

example of faith, resilience, and service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Virginia's Sixth District and a grateful nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating John Eakin on his 101st birthday and in honoring his extraordinary life.

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CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MARION GREY NOEL

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Marion Grey Noel of Botetourt County, Virginia, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on October 12. His life reflects the very best of our Nation: service, sacrifice, and commitment to family and community.

Born near Eagle Rock in 1925, Mr. Noel enlisted in the United States Navy at the height of World War II. As a crew member of USS *LST-779*, he took part in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His ship delivered desperately needed artillery to Green Beach and provided the flag raised atop Mount Suribachi in Joe Rosenthal's iconic photograph, a moment forever etched in our Nation's history.

After the war, Mr. Noel returned home, served 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service, and devoted his life to faith, family, and community service. A husband to his late wife, Beveline, for 73 years, he is the proud father of Donnie and Tony, and a beloved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, we celebrate Mr. Noel's century of life and service, and we thank him for his enduring example of courage, patriotism, and devotion to country.

CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHRINE MONT

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, this year we honor the 100th anniversary of Shrine Mont, a place of sacred refuge nestled in the Shenandoah Valley and owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. On August 6, 1925, Bishop William Cabell Brown consecrated the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, built from stones hauled from the mountain by faithful hands. That open-air shrine became the heart of what is now a beloved retreat and conference center.

Shrine Mont's legacy endures thanks to generations of stewards, including the Woodward and Gibson families, whose vision and endowment ensured its growth. Today, Executive Director Kevin Moomaw, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, leads the center with Program Director Mary Moomaw and Development Director Kirk Gibson. Together with a dedicated board, they uphold Shrine Mont's mission of hospitality, community, and faith, while preserving its cultural heritage through the restored Orkney Springs Hotel, its art collection, and the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival.

As Shrine Mont celebrates 100 years, I salute this holy place and all who have made it a sanctuary of spirit and culture for generations past and those still to come.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR STEWART MCWILLIAMS

(Mr. CRANK of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Pastor Stewart McWilliams and numerous churches in the Pikes Peak region in organizing and participating in the citywide prayer across Colorado Springs as part of the National Day of Prayer events earlier this year.

During these events, one moment stood out: when Pastor McWilliams of Fellowship of the Rockies Church offered a model of the Olympic torch to be passed from week to week and church to church as a picture of the growing unity in prayer in our community.

For Colorado Springs, which is known as Olympic City USA, this was a vivid and meaningful picture for the community and an homage to the powerful impact of prayer.

I also recognize and appreciate the united prayers of groups like: Boulder Street Church, Springs Community Church, The Navigators, Victory Life Church, New Life Midtown, Iglesia Nueva Vida, Heart of the Springs Church, Story Church, Youth With a Mission, and Decision Point, who participated in the National Day of Prayer events in Colorado Springs.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Colorado Springs Catholic Diocese and the Sanctity of Life Apostolate led by Mrs. Julie Bailey as they celebrate the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at St. Mary's Cathedral in downtown Colorado Springs.

The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is focused on helping to humanize our aborted brothers and sisters and deepening the commitment to ending the injustice of abortion and providing healing to those who have experienced an abortion.

I honor the Colorado Springs Diocese and other faith-based organizations in the Pikes Peak region such as: 40 Days for Life, Students for Life, the Bishop's Respect Life dinner, Rachel's Challenge, Mater Filius, Sidewalk Advocates for Life, the Knights of Columbus, and many other ministries to mothers, fathers, children, and those who are recovering from loss.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPRINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 40th anniversary of Springs Community Church, located strategically on the major thoroughfare of Woodmen Road in Colorado Springs and symbolically placed on the top of a hill in our community.

Springs Community Church has been a light on a hill in the Pikes Peak region since their founding. Their ministry to children and families through

the largest church-run preschool in our community, combined with their emphasis upon discipleship and depth of a believer's walk with the Lord, and their heart for international missions has shined like a light throughout the community.

I congratulate and celebrate this anniversary and thank Springs Community Church for their 40 years of shining God's light in the Fifth Congressional District.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the efforts of 10 Days of Prayer. A united group of Christian churches in Colorado Springs are joining the international and ecumenical emphasis of prayer between the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These significant spiritual days are being recognized by daily prayers in a variety of churches and ministries in Colorado Springs.

I thank The Road Church, Gateway Prayer Garden, World Prayer Center, Awakening Church, Iglesia Venga tu Reino, Living Hope Church, Cross Fellowship Church, Revival Springs International, Dream Centers, Academy Christian Church, Zeal Church, COSILoveYou, and Springs First Church of the Nazarene for joining in hosting these 10 Days of Prayer as well.

CELEBRATING THOMAS JOHN WADE

(Mr. FALLON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas John Wade of Jefferson City, Missouri, who peacefully passed away on the 3rd of September, surrounded, fortunately, by his loving family.

Thomas was born on August 9, 1946, to John Edward and Dorothy Jeanette Wade. Thomas grew up in Jefferson City and attended Helias Catholic High School before graduating from Lincoln University.

Following his education, he answered the call to serve his country in the United States Army, which he was then honorably discharged from.

Thomas was united in marriage to Genevieve Louise Copeland, with whom he shared many decades until her passing in September of 2009. Later, he was blessed to find love again, marrying Mariia Kluvak on January 21, 2017.

Throughout his life, Thomas was a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, living out his faith with dedication and, I think more importantly, humility. He also served his community through his work at the United States Post Office at the Columbia Airport.

Thomas valued time spent with family above all else, and he found joy on the golf course. He was one of the first members of the Redfield Golf Course, where he spent many days enjoying the game with his beloved wife.

We have flown a flag in his honor over the United States Capitol.

