

RECOGNIZING MICHELE MANATT FOR HER SERVICE TO THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL MANAGEMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF THE COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Michele Manatt for her service at The George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM), where she has served on the board since 2021, and for her contributions to our Nation.

A native Washingtonian, Ms. Manatt graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, where she studied political economy. After graduation, she returned to the District of Columbia to begin her career in public policy and international affairs.

Ms. Manatt served as a professional staff member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where her portfolio included oversight of the United States' relationships with Canada and Mexico and countries throughout Central and South America. She went on to serve as Senior Policy Advisor to three consecutive Assistant Secretaries of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, helping to manage policy in the region. She continued her public service as Director of Legislative Affairs at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Since 2006, Ms. Manatt has worked as an independent consultant, providing strategic insight into hemispheric policy and social integration. She contributed to a multiyear initiative with the Americas Society/Council of the Americas to document and explore successful models of Hispanic integration in midsized American cities.

Ms. Manatt has been a leader in public diplomacy. She currently serves on the board of the Diplomacy Center Foundation, the private partner supporting the completion of the National Museum of American Diplomacy at the U.S. Department of State's headquarters campus. She was the founding chair of the Council on Women's Leadership at the Meridian International Center, fostering dialogue and leadership development for women in support of Track II diplomacy. She has always been fascinated by the power of fashion. She says diplomats defend U.S. interests not in uniforms, but in suits, blouses, ties and, in her case, scarves.

As a member of the GSPM board, Ms. Manatt has provided strategic counsel to ensure that students benefited from a strong, bipartisan academic environment and were exposed to diverse career paths. Through her family's philanthropy, she has also supported other parts of The George Washington University, including the law school, the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, the Elliott School of International Affairs and the Textile Museum.

Mr. Speaker, as Ms. Manatt concludes her service on the GSPM board, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her contributions to The George Washington University and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tragic shooting at Evergreen High School in Evergreen, Colorado, that occurred on September 10, 2025.

This senseless act of violence has left students, educators, and the greater Evergreen community in shock and grief. Two victims were hospitalized, and countless others are coping with the trauma of that day.

The courage of first responders, educators, staff, and community members helped prevent further harm and demonstrated the strength of our community in the face of crisis. Students and faculty at the school promptly followed safety protocols that saved lives, and a nearby recreation center employee sheltered more than 70 students until the danger had passed. The vigilance and quick action of community members inside and outside the school helped ensure the safety of students and staff.

The Jefferson County Sheriff, Reggie Marinelli, and the entire Police Department quickly responded with extraordinary service, arriving in under two minutes. That swift response saved lives and provided reassurance to the Evergreen community in its greatest moment of need.

In the aftermath of the incident, the Evergreen Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) mobilized to provide on-the-ground support for the community, including mental health resources, warm meals, and safe spaces. These community volunteers—in addition to many other supportive groups and organizations—have played a critical role in connecting families with needed services and ensuring the entire community has everything they need to re-enter their school.

Like far too many communities across Colorado and the Nation, this is not the first time the Evergreen community has been touched by gun violence. Yet, in the aftermath of this tragedy, Evergreen has demonstrated extraordinary resilience, uniting in support of one another as the process of healing begins.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I stand with the Evergreen community, offer my condolences to the victims and their families, and reaffirm my commitment to ensuring every child can go to school without fear for their safety.

HONORING RICHARD "DICK"
KEIGWIN

HON. ADAM GRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Congressman KEVIN MULLIN, I rise today to honor the life of Richard "Dick" Keigwin, a loving father and an employee of Nabisco and Kraft Food for 35 years. Richard was born on May 8, 1944, and passed away on September 5, 2025, at the age of 81. It is my honor to recognize a man who spent his life uplifting young people and caring for his family.

Richard served his Marlborough, Massachusetts community in a multitude of ways. He coached Marlborough Little League, Northborough Little League, Boys Club Basketball, and CYO Basketball. His devotion to coaching and mentoring earned him the title of "Father of the Year" by the Marlborough Boys Club. He was also awarded Man and Boy of the Year 1987.

Richard was adored by his family. He and his wife Cheryl Keigwin were married for 59 years. He is survived by Cheryl and his sons, Richard Keigwin, Jr., Bryan Keigwin, and Adam Keigwin, along with grandchildren and great grandchildren. Richard loved spending time with his family and especially enjoyed watching History Channel and National Geographic.

Adam and the Keigwin family are lifelong friends, and it is an honor to recognize Richard and his contributions to his community.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES NAVY RADIOMAN PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS NATALE "NATE" JOHN SCARPELLI

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep respect and admiration to recognize the remarkable service of Radioman Petty Officer 3rd Class Natale "Nate" Scarpelli, a proud veteran of the United States Navy and our distinguished Veteran of the Month for October 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His courage, dedication, and sacrifice during World War II reflect the very best of the American spirit.

