

and Earl Holstein. He and his brother, Dr. David Holstein, were raised to value education and were both instilled with a strong sense of faith, justice and service.

Judge Holstein graduated from Parkview High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science from Southwest Missouri State University. He subsequently received his law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia.

Following a successful law career in private practice, Judge Holstein started his judicial career as a probate judge, moving on to be an associate circuit judge and then a circuit judge. He was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals by then Gov. John Ashcroft in 1987. In 1989, he was appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court where he served as chief justice from 1995 to 1997. He retired from the court and returned to private practice in 2002 where he focused on mediation and arbitration.

Judge Holstein's legal career and public service earned him many awards and accolades. In addition, he served his country on active duty with the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and National Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1997.

Judge Holstein is survived by Mary, his wife of 57 years, and their three daughters, Robin Comacho and her spouse Jesse, Katy Link and her spouse Paul, and Erin Cutler and her spouse Michael. He also was a proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren.

Judge Holstein's life was a testament to integrity, faith and service, and his contributions have left an indelible mark on the community and the state. He will be deeply missed.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF SGT. BRIAN DAVENPORT AND SGT. DANIEL GARNICK OF THE RIVERVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Brian Davenport and Sergeant Daniel Garnick of the Riverview Fire Department for their vigilance and bravery in responding to a resident who had fallen through the ice and saving their life. The contribution that they have made to the safety and well-being of the residents of Riverview and the surrounding area is worthy of commendation.

On December 8, 2024, Riverview emergency services acted quickly to save a local resident who had fallen through the ice of Riverview's beloved Reflection Pond. Sergeants Davenport and Garnick showed tremendous courage saving this resident, but their success was also a direct result of preparation and training. Sgt. Davenport has been with the Riverview Fire Department since 2008 and has his ICE Water Rescue Certification as well as being a Registered Nurse. Sgt. Garnick has been with the Riverview Fire Department since being hired in 2000. Many of the firefighters at the Riverview Fire Department are members of various rescue teams, including the Downriver Mutual Aid Dive Team, HAZMAT, and logistics, to name a few.

I also want to recognize our partners with Downriver Mutual Aid for providing training and resources to regional fire departments. This incident underscores the importance of strengthening our mutual aid organizations so we can provide the requisite gear and training for local departments that may otherwise struggle for resources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Sergeant Davenport and Sergeant Garnick. Our communities are safer because of selfless actions that our front-line workers take every day to protect their fellow community members. We thank them for their dedication and bravery in their dangerous line of work. I thank Brian and Daniel.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HIGHLAND BEACH RESORT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the historical significance of the Highland Beach Resort in Sandy Hook, New Jersey which was once the birthplace of Northern Jersey Shore tourism. From 1888 through 1962, this historic location was beloved for its beautiful views and beachside amenities. This destination was a trailblazer for people to begin traveling by rail, excursion trains, steamboats, and automobiles. I would also like to applaud the Jersey Coast Heritage Museum for preserving this history.

In a groundbreaking way, the Highland Beach Resort flourished with thousands of tourists every summer, and was home to four-towered carousels, arcades, and one of the first roller coasters in the country. Highland Beach Resort's "great switchback railroad" rollercoaster was constructed in 1889 by Highland Beach Resort using an original design by Mr. Thompson, the same inventor of the Nation's first carousel in 1876 and first roller coaster in 1884 nearby in Coney Island. It is truly honorable how this resort fostered innovation and business models that developers all along the Jersey Shore would eventually follow.

Since 1893, William Sandlass has been denoted as the legendary developer and entrepreneur who led the construction of the historic Highland Beach Resort. When the remarkable "great switchback railroad" rollercoaster was called to be dissembled, Mr. Sandlass repurposed the timbers into a two-story building to be used to expand the resort, eventually becoming a home for his family, and now in service to the National Park Service. When considering the rare architectural characteristics of the home, along with a trace to the history of American and New York Harbor, it becomes clear that this nature-resilient 131-year-old house is truly historic.

