

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING PATRICK BARHAM  
QUESADA

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Patrick Barham Quesada, my Press Secretary, and Digital Director, who faithfully served the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District.

Patrick, a gifted writer and dynamic digital curator, assisted with all communications efforts coming from my office and oversaw my social media platforms. His talent, knowledge, and creativity were consistently displayed throughout his work as he kept me aware of current news and political developments.

The son of Leda Quesada Barham and Bruce Barham, Patrick was raised in Miami, Florida. A graduate of Harvard College with a degree in Government and Sociology, Patrick began his political career at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While on leave from school, he helped elect Miami-Dade's first female mayor and served as her speechwriter.

An exceptional example of excellence coming from Miami's public schools, Patrick has proven that he possesses the capability to succeed in any role he takes on in the future.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Patrick Barham Quesada for his present and future accomplishments.

HONORING KATHLEEN THOMPSON  
HILL

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathleen Thompson Hill in recognition of her support of local restaurants and contributions to our community.

Ms. Hill grew up in Berkeley, California. She attended both UC Berkeley and the Sorbonne before beginning a Fellowship in Public Affairs with the Coro Foundation in San Francisco. Ms. Hill also received a Master of Arts degree in Political Psychology from Sonoma State University and helped coordinate the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. Along with her husband Gerald, she has written 30 books and a series of guidebooks to wine regions of the West Coast.

Ms. Hill's passion for the culinary industry has resulted in years of contributions to non-profits, publications, and schools. She is both a Compagnon of the Guilde Internationale des Fromagers and a member of the Les Dames d'Escoffier's San Francisco and Sonoma chapters. Since 2005, she has hosted the Kathleen Hill Show on KSVY radio and from

2009 to 2022, served as the Food & Wine Editor of the Sonoma Index-Tribune. Ms. Hill has been a consistent and generous supporter of countless organizations including the Boys & Girls Club, La Luz, Sonoma Overnight Support and St. Francis School. In 2009, she founded the Sonoma School Garden Project which builds gardens and educational programs that introduce students to healthy food and new learning opportunities. As director, she coordinated nine school gardens across Sonoma.

Outside of journalism and non-profit service, Ms. Hill is a proud mother of two, grandmother of three, and has developed lasting friendships with fellow culinary legends like M.F.K. Fisher, Julia Child, and Alice Waters. She is also a dedicated historian of culinary history and has curated a collection of nearly 4,000 antique kitchen utensils, signs, and pamphlets.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Hill has spent decades serving her community, supporting local restaurants and promoting the culinary arts. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that she is honored here today.

HONORING THE 2022 IKE ZERINGUE  
ENGINEER OF THE YEAR CHRIS  
SAUCIER

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize The Tennessee Valley Authority's Chris Saucier, a Resources Management and Operations Services engineer with 12 years of service, who will receive the utility's highest engineering honor—the Ike Zeringue Engineer of the Year award.

Chris serves as the technical director for the budgeted \$450 million Boone Dam remediation project. Chris leads a team of 60 engineers, geologists, and geographic information specialists. His team is responsible for design, construction oversight, dam safety performance monitoring, and quality assurance for the largest dam safety modification project in TVA history. With Chris's leadership, the Boone Dam project is scheduled to be completed on-time and under budget.

Each day, Chris helps ensure TVA's network of 49 dams operates at the highest levels of reliability to protect public safety and generate electricity to power the region's growing economy—while keeping TVA's power rates among the lowest in the nation.

Chris is also one of the top 10 finalists for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award, which will be presented February 24 at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Chris is a graduate of Mississippi State University and holds Master of Engineering degrees from Johns Hopkins University and Mississippi State University. Chris has also published papers in multiple engineering journals.

The Boone Dam Project is the largest dam safety project in TVA history and Chris's stra-

tegic leadership helped shape the successful outcome of the project that will benefit our region for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO EQUITY  
COMPASS

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colorado Equity Compass for receiving the Redefining American Healthcare Award from the Healthcare Leadership Council for their efforts in tackling healthcare inequities in the community.

Founded in 2019, Colorado Equity Compass was piloted in four locations across Colorado: Denver, Larimer County, Pitkin County, and East Colorado Springs. The goal of this initial pilot program was to assess the needs of the community and examine the resources and data that would prompt communities and organizations to take action and work towards a more equitable and healthy community.

The knowledge and data gained from the pilot program helped form Colorado Equity Compass and guides the work they have done ever since. Colorado Equity Compass is driven by the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life and have access to resources to make this possible. They quickly discovered through their research that this wish was not a reality for many Coloradans. Colorado Equity Compass developed a data tool called the Equity Data Navigator to identify the top social determinants of health (SDOH) down to specific communities across Colorado. Utilizing the data in the Equity Data Navigator, they show how the identified SDOH affects the people of Colorado—guiding storytelling and changemaking efforts.

Colorado Equity Compass is the first recipient in Colorado to receive the Redefining American Healthcare Award from the Healthcare Leadership Council. This award recognizes best practices, programs, and organizations in communities across the nation that work to effectively address and improve health inequities. Colorado Equity Compass works in collaboration with Change Matrix, the Colorado Health Institute, Colorado Trust, and Consume & Create to provide stories, data, and resources to organizations in the community who can use this information to improve the lives of Coloradans.

It goes without saying that our community benefits greatly from the tireless work Colorado Equity Compass does to improve health equity and outcomes across the state. I am proud to recognize and congratulate Colorado Equity Compass for receiving this well-deserved award and thank them for their continued efforts tackling historic inequities faced by long-disadvantaged communities across Colorado.

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IN RECOGNITION OF HANAC, INC.

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to HANAC, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary celebration. For half a century, HANAC has been working to empower and serve the needs of New York City's most vulnerable residents.

Founded in 1972 by Evangeline Douris and her late husband George T. Douris as the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee, HANAC has a long history of improving our community through a variety of public services designed to help seniors, immigrants, families, youth, and those fighting alcohol and substance abuse.

HANAC continues its mission by developing, implementing, and administering the operation of service programs for the betterment of the community; providing these services to any and all who are in need without discrimination as to race, creed, national origin or other defining characteristic; and working closely with other providers, the city, state and federal governments for the betterment of the community.

Through education programming, employment training, counseling, and senior and family housing, HANAC directly helps to improve the lives of over 35,000 people and their families annually. HANAC has grown into one of the city's largest providers of social services and continues to demonstrate its loyalty to a principle that is the bedrock of our nation: a community is strongest when those who live in it look out for one another.

HANAC currently operates—either independently or in partnership with other entities—several hundred units of low-income senior housing with plans to expand this number by hundreds of additional units. As the city continues to face an affordability crisis in housing, HANAC has provided a critical resource allowing New Yorkers to spend their golden years in the communities in which they have long lived.

In addition to its affordable housing, HANAC operates four senior centers which provide senior specific programming to thousands of Queens residents including New York City Housing Authority residents in western Queens.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing work done by HANAC and in expressing my gratitude for the immense dedication of all the employees, board members, and supporters that have allowed HANAC to improve the lives of so many in our city.

**HONORING KYLIE HAY-ROE****HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Kylie Hay-Roe, my intern who has completed her spring 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Kylie has proven to be

a very capable young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Kylie has assisted my office in various areas, including appropriations, communications, and constituent and community engagement. She has shown a great understanding of the legislative process and has demonstrated her ability to adapt to the political arena. Kylie has presented an excellent work ethic and willingness to learn.

The daughter of Mirian and Keith Hay-Roe, Kylie was born in Gainesville, Florida, where she is enrolled in the University of Florida's Honors Program. She is majoring in Political Science and International Studies, which she plans to use to foster greater global engagement and international development for a more sustainable, equitable, and secure future. During her time as a University of Florida Gator, Kylie has also served as an Ambassador for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences along with the International Mentorship Association.

Upon transitioning from her internship, Kylie will complete a study abroad program in Iceland to learn about renewable energy systems before interning with the UF Sahel Research Group to learn about the cultural, social, and political developments.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kylie Hay-Roe for her present and future accomplishments.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SANDY AND ANDY SMITH****HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Andy and Sandy Smith, for their tireless dedication and service to the Morristown, TN community and the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation.

Anderson L. "Andy" Smith is a Morristown native and graduated from Carson-Newman University before pursuing a tremendously successful career as one of East Tennessee's leaders in the banking industry. He retired as Senior Vice President and Regional President of HomeTrust Bank in 2016, and he was the former President and CEO of Jefferson Federal Bank, following a successful tenure with First Tennessee Bank. His community service included sixteen years as Past President of the Hamblen County Foundation for Educational Excellence and total service of twenty-six years to HC\*Excell. He has served as a Past President of the Morristown Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Industrial Development Board for the City of Morristown (42 years), the Walters State Foundation (37 years), and the Jefferson Federal Charitable Foundation (17 years). He has been a board member of the Tennessee Banker's Association, Boys and Girls Club of Morristown, Hamblen County's United Way and a host of many other community organizations.

