

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

APPRECIATING MISS ALYSSA DINH FOR HER SERVICE ON MY STAFF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in appreciation of Miss Alyssa Dinh for her service to the people of California's Eighth Congressional District as a member of my staff. A native of California, Miss Dinh joined my office in October 2022, having served previously in the offices of Congressman HOYER and Congressman Lowenthal. Her critical experience and knowledge made her a natural choice as Scheduler and Legislative Aide in my office.

The Scheduler is widely considered to be one of the most demanding positions in any Congressional office. From ensuring that I made votes on the House floor, joined Committee proceedings, or attended meetings with constituents and dignitaries. Miss Dinh's work each day ensured that I was able to carry out my duties as a Member of Congress.

In addition to serving as my Scheduler, Miss Dinh also served as my Legislative Aide, handling a critical legislative portfolio covering agriculture, animal welfare, and women's rights issues. In that role, she proved adept at ensuring my work in Congress comprehensively addressed the priorities and concerns of California communities. Miss Dinh quickly grew into the role and became an integral member of my DC, staff. Quite simply, her excellent work was essential in allowing me to effectively represent the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District.

Miss Dinh has joined the Office of Congressman HOYER, as an Executive Assistant. I and all the members of Team Garamendi wish her all the best in her new position. During her tenure on my staff, Miss Dinh approached her work with an attention to detail and the flexibility to solve challenges as they arise without complaint. These same qualities will serve her well in her future endeavors.

While we will miss her, we all look forward to what Miss Dinh will do next. She will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi, always.

HONORING EBON RICHARD "RICK" JONES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ebon Richard "Rick" Jones as he is presented with the John Shafer Visionary Award, which recognizes his exemplary advocacy work in Napa Valley.

Mr. Jones was born in Illinois. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and his Master of Business Admin-

istration degree from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Mr. Jones is a treasured member of the Napa community as he advocates for matters of health and youth education.

Mr. Jones has been active in the Napa community for decades. In 2013, he joined the operating board of OLE Health, a nonprofit health center serving vulnerable populations in and around Napa County. He then served as treasurer from 2014 to 2015 and board chair from 2017 to 2018. Currently, Mr. Jones has been reappointed treasurer of the OLE Health foundation board and remains a trusted advisor for OLE Health leadership.

Beyond his work at OLE Health, Mr. Jones sits on the boards of Napa Valley Education Foundation, St. Helena Hospital Foundation, the Napa Valley Community Foundation, the Napa Valley Vintners, and Napa Valley Firewise Foundation. He has previously served in leadership roles on the boards of the San Francisco Zoo, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Napa Learns, and Raising a Reader.

When he is not engaging in community organizations throughout Napa, Mr. Jones is a respected Napa Valley vintner. Having developed a passion for viticulture while living in France in the 1970s, he founded Jones Family Vineyards in 1996, which he now operates together with his two daughters Heather and Stephanie. Their family-run winery is certified by Napa Green, a certification program with an emphasis on climate action and regenerative farming.

Mr. Speaker, the John Shafer Visionary Award exists to honor the legacy of vintner John Shafer, who was among Napa Valley's strongest community leaders. There is no doubt that Mr. Jones has been a dedicated advocate for the Napa Valley community.

MAY CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH KEVIN SHIN

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Kevin Shin as my May Constituent of the Month.

As a veteran, businessowner, and volunteer, Kevin has served our District in countless ways and has worked tirelessly to make our community a better place to live.

During Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional work of individuals like Kevin Shin who volunteer their time to contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm honored to recognize and thank him for his service in the U.S. military and for his service to our region since. Kevin is a true leader, and I am proud to honor him today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF OFFICER ROBERT J. SHISLER

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, family, friends, the community, police officers, and leaders from across the Nation, gathered inside Pfleeger Concert Hall at Rowan University on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 to celebrate the life, legacy and bravery of Officer Robert "Bobby" J. Shisler.

Officer Robert J. Shisler proudly served as a Police Officer for the Deptford Township Police Department. Born on October 22, 1995, Robert grew up in South Jersey. He graduated from Deptford High School in 2014, where he was an exceptional athlete, playing both varsity football and baseball.

Officer Robert J. Shisler continued his education and athletic career when he committed to play Division One baseball at Presbyterian College in South Carolina. He was also very passionate about hunting and weightlifting, taking first place in a bodybuilding competition in 2021.

Officer Robert J. Shisler will forever be remembered as a dedicated officer and a hero who gave his life to protect and serve his community, state, and country. His heroic actions and service, putting others safety above his own, will be etched in history for all to honor and remember.

