

Minnesotans every day, and helped secure the livelihoods of countless men and women in our community.

I congratulate Patricia on her retirement. I wish her nothing but the best of luck in her next chapter.

RECOGNIZING ALEXIS AYANO
TERAI

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my great appreciation for Alexis Ayano Teraï, who over the past five years has served as Manager of the Congressional Study Group on Japan.

Through her hard work and dedication, Alexis has enriched our nation's relationship with this most critical and important ally.

The Congressional Study Groups are the premier international projects administered by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

They are also one of the most active and substantive bipartisan exchanges involving the U.S. Congress and the legislative branches of allied countries.

Alexis has been an integral part of the Study Group's outstanding success and her kindness to others and commitment to her job have been exemplary.

She has worked tirelessly to help build and foster the Congressional Study Group on Japan and strengthen the U.S.-Japan alliance and partnership by creating opportunities for Members and Congressional staff to exchange views with their Japanese counterparts both in the U.S. and Japan.

Among her many accomplishments, Alexis helped to develop a myriad of programs focused on the bilateral relationship with Japan and the broader Asia region.

As Co-chair of the Congressional Study Group on Japan, I've had the pleasure of working with Alexis over the last five years. And I know I speak for all of my colleagues in the group when I say that Alexis will be missed.

As Alexis pursues her Master's Degree in Asian Studies at Georgetown University, we wish her much success and happiness on this new path.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
UNITED STATES PROBATION OF-
FICER BEN BERRY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Officer Ben Berry, who retired in April after more than 20 years with the U.S. Probation Office. Throughout his career, Officer Berry demonstrated a profound commitment to public safety and the improvement of the U.S. Probation Office.

At the beginning of his career in law enforcement, Officer Berry served as a United States Army Officer, Probation Officer for the

State of Florida, and a Federal Probation Officer for the Northern District of Florida. In 1999, Officer Berry moved to Central New York where he took a job working as a U.S. Probation Officer in Northern District of New York, Syracuse office. Working his way up the ranks, he held the position of Senior U.S. Probation Officer Sentencing Guidelines Specialist and was later promoted to Supervising U.S. Probation Officer, where he oversaw the Investigations Unit. A proficient marksman, he also served as the Lead Firearms Instructor. In this role, he trained and certified officers in the use of firearms, and helped develop and improve the firearms training program.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the career of Officer Ben Berry. As a dedicated public servant and a leader in the U.S. Probation Office, I wish Officer Berry the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR TIM-
OTHY HANNA'S 24 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timothy Hanna and his 24 years of service as the Mayor of Appleton, Wisconsin. After being elected mayor of his hometown in 1996, Mr. Hanna retired this year as the longest-serving mayor in the city's history, leaving behind a legacy that makes Appleton the beautiful city it is today.

During his time as mayor, Mr. Hanna spearheaded projects like the construction of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center and the Fox Cities Exhibition Center, redeveloping Appleton's downtown area. While these projects invigorated the local economy, Mr. Hanna cites establishing programs of diversity and inclusion as his greatest accomplishment in office.

In one of his first initiatives as mayor, Mr. Hanna pursued intercultural relations reform in Appleton. In October 1997, Mayor Hanna created Appleton's Diversity and Intercultural Center, hiring the first-ever Intercultural Relations Coordinator. Since then, the Intercultural Relations Coordinator has bridged the racial and social divides between the various communities within Appleton to create a stronger, unified city.

Mr. Hanna led Appleton through the tragic September 11th terrorist attacks, the city's recovery from the Great Recession, and the initial response to the coronavirus pandemic. His strong leadership and commitment to the people of Appleton helped them persevere through these crises. Mr. Hanna instilled confidence, provided guidance, and inspired his citizens to thrive both in times of hardship and prosperity.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in recognizing Timothy Hanna for his service as mayor. His selfless leadership and commitment to the development of Appleton serves as an example for every public servant.

HONORING SPEAKER MIKE TURZAI

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Mike Turzai, who has devoted decades of service to our Commonwealth and our Nation. Since taking office in 2001, Speaker Turzai has championed our American values and defended our Constitutional rights.

During Speaker Turzai's tenure in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, he has worked hard to achieve important policy wins—such as creating jobs, supporting our small businesses, improving workforce development, expanding choice in education, reforming the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board system, and reducing burdensome regulations. Speaker Turzai was a consistent champion of fiscal conservatism; he opposed tax increases and the midnight pay increase. Additionally, he has led the Chamber's pro-life agenda to defend the dignity of life. Before becoming the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, he served in a number of leadership roles in the chamber and propelled commonsense, conservative policy forward.

A lifelong Pennsylvanian, Speaker Turzai was raised in Moon Township and graduated from Our Lady of Sacred Heart High School. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame before earning his Juris Doctor from Duke University. In addition to his official work, Speaker Turzai has a long record of leadership in his community. He and his wife Lidia live in the North Hills of Pittsburgh with their three sons, Andrew, Stephen, and Matthew.

Upon Speaker Turzai's retirement from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I thank him for his commitment and service to our Commonwealth. He represented the values of his constituents well. As the Turzai family begins a new chapter, I wish them every continued success.

HONORING BILL SITES, THIRTY-
SEVEN DEDICATED YEARS WITH
THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Commander Bill Sites of Waconia, Minnesota on his retirement after 37 dedicated years of service. Bill served in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Corps for 23 years, and accepted a civil position with the National Weather Service that brought him and his family to Minnesota.

Bill graduated from NOAA Basic Officer Training Class in December 1982. From 1983 to 2005, Bill was stationed across the country with assignments ranging from Norfolk, Virginia to Seattle, Washington. Bill served NOAA's primary functions of monitoring oceanic and atmospheric conditions and supporting major waterways. One of Bill's most