Sandy Smith has taught mathematics for twenty-five years including three at Morristown-Hamblen West High School and twenty-two years at Walters State Community College. She has also taught in many programs including the Talented and Gifted program for

grades 5 through 8 at Walters State. She has been a Sunday School teacher and Bible Study leader at her church, First Presbyterian, for many years. She was also a board member of HC\*Excell, various Chamber of Commerce Committees including the Christmas Parade Chairman, and several PTA chairmanships. She graduated Carson-Newman University with degrees in American Literature and English Literature, as well as a degree in Mathematics.

Andy, with the support of Sandy, has helped lead the growth of the McNabb Center's Hamblen County Services beginning with the merger in 2008. The Smiths helped to eliminate debts of the New Hope Center upon the merger and were instrumental in giving and soliciting funds for the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation's capital campaigns to create a new community health mental health center, Jail to Work Program, and Recovery Home in Hamblen County and recently joined the Hamblen County Advisory Board to continue his service to the McNabb Center.

Sandy and Andy's legacy of love includes three children—Abbe, Parker, and Casey—and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Sandy and Andy Smith have given their time, talents, and treasure to so many worthy organizations in the Lakeway region and I rise today to honor their service and their legacy to the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation and the community.

**CELEBRATING SPINA BIFIDA MONTH****HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate October as National Spina Bifida Awareness Month, to honor the 166,000 Americans living with this condition, and to draw attention to the critical challenges we must address to ensure that each and every one of these individuals can achieve their full human potential and have the quality of life they deserve.

According to the Spina Bifida Association of America, Spina Bifida is the most common permanently disabling birth defect compatible with life in the U.S. Literally translated as "split spine," it is a condition that occurs when a baby's neural tube fails to develop or close properly. Typically occurring within the first 28 days of pregnancy while the neural tube is forming, Spina Bifida often develops before a woman even knows she is pregnant.

Before 1960, the survival rate for all forms of Spina Bifida was 10 percent to 12 percent. But over the last 6 decades, advances in research and medicine, along with policies supportive of children with disabilities, have ensured that nearly two-thirds of Americans currently living with Spina Bifida have made it to adulthood. And while these strides are certainly worth celebrating, people with Spina Bifida—particularly adults—continue to face a crisis of care that could be largely prevented with the right resources and policies.

Spina Bifida is commonly referred to as the "snowflake condition" of birth defects because no two cases are the same. Children born with this condition typically undergo dozens of surgeries before they reach the age of 18. And

during their lifetime, someone with Spina Bifida will face at least a \$1 million in medical expenses, including surgeries continuing throughout adulthood, and most can expect to spend much of their lives in a wheelchair or walking with braces.

One significant challenge facing this population is that, while we have a coordinated system of care designed to treat children with Spina Bifida in the U.S., there is no equivalent for adults. Spina Bifida is still largely taught in medical schools as a pediatric condition and education has failed to keep pace with the rapid rise in the adult Spina Bifida population. The result is that adults face a “care cliff” and enter a very fractured medical system where they are unable to find physicians willing or even knowledgeable enough to provide treatment. Thousands of adults are left with few options other than to seek care in the emergency room or continue to see their pediatric care team until insurance will no longer cover their care because of their age.

To make matters worse, many of these adults rely on Medicaid as their insurance provider, so even if they have the means to travel to an adult specialist who may be located in another state—as is often the case—their coverage is denied. Across the country, there are more than 100 pediatric clinics devoted to caring for children with Spina Bifida. There are less than 30 whose focus is on adults.

There are a number of concrete steps at the federal level we could take that would make dramatic improvements in the ability of adults with Spina Bifida to access quality care. One is to increase funding of the CDC’s National Spina Bifida Program—the sole federal program tasked with improving the care and outcomes for people with Spina Bifida. In 2008, the Spina Bifida Program created a National Spina Bifida Patient Registry to collect the scientific data needed to evaluate existing medical services for Spina Bifida patients, and to provide clinicians, researchers, patients, and families a window into what care models are effective and what treatments are not making a measurable difference. Building on this in 2014, the Spina Bifida Program funded the development of a Spina Bifida Collaborative Care Network to identify and to disseminate best practices for the care of people with Spina Bifida at all ages. However, with only \$7.5 million in annual funding, there are only 11,000 patients in the national registry, limiting the ability of medical professionals to glean knowledge that would advance research in areas critical to improving quality of life. Even modest increases to this funding would make an enormous difference.

Another important step would be to reform Medicaid policies to require coverage or treatment received across state lines for rare disorders, as there simply aren’t enough specialists in each state to provide the care that people with Spina Bifida desperately need and deserve.

And finally, we must continue to allow patients to receive insurance coverage for telehealth services once the COVID-19 emergency declaration expires. Telehealth is a critical tool in improving health outcomes for everyone, particularly those with unique conditions where care isn’t easily accessible geographically.

We are so fortunate today that our country is benefiting from the talent and contributions of the first generation of adults living with

Spina Bifida. Today, I honor and celebrate all of them, along with their care partners, and also remember those we have lost to this condition. I urge my colleagues to not only increase funding for the National Spina Bifida Program, but to work together to reform insurance policies so that these Americans receive the care and treatment all of us want for our families and loved ones.

#### HONORING CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON FROM INDIANA LOIS J. WAGONER

#### HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Congressional Liaison Lois J. Wagoner on her sixty years of government service.

Ms. Lois J. Wagoner began working as a civilian clerk typist at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1961. Ten years later, she came to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to work in the Finance Division of the Indianapolis Regional Office as a program support clerk.

Further on in her career, she became a Veterans Benefits Counselor and eventually was named the Congressional Liaison in 1990. This position required Ms. Wagoner to work and communicate regularly with Veterans and the offices of D.C. government officials.

I am pleased to add that Ms. Wagoner was recognized with many awards including the Indianapolis Regional Office’s Employee of the Year award in 2009 and two awards from the Disabled American Veterans titled the National Commanders’ Award for the Veterans Benefits Administration in 2020 and the Award of Excellence in 2021 at their annual convention.

Ms. Wagoner has been a valuable resource for countless American heroes by directly supporting Veterans and providing families with the knowledge they need to care for their loved ones. Her passion for public service is unparalleled, and I believe her journey will act as inspiration for those who wish to follow in her footsteps.

While Ms. Wagoner has traveled all across the country to serve, it is within The Hoosier State where she has made a distinctive impact. I, along with other Veterans in Indiana’s 4th Congressional District, am proud of all she has done for those who fearlessly defended freedom and democracy.

On behalf of all Hoosiers, I want to congratulate Ms. Lois J. Wagoner, we truly value her six decades of dedicated public service.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOE VAN WYE AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with DAVID CICILLINE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law to thank Joe Van Wye for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joe received his bachelor’s degree from Brown University and began his career in pub-

lic policy as a Staff Assistant and then Legislative Correspondent for Representative DAVID CICILLINE. Joe first joined the Judiciary Committee as a Professional Staff Member, Legislative Aide, and Clerk in February 2019 for the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

Joe’s work was essential to the success of many of the Subcommittee’s activities. For three years, Joe served as clerk for all the Subcommittee’s business, including Subcommittee hearing preparation and markups, as well as coordination of briefings, press conferences, and events for congressional staff and advocacy groups.

Joe also worked on legislation to end forced arbitration so that survivors of sexual assault or harassment could bring their stories out of the shadows and pursue justice in our courts. He helped lead the Subcommittee’s efforts to pass the Forced Arbitration Justice Repeal Act, the Justice for Servicemembers Act, and the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Harassment Act—the last of which became law in March 2022, codifying one of the most important workplace reforms in our nation’s history.

Joe was also instrumental to the Subcommittee’s investigation of competition in digital markets in the 116th Congress. He was essential to the Subcommittee’s collecting of more than 1.2 million documents as part of the investigation, and helped prepare the Subcommittee’s 2020 report entitled “Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets: Majority Staff Report and Recommendations.” This report released findings and recommendations following a 16-month bipartisan investigation into the state of competition in the digital economy, with a focus on the challenges presented by the dominance of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google. The Committee on the Judiciary held a markup and formally adopted the Report in April 2021.

Throughout all of his work, Joe brought his passion for public policy, commitment to justice and equity, and good humor. Our Committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from his service.

While we are sad to see Joe go and he will certainly be missed, we are happy that he will continue to serve the public interest in his new non-profit role advocating for a fair, inclusive, and competitive food and agriculture system.

We thank Joe Van Wye for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

#### RECOGNIZING SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, each October we recognize National Spina Bifida Month and pay tribute to the nearly 166,000 Americans living with Spina Bifida—the most common permanently disabling birth defect compatible with life.

Literally translated as “split spine,” Spina Bifida is a condition that occurs when a baby’s neural tube fails to develop or close properly. Typically occurring within the first 28 days of pregnancy while the neural tube is forming, Spina Bifida often develops before a woman even knows she is pregnant.

Sponsored by the Spina Bifida Association (SBA), National Spina Bifida Awareness Month is a time to highlight the needs of the community and recognize the importance of the work done year-round to advance research, programs, and policies aimed at meeting those needs.

