

and what a glorious and memorable day to witness. Plate was appointed Vice Admiral by President Nixon in July 1972. He retired as a Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Command and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet in August 1975.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Rear Adm. Plate was married to Peggy Deane Plate for 61 years and has two children. When he is not enjoying the local life of the Lowcountry, he has been very involved in many civic committees and boards.

Mr. Plate has lived an incredibly rich life that has spanned an entire century. On behalf of South Carolina's First Congressional District, I extend a happy birthday and wish many blessings to Rear Admiral Douglas C. Plate on his 100th Birthday.

HONORING SARA MANISCALCO
ROBINSON AS IOWAN OF THE
WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, as we near Independence Day, I am reflecting on all of the selfless contributions and sacrifices our servicemembers have made for our country since July 4, 1776. That is why today, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sara Maniscalco Robinson, the Executive Director and Founder of Iowa Veterans' Perspective, as our Iowan of the Week.

Veterans' Perspective is a nonprofit Sara launched to help preserve our nation's history through the stories of our hometown heroes through veteran interviews. Without Veterans' Perspectives there to capture the memories and experiences of our veterans, who knows how many valuable stories of courage and heroism might have been lost to history. They capture these stories to ensure they are preserved for future generations, all—thanks to the work of one selfless Iowa veteran.

Sara's passion and vision in creating Veterans' Perspective comes from the experiences in her own life. She attended Boone High School and was active in its student newspaper. Right after graduation, Sara joined the National Guard and began a military career in public affairs and journalism with the reserves. 1st Sergeant Maniscalco Robinson served more than 20 years, including two deployments and travel to locations including Kosovo and El Salvador, and completed with honor and distinction.

In 2007, Sara began volunteering some of her time to conduct interviews of Iowa veterans for Iowa's Gold Star Museum. Her journalistic instincts and service record allowed Sara to speak freely and frankly with veterans about some of the most challenging moments of their service, collecting their experiences so that civilians and the general public could better understand the service and sacrifice these servicemembers have given to our country. She interviewed Iowa veterans about their experiences in Vietnamese POW camps, the brutal tours of the Korean War, and the everyday heroism as told-by Iowa's World War II veterans. What began as a volunteering opportunity for Sara turned into a mission to cap-

ture and preserve these remarkable stories before we lose the voices of those who carry them.

Sara herself highlighted one veteran story that stands out among the many she has heard, the one that she credits for inspiring her journey into creating Veterans' Perspective. Larry Spenser was a POW in Vietnam, captured and imprisoned at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" for 7 years. Larry had no access to the outside world—he didn't know what day, time, month, or even year it was. In his interview with Sara, he explained that in their custody, the prisoners of war fell into two camps: those who believed that they would never escape, and those who believed that every single day was the day they would escape. In the former, Larry explained, you were right every day but one—but the latter, you were wrong every single day, save one. Stories like these, stories of trial, turmoil, and tenacity, are preserved thanks to the work of Sara and her team.

After 10 years as a volunteer at the Iowa Gold Star Museum, Sara founded Iowa Veterans' Perspective in 2017 to continue sharing the stories of veterans online for everyone to see. It is because of Sara's continued service to her state and country that thousands of veterans' voices live on, preserved for future generations to better understand the cost of freedom.

On Independence Day, we celebrate our great nation and the veterans whose sacrifices have preserved it in the face of great challenges. On this Fourth of July, as we think of our nation's history and those veterans who have played a critical role in shaping our shared future, we have ways of hearing their stories and remembering those sacrifices because of the selfless work everyday heroes like Sara have done to keep it for us. It is my honor to recognize 1st Sergeant Sara Maniscalco Robinson as this week's Iowan of the Week.

CONGRATULATING THE DAVIS
FAMILY

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Davis family for being named Greene County's Farm Family of the Year for 2020. All winners of the Farm family of the Year program are judged on their farm production, efficiency, management, family life and their rural and community involvement. Farm families work tirelessly to provide for themselves and for the American people, and the impact they have on their communities, on the state of Arkansas in its entirety, and on the economy is immeasurable. The Davis family has worked tirelessly to deserve this honor. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them a congratulations.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF PRESIDENT ALISA WHITE OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Alisa White of Austin Peay State University for her distinguished leadership in service to Tennesseans.

President White was inaugurated as APSU's tenth president on June 30, 2014, due to her dedication to educating students and her exceptional skills as a leader. Since her inauguration, President White has led the University to an increase in the quality of academic programs, breaking multiple enrollment records and topping 11,000 students in the Fall 2019 semester.

Because of her strong commitment to excellence, President White's initiatives have experienced extraordinary success, with state-of-the-art expansions to the campus and the introduction of new academic programs, including the University's first doctoral programs and Tennessee's first bachelor's program in Aviation Science. The culture of success that she has bred on campus led to the football team winning its first Ohio Valley Conference title since 1977 and the men's basketball team ranking in the national NCAA tournament, along with several other OVC championships across the athletic department.

President White was also successful in transitioning governance of the University to an institutional Board of Trustees, thereby creating the avenue for success that the University has experienced. She has also set all-time records for total fundraising for the last three years and earned state and national attention for innovative partnerships. However, not only has she raised the standard for education in Tennessee, President White has proven herself a leader during the COVID-19 pandemic, spearheading a state-wide effort to produce face shields in support of medical workers.

President White is a strong leader with a commitment to service that exemplifies the American spirit. As individuals across the nation seek innovative leaders to aspire toward, President White is an excellent model. On behalf of the United State Congress, I wish to commend President White for her innovative leadership and service to the city of Clarksville; the University, and Tennesseans everywhere.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RICHARD
WILLIAMS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Richard S. Williams, MD, MPH for his service to the Commonwealth of Virginia during the COVID-19 outbreak and response. Dr. Williams is the District Director of the Three Rivers Health District and Acting District Director of the Eastern Shore Health District for Virginia Department