Officer Robert J. Shisler was not only an exemplary officer, but he was also an excellent son, grandson, and brother. He came from a family committed to public service, working alongside his brother who currently serves as a Deptford Township Police Officer. He is survived by his parents Robert and Tracy, grandparents Marion, Robert, and Ethel, and his siblings Ashley and Tyler.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Officer Robert J. Shisler, for his outstanding service and his selfless dedication to the Deptford Township Police Department and community, the Great State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MYSTIC AQUARIUM

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a national leader in the global effort to protect the world's oceans, Mystic Aquarium. Mystic Aquarium celebrates a major milestone this year—its 50th anniversary, and it is fitting that this chamber recognizes the institution for its service to and advocacy on behalf of our natural world.

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Since its opening in 1973, Mystic Aquarium's mission and capabilities have evolved impressively over the decades. From education, exhibition, conservation, to research, the team at the Aquarium has grown yet remained ever so dedicated toward advancing our respect for and understanding of marine wildlife.

As we celebrate what Mystic Aquarium has become after all these years, it would be impossible to recap all of the nonprofit's achievements. It has expanded interactive educational opportunities to accommodate roughly 800,000 visitors annually, a number which will only grow as it opens a new exhibit this year. The Aquarium is also engaging the local community through other means, including strengthening a volunteer conservationist network under its newer Ocean Ambassadors Program. Through its Animal Rescue Program and multiple freshly constructed veterinary facilities, Mystic Aquarium has also directly supported the rehabilitation of Long Island Sound area populations. The Aquarium even takes on cases from other rescue facilities, reducing pressure on our nation's veterinary system for marine wildlife.

The Mystic Aquarium has taken on greater efforts to become an advocate of conservation on the national stage. The organization actively studies opportunities to protect endangered species such as the African Penguins, Coral Reefs, Sea Turtles, Sharks and Rays. Its expert researchers have also notably been central in laying the groundwork for the establishment of the first federally protected monument in US Atlantic waters, the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument. This monument is a hotbed of biodiversity that is now better protected from human activity because of the Aquarium's advocacy apparatus.

Over the years, Mystic Aquarium has grown into a major employer which significantly contributes to the Second District of Connecticut's economy and culture. I know countless success stories of youth who have taken up summertime, annual employment or internships, and have forged those early formative experiences into full-on careers.

Mr. Speaker, the work Mystic Aquarium takes on is community driven, compassionate, and highly technical. They have been tremendously valuable to both our region and nation which is why they continue to earn federal support. To that end, as Mystic Aquarium celebrates a half-century of outstanding service, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the legacy of their mission and its future relevance, and wishing them many more milestones to come.

RECOGNIZING DOLLY RABINOWITZ,
YIDEL PERLSTEIN, AND LT. IRA
JABLONSKY

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month. As a proud American Jew and the Representative of one of the largest Jewish populations in a Congressional district in the country, Jewish Amer-

ican Heritage Month is particularly meaningful to me.

Jewish Americans have made countless contributions to our great Nation, and at a time when Jews continue to be the single most targeted religious minority in this country, I encourage all of us to take this month to recognize and appreciate the deep connections and rich history the Jewish people have to America.

I also rise today to recognize 3 prominent constituents of my district. They stand as exemplars of the achievements of American Jews and are befitting of this great honor.

Dolly Rabinowitz is a 94-year-old Holocaust survivor who has lived in New York since the end of WW2. She was born in Czechoslovakia to a rabbinical family and when she was 19, her family was told to pack up for an unknown village. From there she was forced to endure the barbaric cruelty of Auschwitz and the Death March to the Ravensbrück concentration camps. After experiencing unspeakable atrocities simply because of her faith, Dolly was liberated by the Allies in 1945. Following the war, Dolly emigrated to the United States and has lived in New York ever since, working as a bookkeeper and participating in Jewish life across the city. Dolly is one of a dwindling number of Holocaust survivors and we must pass along her story and others, so we never forget.

Yidel Perlstein is a local leader and the Chairman of Community Board 12 in Borough Park. He was the first Hasidic Jew to lead this impactful community organization and was just reelected after more than a decade in that position. With Yidel at the helm, CB12 has continued to lead many aspects of life in Borough Park—organizing voter outreach, community forums, and representing Borough Park's interests to elected officials across the country. On Jewish holidays you can find Yidel running food drives for needy people across Borough Park, demonstrating the spirit of giving that typifies the tight-knit bond of the Brooklyn Hasidic community.