Now, I mentioned that Thomas was in the Army. Not only that, he served in Vietnam, and he served in combat in Vietnam. He served in combat in Vietnam in military intelligence, which essentially put him on the front lines of the front lines. As many combat heroes do, he didn't talk about it much.

I also mentioned that he was a man of faith. He was a man of deep faith. He lived that "I am third" philosophy, which is: God is first, friends and family are second, and I am third. That is who Thomas Wade was.

He had no interest in travel outside the United States because he loved his country that much. He felt there wasn't any need to leave for even a day. He loved his family hard. He also loved three things. He loved golf, the Missouri Tigers, and to prove that he was a man of high intelligence, he loved the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Thomas fought cancer hard, and he fought it so hard because he loved this gift, this precious gift we have of life. He also loved his wife, Mariia, with all his heart and his wonderful son, John. During his fight, he never let his humor leave him. Humor is really a song of the divine. It gets us through.

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The most important job any of us have, quite frankly, is that of being a parent, because our children are ultimately a reflection of us. Thomas' son, John, John Wade, is someone I have gotten to know. He is the CEO of the AES Restaurant Group. They employ thousands of Americans. You may know them by their more popular name, Arby's.

John followed in his father's footsteps. John is selfless, he is kind, he is hardworking, he is funny, he is gregarious and generous, and he is a man of accomplishment. John and his wife, Mallory, are dedicated to the AES Foundation which he founded. They have raised over a million dollars for charities in their community because that is who they are, servant leaders. They put country and community before themselves, and they have accomplished so much.

Thomas Wade was the best of us. He was a good man. He was a good father. He was a good husband. He was a good friend, a good mentor, and a good American. His very goodness, that is what made him great. The best compliment you can pay anyone is: The world is a better place because you were in it.

The light of America dimmed a bit on September 3 because Thomas Wade went to a better place. The world is a better place because Thomas was in it.

Mr. Speaker, may God hold Thomas up gently in the palm of his hand. May the patriot, Thomas Wade, rest easy.

MY AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3838

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of my proposed amendments to H.R. 3838, the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

Ohio's 13th Congressional District has long been known as the Rubber Capital of the World, and my First Amendment upholds that legacy by investing in American manufacturing to ensure that this vital industry remains globally competitive.

Taking from the Retreaded Tires Jobs, Supply Chain Security and Sustainability Act of 2025, this amendment would ensure that the U.S. Government uses retreaded tires whenever possible rather than using cheap foreign tires.

This amendment will support more than just my neighbors in Ohio and Ohio's 13th District as retreaded tires make up the largest remanufacturing sector in the United States, employing over 51,000 American workers.

This commonsense amendment is good for both the economy, the environment, and the U.S. Government while protecting more good-paying manufacturing jobs right here in the United States of America.

I am proud that my district is also home to the most famous airship in the entire world, and that is the Goodyear Blimp.

This amendment, which is based on the Airship Improvement Research for Safety and Humanitarian Innovation Projects Act, or the AIRSHIPS Act, would support the research into additional civilian cases for airships, often referred to as "blimps," that could contribute to national defense; provide economic, sustainable, and clean air cargo transportation; support disaster response efforts; and provide humanitarian aid to people in areas of need.

Especially in the face of challenges such as global pandemics and natural disasters, airships are uniquely capable of accessing remote locations or damaged landscapes and delivering resources and services where traditional aircraft often cannot.

This amendment could enable and reintroduce the world to practical, economical, and environmentally friendly airship transportation, in addition to the fact that we see them at our favorite football game high in the sky.

I ask for the inclusion of this amendment to continue to establish my community, Ohio's 13th District, as a global leader in airship technology.

This amendment will encourage innovative uses of this method of transportation to address some of our Nation's and world's most pressing needs.

I am also proud to represent the Akron Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub. The Tech Hub aims to advance critical polymer and advanced material innovations of defense, mobility, healthcare, and semiconductor industries. Polymers touch every industrial sector in our modern world. People often ask: What is a polymer? Quite lit-

erally, it is almost anything that you touch.

Ohio's 13th Congressional District has long been a trailblazer in polymer science and polymer engineering. Akron's polymer manufacturing ecosystem provides a local pipeline from education and training to the workforce.

Among the world-class institutions included in the Akron Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub is the University of Akron which is ranked number one in polymer science and plastic engineering. Partners in the Tech Hub are also investing in industry-led workforce training programs in collaboration with universities and community colleges.

Strong coordination with the labor units through the Tri-County Labor Council within the region ensures the creation of good-quality jobs for workers from all educational and socioeconomic backgrounds, all with the protections of organized labor.

Last year, the Akron Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub was awarded approximately \$51 million in Federal funds, thanks to the historic CHIPS and Science Act.

I am proud to have worked with our local, State, and Federal stakeholders to bring these vital funds back to our district to create good-paying jobs and grow our local economy. This investment will ensure that northeast Ohio remains a global leader in polymer science and polymer engineering, reaffirming our district's legacy as the Rubber Capital of the World.

From sustainable tires to cutting-edge polymers, the next generation of rubber and plastics production will proudly be made right here in the United States and, most importantly, Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

I know that the Tech Hub in my community is performing groundbreaking research and development that can revolutionize industries across the country and across the world. That is why I am introducing this amendment that urges the Department of Defense to collaborate with Tech Hubs to accelerate defense innovations in partnerships with academia and industry right in our backyards.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, these amendments will not only make sure our community is safe, our country is safe, but we are investing in American manufacturing with American workers. For that reason, I hope that my colleagues can support the amendments that I am offering to the NDAA and ensure that America is the best place to live, work, and grow.

REMEMBERING IRYNA ZARUTSKA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I spoke about this young lady yesterday, Iryna Zarutskia. I think it bears repeating that she need not be forgotten in the