

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.

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 Mandalay Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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