As co-chair of the Congressional Spina Bifida Caucus, I've had the honor to work alongside SBA to advance Spina Bifida awareness, research, and public health efforts in Congress. Founded in 1973, SBA is the Nation's only organization solely dedicated to advocating for and assisting those living with and affected by this debilitating birth defect.

Through its nearly 60 chapters in more than 125 communities, the SBA brings expectant parents together with those who have a child with Spina Bifida. This interaction helps to answer questions and concerns, but most importantly it lends much needed support, solidarity, inspiration, and hope.

Madam Speaker, Spina Bifida is a birth defect that can happen to anyone. Every day, an average of eight babies are affected by Spina Bifida and approximately 3,000 pregnancies are affected by this birth defect each year.

We do not know the exact cause of this condition, but research has found that if a woman takes 400 mcg of folic acid every day before she becomes pregnant, she reduces her risk of having a baby with Spina Bifida or another neural tube defect by as much as 70 percent.

No two cases of Spina Bifida are ever the same and so this birth defect is commonly referred to as the "snowflake condition." Children born with Spina Bifida typically undergo dozens of surgeries before they reach the age of 18. And during their lifetime, someone with Spina Bifida will face at least \$1 million in medical expenses, including multiple surgeries, and most can expect to spend much of their lives in a wheelchair or walking with braces.

Despite these challenges—and thanks to advances in research and medicine, along with policies supportive of children with disabilities—nearly two-thirds of Americans currently living with Spina Bifida have made it to adulthood. And while these strides are certainly worth celebrating, people with Spina Bifida—particularly adults—continue to face a crisis of care that could be largely prevented with the right resources and policies.

There are number of concrete steps we could take that would make dramatic improvements in the ability of adults with Spina Bifida to access quality care. One is to increase funding of the CDC's National Spina Bifida Program—the sole federal program tasked with improving the care and outcomes for people with Spina Bifida.

In 2008, the Spina Bifida Program created a National Spina Bifida Patient Registry to collect the scientific data needed to evaluate existing medical services for Spina Bifida patients, and to provide clinicians, researchers, patients, and families a window into what care models are effective and what treatments are not making a measurable difference.

Building on this in 2014, the Spina Bifida Program funded the development of a Spina Bifida Collaborative Care Network to identify and to disseminate best practices for the care of people with Spina Bifida at all ages. However, with only \$7.5 million in annual funding, there are only 11,000 patients in the national

registry, limiting the ability of medical professionals to glean knowledge that would advance research in areas critical to improving quality of life.

Even modest increases to this funding would make an enormous difference. Spina Bifida research needs dedicated funding to ensure a better future for Americans with Spina Bifida.

This past summer, Christopher Rosati—a young man living with Spina Bifida—worked as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office.

I originally met Chris during an advocacy day nearly 18 years ago when he was just 4 years old. After those early days, Chris and I met again when he worked as an intern in my NJ office. Based on his good works, we offered him an internship in my office on Capitol Hill. At each location, during each internship, Chris proved to be a smart, hardworking, reliable member of the team.

Undeterred by physical challenges inherent in a commute and in some workspaces, Chris has set his sights on public policy and making a difference. This fall he returned to school as a senior at The College of New Jersey. My entire staff and I have been truly inspired by Chris' determination, dedication, good nature, and success. I am grateful for his contributions in my office, and we all look forward with enthusiasm and anticipation to the positive impact he will bring and the advances he will help achieve—for himself and the populations he will act on behalf of—in any career he pursues.

Madam Speaker, with added federal support, more people living with Spina Bifida could receive assistance they need along their life's journey. I invite my colleagues to join me in this mission and join me in the Spina Bifida Caucus to broaden our efforts and advance the goal of a better future for people living with Spina Bifida.

#### HONORING AARON LINDSAY

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Aaron Lindsay, who served the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Aaron has proven to be an outstanding addition to my office and shows great passion for everything he does.

Aaron has assisted my office in communications, constituent and community engagement, and policy research. He has shown a great understanding of the legislative process, a passion for learning, and a willingness to go above and beyond on assignments.

The son of Jeanelle and Tyrone Lindsay, Aaron is a proud Bison enrolled in Howard University's School of Business as a Marketing major. During his time as a Howard University Bison, Aaron has served as a member with the American Marketing Association for the School of Business along with being a Fellow, Panelist Host, and Ambassador for the Warner Music Blavatnik Business Fellowship Program at Howard University.

Upon transitioning from his internship, Aaron will proceed to complete his fellowship program with the Warner Music Blavatnik Business Center while also continuing to intern

with his marketing background, leading to a Leadership Development role upon graduation.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Aaron Lindsay for his present and future accomplishments.

#### HONORING THE 2022 TENNESSEE AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE RICHARD A. BLEVINS

#### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Northeast State Community College's Richard A. Blevins, Director of the Northeast State Community College Aviation Technology Program with 43 years of service in aviation, who will be inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame.

Ret. USAF Chief Master Sergeant Richard A. Blevins, a native of Kingsport, entered the Air Force in March 1979 as a Systems Analyst on Nuclear Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and Space Lift Launch Systems. Chief Blevins held numerous positions during his 27-plus-year career culminating as the 30th Launch Group Superintendent, Vandenberg AFB, CA. He led three diverse launch squadrons of 181 USAF and 121 contractor personnel there.

Richard provided oversight and mission assurance on Delta IV/Atlas V Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) programs, Titan IV/Delta II space launch systems, Ground-Based Mid-Course Defense (GMD) system build, integration, and deployment. He was responsible for implementing \$660 million test launches, \$65 million modernization, and \$2 billion space lift certification programs. In addition, he directed maintenance activities on five launch complexes and ten missile processing facilities valued at over \$500 million.

During his career, he was selected to attend the ICBM Technical Engineering School, one of the youngest ranking sergeants ever chosen for the position. His leadership was demonstrated when he was awarded as the top Strategic Air Command Non-Commissioned Officer Academy graduate. Upon retiring from the Air Force, Richard was hired as the Training Manager for Bell Helicopter. His responsibility encompasses the training and qualification of over 500 personnel to meet Federal Aviation Regulations and ISO AS9100 requirements.

Richard is a graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and holds a Masters Degree in Aeronautics. Richard is also a certified FAA Private Pilot, FAA Part 107 Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and FAA Airframe Certified Mechanic.

Each day, Richard helps ensure Northeast State's students are trained at the highest levels of reliability for employment in the aviation maintenance industry. The success of this program will benefit our region for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Richard A. Blevins on his 43 years of service to the aviation industry and being inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
WILLIE MIMS

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Willie Mims.

Throughout his life, Willie has shown his commitment to educating, serving, and empowering residents of East County. He was raised in what is now Bay Point, California and graduated from Pacifica High School in 1963. It was around this time that Willie began engaging in local politics, advocating for the Rumsford Fair Housing Act which aimed to combat racial discrimination in housing. Willie also worked as a stevedore at the Concord Naval Weapons Station from 1965 to 1970. He went on to obtain his Associate Arts Degree from Diablo Valley College and his Bachelor of Arts and M.A. in English & Creative Writing from San Francisco State University. Willie obtained his teaching credentials in 1978 and went on to have a long career in teaching with the Vallejo City Unified School District. Willie worked as a teacher at John Finney High School, formerly known as Peoples High School, for over 25 years. After retiring in 2009, Willie continued to advocate on behalf of Contra Costa students and families, still regularly attending school board meetings.

Willie has worked tirelessly to support families and promote equity within the East Bay. He is a former mentor of S.I.M.B.A. (Safe in My Brother's Arms), a youth program for boys 8 to 16, former board member of the East County Boy's and Girl's Club, and served as a volunteer historian for the Parents Connected Organization. Additionally, he is an original member of Pittsburg's Black Political Association and part of Executive Committee of the East County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was also instrumental in the creation of the Antioch School District's African American Male Initiative which sought to address racial disparities in education. Willie received the Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom Fighter Award in 2008 in recognition of his efforts to promote racial justice and equity. Willie's community and the greater Bay Area have significantly benefited thanks to Willie's dedication and hard work.

Willie is a true leader in our community and we are grateful for the positive impact that his work has had across the county. Please join me in recognizing Willie for his many years of devoted service.

HONORING MRS. GLORIA MORENO  
OF CAMERON PARK, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

**HON. MAYRA FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gloria Moreno of Cameron Park, Brownsville, Texas on her amazing work as the community leader of Cameron Park.

Mrs. Moreno currently serves as the community leader of Cameron Park, Brownsville.

For the past 45 years, Mrs. Moreno has served her *colonia* by lobbying her local and state officials for the needs of her community. Her work as a community leader has brought many needed utilities to her neighborhood such as the paving of the streets and the installment of running water and sewer lines. Mrs. Moreno is the prime example of a community leader who is focused on helping her community grow.

Mrs. Moreno has served Cameron Park faithfully by being a voice for her fellow residents and advocating for the needs of Cameron Park and beyond. Her commitment to her home and her community deserves honor, praise, and gratitude. It is only fitting that Mrs. Moreno celebrates amongst her friends and family as her impact will be felt by generations to come.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mrs. Moreno for her accomplishments.