The geographical history of this location also includes when explorer Giovanni de Verrazano first laid eyes on The Highlands of Navesink in 1525. Evidently, Mr. Sandlass' home is the last remaining structure of the Jersey Shore's start to tourism at the northernmost point and will be remembered as a first-of-its-kind summer refuge for residents traveling for the first time since their immigration

to the United States. Where some of the earliest citizens of the United States of America found comfort away from conditions of sweltering hot temperatures and poor sanitary systems of New York City. In many ways, this house symbolizes exploration, cultural heritage, and appreciation of the Jersey Shore.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in honoring the late Mr. Sandlass, his landmark home from the Highland Beach Resort, and the members of the Jersey Coast Heritage Museum. Their efforts to preserve the history of the Northern Jersey Shore are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF MICHAEL DYE

HON. HARRIET M. HAGEMAN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is an incredible privilege to recognize an extraordinary individual, Chief Dye on the momentous occasion of his retirement—a milestone that marks the culmination of nearly 39 years of dedicated service on active duty in the United States Army. Chief Dye's career reflects a legacy of leadership, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to our Nation's ideals.

Chief Dye's remarkable career stands as a testament to the bravery, dedication, and selfless devotion that our Nation's veterans exemplify. It is because of individuals like him that we continue to enjoy the freedoms and Constitutional rights that define our way of life. His unwavering love for this country is unparalleled and serves as an inspiration not only to those who have served alongside him but to all Americans, myself included.

As he embarks on this new chapter of life, I hope it is filled with new adventures, joys, and opportunities. Chief Dye's legacy of hard work, integrity, and commitment has left an indelible mark on the U.S. Army, the USAWOA, and every unit he has served. The influence he has had on his peers and those under his leadership will continue to resonate for generations to come.

I am confident that as he transitions into this next phase, he will continue to excel and make meaningful contributions to his community and to our great state of Wyoming.

I thank Chief Dye for his service, his sacrifices, and his unwavering commitment to this Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF PAM KESSLER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Pam Kessler.

Pam was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She worked in television in the Denver area before relocating to the Bay Area in the 1980s with her husband, Anthony. Pam and Anthony were highly active in the community and raised their two children, Lauren and

David, in Walnut Creek. At this time, Pam made a career shift toward sales and marketing. She served as President and Publisher of Walnut Creek Magazine for over ten years, highlighting the City's residents and businesses. Pam has been a fierce advocate for our local businesses and her work has helped to bring community members together and spotlight local history, entertainment, restaurants, and more. As small newspapers and news outlets become more scarce, Pam's efforts to support local journalism have been critical in keeping our community connected and the public informed on local issues. Through her work with the magazine, Pam has fostered a strong and vibrant community in Walnut Creek and beyond.

Outside of her work with Walnut Creek Magazine, Pam was a devoted wife and mother. Additionally, she continually demonstrated her commitment to service, supporting local education and youth sports and often engaging in volunteer and philanthropic efforts. In her free time, she loved walking the East Bay's beautiful trails with her dog, Sadie.

Sadly, Pam passed away in January 2025. She will be remembered for her passion, leadership, and her deep love for this community. Please join me in honoring Pam Kessler for her many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MS. DAWN BAKER
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CON-
STITUENT SERVICES IN OHIO'S
SIXTH DISTRICT

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Dawn Baker for her service in my office and to the people of the Ohio Sixth District. For seven years, Ms. Baker has dedicated herself to the aid of my constituents and I am proud to have witnessed the positive impact her work has created.

Dawn began her journey of public service at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Government. While attending university, she met her husband of 24 years and the father of their two exceptional daughters, Jason Baker. She dedicated herself fully to her family, taking an active role in her children's education and their passion for athletics. In 2017, she decided to put her degree to use as an advocate for the people of Ohio within the office of former Congressman Bill Johnson.

Under the administration of my predecessor, Dawn began her federal career as a Field Representative and caseworker. Being a delegate for OH-06, she took great pride in going out in public and listening to the needs of the people. She worked diligently and, within a few short years, was promoted to Director of Outreach; mentoring those under her tutelage in all aspects of championing the residents of our district.

