

while also increasing participation in community-based crime deterrent programs. It strengthens neighborhood spirit and encourages law enforcement and community partnerships, sending the message that neighborhoods are organized and ready to fight back against crime.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the City of Converse for their leadership in supporting the National Night Out program. I encourage all Converse residents to join forces with the thousands of other communities across the county in promoting cooperative crime prevention; your support is vital in the fight against crime.

HONORING JIM McCULLEY

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jim McCulley of the U.S. Air Force who passed away this spring. Lieutenant Colonel McCulley was a decorated fighter pilot who flew over 100 combat missions in the Korean Conflict and was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, Jim returned home to Virginia where he continued his life of service to his country, this time working as an engineer supporting the Gemini and Apollo space programs.

In his tireless service to our nation Jim McCulley was, and is, an American hero. He has been a valuable member of our 5th District community and we miss him greatly. It is my hope that we here in this chamber remember his work, his legacy, and his service.

RECOGNIZING THE VISIT OF THE REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN MEMORIAL IN MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor today to recognize the visit of the Remembering Our Fallen memorial in Menominee, Michigan.

First created in 2010, Remembering Our Fallen is a photographic war memorial honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation following the September 11th attacks. Unlike other brick and marble memorials, Remembering Our Fallen was designed to travel throughout the country and features military and personal photos of those who we have lost. Its efforts ensure that the men and women who have died in service will forever be remembered by Americans everywhere.

Efforts to host the Remembering Our Fallen memorial in Michigan's First District were spearheaded by the Menominee Disabled American Veterans chapter. The memorial will be set up at the Veterans Memorial Park in Menominee from August 23rd through the 26th.

We owe the men and women featured in the Remembering Our Fallen memorial a debt which can never be repaid. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the lives of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom as the Upper Peninsula hosts the Remembering Our Fallen memorial.

COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GERRY RODEO

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the seventy-fifth annual Gerry Rodeo.

The village of Gerry in western New York is the proud home of the oldest consecutive rodeo east of the Mississippi. Each year approximately seven thousand fans, and two hundred and fifty cowboys and cowgirls travel to Gerry, NY to enjoy the competition. For four days the quiet village of Gerry becomes "The Rodeo Capital of the East".

The Gerry Rodeo began in 1945, when a former working cowboy named Jack Cox moved from the West to Gerry and suggested a rodeo as a way of fundraising for the newly formed fire department. In seventy days fire department members and volunteers transformed four acres of swampland into an arena and parking lot, borrowing bleachers from local schools and renting portable lights.

From the very beginning, the Gerry Fire Department wanted to ensure their rodeo was a top-notch competition and for that reason, they have always ensured their rodeo is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association. Today, the competition consists of the same competitive events as the first Rodeo seventy-five years ago: bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and cowgirls' barrel racing.

Seventy-five years of community tradition is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Gerry Rodeo on this impressive milestone and look forward to many more rodeos in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the seventy-fifth annual Gerry Rodeo.

RECOGNIZING THE 173RD QUARTERMASTER SERVICE COMPANY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military service of the 173rd Quartermaster Service Company of the United States Army.

On August 9, 2019, the 173rd Quartermaster Service Company is celebrating the

50th anniversary of their safe return from Vietnam in Greenwood, MS. These brave veterans arrived in Da Nang, Vietnam on September 30, 1968. The unit was headquartered both at the Gia Le Combat Base and the Phu Bai military complex. During their tour, the unit received campaign participation credits for Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI; TET 69 Counteroffensive; and Vietnam Summer-Fall 69. On August 5, 1969, the 173rd Quartermaster Service Company returned home to the United States.

I thank these veterans for their service to our great nation and the state of Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING MR. AND MRS. JOHN BRADY

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady of Lake Geneva. John and Toni are visiting Washington, D.C. to celebrate this special occasion. John is a retired U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran.

Toni and John's life long commitment to each other is admirable. As John and Toni celebrate their 52nd anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger; as they continue to love and honor one another for years to come.

As John's love for his wife is evident, so is his love of country. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank John for his service to our country. John, Toni, and their family made many sacrifices for our freedoms. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their selflessness.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating John and Toni on their anniversary and wish them nothing but the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF LONNIE NICHOLSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lonnie Nicholson on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Nicholson currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of EECU Credit Union, located in Fort Worth, Texas. He has 36 years of experience in the credit union industry, including serving as President and CEO of EECU since April of 2006. During his tenure as CEO, EECU has quadrupled in size while maintaining a strong financial position. Mr. Nicholson is a dedicated leader in the credit union community and has served in numerous volunteer positions. He also currently serves as Chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Board.

Mr. Nicholson has a deep understanding of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit

unions across the county. His expertise and years of experience will benefit the NAFCU Board and local credit unions for years to come.

I congratulate Lonnie Nicholson on this achievement and wish him success in his new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors.

RECOGNIZING SMOKEY BEAR'S
75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the 75th birthday of Smokey Bear. Through his dedication to responsible outdoor recreation, public safety, and environmental conservation, Smokey has become an indispensable part of our nation.