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF JOSEPH  
McMAHON: MT. EPHRAIM TOWN  
HALL HONOREE

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, originally born in Pennsauken, New Jersey, Command Master Chief Joseph McMahon has been a resident of the Borough of Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey for thirty-one years. Deployed nine times in total, Joseph McMahon joined the United States Navy in 1976 where he served for twenty-one years before being honorably discharged in 1997.

During his twenty-one years of service, he was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia; Charleston, South Carolina; San Diego, California; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He served on the USS *Ponce*, USS *Barney DDG6*, USS *Conolly 979*, USS *Beagle Grove LSD 32*, YTB 802 an ocean tugboat, *Conningham* and USS *Forrestal*. He was involved in two major military campaigns, the Persian Gulf War and the war in Bosnia.

Command Master Chief Joseph McMahon is the recipient of eighteen campaign medals and ribbons, many of which he received on more than one occasion. He has been honored with the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3 times), Navy Achievement Award (5 times), Navy Expeditionary Services Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, NATO Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, as well as several others.

Following his retirement from the United States Navy, Joseph McMahon continued his dedication to public service, joining the Camden County Sheriff's Office as a police officer for fifteen years. In 2015, he returned to the Navy once more, working at the Foundry, an old navy shipyard.

Command Master Chief Joseph McMahon celebrated forty years of marriage with his wife Diane McMahon on October 16, 2022 and continues to serve his community as a member of the Knights of Columbus and as the Deputy Post Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 262.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Command Master

Chief Joseph McMahon of Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community, country, and those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

**HON. JAY OBERNOLTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100 year anniversary of Soroptimist International, a worldwide volunteer service organization for women who work to provide access to education and training to achieve economic empowerment. Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland, California, when women were not permitted to join service organizations. The name Soroptimist—loosely translated from Latin means best for women.

Today the organization has over 72,000 members and supporters in over 120 countries and territories across the world. The Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas provides administrative support to clubs in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, with multiple locations inside California's 8th Congressional District, including in Big Bear and Twentynine Palms. In total, the Golden West Region has 38 clubs and nearly 1,000 members, all working to improve the lives of women and girls.

Organizations like Soroptimist International provide vital services to our community and we owe them tremendous gratitude for the work they do to support women. Their fundraising efforts have allowed the various clubs across California to raise millions of dollars to improve the lives of Southern Californian locals through their various projects and programs. I congratulate this amazing organization on their 100 years of service to our communities and hope that they continue the great work they do for many years to come.

HONORING ISABELLA CASTRO

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Isabella Castro, who dedicated her time to serve the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Isabella has proven to be a very capable young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Isabella has assisted my office in foreign policy research of the Western Hemisphere and constituent engagement. She primarily informed my office and constituents of ongoing events and issues happening in South America and the islands of the Caribbean. Isabella has demonstrated her ability to adapt and excel in her responsibilities.

The daughter of Carmen Silvia Briceño and Carlos Felix Castro, Isabella, a proud first generation Peruvian-American, was raised in Miami, Florida. A proud graduate of the Burnett Honors College at the University of Central Florida, she is a 2022 Charles B. Rangel

International Affairs Fellow. She received her bachelor's degree in International and Global Studies with minors in Diplomacy and French.

Upon transitioning from her congressional fellowship, Isabella will travel to Belgium as a Fulbright Scholar where she will complete an English Teaching Assistantship. Once she completes her Fulbright Program, she will pursue a Master of Science in Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Inspired by her foreign service work in Nicaragua, Haiti, and Ecuador, Isabella will soon become a Foreign Service Officer.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Isabella Castro for her bright future and inevitable success.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY VALDEZ AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with ZOE LOFGREN, Chair of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship to thank Anthony Valdez for his service to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Anthony received his bachelor's degree and a master's in public policy from the University of Maryland. He first joined the Judiciary Committee as an intern with our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. After nearly a year interning while in college, and a further fellowship with the committee, Anthony joined us permanently as Staff Assistant to the full committee in January 2020. That August, Anthony was named Professional Staff Member and Legislative Aide for the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

As Staff Assistant, Anthony supported the full committee's senior staff and me directly. As part of my administrative team, Anthony played a leading role in our committee's seamless transition to remote and hybrid work at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. He is remembered as a committed advocate and mentor by the many interns and incoming junior staff that he helped shepherd through our committee. Anthony was also a vital member in the Committee's oversight of the Trump Administration, which included pouring through critical evidence, assisting in Member preparation, and staffing high-profile congressional hearings. Regardless of the hour, Anthony answered the call of duty and became a trusted member of the Committee's impeachment and senate trial teams.

Finally, Anthony was promoted again to serve as Professional Staff and Legislative Aide to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. For two years Anthony served as clerk for all Immigration subcommittee business and his work was essential to the success of much of the subcommittee's activities. Substantively, Anthony was the point person on private bills and was instrumental in the passage of five private bills this Congress, H.R. 187, H.R. 680, H.R. 681, H.R. 739, and H.R. 785. He worked with counsel to prepare myself and Ms. Lofgren for the annual refugee consultation and helped us fight to raise the

refugee admissions goal and increase processing. Anthony also contributed significantly to our markup of H.R. 3648, the Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment Act of 2022 or the EAGLE Act of 2022.

For nearly four years, I have been fortunate to count Anthony among my team. I, and the American people, have greatly benefited from his passion for public service, his fine character, and his commitment to excellence. Through extraordinarily demanding times, Anthony was dependable and contributed substantially with diligence and good humor. We will greatly miss Anthony as he heads off to the University of Virginia School of Law, but we look forward to following his next steps in public service and the law.

We thank Anthony Valdez for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MAYOR JIM BRAINARD

**HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service career of Jim Brainard as he completes his seventh term as the Mayor of Carmel, Indiana.

Under his tenure, Carmel has experienced tremendous growth and received numerous awards. It is considered to be one of the fastest growing cities in the United States and the development of an Arts & Design District, a downtown City Center and a Midtown project has helped create a vibrant, walkable city. Additionally, Carmel is home to over 130 corporate business headquarters.

Carmel has received multiple awards for its high quality of life. Including Money Magazine's No. 1 "Best Place to Live in America" and No. 1 "Best Place to Retire in the U.S." and Newsweek's No. 1 "Best Place to Live in the Midwest."

The Mayor graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Butler University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Ohio Northern University. He also received a diploma from the Oxford Institute on International and Comparative Law from the University of San Diego.

Mayor Brainard has served as a Trustee of a variety of national taskforces, as President of the Butler University Alumni Association and was named one of the "Most Powerful Hoosiers in the World" by Indianapolis Monthly.

Carmel has the most roundabouts of any city in the country and Mayor Brainard's book, titled 'Carmel, 'round about right,' shares the story of redevelopment in Carmel during his administration.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Jim Brainard for his 26 years of service as Mayor of Carmel, Indiana.

HONORING MARIA MARTINEZ

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Maria Martinez, my

intern who has completed her Fall 2022 semester serving the great people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Maria has proven to be a very capable young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Maria has assisted my office in various areas, including communications, research, and constituent and community engagement. She has proven to be an integral part of my team and has demonstrated her ability to adapt to the political arena. Maria always demonstrated a willingness to learn and consistently produced excellent work product.

The daughter of Mayilet Fernandez, Maria was born and raised in Hialeah, Florida. She plans to attend law school and become a humanitarian lawyer to elevate her community. She aspires to inspire the next generation of Dreamers and will surely make a positive impact on many lives.

In the Fall, Maria will begin her sophomore year at Columbia University where she is majoring in Mathematics and minoring in Philosophy.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maria Martinez for her invaluable role in my office and her inevitable success.

HONORING CAROLYN HELMS AS MOORE COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Carolyn Helms as the recipient of the Moore County Woman of the Year Award.

The Woman of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. Since 2007, Ms. Helms' leadership roles with FirstHealth of the Carolinas and Moore Regional Hospital have greatly strengthened and improved the capabilities of these organizations to provide exemplary service to all in our community. After becoming a member of both FirstHealth's board of directors and Moore Regional Hospital's board of directors in 2007, Ms. Helms became chair of the Moore Regional Hospital Board in 2010 and later became the first female chair of FirstHealth's board in 2017. She held the latter position until 2019 and now currently serves as the CARE liaison for the Foundation of FirstHealth. Through her outstanding leadership over the course of her career, she has served as a trailblazer and been an invaluable role model for all healthcare professionals in our community.

In addition to this important work, she remains a board member for many state and local organizations such as the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care and The Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. She has previously held numerous leadership roles at multiple local churches as well as working as a nursing instructor at Sandhills Community College. In 1993, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Southern Pines Jaycees on account of her exceptional community service.

Ms. Helms has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of the Moore County Woman of the Year Award. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish her success as she continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Ms. Carolyn Helms for her service to our community and being named the Moore County Woman of the Year.

#### RECOGNIZING CAROLYN BARGER'S CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

#### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carolyn Barger on her upcoming retirement from a remarkable career of public service in Rowan County.