Lieutenant Special Assignment Ira Jablonsky of the New York City Police Department has been on the force for over two decades. He grew up attending Brooklyn Yeshiva and was interning at the Office of Emergency Management on 9/11. After seeing the first tower hit, Lt. Jablonsky jumped into action, running into 7 World Trade and helping as many people as he could before they were ordered to evacuate. Lt. Jablonsky is a Brooklyn yeshiva graduate and has worked in the community his entire career to make it safer for New Yorkers and fellow Orthodox Jews alike. He demonstrates the importance of having Jews represented in law enforcement, working to catch several high-profile antisemitic vandals who threaten the safety and security of Jewish Brooklynites. His service to his community does not go unnoticed, and I am honored to give him this distinction today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month as well as these 3 outstanding Jewish Americans who represent the best of what our community offers their communities, their city and state, and their country.

HONORING COACH EARL SMITH,
JR. OF GARY EMERSON HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize Coach Earl Smith, Jr. and the alumni of Gary Emerson High School. The Emerson All Class Reunion Gala will take place on September 2, 2023, at Chateau Banquets in Merrillville, Indiana. During this special event, Coach Smith will be honored for his lifetime of dedicated service by former students, athletes, colleagues, and friends.

Coach Earl Smith, Jr. was a true mentor, leader, teacher, and advisor for the Gary Community School Corporation for over 56 years. His lifelong career includes numerous positions, culminating with his retirement as City Athletic Director in 2013. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Smith coached track and field, football, golf, and basketball at Tolleston, Froebel, West Side, Emerson, and Lew Wallace high schools, and he holds the distinction of being the first African American head coach at Froebel, Emerson, and Lew Wallace. His basketball teams won five conference titles, three sectional titles, three regional titles, and twice advanced to the elite eight at the Indiana State Tournament. In addition, Coach Smith's 1977 Emerson basketball team won the Hall of Fame Classic Tournament, reaching the number one ranking in the state polls during that time.

For his outstanding career and his unwavering dedication to the Gary Community School Corporation and beyond, Coach Smith has received many accolades. He has been inducted into the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame, the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Coach Smith was also honored with the prestigious Ray Crowe Excellence in Leadership Award by the Indiana High School Athletic Association for his superior standards of sportsmanship, exceptional ethical conduct, and high moral character. His outstanding and unwavering commitment to the community of Gary and Northwest Indiana is worthy of our highest commendation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Coach Earl Smith, Jr. and in recognizing the alumni of Emerson High School. For his noteworthy career and his remarkable dedication to youth sports and education, Coach Smith is worthy of the highest praise, and he serves as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING DETECTIVE AGNES
WATSON FROM THE CITY OF RI-
ALTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Agnes Watson from the City of Rialto Police Department. Detective Watson was awarded the Rialto Police Department's Meritorious Service Award for her tenacious work to secure the release of a juvenile

who had been held hostage in New York City. This is the second highest recognition award a sworn member of the Rialto Police Department may receive.

On May 2, 2022, Detective Watson began following up on a missing juvenile report. Her instinct, initiative and discipline led her to believe the girl's disappearance was not voluntary. Her determination led her to take extraordinary steps to notify local agencies and coordinate with the New York Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to save this child's life and fly her back to Rialto to be reunited with her family on Mother's Day.

Detective Watson's actions made national news, bringing credit to herself and to the entire Rialto Police Department. This is just one example of the outstanding job performance, high degree of initiative and ability in an extremely critical situation that Detective Watson demonstrates on a daily basis. That's why I am proud to recognize her.

**HONORING AIR FORCE VETERANS
BARRY AND DORIS RICE**

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents, U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Barry Rice from Jacksonville, Alabama, and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Doris Kimery Rice, a native of Greeneville, Tennessee for their distinguished military and civil service. They both joined the Air Force at the end of the Vietnam War.

The couple met in technical school at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado in 1974. After technical school, they went to their respective assignments of Robins Air Force Base in Georgia and Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. TSgt Rice served as an avionics specialist, repairing radio and communication equipment; while SrA Rice served as a supply troop where she processed materials for arrival and departure.

They were married in November 1974 and after assistance from U.S. Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, they attained a joint spouse assignment at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. They then served together at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada. SrA Rice completed her four years of enlistment and rejoined the civilian sector. She later pursued a vocation in elementary education when her children became school age. The family was assigned to Eglin AFB, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida where they worked and served for 14 years. During this timeframe, TSgt Rice pulled a remote assignment to Keflavik NAS, Iceland, and Saudi Arabia during the First Gulf War.

After TSgt Rice's retirement from military service, he worked as a computer specialist for a publishing company in Murfreesboro, TN. During the Yugoslav Wars, the couple served as relief volunteers, where they aided refugees resettling in Nashville. TSgt Rice then decided to join the U.S. State Department Foreign Service. The Rice family lived in the Washington, D.C. area with assignments to the countries of Zambia, Cyprus, Israel, and Lesotho, where TSgt Rice worked for the dip-

lomatic corps, while SrA Rice volunteered at soup kitchens, unwed mothers' houses, crisis pregnancy centers, and local missions. They are now retired and continue to serve others in their hometown of Greeneville, Tennessee. Please join me in honoring TSgt and SrA Rice for their long careers of service to our Nation.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BEEF
MONTH**

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, as National Beef Month ends, I rise to recognize the enormous impact that the beef industry has on Colorado, our nation's economy, and our western way of life.