The state of Michigan is home to some of the most pristine forests in the country—attracting visitors from around the world and providing Michiganders with a quality of life that is second to none. However, something as simple as a cigarette butt or unattended campfire could spark a disastrous fire in the right conditions, making our precious lands susceptible to unimaginable damage. Since 1942, the U.S. Forest Service has used Smokey Bear, the beloved hat-clad grizzly, to educate Americans on the importance of responsible fire practices.

With our ongoing struggle against devastating wildfires, Smokey's mission is as important today as it has ever been. Between the Hiawatha, Ottawa, and Huron-Manistee National Forests, Michigan's First District is home to nearly three million acres of National Forests. We in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula understand the importance of safe and responsible outdoor recreation. Smokey Bear continues to play a critical role in our efforts to promote access to the outdoors while protecting the health and beauty of these natural treasures. I'm grateful for Smokey Bear's and the U.S. Forest Service's 75 years of advocacy and work to ensure future generations can enjoy the same natural beauty we so deeply treasure. Smokey's birthday will be celebrated on August 9th at Straits State Park in St. Ignace, overlooking the Straits of Mackinac and the Mighty Mac bridge.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to celebrate Smokey Bear's 75 years of education, public safety, and conservation. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him and the U.S. Forest Service all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING J.V. FLUEHR

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize J.V. Fluehr, an outstanding citizen from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, who recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

J.V. is committed to service to our community. For his Eagle Scout project, Jack beau-

tified the property of the nonprofit organization Shamrock Reins. J.V. is dedicated to ensuring our veterans are properly honored upon their return home.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District, I congratulate J.V. on his achievement.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT E. COLTER
AND CATHERINE STROMDAHL
COLTER

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert E. Colter and Catherine Stromdahl Colter of East Alton, Illinois for celebrating their 102nd and 100th birthdays, respectively. Robert, born on August 3, 1917 in Titusville, Pennsylvania and Catherine, born on July 27, 1919, were married in Catherine's hometown of Warren, Pennsylvania on March 21, 1942. This year, Robert and Catherine also celebrated their seventy-seventh wedding anniversary.

Robert and Catherine moved to East Alton, Illinois in 1962, where they continue to reside in the same home today. When they are not spending time with their children and many grandchildren, Robert and Catherine dedicate their time giving back to their community. As members of East Alton First United Methodist Church for over 50 years, the Colters have made a lasting impact on countless people. Their commitment to each other and the betterment of their community is truly inspiring.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Robert E. Colter and Mrs. Catherine Stromdahl Colter for their many years together and their contributions to Southern Illinois.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS ELLIOTT J. ROBBINS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Elliott J. Robbins died on June 30, 2019, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, while conducting operations in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. SFC Robbins was born in San Diego, California on August 18, 1987, and spent most of his life in North Ogden, Utah. He was 31 years of age.

SFC Robbins joined the Army in June 2006, and after years of training completed the Special Forces Qualification course in 2016 and was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado. SFC Robbins was part of a unique brand of our nation's elite warrior class called the Green Berets. The Green Beret motto is "De Oppresso Liber"—to free the oppressed. He was assigned as a Medical Sergeant with the 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Robbins deployed three times in support of the United States: first to Iraq in 2007, then to Afghanistan in 2017 and again in January 2019. His third and last tour would have been over only three weeks after Robbins passed away.

SFC Robbins' decorations and awards are too numerous to list here, but include: the Army Commendation Medal with Combat Device and one Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, and the Parachutist Badge, to name a few.

SFC Robbins' service epitomized the best of the American soul: courageous and selfless. He was buried with full military honors on July 19, 2019. Our hearts go out to his family and friends, especially the bereaved wife and infant son of this great patriot.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN WIELAND

HON. ROB WOODALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a fantastic member of the metro Atlanta community, Mr. John Wieland, who founded John Wieland Homes and Neighborhoods in 1970. In his first year as a home builder, working out of his Volkswagen, he built 20 homes! Fast forward nearly 50 years and more than 30,000 satisfied homeowners later, he has established himself as one of the Southeast's leading builders of semi-custom homes.

Mr. Wieland is a past president of both the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association and the Home Builders Association of Georgia, and he is a Senior Life Director of the National Association of Home Builders. In 1991, Mr. Wieland was awarded the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association's Lewis Cenko Award for lifetime achievement and is a member of the Home Builders Association of Georgia's Hall of Fame.

And the accolades don't stop there. Mr. Wieland has been named National Builder of the Year by Professional Builder Magazine, America's Best Builder in 2005 by Builder Magazine, and his company won J.D. Power and Associates award for Highest Ranked Quality Among New Home Builders in Atlanta for three years running.

In addition to his success in the home building industry, Mr. Wieland has proven time and again his success as a member of our community through his stewardship of others. He served as the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and is a past Chair of the Advisory Council for Emory University's Center for Ethics. He also served as the Director of the High Museum of Art for three years beginning in 1998.

Mr. Wieland is a graduate of both Amherst College and the Harvard Business School, and he received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Amherst College. Additionally, he is an elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., where he ministers to our community every day.

On behalf of all those touched by John's dedication and service, I want to say thank you, and I wish him the best of luck in the future.