Carolyn's career in local government began in 1994 in the Town of Cleveland as a part-time clerk. Due to her strong work ethic and heart for serving the community, she was soon hired as a deputy clerk for Rowan County in 1999. Within just a few years, she was promoted to Clerk to the Rowan County Board of Commissioners in 2005. As Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Carolyn played an essential role in local government. She officially recorded all documents, ordinances, leases, resolutions, and contracts considered or adopted by the Board. From dutifully preparing agendas and attending Board meetings, to ensuring full and accurate accounts of all actions taken by the governing body were recorded, Carolyn guaranteed the operations of Rowan County ran smoothly for over two decades.

To better serve both the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Rowan County, Carolyn earned many professional certifications during her career. In 2010, she received the designation of North Carolina Certified County Clerk through the North Carolina School of Government. Four years later, she received the professional designation of Master Municipal Clerk as conferred by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Finally, in January 2016, the UNG School of Government bestowed upon her the designation of Master County Clerk, the highest certification a county clerk can achieve.

Beyond her work in Rowan County, Ms. Barger has been active statewide in the North Carolina Association of County Clerks. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Secretary, Vice-President, and President of the Association. In each of these roles, she has worked tirelessly to help clerks across the state support their elected officials. In recognition of her many contributions to Rowan County and the North Carolina Association of County Clerks, Ms. Barger was awarded the Howard Holly Outstanding Clerk of the Year Award in 2014.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Carolyn Barger for her many years of service to Rowan County.

#### HONORING TURNER MORGAN AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

#### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Turner Morgan as Iowan of the Week. Turner was born in Council Bluffs, attended Lewis Central High School, and currently lives in Council Bluffs with his wife Abby and his son JJ Murphy. Turner serves the public as the Neighborhood Coordinator for the non-profit The 712 Initiative by bringing people together and strengthening the Council Bluffs community in creative and innovative ways.

After graduating from Creighton University, Turner began working for Habitat for Humanity in Omaha. With Habitat for Humanity, he helped coordinate thousands of volunteers building affordable housing for low-income individuals. Turner remains grateful for the opportunity to help those in need, while gaining a greater understanding of the challenges involved with affordable housing.

Turner came to The 712 Initiative in Council Bluffs three years ago, serving as their Neighborhood Coordinator. Turner took the initiative to go door to door to meet people where they are and identify the needs of the Council Bluffs community. Increased social connectivity and neighborhood development were two common themes that persisted in these conversations, and so Turner began working to help improve these areas. Turner, alongside fellow 712 Initiative staff, crafted popular social engagement programming to increase community connectivity. High in popularity is their Block Party Trailer, which The 712 Initiative provides freely so that neighborhoods can put on a block party to get people out of their homes and connect with their neighbors. By removing some of the logistical barriers to community organizing, Turner and The 712 Initiative have helped people know one another better and facilitate more collaborative neighborhoods.

Turner plans to continue working with The 712 Initiative to improve housing development as well. The organization has renovated a number of properties in the Council Bluffs area in need of substantial improvements. These renovations not only directly improve the quality of those homes but also indirectly improves the quality of the homes surrounding it.

Turner Morgan has demonstrated his passion and commitment to serving the public in Council Bluffs during his time with The 712 Initiative. His service for others deserves recognition, and I am proud to be naming Turner Morgan as Iowan of the Week.

#### HONORING CRAIG JOINER

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Craig Joiner, who dedicated his time to serve the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Craig has proven to be a very focused and intentional young man and shows great promise for his future endeavors.

Craig has assisted my office in foreign policy research of the Eastern Hemisphere and constituent engagement. He primarily informed my office and constituents of ongoing events and issues happening in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Craig has demonstrated his ability to produce detailed and exceptional work.

The son of Shanetta and Cedric Joiner, Craig was born and raised in Gainesville, Florida. A proud graduate of Rice University, he earned bachelor's degrees in Material Science and Asian Studies. A 2022 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow, Craig aspires to become a Foreign Service Officer. Inspired by international relations, he has volunteered in Argentina and China and studied abroad at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

Upon transitioning from his congressional fellowship, Craig will pursue his Master of Science in Foreign Service. He will leverage his engineering background, language abilities, and his understanding of global affairs to promote sustainable environment and energy policy internationally. A proud Questbridge Scholar and Gates Millennium Scholar, Craig will serve the United States on an international level upon completion of his Rangle Fellowship.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Craig Joiner for his promising future and inevitable success.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DANIEL KANDALRAFT

#### HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I seek to correct an injustice to Mr. Daniel Kandalraft, a Lebanese citizen with three American children. At a hearing examining Hezbollah's financial network before the Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 8, 2017, a private citizen provided a prepared statement—now printed in the Hearing Record—that identifies certain individuals as arrested in France for financing terrorism under Operation Cedar, a January 2016 coordinated, multinational law enforcement action undertaken by authorities in France and other European countries. U.S. law enforcement, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), assisted French authorities.

The statement entered into the Hearing Record incorrectly includes Mr. Kandalraft as having been arrested in France. A detailed examination of the complete and official French Operation Cedar case file reveals that Mr. Kandalraft was not investigated, charged, or even asked to serve as a witness. Indeed, there is no mention of Daniel Kandalraft in the law enforcement investigative reports or court filings for Operation Cedar in France. The DEA, having no authority in France, could not (and had no reason to) arrest Daniel Kandalraft and confirmed that it "does not have authority to perform arrests or detainments" in France.

It is incumbent upon this great institution, the U.S. House of Representatives, to correct the false statement in a Congressional hearing from so many years ago which has unfairly and unjustly tarnished Mr. Kandalraft's good name and reputation.



I include in the RECORD the sworn affidavit of William Julié—a licensed attorney at law in France (*avocat à la cour*) who has reviewed the entire Operation Cedar case file (registered in France under prosecution number 15037000675), and who obtained authorization from French authorities to release information contained in the case file—as part of my statement and insertion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Names other than Mr. Kandalaft and the affiant (Mr. Julié)—including any agent of the DEA or Hezbollah—are redacted from the below Affidavit for privacy reasons (and marked as “[REDACTED]”), as are the exhibits to the Affidavit and any internal references to same (which are simply deleted).

#### AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM JULIÉ

I, William Julié, subscribe and swear as follows:

1. I am a dual national and hold passports issued by both France and the United Kingdom.

2. I am bilingual and speak fluent French and English.

3. I am a resident of Paris, France.

4. I am a duly licensed attorney at law in France (*avocat à la cour*), and I have held this position since being admitted to the Paris Bar in 2000. I established my own law offices in 2002.

5. I earned my undergraduate degree in international law (BA), my masters (MA) in public law, and my doctoral certification (*Doctorat d'Etudes Approfondies*) in European criminal justice policy from the University of Paris-Sorbonne (Paris I), where my studies focused on criminal law and criminology.

6. Among other things, I am a member of the International Bar Association (IBA), the Criminal Lawyers Association (ADAP), the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA), the Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum (DELF), the FrancoBritish Lawyers Society (FBLS), and serve as Chair of the Criminal Commission of the Corporate Firm Lawyers Association (ACE).

7. This affidavit sets forth my views on whether Daniel KANDALAFT was arrested in France as part of Operation Cedar.

8. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit, and if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

9. On September 5, 2016, I was retained by [REDACTED], who was arrested during Operation Cedar, as his defense attorney.

10. I represented [REDACTED] as his defense counsel from my appointment during the investigation stage in September 2016 through trial and ultimately the rendering of judgement by the Paris correctional court on November 28, 2018. In this role, I was provided and remain in possession of a complete copy of the case file, as required by French law, which is registered under the prosecution number 15037000675. In preparing this affidavit, I reviewed the case file in its entirety and obtained authorization from the French prosecutor to release the information from the case file that is included here in the Exhibits.

11. Operation Cedar was a coordinated, multinational law enforcement action in January 2016 undertaken by authorities in France and other European countries targeting criminal operations in Europe related to the organization known as Hezbollah (also known as—or “aka”—Hizballah). United States law enforcement, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), assisted French authorities in executing Operation Cedar.

12. On January 24, 2016, following telephone interceptions revealing the planned arrival

in France of Operation Cedar targets [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], French police confirmed the targets were on the passenger list for flight ME 205 from Beirut to Paris, which was scheduled to land that day at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris. After the arrival of the flight, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were arrested (“*interpellé*”), placed in custody (“*en garde à vue*”) and questioned by French authorities. The French police officers were assisted by DEA agent [REDACTED]. The minutes of their arrest do not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

13. On January 24, 2016, French police officers instituted a surveillance operation against [REDACTED]. He was in Paris, located at the Hotel Prince de Galles, arrested, placed in custody, and subsequently questioned. At the time of his arrest, he was sitting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. French police asked for the identification documents (“*contrôle d'identité*”) of these two individuals but did not arrest or question them (beyond a simple identification control, such as confirming their profession), and both were permitted to stay at the hotel. The minutes of [REDACTED]’s arrest do not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

14. On January 24, 2016, French police officers instituted a surveillance operation against [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was in Paris, located at the Hotel Prince de Galles, arrested, placed in custody, and subsequently questioned. The minutes of his arrest do not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

15. On January 24, 2016, French police officers instituted a surveillance operation against [REDACTED]. He was in Paris, located at his home, arrested, placed in custody, and subsequently questioned. The minutes of his arrest do not mention the presence or arrest of Daniel KANDALAFT.