The American beef industry is the world's largest producer of beef and accounts for 21.7 percent of the world's total beef production. With 91.9 million heads of cattle and roughly 720,000 beef farms in the United States, the beef industry accounts for the largest share of total cash receipts among agricultural commodities and accounts for 35 percent of all U.S. farms.

This multi-billion-dollar industry employs hundreds of thousands of hard-working American men and women, most of whom work for family-owned, small businesses. With cattle raised in all 50 states, beef has grown to be the second most popular choice of meat in the United States and has contributed greatly to both domestic and international economies.

Often a great source of essential nutrients such as protein, zinc, iron and B vitamins, high-grade beef provides our bodies with the strength needed to thrive and grow throughout all stages of life. Lowering bad cholesterol, building muscle, and improving cognitive health are among the many benefits derived from a healthy, balanced diet that includes protein-rich animals such as beef. For years critics have unfairly alleged that the resources needed to sustain such an industry have done damage to our environment and raised greenhouse gas emissions, when in reality, the beef industry has undergone tremendous technological, genetic, and management reforms in an effort to preserve our environment. As ranchers who rely on healthy soil and good seasons for the well-being of their cattle, cattle ranchers have long placed environmental stewardship at the forefront of their operations.

Today, I show my appreciation for the hard-working men and women of the American beef industry who rise before the sun each day and work tirelessly to provide food to our nation. Working alongside their partners in the agricultural sector, the American beef industry has been a key contributor to our nation's fight against food insecurity and has provided much needed, nutrient-dense food for the world's population.

The beef industry is deeply ingrained in American culture and has been a valued economic partner in many communities across the United States and the world. Eastern Colorado, which I represent in the U.S. House of Representatives, has the ten most agriculture producing counties in Colorado, with 2.85 million heads of cattle valued at over \$2.8 billion. This ranks Colorado 10th in the United States

for total cattle and makes it the 4th largest exporter of beef in the United States.

These hardworking men and women deserve our gratitude. I am proud to honor their work during National Beef Month.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF NANCY
RISTER**

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I commend the exceptional career of Williamson County Clerk Nancy Rister as she celebrates her 25th anniversary of outstanding public service to Central Texas. Her contributions have made the members of her community's lives better and have helped make Texas a great place to live and work.

Nancy's resume is one to be admired and respected. It tells the story of a woman unafraid to contribute both her time and energies to the highest levels of public service as well as to a multitude of organizations that rely on volunteerism and social engagement to make good communities great.

She has done what all public servants are honored to do: put the needs of the people first. Implementing physical records to an online forum that's available for all citizens, decreasing turnaround time for deeds, and improving the organization and professionalism of the County Clerk's office, are just a few examples of the accomplishments that Nancy has achieved in her esteemed career. Over her quarter century in office, she has worked tirelessly to ensure that Williamson County residents receive the world-class public service they deserve.

Nancy's anniversary is a testament to her admirable career and a milestone in a life of service. I join her colleagues, friends, family, and the citizens of Williamson County in celebrating and honoring her 25 years of hard work and dedication.

**APPRECIATING MISS ELLE EKMAN
FOR HER SERVICE ON MY STAFF**

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in appreciation of Miss Elle Ekman for her service to the people of California's Eighth Congressional District as a member of my staff. Miss Ekman joined my office in December 2021, having previously served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. Her critical firsthand experience and knowledge of the needs of our servicemembers made her a natural choice as Military Legislative Assistant in my office.

The role of the Military Legislative Assistant is critical to my work serving on the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. From developing innovative legislation to identifying the most pressing concerns facing our military, Miss Ekman's work each day ensured that I was able to effectively represent the brave men and women who put their lives on the line for our country.

As Military Legislative Assistant, Miss Ekman was instrumental in ensuring the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 addressed the critical issues facing our servicemembers, military families, and military installations. In this essential legislation, Miss Ekman helped advance over forty legislative priorities to enhance our military's readiness and resiliency. Miss Ekman was an integral member of my D.C. staff, and her excellent work will have a lasting impact on servicemembers across America.

Miss Ekman has joined the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, as a Senior Research Analyst. I and all the members of Team Garamendi wish her all the best in her new position. During her tenure on my staff, Miss Ekman approached her work with an upbeat outlook, a demonstrated ability to think outside the box, and a passion for innovation. These same qualities will serve her well in her future endeavors.

