateful that Romania has taken a stand against them, siding with the democratic Rule of Law, which will always triumph over the authoritarian Rule of Gun.

We cannot allow war criminal Putin to rebuild the failed former Soviet empire and nations like Romania will help us maintain Peace Through Strength across Europe and the rest of the world.

This election is a powerful testament to democratic resilience in the face of neighboring warfare and criminal electoral manipulation.

Romania continues to be a strong local supporter of the people of Ukraine in their struggle against the illegal invasion of woke war criminal Putin. I am eager for the United States to work with President-Elect Dan. In November of last year, Romania almost fell into the Russian sphere of influence, again, as the Kremlin instructed domestic actors to influence the first round of elections, which would have led to the rise of the Anti-American far-right.

Thankfully, the Constitutional Court of Romania upheld the Rule of Law and ordered the election to be held once more with more integrity safeguards to be put into place. I commend the Court for ensuring that malign foreign influence, particularly from Russia, does