16. On January 25, 2016, French police officers instituted a search of the home of [REDACTED]. At the request of the French police officers, he appeared voluntarily at a police station and submitted himself for questioning (“*audition libre*”). He was not arrested. The minutes of his interview do not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

17. On January 28, 2016, after four days in custody, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were brought before the investigating magistrate (a judge). The minutes of the examination by the investigating magistrate do not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

18. On January 20, 2016, the French investigating magistrate issued an international arrest warrant against [REDACTED]. On January 22, 2016, the French public prosecutor issued an European arrest warrant against him. On May 15, 2016, he was arrested in Belgium and jailed until April 1, 2016, when he was surrendered to France. On April 1, 2016, following his transfer from authorities in Belgium at the Hensies/Saint-Aybert border, French police officers arrested [REDACTED], placed him in custody, and brought him before the judge of liberties and detention, who ordered his detention until his first appearance before the investigating magistrate. On April 4, 2016, he was brought before the investigating magistrate and interrogated. The same day—April 4, 2016—the judge of liberties and detention placed him under French judicial supervision and control (“*sous contrôle judiciaire*”) and imposed, among other obligations, a requirement not to leave French territory without prior authorization from the investigating magistrate, to surrender his passport to the Tribunal, and to visit a police station in Paris weekly. On May 25, 2016, the investigating magistrate issued an order authorizing the return of [REDACTED]’s passport and granting permission to live in Belgium, subject to

continued weekly visits to a police station in Paris. The investigating magistrate interrogated [REDACTED] on May 3, 2016, and again on December 14, 2016. On December 23, 2016, the investigating magistrate ended French judicial supervision over [REDACTED]. On January 10, 2018, the French investigating magistrate issued an order confirming the charges against [REDACTED] and referring him to the Paris correctional court for trial. With his legal counsel, he appeared voluntarily in Paris and attended the judicial hearings between November 13 and 23 in 2018. The minutes of the examination by the investigating magistrate and other relevant portions of the case file do not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

19. On January 10, 2018, following investigations by the French police, including Operation Cedar, the investigating magistrate issued an order confirming the charges against fifteen (15) individuals and referring them to the Paris correctional court for trial. 11 (eleven) of those had appeared before the investigating magistrate and been placed under judicial examination (“*mis en examen*”) (namely, [REDACTED] (born in [REDACTED]), [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]), while four (4) remained at-large and so for whom arrest warrants were issued (namely, [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] (born in [REDACTED]), [REDACTED], [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]). The investigating magistrate’s order does not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

20. On November 28, 2018, the Paris correctional court rendered its judgement against the 15 accused individuals. Except for [REDACTED], who was acquitted of all charges, all others were convicted of one or more of the charges against them. The judgement does not mention Daniel KANDALAFT.

21. In France, any arrest or official interrogation must be recorded in a written document and presented ultimately to defense counsel as part of the complete case file. If Mr. Kandalaft was arrested or interrogated in relation to Operation Cedar, his name should have appeared in the case file. It did not. In this case, Daniel KANDALAFT was not investigated, charged, or asked to serve as a witness, and there is no mention of him at all in the case file.

22. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of France and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Paris, France on October 15, 2020.

/s/ William Julié

IN MEMORY OF GARRY WADE OWENS, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE AND PUBLIC SERVANT

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Garry Wade Owens for his many years of service as a civil rights advocate and public servant.

Garry Owens is a Seattleite from birth. During his senior year at Franklin High School, he was part of the Seattle chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, playing a pivotal role for African Americans in the civil rights movement. After his military service, he worked toward resolving discrimination and equity for



marginalized communities. He was a founding member of the University of Washington's Black Student Union and Seattle Chapter of the Black Panther Party in 1968, focusing on providing necessities and education to African American families and workers. He also worked for the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods for 24 years as one of the first community organizers who helped the city with their outreach to underrepresented regions. He later became the manager for the Neighborhood Matching Fund, providing support to specific community projects.

In addition, he joined the Legacy of Equality Leadership and Organizing board in 1991 and traveled to serve as an agent of solidarity in Cuba, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, and throughout the United States. He focused on community organizing, popular political education, and international networking to empower workers of color to have a voice and speak for themselves.

My office and I were pleased to have worked with Garry through his advocacy and are saddened to hear of his passing. He and his contributions to our community will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to remember Garry Owens for the achievements he made during his lifetime.

RECOGNIZING COCOA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S K-9 BEAR FOR HIS YEARS OF BRAVE SERVICE TO RESIDENTS OF COCOA, FLORIDA

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement and brave service of K-9 Bear to the Cocoa Police Department and to our Congressional District. K-9 Bear, the 9-year-old German Shepherd, not only fulfilled his duty to protect his partner, K-9 Officer Dan Rhoades, but protected his community for more than eight years.

K-9 Bear started in 2014 working as a dual-certified patrol K-9 at the Cocoa Police Department. There he underwent comprehensive trainings in everything from tracking fleeing suspects to locating missing persons, as well as finding illegal drugs and other evidence in criminal cases. K-9 Bear also served alongside the elite Cocoa Police Department's SWAT team.

During his career, K-9 Bear worked to recover illegal drugs, taking them off the streets, keeping our families and neighborhoods safe. Many say fleeing suspects gave up the fight at just the sound of K-9 Bear's ferocious bawl. K-9 Bear and K-9 Officer Dan Rhoades' close relationship produced results, and K-9 Bear's exemplary skills and dedication proved to be a valuable asset to the department and the community.

America's Top Dog, on A&E Network, a show where the most elite police K-9 teams compete, even highlighted K-9 Bear and Officer Rhoades' special partnership. Team Bear, demonstrating their most excellent skills, won the competition and brought home a \$10,000 prize to donate to the Cocoa High Athletics Department for an improvement project. Because of K-9 Bear's efforts, America's Top

Dog made an additional \$5,000 donation to the charity of their choice, the Space Coast K-9 Competition, presented by the Cocoa Police Department in partnership with Space Coast Police K-9 Foundation.

K-9 Bear was not just a tool to help his human police officer. K-9 Bear was, and will always be, a loyal friend. Today we celebrate K-9 Bear's tenure at the Cocoa Police Department and commend him for always doing his duty to protect our community. I urge my colleagues to join me as we wish K-9 Bear well in retirement.

HONORING CHASE MOORE

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Chase Moore, my fellow who dedicated his time to the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Chase has proven to be a very capable and adaptable young man. He shows great promise for his future endeavors.

Chase provided support for my education, labor, transportation, and infrastructure portfolios. He has shown a great understanding of the legislative process and his ability to quickly grasp new concepts.

The son of Calynn Moore, Chase attended the University of Texas as a player for the Texas Longhorns. He received his bachelor's degree in Sociology and his Master's degree in Educational Policy and Planning. During his time at the University of Texas, he founded a mentorship program for inner-city youth and took part in various study abroad programs. He is motivated to ensuring equity amongst Black men and boys, eradicating the school-to-prison pipeline, and improving education policy directly affecting inner city and marginalized youth.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chase Moore for his present and future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLOATING HOSPITAL

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize The Floating Hospital for its incredible work to provide healthcare services to medically underserved people living in New York City's Twelfth Congressional District, which I have the privilege to represent.

Founded in 1866, The Floating Hospital was one of the first healthcare charities in New York City and was originally dedicated to caring for the sick children of families living in tenement homes. Today, The Floating Hospital remains committed to the mission of providing healthcare to those in need and provides primary medical, dental, specialty, behavioral health, infectious disease, and reproductive health services to families living in

shelters and domestic violence safe houses throughout the city, as well as the medically underserved community of Northwest Queens.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have worked with The Floating Hospital to ensure that the public housing communities of Astoria, Ravenswood, and Queensbridge Houses in Northwest Queens have access to the healthcare that they need. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, in 2012, The Floating Hospital received a \$920,833 federal grant to operate a community health center at Queensbridge Houses, which is the largest public housing development in the nation. Since then, The Floating Hospital has provided lifesaving care to the residents of Queensbridge Houses, including tests for COVID-19.

Earlier this year, I also partnered with The Floating Hospital to bring a temporary medical care unit to public housing residents living at Astoria Houses. Since April, staff from The Floating Hospital have provided COVID-19 tests and vaccines to hundreds of residents, which were greatly needed given how few COVID-19 testing and vaccine sites were located within a walkable distance of Astoria Houses.

Healthcare is and should always be a human right, and The Floating Hospital is helping to make that a reality for so many New Yorkers. I commend The Floating Hospital for its work in my district, under the leadership of the great Sean Granahan, and look forward to following their work to provide this critical resource those who need it.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing work being done by The Floating Hospital and to wish them all the best success as they continue to expand health care options to the most underserved New Yorkers.

RECOGNIZING DIRT COFFEE

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize DIRT Coffee in Littleton, Colorado for creating an inclusive work environment for neurodiverse Coloradans and those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs).