While we will miss her, we all look forward to what Miss Ekman will do next. She will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi, always.

REMEMBRANCE OF KATHRYN HARRISON

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the extraordinary life of Kathryn Harrison, who walked on last Sunday at the age of 99. Kathryn was an extraordinary woman of vision, leadership, and determination.

Kathryn was a key leader for her Grand Ronde tribe, and indeed for Native Americans everywhere. Her amazing life resulted in numerous honors and widespread recognition for her testimony before Congress that ultimately led to the restoration of Grand Ronde's federal recognition. After the restoration, Kathryn was instrumental in developing ways to capitalize on tribal resources for the lasting benefit of both the people of Grand Ronde, and indeed all Oregonians.

She was patient, thoughtful, determined, and always had a great spirit and a terrific sense of humor. I am honored to have been able to work with Kathryn on tribal issues for over 20 years. She led with dignity and focus simply by being in the room. We are all better people for being touched by her life and her services of giving back. I count myself lucky that our paths crossed many times. She was a powerful symbol of determination—helping secure justice for tribal people and providing inspiration for Native Americans across the country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 213, and YEA Roll Call No. 214.

RECOGNIZING TERRY DEARDEN

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terry Dearden, Director of Government Relations for the New Jersey Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, and all her years of service to our community. Terry will be retiring from her distinguished 18-year career of advocating and supporting New Jersey veterans, National Guard, Reserve, and active servicemembers.

Terry has been an invaluable resource to me and my office staff as we navigate complex military issues on the Armed Services Committee. Her support has been crucial to my constituent services team for any number of requests we receive every single day. From answering questions on state benefits to ensuring a veteran can lay with dignity in their final resting place, she has always dedicated her work to helping those around her.

Throughout my time working with leadership at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Terry was always there to act as an instrumental person in arranging tours and visits for myself and our team. At any available opportunity, she would include my office in exciting advancements on our base like the refueling flight exercises of the 108th Air Wing, tours of New Jersey National Guard facilities, and medal ceremonies honoring those who served, so we could also be more involved in helping our servicemembers and veterans. Through her leadership, Terry worked to show our constituents and servicemembers across the State the commitment and dedication of those who answer the call of serving our country as well as the legacy of our veterans.

I thank her for her years of dedicated service to New Jersey servicemembers, their families, and our veterans. I wish Terry many happy years in retirement with her husband Ed and four daughters.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen, New Jersey. Throughout its long history, New Hope Baptist Church has been a spiritual center for prayer, education, fellowship, and service to the community, and it is my honor to join the church leadership and congregation in marking this significant occasion.

Established in 1923 by four deacons, including the grandfather of the church's current pastor, New Hope Baptist Church began humbly, initially renting space for worship. Over the years, the church has been led by dedicated pastors whose vision and leadership oversaw the growth and obligation of the church. The purchase of the property where the church still stands today began under the leadership of Rev. J.J. Dale, with anticipated

opportunity for expansion. Rev. Joseph J. Dale directed the completion of the current sanctuary, from its groundbreaking in 1970 to its first service in 1972.

Its current pastor, Rev. Dr. Ronald Owens, serves as the 12th pastor of the church, where he worshiped as a child and was also ordained as a deacon, and licensed and ordained as a preacher of the gospel. He has dedicated over 30 years of service to the congregation, and throughout his pastorate the church has grown immensely, boasting a membership of over 500. In addition, under his leadership, New Hope Baptist Church has dedicated itself to social action, serving the needs of people through worship and outreach ministries. The clergy, staff, and members of New Hope Baptist Church endeavor to carry on its mission and ensure a viable future.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my great honor to pay tribute to New Hope Baptist Church as it celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. New Hope Baptist Church is a mainstay of the community, and this incredible milestone is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING ARDEN CAHILL ACADEMY, A PROMINENT INSTITUTION OF LEARNING IN LOUISIANA

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a prominent institution of learning located in Louisiana's Second Congressional District, which I am so proud to represent. Arden Cahill Academy was founded in 1968 by Arden and Harry Cahill as a private academy dedicated to the interest of early childhood education. As the Head Mistress of the academy, Mrs. Cahill chose, Mrs. Diana Wright, Mrs. Joy Vickery, Mrs. Dolly Stakelum, Mrs. Patricia McMullen, and Mrs. Marjorie Snyder as members of the original faculty. Each of these ladies contributed greatly to the creation and formation of the philosophy of the academy.

The history of events leading up to their decision to start a school is significant because Mrs. Cahill's prior teaching experiences greatly influenced the vision that she had for Arden Cahill Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Cahill's interest was to establish a school where the focus would be on the whole child. The school's philosophy is "to create a wholesome environment for learning where each child may grow and mature intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically, and morally to the best of his ability. It is the hope that through the good example and guidance of dedicated teachers each child will be encouraged to develop strength, confidence, and love for his fellow man and inspired to seek truth and knowledge."

