

This award is a testament to Nathan's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Nathan Angel Perez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

#### RECOGNIZING SHAWN WOODRUFF

##### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Shawn Woodruff has made through her work at the Nature Coast Outreach Center. Shawn is a shining example of grassroots impact and unwavering compassion. This nonprofit organization has become a vital support system in our community, meeting both practical needs and offering emotional encouragement to those who are struggling. Each Friday, the Center provides a freshly cooked meal to anyone in need—offering not just food, but also kindness, dignity, and a sense of belonging. For many, this meal is the highlight of their week—a safe and welcoming space where they feel seen and cared for. In addition to their weekly meal program, the Center runs a robust food distribution service to combat food insecurity. Volunteers deliver bags of groceries directly to targeted areas of need throughout the community, ensuring that no one is left behind. They also host a large-scale monthly food distribution event in partnership with Grace World Outreach Church through their Compassion Food Outreach program—providing generous bags of groceries to hundreds of families. The outreach doesn't stop at food. The team also helps furnish homes with donated items such as furniture, clothing, and household necessities—empowering individuals and families to start over after experiencing homelessness, crisis, or hardship. These efforts help transform empty houses into warm, livable homes filled with hope. They also provide essential supplies for those currently experiencing homelessness, including tents, food, and ongoing support, helping meet urgent needs. What truly sets the Nature Coast Outreach Center apart is the heart behind the mission. No one is paid—this life-changing work is powered entirely by a group of selfless, committed volunteers who give their time, energy, and love every single week. Their unwavering dedication is a beautiful example of community in action and the power of people coming together for a greater purpose. At the center of it all is Shawn Woodruff, a humble and passionate leader whose tireless efforts and deep compassion inspire everyone around her. She coordinates logistics, builds relationships, and ensures every person served is treated with dignity and grace. Her vision has created a ripple effect of kindness that continues to grow. Nature Coast Outreach Center may not seek the spotlight, but their impact is undeniable. They are transforming lives, restoring hope, and strengthening our community—one act of kindness at a time. They are truly heroes among us.

It is clear Shawn Woodruff has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive

to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING PIER 31 CHICAGO AND  
MS. NIKKI HAYES: A LAKEFRONT  
GEM

##### HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a remarkable establishment on Chicago's iconic lakefront, Pier 31 Chicago, and its visionary founder, Ms. Nikki Hayes.

Approximately 12 years ago, Ms. Hayes embarked on an extraordinary entrepreneurial journey, establishing Pier 31. This venue stands as a testament to her pioneering spirit, making it the only female and Black-owned restaurant, bar, and entertainment venue on the entire Chicago lakefront. Her dedication has transformed Pier 31 into a beloved destination, bringing joy and vitality to our city's beautiful shoreline.

Pier 31 Chicago offers a truly unique and inviting experience, boasting a vibrant, beachy atmosphere complete with live music, delicious food, and stunning views of Lake Michigan.

It's a culinary delight, specializing in customer favorites like their renowned chicken wings, a variety of savory sandwiches, and inclusive vegan options, ensuring there's something for every palate. The venue is meticulously designed to welcome everyone, making it the perfect spot for families, friends, and couples of all backgrounds.

With its full bar, ample outdoor seating, and convenient free Wi-Fi, Pier 31 provides an ideal setting for a relaxing day or a lively night out. Customers consistently praise the tasty food, quick service, and reasonable prices, highlighting the commitment to value and quality that Ms. Hayes has instilled. Whether one is craving a refreshing cocktail, a hearty veggie burger, or a classic favorite, Pier 31 offers a vibrant and diverse setting for all to enjoy.

Ms. Hayes' leadership of Pier 31 Chicago is a powerful example of entrepreneurial excellence and community enrichment. Her success not only provides a valuable amenity for Chicagoans and tourists alike but also serves as an inspiring testament to the power of diverse ownership and leadership in our economy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Ms. Nikki Hayes for her incredible achievements with Pier 31 Chicago and for her continued contributions to our city, including her expansion to the River Walk District. We are fortunate to have such a dynamic and dedicated business owner in our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, the voting machine did not register the vote. Had I been

present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146.

CONGRATULATING ADAM  
KINGSTON, GOLD MEDAL RUNNER

##### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Adam Kingston of Manheim Township on winning a gold medal in the Class 3A 3,200-meter run at the PIAA track and field championship on May 24.

The 2025 PIAA Class 3A track and field championship saw students from across Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District excel, but it was Manheim Township senior Adam Kingston who took home the gold. Kingston maintained the lead for the entire 3,200-meter race and crossed the finish line with a time of 8:51:25, a Lancaster-Lebanon League record.

Kingston's state title finishes a storied career at Manheim Township. He was also a part of Manheim Township's 4x800 relay team, alongside Andrew Kemper, Ethan Peffley, and Cole Stevens, which won fourth place later that day.

With his gold medal in the Class 3A 3,200-meter run, Kingston solidified himself as one of Pennsylvania's best track and field athletes. I sincerely congratulate Adam on his success this year and wish him well in his athletic and academic endeavors at Penn State University.

#### RECOGNIZING KALEY STIDHAM

##### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kaley Stidham for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A London, Kentucky native, Kaley began her career as an intern for her hometown member and Dean of the House Congressman HAL ROGERS (KY-05) followed by an internship with Senate Republican Leader MITCH MCCONNELL (KY). During her Senior Year at the University of Kentucky, Kaley became the Staff Assistant for Congressman ANDY BARR (KY-06) in his Lexington, Kentucky office and upon graduation in May 2023 transitioned to his Washington, D.C. office and shortly after took on the role as Press Assistant as well. When I became Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in January of this year, Kaley joined my team as the Press Assistant where she became a valuable team member in keeping the American public updated on what our committee has been doing to restore the American Dream.

