

IN RECOGNITION OF GABRIELLA
MAYREND FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabriella Mayrend of Ypsilanti for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. A freshman at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, Miss Mayrend of Troop 439G, is the first female Eagle Scout from the Huron Trails District based in Washtenaw County and is a member of the inaugural female Eagle Scout class.

Miss Mayrend was inspired to join Scouts BSA because of her love of adventure and the outdoors. Since then she has earned an impressive forty-one merit badges while serving as a leader in her all-female troop. Since 1910, Scouts BSA has taught members the fundamentals of becoming a responsible citizen who makes moral and ethical choices in their lives. Eagle Scouts are leaders in every sense of the word, and Gabriella is no different. Miss Mayrend is the newest Eagle Scout in her family and is upholding the legacy that began with her great-grandfather.

Her project, entitled Faholo Fire was completed at Camp Faholo in Grass Lake, a local camp that requested her assistance in rebuilding their four firepits. She repaired the decaying firepits and constructed twenty new benches and handcrafted four new firewood storage boxes. Additionally, she cleaned and repainted the camp's existing benches and upgraded them to a new set of swinging benches.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Gabriella Mayrend for becoming the first female in the Huron Trails District to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. We are grateful for her service and dedication to the Washtenaw County community.

THANKING THE SHERRARD HIGH
SCHOOL FFA FOR DONATING
PRODUCE TO LOCAL FOOD PAN-
TRIES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the Sherrard High School FFA for donating over 2,766 pounds of homegrown produce to local food pantries in Sherrard and Milan, Illinois.

The Sherrard FFA manages a garden used to grow produce for local food pantries to help those with food insecurity. Students drive the produce to local food banks to donate to those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has created heightened food insecurity in our communities and around the country. The Sherrard FFA provides a much-needed service to the local community. I commend the efforts of the Sherrard FFA, and I am proud of the selfless work they are doing to feed the hungry.

It is because of community leaders such as the Sherrard FFA that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally thank the Sherrard FFA for donating freshly grown produce to local food pantries, helping to alleviate the insecurities families in our district face today.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF ST. JAMES WINERY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hofherr family on the 50th anniversary of St. James Winery. Since James and Patricia Hofherr first opened their business in 1970, St. James Winery has rejuvenated the local Italian wine culture in the St. James area. The Hofherr's chose this area because of its deep heritage of grape growing and winemaking. This tradition dates to 1898 when local Italian immigrants established the first vineyards in the region. With such productive Missouri soil and favorable weather patterns for grape growing, this Mid-Missouri location was nothing shy of an excellent choice to begin St. James Winery.

In the first year, the winery produced 3,000 cases of wine, and 50 years later, it produces nearly 250,000 cases each year. St. James Winery now has five vineyards, totaling 185 acres, and the winery sees almost 125,000 visitors annually. Located along Old Route 66, St. James Winery brings tourists from all over the world to Mid-Missouri. The winery is also one of the most awarded wineries in the entire United States.

Today, St. James Winery is being operated by the second generation of the Hofherr family and will see the third generation joining in the summer of 2021. For 50 years of excellent service to people across this nation, as well as across the world, it is my honor to congratulate St. James Winery.

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING THE
VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the Virginia National Guard for their outstanding work during and after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. These men and women honored the call of our country, forsaking precious time with their families, to serve and maintain our democracy.

Virginia's National Guard provided a sorely needed response on January 6, with the Quick Reaction Force out of Manassas arriving within 12 hours of receiving D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's request for assistance. In the following days, thousands of citizen-soldiers from across our great Commonwealth deployed to defend our nation's capital. These individuals made tremendous sacrifices to uproot their lives in the defense of democracy; within a matter of days, and in some cases even hours, members of the Virginia National Guard took leave from their regular jobs and de-

ployed to Washington, D.C. without knowing when they would return home. I am especially proud of the men and women from across the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia who served, including BTroop, 2nd Squadron—183 Calvary Regiment from Suffolk, VA, 1710th Transportation Company from Emporia, VA, and 276th Engineer Battalion from Petersburg, VA.

These brave individuals remained dedicated to the mission for weeks at a time, despite the U.S. Capitol not offering the level of hospitality our heroes deserve. While in the city, they persevered while sleeping on cold floors, being shunted disrespectfully into parking garages, and lacking access to quality food. When I had the opportunity to meet with our Virginia National Guard while attending the inauguration, I was struck by how they maintained their cheerful spirit despite these challenging and weighty responsibilities. This is a testament to their true character as Virginians, who are called to service regardless of the conditions and the mission given to them. The Virginia National Guard provided crucial support for the preservation of our democracy. Due to the sacrifices of thousands of our Commonwealth's brave soldiers and airmen, in coordination with other State National Guard units from across our nation, we were able to inaugurate President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Vice President Kamala D. Harris on the same hallowed grounds where a violent mob sought to overturn the certification of our national election just two weeks prior.

Time and again, "The Commonwealths Guardians" have served Virginia and the United States of America and will continue to do so when called upon. The actions of our Commonwealth's brave citizen-soldiers demonstrate the indomitable fortitude of the Virginia National Guard.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring the brave members of the Virginia National Guard who answered the call to service in defense of our nation's capital to ensure the preservation of our cherished democracy.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA PAROLE AND SU-
PERVISED RELEASE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the District of Columbia Parole and Supervised Release Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to make parole and supervised release determinations for D.C. Code offenders beginning on November 1, 2022.

Currently, the U.S. Parole Commission (Commission) makes these determinations for D.C. Code offenders. This bill would give D.C. the same authority over parole and supervised release determinations for D.C. Code offenders that the Commission has today. The District has asked to have this authority for its own local offenders. D.C. would have the same authority the states possess over their own local offenders on these matters, including the authority to devise an adjudication system as it sees fit.