Inspired and encouraged by the successful progress and development of the first group of students, Mrs. Cahill made the decision to expand the program and continue the process of education by adding one grade each year within the elementary school. The first eighth grade graduation was held at Lakewood Country Club in May 1977.

The original school campus consisted of one building on a two-acre site and later became the administrative office building. Buildings and classrooms were added yearly to accommodate the growing enrollment. The buildings were designed to house preschool, kindergarten, and elementary classes in separate quarters with special areas for library, art, music, and drama. Arden Cahill Academy's expansion did not only include classrooms, but they also provided a rich experience for their students by adding two swimming pools and an outdoor basketball court.

From the very beginning, it was Mrs. Cahill's desire to provide an airy country environment where children could discover and enjoy God's natural gifts while also pursuing knowledge. In 1976, a ten-acre tract of land was acquired for the purpose of building a new school. Riding stables and a country farmyard were added to the property in the summer of 1976 for use in the summer camp program and to offer horseback riding as an extra-curricular activity during the regular school year. In 1982, Jefferson Parish expropriated the property to build the Boudreaux Elementary School. Soon after, a twelve-acre tract in Lake Timberlane Estates was purchased for the new school site. In 1985, stables and an equestrian arena were erected on the rear of the property, Bayou Stables, as it is now called, was used for summer camp and extracurricular horseback riding lessons.

In 1986, construction began on two of the five buildings that comprised the master plan. These buildings were designed to provide a facility that would complement the academy's curriculum of academic excellence and cultural enrichment to finally bring the Cahill's vision to life. The buildings situated on Wall Boulevard along Bayou Fatma included classrooms, a library, a dining room, an art studio, a music room, a 300-seat theatre, a gymnasium, and a junior Olympic swimming pool. In September 1988, the first class of students from nursery through the eighth grade entered the Wall Boulevard campus while the school on Faragut Street continued with an infant and early childhood program. The first graduation on the Wall Boulevard Campus was held on May 19, 1989. In the summer of 1990, Building B, an 8-classroom building, was constructed to house the nursery and preschool making it possible to add additional sections in the lower school. In September of 1995, the foundation was poured for a 16,000 square foot, two story building which was occupied in March of 1996. The new building includes 14 classrooms, a state-of-the-art science lab, a technologically advanced computer lab, and academic offices.

I am humbled to virtually deliver the keynote address to Arden Cahill's first high school graduation. I am equally humbled that my great-nephew Cameron Smith is a member of this year's graduating class. My nephews, Cameron and Larry both attended Arden Cahill in the most difficult times of their life. After the sudden passing of their father, Larry Smith, their mother, China Carter Smith went into Kidney Failure and had to begin dialysis treatment, while also dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic and battling Cancer. My niece, China and Mrs. E Arden Cahill both transitioned in 2021. Mrs. Cahill, after a long battle with Alzheimer's passed away on July 15, 2021. Exactly 4 months later our sweet China passed away on November 15, 2021.

The founders' vision to create a school with an intimate setting to incorporate nature and natural environments and the arts into an educational experience was so important for both Cameron and Larry's educational experience and personal development. Today, there are 9 seniors graduating. I know this is a hallmark event for them, and for Cameron and our family in many ways.

The Board of Directors of Arden Cahill Academy is comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Cahill's children, Harry "Chip" Cahill, III, Jack Cahill, Mary Kevin Cahill, Kelly Cahill, and Chris Cahill. Carrying on their parents' legacy, they remain dedicated to providing the Westbank with an exceptional school for years to come. After more than 50 years of educating children on the Westbank and the surrounding areas of the city, the Cahill family is excited about the expansion plans and looks forward to continuing the mission to uphold the standards that Mr. and Mrs. Cahill established, thus forever keeping their dream alive. I know that this school will be an important fixture in the lives of many to come, as it has been for my nephews and my family.

I am so blessed and grateful to have this opportunity and to extend my great-nephew, along with his classmates, well wishes for a successful and bright future. My prayer and dream are that each member of this class continue to make us proud. And extreme well wishes to Arden Cahill Academy, as they continue to change the lives of those they educate, the future leaders of this great country. God Bless them and their path.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOPLIN POLICE CHIEF SLOAN ROWLAND

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of Chief of Police Sloan Rowland, a true public servant whose dedication and commitment to his community have left an indelible mark on the city of Joplin, Missouri.

For 35 years, Chief Rowland has selflessly served the people in various public safety positions, starting as an emergency medical technician in Kansas and eventually rising through the ranks to become the chief of police.

