an early age while working for his family's landscaping company. He would go on to serve as Assistant to the City Manager in my hometown of Laredo, Texas and as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Clinton Administration. He then returned home to San Antonio where he would be elected to the City Council and eventually take the reins at the local Chamber.

Under Mr. Perez's tenure, the Chamber successfully advocated for the establishment of Texas A&M University—San Antonio and passage of the Vista Ridge Pipeline project. Mr. Perez also oversaw the design and implementation of a new governance structure and strategic plan for the Chamber. During the COVID–19 pandemic, the Chamber was not only a powerful advocate for the interests of local businesses, but also a critical resource for businessowners trying to make sense of the new pandemic relief programs established by Congress.

With more than 1,650 members, Mr. Perez has harnessed the power of San Antonio's business community to make the city a friendlier place for entrepreneurs and employers. He has been a tireless advocate for the San Antonio business community, and I have greatly enjoyed working with him over the years.

Once again, I would like to recognize all that Mr. Perez has contributed to the Chamber, to the City of San Antonio, and to the State of Texas. I congratulate him on his work over the past 15 years, and I look forward to seeing what the next chapter of his life holds.

HONORING CAPTAIN JEDD DILLMAN UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Captain Jedd Dillman of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Captain Jedd Dillman epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Captain Jedd Dillman of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

REPUBLICAN REPEAL OF NEW IRS AGENTS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, sadly in August, the Democrats passed the irresponsible $740 billion Inflation 'Expansion' Act.

According to the Congressional Budget Office this reckless legislation, now signed into law by Biden, will actually increase the deficit by $60 billion through 2026—putting more strain on the budgets of American families.

In addition to a long list of unnecessary and costly actions planned, such as tax increases on corporations and some $350 billion creating dependency on Chinese batteries the law wastes $80 billion for the IRS hiring of an additional 87,000 more agents, increasing audits targeting families and businesses.

Voters have elected a House Republican majority to fight inflation with fiscal sanity and repealing this IRS hiring is a high priority.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

As we remember the attack of December 7th, we will always remember the attack of September 11th to support peace through strength.

DANIELLE RADOVICH PIPER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the public service of my Chief of Staff, Danielle Radovich Piper.

Danielle has served as my trusted adviser for more than two decades. She managed my first campaign for Congress in 2006 out of a former veterinarian's office in Golden and has been by my side ever since as my Chief of Staff. Together, we've served Colorado's 7th Congressional District for the last 16 years. Danielle expertly managed our team of dedicated public servants. She ensured a dual focus for our office on advancing legislation which would benefit the hard-working people of Colorado while simultaneously providing excellent constituent services. Danielle is a brilliant strategist and communicator. This has served us well during difficult times including natural disasters and devastating crises in our community. She is highly respected by her peers in both Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Danielle graduated from Colorado State University with a major in Political Science and a minor in Spanish. Before serving as my Chief of Staff, Danielle was Chief of Staff for the Senate Majority in the Colorado General Assembly. She has been appointed to several state-level entities, including the Supreme Court Nominating Commission and the Census Outreach Grant Committee.

Danielle has done this all while raising two boys, Aiden who attends Golden High School and Liam who attends Manning Middle School, with her husband Chris. Danielle is a tremendous role model with a strong moral compass who checks every line of the Code of the West, especially "Always finish what you start," "Know where to draw the line," "Be tough, but fair," and "When you make a promise, keep it." Danielle's leadership and commitment to our community is remarkable and it is impossible to count the ways her work has impacted the State of Colorado. I am proud to see Danielle continue her public service next year at my alma mater, the University of Colorado, as the Senior Vice President for External Relations and Strategy.

On behalf of our friends, neighbors, and constituents from Colorado's 7th Congressional District and the entire Congress, I want to express sincere appreciation for the career and public service of my colleague and friend, Danielle Radovich Piper.

HONORING CAPTAIN DAVID STUPPY UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Captain David Stuppy of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

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