DIRT, which stands for Divergent, Inclusive, Representation, Transform, is committed to disability justice and transforming hiring practices to include more equitable opportunities in the workplace for neurodivergent individuals. Currently, DIRT Coffee works to hire, train, and empower neurodivergent individuals through their Inclusive Workforce Employer Program.

After recognizing that neurodivergent people are underrepresented in the workforce and lack equitable opportunities for an integrated workforce experience, DIRT launched their coffee truck in 2013 to target the hearts and minds of the community. They quickly became a leader in providing inclusive employment opportunities for neurodivergent Coloradans, and in 2018, DIRT opened its first location in Littleton—providing internships and long-term employment for neurodivergent individuals.

In 2021, DIRT provided more than 1,000 hours of job training to over 30 neurodivergent

individuals, bringing the total people helped to over 140 across the community. DIRT doesn't stop there, they have also provided more than \$50,000 in scholarships to families who need it the most. In 2022, DIRT opened its second location in Denver to try to expand its reach and community impact.

DIRT Coffee aims to create a more equitable and inclusive workforce. It goes without saying that they've had not only a tremendous impact on the lives of neurodivergent individuals who they have employed, but also our community as a whole. DIRT works tirelessly to cultivate a culture of acceptance, and I am proud to recognize and thank them for being an inspiration to us all.

#### SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS MONTH

##### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I recognize today as National Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day, and additionally October as National Spina Bifida Month. Spina Bifida impacts families across our great nation, including my own; many in my family have suffered with Spina Bifida.

Spina Bifida is a birth defect which forms from a hole in the spiral cord where it fails to close properly, allowing nerves and fluid to form a sac outside the body. To correct this, the child must undergo dozens of surgeries before they become adults, and even then, they face a myriad of physical and mental health issues. No two children will be affected the same way, as each condition is unique.

In a testament to the innovation and research of our American scientific ingenuity, we currently have the first generation of adults to live with Spina Bifida. Still, there is much work to do. It is our responsibility to ensure proper funding for Spina Bifida care and research so that both treatment and quality of life improve for all Americans with the condition.

#### HONORING CHEZNEY CUNNINGHAM

##### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Chezney Cunningham, my fellow who has completed her congressional fellowship serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Chezney has proven to be a very intelligent and passionate young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Chezney has assisted my office in legislative research, writing memos and proposals, and constituent and community engagement. She has shown a great understanding of the legislative process, a passion for giving back to the community, and a willingness to learn something outside of her intellectual comfort zone.

The daughter of Deatrice Williams, Chezney is a proud graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and Florida A&M University College of Law. She was a member of the

Student Union Activities Board at NC A&T SU and during her time in law school, she was a member of the Women's Law Caucus and the National Black Law Students Association, where she served as the Community Service Chair.

Upon transitioning from her fellowship, Chezney will become congressional staff for a Floridian colleague of mine.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chezney Cunningham for her present and future accomplishments.

#### HONORING RITA JEANNE HEBERT DOMINGUE ON 100 YEARS OF LIFE

##### HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Jeanne Hebert Domingue of Lafayette, Louisiana, on 100 years of life. Jeanne, as she is known to loved ones, is a hardworking wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Jeanne was born in Parks, Louisiana on October 22, 1922. Her family moved to Lafayette in the late 1920s, where she attended Mount Carmel High School. After graduation, Jeanne continued her education at Southern Louisiana Institute and earned a degree in secretarial science in 1944.

After graduating, Jeanne went on to work for Lafayette Power Utilities for three years until Robert Louis Domingue returned from overseas duty during World War II. She and Robert were married in 1946 and went on to have five children: Ron, Rita, Michael, Garry, and Clare.

At age 45, after the birth of her youngest child, Jeanne began working as a receptionist for a urology clinic in Lafayette. She excelled, using her degree to transcribe medical records. She impressed the office with her skill and discipline, and she was even tasked with taking X-rays for the doctors. After six years, she retired to spend more time with her family.

Jeanne is a devout Catholic. She has lived a life characterized by devotion to her faith, family, and friends. She is a loving wife to her late husband Robert, a caring mother to her five children, and a doting grandmother to her eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana's 3rd District, I honor Rita Jeanne Hebert Domingue for 100 years well lived. I wish her happiness and joy in the years to come. May God bless her and her loving friends and family.

#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTÉE LAUDER COMPANIES' BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN

##### HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of The Estée Lauder Compa-

nies' critical Breast Cancer Campaign. I am proud to join my colleagues in Congress and individuals around the world in recognizing those fighting breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer for women in the United States, with an estimated 280,000 women, as well as thousands of men, diagnosed with the disease each year according to the National Cancer Institute. With so many people around the world at risk for breast cancer, it is crucial to raise awareness so that the disease can be diagnosed and treated as early as possible.

Through its Breast Cancer Campaign, The Estée Lauder Companies have made great progress towards this goal. Whether it is in funding lifesaving research, improving healthcare access for disadvantaged people, supporting patients and their families through difficult diagnoses, or raising the public's awareness with the pink ribbon, the campaign is closer to realizing a world without breast cancer.

However, despite the significant progress over the past thirty years, we cannot rest until we are rid of breast cancer. That is why I am proud to support the ongoing work done by the Estée Lauder Companies' Breast Cancer Campaign. Please join me in recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to further spread awareness of this disease and sustain those affected by it.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE HOLSTON ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

##### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Holston Army Ammunition Plant.

For the last eight decades, The Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP) and the great patriots of the Tri-Cities area have played a significant role in defending our homeland. The HSAAP was established in 1942 after Tennessee Eastman revolutionized the production of RDX at the Wexler Bend Pilot Plant. Due to their success, the US government would assign Holston the mammoth mission of mass producing Composition B.

As the Battle of the Atlantic was raging, The US military and its allies needed as much Composition B as they could get their hands on. This new war compound was needed due to previous munitions being too weak to penetrate U-Boat armor. No time could be wasted, as German U-boats were sinking the American merchant ships at the rate of five to six per day. Without hesitation, Holston operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week to meet its mission. Before mid-1943, one U-boat was lost for every 100,000 tons of shipping sunk; afterward, one U-boat was lost to 10,000 tons of shipping. This massive shift could not have occurred without the large-scale use of Torpex munitions.

The HSAAP's contribution to World War II is incalculable. Holston's mass production of Composition B saved countless American lives and helped end the war much sooner.

Except for a four-year standby period immediately following V-J Day, HSAAP has been in

continuous production since its initial construction in 1942 through 1944. From the Korean War to the campaign against ISIS, Holston has been relied on to supply the war effort.

Madam Speaker, The Holston Army Munitions Plant has dutifully served the American War effort. Without the blood, sweat, and tears of Holston workers, many of our battles could have ended differently.

#### HONORING RODNEY WELLS

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Rodney Wells, who has completed his Summer 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Rodney has proven to be a very capable young man and shows great promise for his future endeavors.

Rodney has assisted my office in various areas, including education policy, research, and constituent engagement. He has shown a great understanding of the legislative process and has demonstrated his ability to adapt and grasp various policy areas. Rodney has an excellent work ethic and excels in teamwork.

The son of Jocelyn and Rodney Wells, Sr., Rodney was raised in Jacksonville, Florida. A proud student at Florida State University, Rodney is motivated by a strong sense of social justice and politics. He has been appointed to the President's Council on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. He is also the Political Education Chair for the Black Student Union and Director of External Affairs for the Student Government Association.

Upon transitioning from his internship, Rodney plans to use the knowledge and experience gained in this internship to further his efforts around his commitment to fight and advocate for marginalized black communities.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rodney Wells for his accomplishments.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF GABRIEL BARNETT AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Gabriel Barnett for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Gabriel received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and began his career in public policy and advocacy on the Biden for President campaign as the Deputy Director for National Jewish Engagement. Gabriel first joined the Judiciary Committee as a Staff Assistant in June 2021, and in April 2022 was named Professional Staff Member to the full committee.

As Staff Assistant, Gabriel supported the full committee's senior staff and myself directly. A core part of my administrative team, Gabriel acted as assistant clerk for over 40 hearings

and 12 markups and oversaw the committee's internship program. When two full committee staff left their positions, Gabriel seamlessly assumed their duties in addition to his own and worked diligently to support the Staff Director and two Deputy Staff Directors for all of their research and administrative needs.

Recognized for his dedicated service, Gabriel was promoted to Professional Staff Member for the full committee. He prepared weekly memoranda for me for House committee leadership meetings and worked with our Member Services, Communications, and Digital Directors on highlighting committee accomplishments for the 117th Congress. In addition, because of his keen expertise in Israeli foreign policy and Jewish issues, Gabriel worked closely with my staff director to make policy recommendations and meet with key stakeholders in these issue areas. Gabriel was also a founding member of the committee's first diversity, equity, and inclusion working group to facilitate trainings, plan initiatives, enhance our recruitment, and be a resource to other staff on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Throughout all of his work, Gabriel brought his commitment to public policy, a tireless work ethic, and a devoted dedication to justice for all. Our Committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from his service.

While we are sad to see Gabriel go and he will certainly be missed, we are happy that he will continue to serve the public interest in his new role at the White House.

