

## 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

not determine leadership in a reliable and important democratic ally to the United States.

The Kremlin's attempts to subvert Romania's democracy are part of a broader campaign to weaken transatlantic cohesion. The United States unequivocally condemns these actions and supports coordinated sanctions and countermeasures to counter these criminal maneuvers.

I look forward to President-Elect Dan being sworn-in during the coming weeks. The United States is proud to stand with the President-Elect as a vital NATO ally and a democratic anchor on NATO's eastern flank.

Romania's electoral course correction can serve as a blueprint for other democracies under pressure from Russian tyranny, from Georgia to Ukraine. President-elect Dan's victory reaffirms that the democratic spirit cannot be extinguished by external sabotage or internal division. We wish him the best as he enters office and forms a government and counters the moves by our common enemy.

Mr. Speaker, the United States wishes President-Elect Dan a warm congratulations and best of luck, or felicitări și mult noroc.

RECOGNIZING DR. ALISA WHITE,  
PRESIDENT OF SAM HOUSTON  
STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. MORGAN LUTTRELL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Alisa White of Sam Houston State University for her dedication, devotion and leadership in service to Sam Houston State University, its students and all Texans. Like Sam Houston himself, Dr. White saw Texas as a land of promise, offering opportunities for bold enterprise and she is delivering on that promise every day.

Assuming the role as President of SHSU in August of 2020, Dr. White brought her leadership to the University in a time of disruption, change and uncertainty in education. The COVID pandemic had rendered the college experience unrecognizable. Finding a way through the pandemic, protecting her students and maintaining excellence, President White showed true leadership.

Dr. White is truly committed to Sam Houston's first-generation college students and those coming to the school from low-income households. In every conversation with Dr. White, she speaks of her commitment to these students and to giving them the tools they need to be successful. This led to the establishment of the First-Generation Center to offer tailored resources and support to this cohort of students.

Sam Houston has recently launched the Polytechnic College, known as SamPoly. This initiative aims to provide students with practical, industry-aligned education to meet the evolving demands of the workforce. True to Dr. White's mission to provide opportunities for students across multiple interests, SamPoly is breaking barriers to education and leading to success for an ever-growing range of student interests.

In tune with the needs of the country and the interests of the students, President White has thrown her full support behind a new com-

mitment to Cyber Studies. Both degree and certificate level programs are growing at Sam Houston and the school is working with the CIA, FBI, DHS and other agencies to create a pathway to jobs in this fast-growing field.

Under her leadership, the SHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is making a name for itself in the medical field. Training predominantly Primary Care Physicians, they will serve throughout Texas and the U.S. in underserved communities. Since Dr. White coming to the helm, the medical school secured an investment from the State of Texas for \$32 million and an additional \$23 million in pledges and gifts in 2023 alone.

It's not just in the classroom that Dr. White is making a difference. On the fields and courts, and even on the beaches, with the introduction of Beach Volleyball this year, Sam Houston students are reaching new heights. Dr. White has brought her brand of energy to Sam Houston State University and the feeling on campus is electric.

As a Sam Houston State University graduate, I could not be prouder to offer this commendation to my fellow Bearkat—Dr. Alisa White. Her leadership and service to the University and to Texas are unrivaled.

RECOGNIZING KARIZA CORTEZ

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

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

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

HONORING SERGEANT WILLIE J.  
TRUEITT, JR.

**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 Sergeant Willie J. Trueitt, Jr. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, in recognition of his impending retirement.

Sergeant Trueitt serves as the lead for Special Operations and Community Engagement with the University of Tennessee—Chattanooga Police Department. He has held positions in law enforcement for 31 years, including seven years with the Chattanooga Police Department, five years with the U.S. Veterans Affairs Police, and more than 19 years with the UTC Police Department.

Sergeant Trueitt also served our Nation in the United States Navy. In his eleven years of service, then-Petty Officer Trueitt served in duty stations including Scotland and Norfolk, Virginia.

I had the pleasure of meeting Sergeant Trueitt when he served in the security detail for my visits to the UTC campus, and he also oversaw the security planning for my Service Academy Day event this year. He has committed himself to serving the campus community, displaying a high level of professionalism while also bringing a bright smile and a positive attitude to his work.

It is with gratitude that I recognize Sergeant Willie J. Trueitt, Jr., for his 42 years of public service to our Nation and our community, and I wish him well on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING LINDSEY HATCHER  
ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT  
TO ATTEND THE UNITED  
STATES MILITARY 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 Lindsey Hatcher of Van Wert, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Lindsey'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. Lindsey brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending Lincolnview High School, she participated in science club, band, student government, and was on the honor roll. Throughout high school, Lindsey was involved in track and field and golf, 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 Lindsey Hatcher 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 Lindsey 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.

RECOGNIZING JAYDEN ZALAZAR

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025*

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