After joining the Joplin Police Department in 2003, Chief Rowland advanced from officer to corporal, sergeant to lieutenant, and assistant chief, before ultimately assuming the role of chief of police in 2019. His ascent is a testament to his leadership skills and his unwavering commitment to public safety.

Chief Rowland also led the department and the community through a time of heartbreak and grief, when a gunman shot and killed Corporal Ben Cooper and Officer Jake Reed, and injured Officer Rick Hirshey in March of 2022.

On June 1st of this year, Chief Sloan Rowland will retire after 20 years of service to the community of Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Chief Rowland on his upcoming retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to our community. Chief Rowland has not only served as an exceptional

law enforcement leader in Joplin but has also been an exemplary role model for law enforcement professionals throughout the Nation.

It is my honor and privilege to have him as my constituent, and to recognize him today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF THOMAS "TOMMY" GILLILLAND

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Ms. STEFANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and honor the legacy of career public servant Thomas "Tommy" Gilliland.

Mr. Gilliland was born in Bladen, Nebraska in 1932 and spent his childhood in Glenwood, Iowa. As a young man, he attended the University of Iowa and Wentworth Military Academy, before receiving both his undergraduate degree and a master's degree in International Relations from American University. A proud American patriot, Mr. Gilliland served his country as a commissioned officer in both the Army Reserves and the Iowa National Guard.

Throughout his life, Mr. Gilliland demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving others. As a young professional entering the work force, he and his wife Cory chose to move to Micronesia and spent several years working with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in the pursuit of self-governance. Following his work abroad, Mr. Gilliland returned to the United States and began working for the federal government in Washington, D.C. He spent time at the Department of State, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Treasury, becoming a well-regarded expert in the congressional legislative process.

Upon his retirement from the public sector, Mr. Gilliland and his wife fulfilled a lifelong dream and opened an art gallery in Saint Augustine, Florida, before settling in Willsboro, New York. He continued his public service as the Chairman of the Willsboro Zoning Board of Appeals and a member of the Willsboro and Essex County Republican Committees.

Mr. Gilliland was a passionate musician, known as a vocalist for his beautiful low range. He sang in multiple church choirs and was an active member in the American Association of Barbershop Singing in America. However, nothing was more important to Mr. Gilliland than the success and happiness of his wife, their 3 children, and 7 grandchildren.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Gilliland as an extraordinary public servant, patriot, and staple of his community.

HONORING FRED HARTMAN

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fred Hartman, a U.S. Army veteran who bravely served during World War II, as he celebrates his 99th birthday this Memorial Day.

One of Medford VFW Post's last surviving members of the "Greatest Generation," Fred proudly answered the call to serve our country in 1943. Originally born in Philadelphia and starting work as an apprentice tool maker, Fred put everything on hold to serve during World War II. Through his work and service, he exemplified integrity and resilience even as his regiment landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and suffered grave losses. In treacherous circumstances they persevered, and Fred continued to serve in various other capacities like Operation COBRA. Even after being wounded by grenade fragments, Fred rejoined his unit in time for the breakthrough of Seigfried Line. Toward the end of his service, Fred was an integral part of helping Allied Forces during the Battle of the Bulge, and later joined the offensive effort during Operation PLUNDER.

Upon his return home as a Sergeant, Fred became a deservedly decorated veteran. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the European Service Medal, and received five stars. At home, he continued his career as a tool maker, and began involvement with local organizations. Most notably, he joined the Medford VFW Post, and served in numerous leadership positions. Eventually, he became the Post Quartermaster, and dedicated his time to managing the financial affairs of the organization. Much like his service to our country, Fred went above and beyond as a leader, and achieved the distinction of All State Quartermaster.

It is clear that no matter the field, Fred has made an indelible impact on our lives. We are proud to have Fred call New Jersey's 3rd District home, and to have been fortunate enough to benefit from his contributions. We thank him for all the ways he has served our community and country as a whole. As Fred continues to enjoy serving others and time with his family, we wish him many more years of good health and continued happiness.

RECOGNIZING FIRST KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD my letter recognizing First Korean United Methodist Church's 100th Anniversary:

DEAR MEMBERS OF FIRST KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: I offer my sincere congratulations to everyone at First Korean United Methodist Church as the congregation marks its 100th anniversary of ministry to the community.

For the past century, First Korean United Methodist Church has been an important part of the Korean American community, providing a welcoming home and vital services. The work you do in the community, from developing programs which help the next generation of Korean American leaders thrive to providing ministry for all people regardless of age and gender, has changed countless lives.

Through commitment, dedication, and the strong faith of the leadership and the congregants, First Korean United Methodist Church has made so many feel at home, and I am proud to be your representative in Con-

gress. I look forward to working with the community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER,
Member of Congress.

