

congratulate him on his recent appointment as the director of Arkansas' Division on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

As chief, Helton implemented the city's comprehensive crime reduction strategy, leading to 4 consecutive years of falling crime. Violent crime has declined by 15 percent under his tenure.

Chief Helton is an inspired choice to help shape the law enforcement training standards for Arkansas. His proven leadership will serve Arkansas well as he trains that next generation of officers.

Mr. Speaker, I join all central Arkansians in thanking Chief Helton for his service, and I wish him continued success as he works to make Arkansas a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING ALAN SLATER

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan Slater, whose 35 years of leadership have strengthened the Orange County Superior Court and promoted justice.

As superior court executive officer, Alan prioritized the well-being of those who are too often overlooked by the justice system.

Under his direction, partnerships with community groups and leaders created a bona fide safety net of legal aid and social services, ensuring all residents were able to access due process.

As a visionary in court technology, Alan pioneered statewide models that expanded access to restraining orders, improved officer safety, and advanced transparency through open access to court records.

His service reflects a deep commitment to public accountability and through good service to all people.

Today, I ask my colleagues to reflect on how local leaders like Alan Slater strengthen our institutions and protect the rights of those who are most in need.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Alan for his work.

RECOGNIZING ALEX ALBRECHT

(Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, every day law enforcement officers across this country put on the badge, putting their lives on the line.

Anderson County Sheriff's Deputy, Alex Albrecht, experienced that reality firsthand. During what began as a routine traffic stop with another officer, Deputy Albrecht responded to a call for backup and was shot in the line of duty while serving his community.

By the grace of God, he survived, has recovered from his injuries, and con-

tinues to embody the courage and resilience that define America's law enforcement officers.

Deputy Albrecht's story reminds us that there is no such thing as a routine day in law enforcement. Every traffic stop, every call for service, and every shift carries risk. Yet, our deputies and police officers answer that call regardless, putting others before themselves.

For the people across South Carolina, men and women like Deputy Albrecht represent the very best of public service.

May God continue to bless Deputy Albrecht, his family, and every law enforcement officer who faithfully serves our communities.

HONORING DEBBIE ESPINOSA

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Debbie Espinosa, president and CEO of FIND Food Bank, and her 8 years of extraordinary leadership.

Debbie and I have stood together through disaster response, through the darkest days of the pandemic, and in the fight to protect the Federal nutrition programs that many children and farmworker families depend on.

When I served as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I invited Debbie to Washington to brief my colleagues on the unique food security challenges facing farmworkers in our valley, because their story deserved to be heard on the national stage.

She has also been a trusted partner to my office, helping provide food assistance to Federal employees and families during shutdowns and supporting community conversations on food insecurity.

Debbie never just simply distributed food. She built bridges, connecting Federal resources to local solutions, and ensuring no family in our district went without in moments of emergency or everyday hardship.

As she moves on to lead Harvesters, serving 27 counties across Missouri and Kansas, our valley's loss becomes the Nation's gain.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Debbie for her partnership, her compassion, and her unwavering commitment to the people in the Coachella Valley region and for her friendship. I am forever grateful.

RECOGNIZING CARY GRANT

(Mr. STUTZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Cary Grant for his remarkable testimony of faith and unwavering determination.

This past Sunday, Cary preached his first sermon in American Sign Language at Deaf Michiana Mission Church in South Bend, Indiana, nearly

8 years after losing his ability to speak because of a neurological disease.

After delivering his final verbal sermon on July 2, 2018, many thought his opportunity to preach had come to an end.

Instead, through faith, perseverance, and learning American Sign Language, Cary found a new way to continue sharing the gospel.

A regular attendee of Grace Bible Church where his son, Kyle Grant, pastors, Cary has inspired his community through his resilience and steadfast trust in the Lord. His journey reminds us that challenges can become opportunities to glorify God and serve others.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Cary on this incredible milestone. He has been such an inspiration in his return to preaching God's Holy Word. I wish him God's continued blessings as he continues sharing his message.

MOON LANDING DAY

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, 57 years ago this week, the world watched as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin first stepped foot on the Moon.

That historic achievement was thanks to American innovation and engineering breakthroughs, and it showed what is possible when we dream beyond the stars.

Now, 57 years later, we are preparing for our return to the Moon. Through NASA's Artemis program, the U.S. will once again set foot on the Moon, opening the door for the next era of space exploration. But missions like Artemis would not be possible without the skilled technical workers, scientists, and innovators whose talent turns bold ideas into reality.

If America is to remain the world's scientific leader, we must continue investing in the programs and inspiring the next generation of students who make these missions possible. That is why I urge my colleagues to pass my resolution that would recognize July 20, the day the astronauts landed on the Moon, as Moon Day.

Mr. Speaker, I will keep working to support policies that get us one small step closer to the next giant leap for mankind.

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HONORING ERIKA SERRATO

(Mr. LUTTRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy Erika Serrato, who was killed in the line of duty this year on June 28.

With 6 years of service protecting our community, she began her career at

just 18 years old as a detention officer and ascended the ranks to deputy sheriff earlier this year.

Erika lived a life of service and embodied the values of courage, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to protecting others.

