

Bruce bought Food 4 Less at 84th and Harrison and attempted his first retirement in 1993. He then worked for Bakers, following the owner's motto: Find a way to say yes to your customers. That is something I have heard Bruce say many times. He then became director of operations for Cubby's, Incorporated, in 2005 and retired in 2015 once again.

Pam is an accomplished educator who devoted 32 years to Omaha Public Schools. She is passionate about going to the synagogue and reading the Torah. She believes people should listen to each other, be there for each other, and listen to God every day. That is great advice for everyone.

Their pride is their two children, Andee and Jimmy—I know both of them; they are wonderful—and their four grandchildren. Bruce credits Pam with their smarts. Enhancing the quality of life for others is their family's mission.

Bruce has continued his service as a member of the Jewish Federation, which oversees the Jewish Community Center, also known as the JCC, and the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home. He served as president from 2017 to 2018.

Approximately 1,500 people visit the JCC every day, and a significant number are not Jewish. Bruce credits this to the theme of the Jewish Federation, which says: "Everyone is welcome." The Friedlanders apply this to their work every day.

As the JCC gets ready to celebrate 100 years, Bruce is helping to lead a 100 Days of Giving campaign to expand the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home and serve more people. He tells everyone that the home is our safety net.

The Friedlanders have volunteered at Beth El Synagogue. In addition, Bruce helped to revamp the Omaha Community Playhouse, serving as the president of the board. Bruce and Pam were the honorary chairs for the Omaha Community Playhouse's 100th anniversary.

Bruce was named Volunteer of the Year by the Jewish Federation in 2009, 2010, and again in 2015. He has added a new role of serving with the Boys Town Boosters, who help to raise funds to ensure that every child deserves a future.

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Reflecting on his life, Bruce often says that he was "blessed to be born into a wonderful family and a wonderful community." He tells others: "My family were experts at helping people. During the time I have spent giving back, I have had three rules: first, take care of yourself and those you love; second, do your job; and, third, take someone with you."

Bruce and Pam have passed down their wisdom to future generations, including their grandchildren. Their advice? It is not who gave the money but who made the difference; don't get your information from social media; and when you hear the jets fly overhead toward Offutt Air Force Base, realize that they are keeping us safe."

As Bruce has said: "When you save someone, God remembers your name."

Thank you, Bruce and Pam. Surely, God does remember your names. "Thank you so much"; "Toda rabah."

RECOGNIZING MAKIKO SHIRAI

(Mr. CORREA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of Makiko Shirai, a Japanese foreign service worker who worked to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Japan.

On May 20, Makiko will be presented with Japan's Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays, for 35 years of supporting the U.S.-Japanese relationship.

Throughout her career, Makiko served more than 90,000 Japanese nationals in the Los Angeles area, and she played a large role in the Consulate's emergency response to the 1994 Northridge earthquake and again during the attacks of 9/11 on our country.

I thank my good friend and neighbor, Makiko. I thank her for being a role model and showing us all what the power of relationships between countries can do.

Congratulations to Makiko on a well-deserved honor.

RECOGNIZING SOPHIE GARCIA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sophie Garcia, a sophomore at Orange Lutheran High School in my district, who is making school history as the first female wrestler to win a CIF Southern Sectional individual wrestling championship.

Sophie's championship run included winning five matches in the 2-day tournament, showcasing her exceptional skill, determination, and competitive spirit.

Sophie trained very hard but studied even harder. She maintained a 4.2 GPA, earning recognition as a student-athlete scholar.

I am very proud of Sophie. I know she is going to do even better and will keep up the good work.

RECOGNIZING FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA

(Mr. FLOOD of Nebraska was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and celebrate the recent recognition of one of Nebraska's pre-eminent banks and a pillar of the community it serves, First National Bank Omaha, better known as FNBO.

FNBO has long led Nebraska's banking sector, especially in their efforts to expand access to affordable housing across our State. By engaging with local communities, listening to stakeholder feedback, and leveraging the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka's Affordable Housing Program, FNBO

has become a driving force in promoting homeownership across Nebraska.

Their dedication was recently recognized when FNBO was named Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka's overall Housing Champion of the Year. Along with the honor, they received a \$5,000 award, which is going to the Nebraska Housing Developers Association.

All of Nebraska is proud of the work FNBO is doing in housing. I look forward to seeing what they can do next to strengthen our communities through more affordable housing.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BRYAN HEALTH

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate a truly remarkable milestone for the city of Lincoln and the entire State of Nebraska, the 100th Anniversary of Bryan Health.

Since first opening its doors in 1925, Bryan Health has grown from a hospital in Lincoln into one of Nebraska's most innovative, trusted, and patient-oriented healthcare networks.

Over the past century, Bryan Health has expanded its reach and services to meet the needs of communities in Kearney, Crete, Grand Island, Merrick County, and well beyond.

Bryan Health's commitment to compassionate care and medical excellence continues to draw patients from across our State. Their enduring mission puts patients, families, and their communities first, and it has earned them the respect and gratitude of generations of Nebraskans.

Once again, I congratulate all of Bryan Health's staff and medical professionals for their 100 years of remarkable service and leadership in healthcare.

REBEL ROBOTIC FTC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the next generation of leaders and innovators emerging from my own hometown. This inspiring group of young people is known as the Rebel Robotics FTC team.

Rebel Robotics is a FIRST Tech Challenge team hailing proudly from Norfolk, Nebraska. Founded in 2019, the team gives students the opportunity to engage directly with cutting-edge technologies and robotics shaping our future.

Most recently, Rebel Robotics stood out at the FIRST Championship held this year in Houston, Texas. Competing against top teams from across the country, they earned the prestigious Inspire Award, which recognizes excellence in programming, robot design, engineering portfolios, judged presentations, professionalism, as well as community outreach.