MAY CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH, ILLIMA MARTINEZ

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Ilima Martinez as my May Constituent of the Month. As the Founder and President of Umeke Organization, Ilima works to preserve Hawaiian culture and traditions.

Ilima has more than a decade of experience of doing this work and this year, Ilima used her experience to organize the first annual Southern California Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Festival to celebrate the rich history of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in our community. I have no doubt she will continue to make a difference in our region.

During Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional efforts of individuals like Ilima Martinez who volunteer their time and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm so grateful for CA-49 residents who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our residents and community, and I'm proud to honor Ilima Martinez as my May Constituent of the Month.

HONORING MARK GHILARDUCCI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with the members of the California delegation, to honor Mark Ghilarducci, the director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), for his 40 years of public safety service.

Born in San Mateo, California, Mr. Ghilarducci received his Bachelor of Science in Physiology from University of California, Davis. Afterwards, he joined Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government as a part of their fellowship program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

Mr. Ghilarducci started his career at the federal level working on homeland security, emergency preparedness, and disaster response. Mr. Ghilarducci was an executive member of the Advisory Board for the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System from 1990 to 2003. Here he led federal search and rescue operations after the 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City. From 1997 to 2000, he also served as federal coordinating officer with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additionally, Mr. Ghilarducci was a critical advisor to the state of Louisiana and Governor Kathleen Blanco after Hurricane Katrina.

In California, Mr. Ghilarducci has occupied several integral public safety positions. He served as deputy state fire chief of special operations for California's Office of Emergency

Services (Cal OES), where he led the development and creation of the state's internationally recognized fire and rescue mutual aid system. In 2014, he was appointed director of Cal OES by Governor Jerry Brown, and again by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019. Over the course of his tenure as director, he guided California through 130 federally declared disasters such as an enduring drought, five of California's largest wildfires, including the tragic Camp fire, and the COVID pandemic. He also serves in Governor Newsom's cabinet as his homeland security adviser, using his experience to advise on matters of terrorism and cybersecurity.

Mr. Ghilarducci has also been a member of numerous state bodies that have shaped California's emergency preparedness, response, and recovery approaches. From 2001 to 2003, he co-chaired both the Governor's Strategic Committee on Terrorism and the California Standardized Emergency Management System Technical Committee. Governor Newsom also appointed Mr. Ghilarducci as chair of the California Earthquake Authority Board of Directors and the California Wildfire Catastrophic Response Council, as well as the executive board member of the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Some of Mr. Ghilarducci's most notable policy achievements include the modernization of California's 911 system, his facilitation of the State Threat Intelligence and Assessment System, the design and implementation of the nation's first Earthquake Early Warning System, and the design and operation of the California Cybersecurity Integration Center. Furthermore, he was a vocal advocate for the California Disaster Assistance Act which authorized over \$300 million in funding towards building a more resilient and safer California.

Mr. Ghilarducci is known for his motto "one team, one fight" as well as his honesty, integrity, and respectful nature. He spends his spare time with his wife Linda Ghilarducci and two children, RJ Ghilarducci and Alexandra Ghilarducci.

Mr. Speaker, Mark Ghilarducci has undoubtedly made our Nation and the state of California a safer place for our constituents.

APPRECIATING MR. JACOB JERNIGAN FOR HIS SERVICE ON MY STAFF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in appreciation of Mr. Jacob Jernigan for his service to the people of California's Eighth Congressional District as a member of my staff. A native of California, Mr. Jernigan joined my office in 2018, playing a critical role in my office for over four years. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Jernigan demonstrated a sincere commitment to the people of California, serving as Outreach Manager and ultimately using his vast experience and knowledge to become a Legislative Assistant in my office.

By listening to community members, writing legislation, and advocating for constituents, Legislative Assistants are fundamental to ensuring the priorities and concerns of Americans are comprehensively addressed. Mr.

Jernigan handled a critical legislative portfolio that included education, labor rights, and housing and his dedicated work each day was essential in meeting the most pressing needs of California communities.

From helping secure critical funding for our communities to spearheading my office's efforts to revitalize America's workforce, Mr. Jernigan's endeavors undeniably improved the lives of Californians and helped provide them

with the resources necessary to thrive. Mr. Jernigan's commitment to his responsibilities as Legislative Assistant was essential in allowing me to effectively represent the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District.

Mr. Jernigan has joined the Office of Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR, as the Military Legislative Assistant. I and all the members of Team Garamendi wish him all the best in his new position. During his tenure on my staff,

Mr. Jernigan approached his work with dedication, thoughtfulness, and a genuine desire to serve American communities. These same qualities will serve him well in his future endeavors.

While we will miss him, we all look forward to what Mr. Jernigan will do next. He will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi, always.