Recently, Kaley departed the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to take on a new role as the Communications Director for Congresswoman KAT CAMMACK (FL-03). While she will no longer be working for a member of the Kentucky delegation, I know she will succeed in her new role. I wish her the best, congratulate her on her new role, and thank Kaley Stidham for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

NEWSLETTER FROM  
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

## HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the Helene Small Business Recovery Act, tax cuts, and beneficial ownership reporting.

DEAR FRIEND,

Communities throughout Western North Carolina are continuing to pick up the pieces to rebuild after the worst natural disaster to ever hit our mountains made landfall on September 27, 2024. This includes our district's small businesses, which were hit particularly hard due to the loss in tourism following the disaster.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of WNC's tourism economy and many of them were left suffering from Helene's destruction. Thus, federal support is vital to helping folks rebuild their livelihoods and the region's economy.

That's why I introduced the Helene Small Business Recovery Act to facilitate small business owners' access to federal aid for rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. This bill clarifies that Small Business Administration loans and federal grants, like those that will be offered through the CDBG-DR program, are not duplicative. Without this clarification, businesses that took an SBA loan to keep themselves afloat would be prohibited from accessing federal grant money when it becomes available.

Loans and grants are inherently different, and my bill will allow small business owners to access both federal resources so that WNC, and every small business that makes our mountains such a great place to live, has the resources needed to recover.

Relieving the tax burden for hard-working Americans:

Americans are benefitting from lower taxes because of the tax cuts that President Trump implemented during his first term.

However, the tax relief secured in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) is set to expire next year, and if these cuts are not extended, a family of four in North Carolina will face a tax hike of about \$1,400.

To prevent tax increases for workers and businesses nationwide, I'm working with my colleagues to extend and potentially make permanent President Trump's 2017 tax cuts. This would ensure we avoid the largest middle and lower class tax increase in American history, stimulate job growth, make American businesses more competitive, and support American workers by helping them keep more of their hard-earned dollars in their wallets.

Small business victory over beneficial ownership reporting requirements:

Small businesses saw a major victory in the fight against beneficial ownership reporting requirements with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's new ruling that exempts U.S. small businesses from having to report Beneficial Ownership Information under the Corporate Transparency Act.

As we move through the 119th Congress, I will continue to be a voice for WNC's small business owners whose hard work benefits our communities and strengthens our economy.

With my warmest regards,  
CHUCK EDWARDS,  
Member of Congress.

CAPTAIN MICHELLE WILTROUT  
NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT  
CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

## HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Captain Michelle WiltROUT, who retired this year from the Summit County Sheriff's Office, as this week's Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

For 32 years, Captain WiltROUT, dedicated her career to serving and protecting the people of Summit County in a wide range of roles. Her work has spanned the corrections division, the patrol division and special operations, the detective bureau, and more.

In 2021, Captain WiltROUT earned the Taskforce Director position for a State of Ohio Narcotics Taskforce, making her the first woman to run a Narcotics Taskforce in the State of Ohio.

Just two years later, she was named 2023 Taskforce Commander of the Year for her exceptional work and dedication in her role. She was also the first woman to receive this honor in the State of Ohio.

While in charge of the Drug Unit, Captain WiltROUT introduced new tools such as drone technology, and expanded the county's K9 unit from one dog to eight.

Again, I want to thank Captain Michelle WiltROUT for her distinguished career serving our community, and congratulate her on being this week's Champion of the Week.

HONORING CLARK SILVERN,  
EAGLE SCOUT

## HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, Clark joined the Boy Scouts in March of 2019 and quickly achieved the rank of Tenderfoot before climbing the ranks to Star Scout, Life Scout, and finally, Eagle Scout. He has held a number of leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and most recently, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He earned an extraordinary 40 Merit badges, showing his strong passion to the Scout Oath and Law. His marksmanship skills were especially outstanding, earning him high honors in both Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting. For his Eagle Scout project, Clark created a beautiful garden area on the grounds of Saint Gianna Parish, giving church members and visitors a peaceful place for reflection. His parents, Chris and Paige, are very proud of him, just as I am, and we all look forward to the great things Clark will do in college and the years after. God bless Clark and God bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING PARKER WELLS

## HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

Parker 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 Parker, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Parker's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING SHAE BURGESS

## HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Shae Burgess has made to our community as a volunteer with Pasco County Schools. Shae's has been an integral part of organizing a more robust support system for the school's athletic teams. With a passion for sports and a heart for service, Shae took on the challenge of revitalizing the athletic booster program. Under Shae's leadership, the booster program has flourished. They have organized numerous fundraising events and supported multiple school organizations. These funds have been used to purchase new equipment, upgrade facilities, and provide scholarships for student-athletes. Shae's innovative ideas and relentless drive have not only increased financial support but also boosted community involvement and school spirit. In addition to her work with the booster program, Shae volunteers directly with the sports teams. Shae is always there to lend a hand and mentor other volunteers. Shae's commitment to the school extends to the staff as well. Recognizing the hard work and dedication of teachers and administrators, Shae has initiated several programs to show appreciation for their efforts. She organizes staff appreciation events, where teachers and staff are treated to breakfast or lunch, and receive tokens of gratitude from the community. Through her actions, Shae has fostered a sense of unity and pride within the school community. Her ability to bring people together, whether it's parents, students, or staff, has created a supportive environment. Shae's impact is felt not just in the success of the athletic programs, but in the overall morale and spirit of the school. Shae Burgess is a remarkable volunteer whose dedication and hard work have made a lasting difference. Shae's story is a testament to the power of volunteerism and the profound impact one person can have when they commit to making a difference.

It is clear Shae Burgess has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and