The Inspire Award is the highest honor presented at the competition, and it also means that Rebel Robotics secured a world championship title in Houston.

I congratulate these exceptional high school students on their achievements and for inspiring others to explore the world of robotics.

RECOGNIZING SCRIPPS VICE CHANCELLOR MARGARET LEINEN

(Mr. PETERS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Margaret Leinen, who is stepping down as director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography and vice chancellor for marine science at the University of California San Diego.

The Scripps Institution of Oceanography works to study and find solutions to our most pressing environmental challenges, such as the relationship among our oceans, climate change, and human health.

Under Dr. Leinen's leadership, Scripps grew its degree programs and student enrollment, doubled its sponsored research and philanthropic funding, and furthered UC San Diego's reputation as one of the prestigious research institutions on the world stage.

Dr. Leinen has shaped our ocean and climate research. She oversaw the commissioning of state-of-the-art research vessels, the opening of multiple new facilities, and fostered Scripps' relationship with San Diego's developing blue economy industry.

Dr. Leinen has also served as the U.S. Department of State's science envoy for the oceans to Latin America and the Pacific and as assistant director for geosciences at the National Science Foundation. I have enjoyed working with her and learning from her at the U.N. climate change conferences, or COP.

Dr. Leinen's work has left an extraordinary mark on oceanography. I thank Dr. Margaret Leinen for her service. Along with all of San Diego, I wish her the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. ALESSANDRO SETTE

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine, Dr. Alessandro Sette, for being awarded the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic and being granted the status of knight, or Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia, for his exceptional work in immunology. He was previously elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Microbiology.

Dr. Sette is a professor at the La Jolla Institute for Immunology in the centers for autoimmunity and inflammation, infectious disease, and vaccine research. He has dedicated his career to understanding our body's immune system and developing interventions against cancer, autoimmunity, allergies, and infectious diseases. His laboratory works to understand scientific structures called epitopes that the immune system recognizes in diseases, and he uses this knowledge to improve our immune responses.

Dr. Sette's research led to the creation of the Immune Epitope Database, which is a vital source of experimental data on antibody and T cell responses.

Dr. Sette's research revealed how T cells can fight pathogens like tuberculosis, dengue, SARS-CoV-2, pertussis, and the virus that causes Mpox.

Dr. Sette and the La Jolla Institute team were the first in the world to publish a detailed analysis of our immune system's response to the coronavirus. Their research exemplifies San Diego's role in developing the cures and treatments of tomorrow.

I congratulate Dr. Alessandro Sette on his achievements and on this most recent distinct honor of being knighted by the Italian Republic.

RECOGNIZING DR. SHANE CROTTY

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable Shane Crotty, a San Diegan and world-renowned immunologist whose work has transformed our understanding of the human immune system.

Dr. Crotty's groundbreaking research into the body's response to virus was not only vital to the global fight against COVID-19 but also to the advancement of vaccines and treatments for a wide range of infectious diseases.

In recognition of Dr. Crotty's enduring contributions to research on the immune system, he was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. This honor is a testimony to the value of his scientific contributions and to the curiosity, integrity, and commitment to public service that define his work.

At a time when public trust in science is more important than ever, Dr. Crotty stands as a beacon of integrity, innovation, and hope. His tireless pursuit of knowledge continues to save lives and will inspire future generations of researchers.

I am grateful for his leadership and proud to honor his legacy, and I thank Dr. Crotty.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I keep hearing the term "constitutional crisis" over and over again. Candidly, the only constitutional crisis that has taken place over the last 4 years was the last administration abandoning their responsibility to defend our border and allowing over 10 million people to enter this country illegally, cutting in line over people who want to come here legally and add to the American Dream.

We don't know who these 10 million people are, where they came from, or if they could be a danger to our community and country. On top of that, they put a strain on our social welfare system, schools, hospitals, and law enforcement, taking away resources from the tax-paying citizens in areas not just on the border but around the country.

When food, gas, and rent prices were going up by 20 and 30 percent, if not more, over that time period, the very

people who were breaking the law were actually getting free things, whether it be rent, phones, cash cards, and other things that Americans were struggling to pay for every single day.

Cleaning up this mess has become our responsibility, the new majority, the new administration that has committed itself to actually keeping the promises from the campaign trail in 2024. Instead of bending over backward to help people who are breaking the law, they want to look at it and say: How about those folks that were left behind?

They were facing a constitutional crisis in the sense that their own government was not enforcing the laws of this land.

As the new administration is moving forward to deport gang members, wife-beaters, and others, the real constitutional crisis is finally being defined, that America should finally stand up for the citizens who make this country great and allow people to enter this country in a legal way so they can contribute to the American Dream.

I am so proud of this administration for keeping those campaign promises and working swiftly and in a smart way to deport those folks who broke the law, not just coming to this country but once here in this country.

For a change, I think a lot of people are finally saying that the government is working for them instead of against them. Let's send a clear message that law and order mean something, the Constitution means something, and we can finally end this constitutional crisis.

I applaud the President for moving forward and allowing the American people to stand up. Let's just look at it candidly: When you are standing up exclusively for judges, you are not having a checks-and-balances system. You are putting one single judge above the American public's popular vote, let alone the electoral college.

I am so glad that this House said that we are going to move forward in a thoughtful way and not allow, again, one single judge, who is not elected by the people, to decide the policies of this government.

I thank the President for his leadership. We stand with him in making sure that the rule of law is finally followed, ending the constitutional crisis that existed for the last 4 years.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MARELY GUTIERREZ

(Mr. CISNEROS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I will just say if this administration was keeping their promises, we would actually have a President, who, when asked if it is his responsibility to uphold the Constitution, wouldn't say I don't know, and instead of passing laws