On behalf of the Texas Eighth Congressional District, I am grateful for all that Erika did to protect the citizens of Montgomery County.

As our community grapples with the immeasurable loss, my prayers are with the family, friends, and the entire Montgomery County Sheriff's Office during this difficult time.

May Erika rest in peace.

HONORING CARL KUNASEK

(Mr. STANTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carl Kunasek, a devoted Arizonan who passed away this week at the age of 94.

Carl, an Air Force veteran, came to Arizona in 1959. He opened a pharmacy in Mesa. When his families couldn't afford medicine for a sick child, he let them sign the book, and he would have them pay him later. To the people who lived there, he was a hero.

That same spirit carried him into public service. He served in the Arizona House, Arizona Senate, and on the Corporation Commission. He helped design AHCCCS, our State's Medicaid program, finding a made-in-Arizona solution to make sure lower income families could get the care they needed.

As Arizona Senate president, he presided over the difficult impeachment trial of a Governor of his own party. He did not want that duty, but he believed the Constitution left him no choice, and he did it with fairness. It cost him his seat, but he did it anyway.

Carl Kunasek did not see party first. He saw people. We would do well to remember his example.

My thoughts are with his wife, Karen, and his children, both of whom followed him into public service actions.

PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

(Mr. NUNN of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your combat service and my combat service, but, most importantly, the combat service of those currently on the front line.

As a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a colonel, I respect America's strength and that it starts at home.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2027 has been delivered in a bipartisan way, and I am proud to share that the NDAA passed yesterday with eight of my amendments, one of the

most of any Member of Congress, and in a bipartisan fashion.

They included enhancing our Air National Guard capabilities, countering Chinese aggression, rebuilding our defense arsenal, supporting our servicemembers' health, pay, and support increases for our veterans and our members.

However, I am most proud of my amendment No. 930, which directs the Air Force to identify bases that already have runways and technical expertise to support the next generation of aircraft but currently lack a permanent flying mission.

The 132nd Fighter Wing in Des Moines is a perfect example. The 132nd has a proud history as the premier flying unit in our Nation's history for F-16s, both training and operational.

Together, the F-16 and the 132nd have built a world-class drone, cyber, and intelligence operation mission while still having access to a fully operational runway. This gives the 132nd a rare winning combination of top-tier expertise, a secure facility, and an active runway.

I thank all of my friends at the Iowa Air National Guard.

CELEBRATING DORETHEA BRANCH ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the remarkable life of Dorethea Branch of La Grange, North Carolina, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

She has lived a life defined by faith, service, and a steadfast commitment to her community.

As a social worker, educator, businessowner, and civic leader, she broke barriers, including becoming the first African-American member of the board of trustees at UNC Health Lenoir.

Through decades of volunteer service and leadership, she strengthened lives and opened doors for others.

I wish Dorethea Branch a joyful 100th birthday and thank her for a century of faith, love, and service that continues to inspire eastern North Carolina and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING COAST GUARD PORT SECURITY UNIT 308

(Mr. EZELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding men and women of the United States Coast Guard Port Security Unit 308, proudly headquartered in Pascagoula, Mississippi, for receiving the Rear Admiral Bennett "Bud" Sparks Award, one of the highest honors bestowed upon the Coast Guard Reserve unit.

This prestigious award recognizes excellence and operational readiness, re-

serve integration, and mission performance. PSU 308 has more than earned this distinction.

Over the past year, these citizen servicemembers supported critical missions across the Indo-Pacific, became the first Coast Guard Reserve unit to execute back-to-back embarked security deployments aboard Military Sealift Command vessels, and deployed within 48 hours to help secure our Nation's southern maritime border during Operation River Wall.

They also conducted hundreds of patrols while maintaining an excellent reserve readiness rate of nearly 97 percent.

These achievements reflect the professionalism, discipline, and unwavering commitment of the men and women who balance civilian careers with answering our Nation's call whenever duty requires.

As chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, I know firsthand the vital role that our Coast Guard plays in protecting America's maritime interests. The members of PSU 308 embody the Coast Guard motto of *semper paratus*, always ready.

To the servicemembers of Port Security Unit 308 and their families, I thank them for their sacrifice, their dedication, and their faithful service to our Nation. Mississippi is proud of them, and so is the United States of America.

HONORING JACK PERME

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent Jack Perme. I first met Jack several years ago in Westchester, where he was volunteering to help bring clean water to people in need, and that generosity would come to define his life.

Jack began experiencing symptoms of spinocerebellar ataxia as a child. This progressive neurodegenerative disease impaired his coordination, his balance, his speech, and his ability to swallow. It ultimately took his life at just 28 years old.

As the ataxia progressed, Jack had to give up driving and the many hobbies that he loved, including blacksmithing, woodworking, and 3D modeling. Yet, when Jack discovered that he could ride a recumbent bike, he regained a sense of freedom and independence. He immediately set out to share it.

In 2024, Jack founded Moving Forward for Ataxia. He rode thousands of miles, raised more than \$55,000, and provided 17 recumbent bikes to people across the country.

My heart is with Jack's parents, Monica and David; his stepmother, Leslie; his siblings, Grant and Ricky; and everyone who loved him and was touched by his bravery and his generosity.