I have known Dawn and her family both personally and professionally for many years, so upon my election to this esteemed office, I was pleased to make her my Director of Constituent Services. In this role, Dawn has been on the front lines of my office answering calls

to assist my constituents. She saw firsthand the struggles many in East and Southeast Ohio face and has never wavered in her commitment. Dawn's strength is one of her greatest assets, affording her the will to get the job done, but so too is her compassionate spirit as she works tirelessly to assist in any way she can.

As we, the Members of the House of Representatives well know, our staff are often the unsung heroes working hard behind the scenes. So, I ask you today to assist me in thanking Ms. Dawn Baker for her many years of vigorous and dedicated work for the people of Ohio's Sixth District and the Nation, and I wish her the best in her next endeavor.

HONORING FREDERICK "JAY"
STEFANY, III

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Frederick "Jay" Stefany for his 44 years of outstanding Federal service as a senior acquisition executive, as well as the first Maritime Industrial Base Program Manager for the Department of the Navy (DON).

Since he began his distinguished career with the DON in 1981, Mr. Stefany has held several acquisition positions. Notably, he became a member of the Senior Executive Service in March 2012. In January 2021, he was selected to serve as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, (ASN RD&A) overseeing the Navy's acquisition workforce of more than 50,000 professionals and annual budgets more than \$150 billion. His service to the Navy and Nation has included a variety of key leadership positions including Program Manager for the LPD 17 Class Amphibious Transport Dock ship program, Executive Director, Amphibious, Auxiliary, and Sealift Office, Program Executive Office, Ships, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Ship Programs, and as the Principal Civilian Deputy to ASN RD&A. In September of 2024, the Secretary of the Navy selected Mr. Stefany to stand up the Navy's Maritime Industrial Base Office responsible for strengthening and increasing the capacity of the Nation's maritime industrial base to build the Navy and the Nation's needs.

As the Ranking Member and Chair of the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, I had the pleasure of working with Jay directly on a wide range of issues in his portfolio. He was the consummate professional who gave Congress good advice and information so that we could perform our constitutional duty to "provide and maintain" for the Navy.

Mr. Stefany's leadership of the Navy's acquisition corps was instrumental during a historic time in our Nation's history. With a rising China and resurging Russia, the imperative to grow the Nation's Navy and deliver advanced capabilities were critical to ensure the National Security of the United States. As the industrial base was recovering from the impacts of the COVID pandemic, under Mr. Stefany's steady

leadership, the Navy delivered over 90 ships, thousands of critical munitions, and spurred new technologies to include unmanned and autonomous systems. Along with his leadership to strengthen and grow the maritime industrial base, his efforts have ensured the Navy is ready to compete and if required, defeat any adversaries.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Stefany has received various awards for his outstanding contributions to the DON, the Department of Defense (DoD), and the Nation. These include the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, DON Civilian Meritorious Service award, and two DON Civilian Superior Service awards. In addition, he is the recipient of performance-related accolades, to include the Navy's most prestigious acquisition excellence award, the Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Memorial Award.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Frederick "Jay" Stefany the III as he retires from Federal service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 16, 2025, I missed roll call vote No. 17. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on ROLL Call No. 17 (On Passage of H.R. 30).

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
C.W. WHITAKER

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. C.W. Whitaker, a dedicated leader in Dallas and friend to Texas' 30th District. Mr. Whitaker has used his platform as the owner of DFWBAM, a social media company to spread, in his words, "blessings, love, and support" to his community.

Mr. Whitaker understands the value of investing in our youth and growing generational wealth for our communities. For thirty-one years, he mentored high school students on what it takes to start and run one's own business, taking them to visit Black-owned businesses in the DFW area. Yet Mr. Whitaker's call to service is not limited to the classroom. Not only has he sat on multiple philanthropic boards and volunteered many hours through his company, Mr. Whitaker has also helped to elevate the businesses, churches, and other community events in the district. The exposure these businesses receive and the community that is built is an invaluable part of what makes this country and individuals, like Mr. Whitaker so amazing: neighbors helping neighbors for the good of all. That was clear during the pandemic when Mr. Whitaker graciously used his voice and resources to publicize four COVID vaccine events my office hosted, contributing to over two-hundred low-income constituents receiving their first and second vaccine shots.