We thank Gabriel Barnett for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF MAYOR ANDY COOK

#### HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mayor Andy Cook of Westfield, Indiana.

After graduating from Northwestern High School near Kokomo, Mayor Cook earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and Environmental Health from Indiana University, Bloomington. After careers with the State Department of Health and the private sector, he joined his son in 1997 to develop Tradewinds, a transportation and logistics corporation headquartered in Westfield.

Since becoming Westfield's first mayor, after helping to transition the town into a city in 2008, Mayor Cook has overseen the transformation of Westfield into one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. Under the mayor's leadership, Westfield has attracted over \$1.5 billion in economic development, including capital investments by Abbott Labs, Aptiv, Bastian Solutions, Gordon Food Service, and more.

Mayor Cook spearheaded the development of Grand Park Sports Campus, which attracts 2.5 million visits each year and has served as a catalyst for the city's hospitality and tourism industry. Mayor Cook also encouraged the city's investment in Grand Junction Plaza, a public park and gathering space in downtown Westfield.

In recent years, Westfield has received numerous awards recognizing its high quality of life including being named a "Top Ten Best Small City" in the United States in 2022.

A business and family man, Mayor Cook and his wife of 40 years, Barbara, have three children and many grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Andy Cook for his 14 years of service as Mayor of Westfield, Indiana.

#### HONORING DAVID WORONOFF AS MOORE COUNTY MAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Woronoff as the recipient of the Moore County Man of the Year Award.

The Man of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. As president and publisher of The Pilot since 1996, Mr. Woronoff has expanded and transformed the newspaper from a community publication into a statewide media company with multiple regional publications. The Pilot has earned many accolades and honors under his direction, including multiple distinctions as the nation's best community newspaper and the N.C. Press Association's top general excellence award in a division of the largest community newspapers. He currently serves on the board of directors for UNC's School of Media and Journalism and the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. Perhaps most impressively, he was named the president of the North Carolina Press Association in 2010 and inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame in 2019.

In addition to this important work, Mr. Woronoff also worked as a reporter for Business North Carolina magazine before eventually becoming its director of business development. He currently serves on the board of directors for numerous associations and foundations across North Carolina, including the UNC Press Foundation and the Sandhills Community College Foundation. His previous leadership roles with the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, and The Moore County United Way are further examples of his work as an active leader in our community. In recognition of his successful and accomplished track record, he was awarded both the United Way of Moore County's Cornerstone Award in 2008 and the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills' Builders Cup Award in 2015.

Mr. Woronoff has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of the Moore County Man of the Year Award. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success as he continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. David Woronoff for his service to our community and being named the Moore County Man of the Year.

HONORING OFFICER JUAN  
ALTAMIRANO

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Juan Altamirano, an officer with the Lakeport Police Department. I have named Mr. Altamirano a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mr. Altamirano was born in Phoenix, Arizona and raised in Yuma. He joined the Lakeport Police Department (LPD) in December 2019 and has received both a Basic Police Academy certification and a Basic California Peace Officer Standards and Training Certificate. In addition to his service as a patrol officer at LPD, Mr. Altamirano has also served as their driving instructor and School Resource Officer.

In February 2021, Mr. Altamirano responded to a suspicious vehicle call after a pickup truck was found broken down on a busy roadway. When officers arrived on scene, they encountered a family that had all their possessions in the vehicle and no resources to fix or move it. Demonstrating incredible generosity, Mr. Altamirano used his own resources to have the vehicle towed to a safe location so that it would not be taken from the family. This remarkable act of kindness was not unprecedented for Mr. Altamirano, who had purchased food and water for a stranded elderly motorist just a few months prior. He has also helped raise funds for and performed in a recent Lake Family Resource Center play.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Altamirano is an exemplary civil servant whose repeated acts of compassion are emblematic of his commitment to community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING ROSE CECCHI

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Rose Cecchi, my intern who has completed her spring 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Rose has proven to be adaptable, quick witted, and dedicated.

Rose Cecchi is a rising senior at The Madeira School. She will attend college next year with the intention to study environmental science. During her time in this office, she spoke to constituents on a daily basis, corresponded with all democratic congressional offices, and attended briefings on various subjects. She has displayed a great work ethic and professionalism.

The daughter of Antonio Cecchi and Bobbi Jo Cecchi, Rose is from McLean, Virginia. She is the head of her school's Astronomy Club and will continue to lead it in her senior year. In her time as the head of the Astronomy Club, she organized events to stargaze and

learn about astronomy. She also completed an internship at Garfield Elementary School. In this internship, she was a teacher's aide for a third-grade class.

Upon transitioning from her internship, Rose will complete a hiking trip in Alaska to learn about nature restoration. She hopes to use the knowledge she gains on her trip when studying environmental science in college.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rose Cecchi for her present and future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
KNICKERBOCKER GREYS

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to The Knickerbocker Greys ("The Greys") for their commitment in supporting children across New York City. Through their afterschool program, The Greys have instilled our nation's youth with the values of leadership, responsibility, and citizenship.

The Greys are a 501(c)(3) charity and the oldest after-school program in the history of the United States. The organization is an institution within New York City, serving children ages 6 to 16. Cadets are afforded opportunities over the years to develop their character, confidence, perseverance, social skills, and problem solving in a fun and unique way.

The Greys were founded in 1881 and incorporated in 1897 in the State of New York by Mrs. Augusta Curtis, who began the organization in response to a lack of after-school programming. Mrs. Curtis wanted to encourage activity for her son and his peers. A year into the program, Mrs. Curtis formed the Board of Knickerbocker Greys, composed originally of fourteen mothers. To this day, the Greys are run by a board of parents who are responsible for everything concerning the program outside of the weekly classes and events. The current board members are Adrienne C. Rogatnick (President), Oscar Ancajima (Vice President), Charles Giovanni Vanzan Coutinho (Secretary), John G. Philips (Treasurer), and Stephanie Tomlin (President Emeritus).

Today, along with the Board, the Corps of Cadets' daily operations are run by Colonel David J. Menegon Commandant USAR (ret.) and Colonel Thomas F. Pike, Jr. USA Assistant Commandant, and the current Cadet Colonel. The organization is run entirely by volunteers who are dedicated to enriching the lives of New York school children.

The group's name was derived from the original uniform's knee-length pants that were known as "knickerbockers," and the color of the dress uniform, "Cadet Grey." Over 4,500 New Yorkers have been members of the Knickerbocker Greys Cadet Corps over the past 141 years, including Nelson and David Rockefeller; Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.; Pierpont Morgan Hamilton; Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr.; John Lindsay; Averell Harriman; and Lowell Thomas.

The Greys have shown their commitment to New York City's children from all backgrounds, and pride themselves on being representative

of the city's BIPOC communities, inclusive of children with disabilities, and accommodating of those with financial need. Cadets today receive leadership training and are given leadership opportunities as squad leaders, company commanders, and staff officers. Cadets develop skills to motivate others, practice empathy and patience, supervise junior cadets, and command a group of peers.

Cadets undergo a series of experiences over the years that foster confidence, character, etiquette and social skills, perseverance, enthusiasm, public speaking, and leadership. The focus of each weekly meeting is to instill in each child a sense of self-discipline, compassion, and orderliness. Members of the Greys also engage in a variety of activities including field trips to historical sites, color guards, veteran parades, and community events.

Today, the Greys are a part of living history and still proudly drill at the landmarked Park Avenue Seventh Regiment Armory ("The Park Avenue Armory"), as they have since 1902. Boys and girls from a diverse list of independent, magnet, parochial, and public schools located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and even Westchester County have been strengthened by their participation in the Grey's programming for decades and have emerged as young leaders throughout our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Knickerbocker Greys for its 141 years of service to New York City's most cherished, our children.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF MR. TOM WENNOGLE

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Tom Wennogle, the retiring president of Artazn, one of the most outstanding companies in Tennessee's First Congressional District. After fourteen years of distinguished service marked by innovation and growth, Artazn and its predecessor corporations have a long history of service to this country and to the Greeneville, Tennessee community. As the producer of high-quality blanks for the United States Mint for more than forty years, Artazn is the largest North American producer of solid zinc strip and zinc-based products for a broad range of applications, including automotive and electronic applications, building materials, and cathodic protection products. Artazn is also one of the world's leading coin blank manufacturers, with 300 billion coins released into circulation in more than 20 countries.

Focusing on revenue growth, and expertise in launching new products, exceptionally strong customer relationships and an aptitude for building cohesive teams best encapsulate his wide-ranging track record and success in the industrial sector. Throughout his career, he has acquired extensive experience in the North American, European, Asian, and South American markets. For ten years, Tom was an adjunct professor teaching Business Capstone at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. He has his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and

Business Administration from Merrimack College and his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Tom's legacy of community service is notable as well. He has provided leadership to Tusculum University as both Chairman of the

Board of Trustees and he has historically led company efforts to support Niswonger Children's Hospital, United Way, and the Greene County Food Bank.

Madam Speaker, Tom Wennogle has been a tremendous business leader in Greene County, Tennessee and has served numerous

businesses with a commitment to excellence and provided faithful service to the community and I proudly honor him and wish he and his wife, April, an enjoyable retirement.