Radioman Scarpelli answered his country's call to service in 1942. He enlisted in the United States Navy and was assigned as a Radioman Petty Officer 3rd Class aboard the USS *Moreno* (AT-87). He joined his ship in North Africa, becoming the youngest member of a seasoned crew.

The USS *Moreno* played a critical role in the war effort, carrying out dangerous missions that included firefighting, towing disabled warships, deploying depth charges, underwater welding, and escort operations. Radioman Scarpelli's skill as a radioman, communicating through Morse code and signal lamp, kept the crew connected during critical engagements. He also served as the ship's marksman, helping set sights on its 5-inch cannon, 40mm guns, and long-range weapons.

Radioman Scarpelli's service brought him to the frontlines of some of the war's most pivotal campaigns. The USS *Moreno* supported the Allied invasion of Sicily, clearing the coastline for advancing Army units. Later, it provided support during the Invasion of Southern France. During combat, Radioman Scarpelli was wounded by land artillery and treated at a field hospital before rejoining his ship, where he continued his duties, including cutting mine cables and neutralizing deadly sea mines.

In one remarkable mission, the USS *Moreno* captured a German one-man submarine armed with a torpedo. The vessel was brought aboard for inspection, drawing the attention of senior military leadership eager to study its design.

Radioman Scarpelli also served alongside his three brothers: Frank, who fought in the Pacific with the Army; John, who took part in the invasion of Northern France; and Augie, who manned guns on a Navy merchant ship in the Pacific. Their shared service reflects the extraordinary sense of duty and sacrifice that defined their generation.

After the war, which he served through 1945, Radioman Scarpelli returned home to Michigan. He completed a tool and die apprenticeship, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, and began a distinguished career at Ford Motor Company in Manufacturing Engineering. There, he developed an innovative single-piece rear differential system that was later acquired by MIT. He married in 1953, retired at age 55, and spent the decades that followed traveling the world, remaining dedicated to his family, faith, and community.

Mr. Speaker, Nate Scarpelli's life is a testament to service and resilience. Whether on the deck of the USS *Moreno* or in the engineering halls of Ford Motor Company, his contributions strengthened both our Nation's security and its industry. It is my distinct honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month for October 2025.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavailable, and I missed the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 267; YEA on Roll Call No. 268; YEA on Roll Call No. 269; YEA on Roll Call No. 270; and YEA on Roll Call No. 271.

RECOGNIZING JASON BARBER

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic American Heritage Month to recognize an extraordinary artist, educator, and community leader from Rochester, New York, Jason Barber.

As a Cuban-American artist and educator, Jason Barber has devoted his creative journey to exploring the intersection of memory and place, weaving together Rochester's histories with the lived experiences of its people. His work reflects on how communities preserve memory, identity, and family history, often drawing inspiration from our city's legacy as the birthplace of modern photography through Kodak Park.

Beyond his artistic practice, Jason manages the International Plaza, a vibrant cultural and economic hub that celebrates the diversity of Rochester, New York. Under his leadership, the Plaza has grown into a welcoming space where small businesses, artists, and community members share food and traditions from around the world. His guidance has uplifted local entrepreneurs while fostering stronger connections across the region.

Jason's heritage and perspective deeply inform his approach to both art and education. With more than a decade of experience in the arts and nonprofit sectors, he has worked tirelessly to bridge culture and community. His career includes leadership roles as a Creative Consultant and Gallery Director with organizations such as the Rochester Brainery, Oxford Gallery, Memorial Art Gallery, and The Yards Art Collective. Through these roles, Jason has fostered collaborations across disciplines, enriching Rochester's cultural fabric and ensuring that creativity remains a force for connection and inclusion.

It is with great pride and admiration that I recognize Jason Barber this Hispanic American Heritage Month. His advocacy continues to uplift and enrich our community, leaving a lasting impact for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING FOOTHILLS
REGIONAL HOUSING

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Foothills Regional Housing (FRH), who is celebrating their 50th anniversary of serving as the public housing authority for Jefferson County, Colorado.

First created in the fall of 1975, Foothills Regional Housing has worked to meet the growing housing needs of Jefferson County by preserving existing affordable housing units and developing new ones. In addition to supporting low-income renters by administering over 1,800 vouchers through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, FRH also supports low-income homeowners through their Emergency Home Repair Program.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Lori Rosendahl, FRH has built award-winning new developments like the Ives in Wheat Ridge and the AVi at Olde Town in Arvada, which have been recognized for their thoughtful design and emphasis on supporting residents. I look forward to seeing what the next 50 years will bring for FRH as they continue to provide critical housing resources for our community.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Foothills Regional Housing on their 50th anniversary and thank them for all they do for our community.