distribute it home grown in Arkansas across the United States.

I recently led a delegation to meet with leaders in Japan, where our members had the opportunity to present Arkansas brewed Sake to former Prime Minister Suga and Deputy Cabinet Secretary Seiji, along with key members of the Japanese Diet. We also entertained our great Ambassador, Ron Emmanuel, with his own taste of 1000 crane sake brewed in Arkansas.

I applaud Ben and Matt for their originality, their entrepreneurship, and I commend them for leading in America in the brewing of sake.

RECOGNIZING RENEE DONALDSON AS THE MARCH CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Renee Donaldson as my March Constituent of the Month.

Renee Donaldson is the CEO of EcoDirect, a local Carlsbad company that is helping our local economy transition to clean energy by designing and distributing clean energy solutions for residential, commercial, and independent battery-based applications.

Renee has over a decade of experience in the renewable energy industry. She is passionate about educating people about the benefits of renewable energy and works tirelessly to promote sustainable practices in our community.

Renee is an amazing example of a business owner working to ensure a clean energy future. Her work with EcoDirect has helped many in our region transition to clean energy, and I have no doubt her work will continue to make a difference in our region.

In honor of Women's History Month, I want to recognize that Renee is a strong example of one of the many women across the country working to transition us to a clean energy economy. Her work and leadership are admirable and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. Her passion, work, and commitment to teach the next generation of leaders about clean energy is why I'm proud to honor Renee Donaldson as my March Constituent of the Month.

HONORING THE BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Binghamton University Men's Hockey Team on winning the DII AAU College National Championship.

Binghamton University won with a commanding 6–3 victory over Fairfield University. This capped off an astonishing season in which Binghamton finished with a 23–5–1 overall record and a perfect record in the national tournament.

These young men have dedicated countless hours to their sport while balancing a rigorous academic schedule with grueling practices and games. Making this championship even more special, the team bounced back after sustaining several injuries last year.

This is a moment that this team and our community will remember for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the Binghamton University Men's Hockey Team on this well-earned title. Congratulations to the National Champions.

PAUL BROWNING RETIREMENT

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paul Browning, the assistant fire chief of the city of Morrilton, Arkansas.

Paul recently announced his retirement after three decades of service with the Morrilton Department.

Just before his departure, Paul was given the opportunity to present the department's newest captain with his captain's badge.

The recipient? His son, Joseph Browning, who'd been with the department fifteen years.

Paul presented Joseph with his original captain's badge as a token of his promotion.

I congratulate Joseph on his promotion, and Paul on his retirement.

I thank them both for their dedication and service to the Morrilton community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FOOD AND FARM ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Food and Farm Act. This legislation is a holistic vision for a better Farm Bill that focuses resources on those who need them most, fosters innovation, encourages investment in people and the planet, and ensures access to healthy foods.

The Food and Farm Act reforms the federal farm safety net so that it stops giving too much to the wrong people to grow the wrong things in the wrong places. Federally backed crop and commodity insurance wastes taxpayer dollars by giving big agribusiness massive subsidies while small farmers and ranchers are left to struggle.

These subsidies are highly targeted to six commodity crops that receive 94 percent of all subsidies, disadvantaging diversified farms and nurseries that grow the food we actually eat. In my home state of Oregon, known for its agricultural bounty, nearly 9 in 10 farmers receive no subsidies from the federal government.

Agriculture accounts for more than 10 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, yet the Farm Bill has historically been a failed opportunity to promote climate resilience. Federal dollars should come with conservation requirements that lead to better water quality, reduced soil erosion, more vegetation buffers, cover cropping practices, and supporting pollinator habitats.

Making these upstream to changes to what we grow would result in countless downstream nutrition and health benefits. Food assistance programs should expand access to healthy foods, whether it's in a grocery school, farmers market or school lunch.

The last few years underscored the need for strong local food systems that are insulated from international markets and supply chain shocks. We should be growing the food we need to nourish our population here at home, and supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers who want to do just that.

I look forward to crafting a better food and farm policy this year that supports small and mid-size farmers and ranchers, protects our environment, and promotes access to healthy food.

UKRAINE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, one year into Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, the Ukrainians valiant defense has resulted in tens of thousands of casualties for the Russians.

What the Russians believed would be a victory in a matter of days or weeks has turned into now over just a year, bloody slog.

The Russian Bear has turned out to be a Paper Tiger on the fields of Ukraine.

The United States must remain committed as a partner with Ukraine to achieve victory.

Victory, Mr. Speaker, or Putin and his allied nations will attack the Baltic states or take Moldova or try to control the Black Sea.

Turkey, devastated by Erdogan's economics and the recent earthquake will now face a stark choice of remaining in NATO or becoming a Putin puppet, were Putin successful in Ukraine.

Victory—or China will green light a fully nuclear madman in North Korea and attempt a blockade of Taiwan.

In order to achieve that victory, President Biden must get the rest of the world even more engaged.

In December, members of this body were briefed by the departments of State and Treasury, and I recently wrote Secretary Blinken and Secretary Yellen in follow up regarding the funding strategy for supporting Ukraine humanitarily, in defense and military means, and in their monthly costs.

I raised two principal points.

First, in my view, Congress does not have the full financial overview of contributions being made by our allies and partners on behalf of Ukraine in a straightforward and simple manner available to all members.

They don't paint a complete picture.

As a new member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I look forward to hearing from State and USAID and the Defense Department in the near future on what they have been doing to track our funding in Ukraine and explain it in thorough detail to the Congress.

Second, I raised the successful 1990–1991 partnership between Secretary of State James Baker and Secretary of Treasury Nicholas Brady in developing an active solicitation of major countries from around the world to fund

the U.S. enforcement of the United Nations Security Council Resolution authorizing use of force to liberate Kuwait from Iraq's illegal invasion of their sovereign territory.

The result was that the United States received contributions from around the world of some $53 billion against an estimated total cost to eject Saddam Hussein from Kuwait of $60 billion.

While some of those contributions were in the form of in-kind material support, more than 90 percent was paid in cash.

The United States must more strongly engage our allies to share a greater financial burden for that military, humanitarian, and financial budget support for the government of Ukraine.

On February 20th, Japan pledged $5.5 billion in additional aid to Ukraine.

This is on top of the $1.3 billion in financial and humanitarian assistance it had already pledged.

This is a recent example of precisely what I believe the U.S. government should be achieving in a more aggressive and effective manner.

The worldwide response in support of Ukraine has been remarkable, but I believe that significantly more can be done to help Ukraine if additional countries provide more material and financial support—in Europe and beyond.

The U.S. military has a unique and important role in equipping, training, and providing related military materials.

A mission that suits us more than any other country.

However, as demonstrated in the example of Kuwait, obtaining broad financial support from more sources is essential, in my view, to maintaining popular political support in Europe and in the United States for victory in Ukraine.

This also demonstrates how all peoples from around the globe benefit from prompt success in the preservation of Ukraine's sovereignty.

Costs of goods, access to food, fuel, and financing are all impeded by the Russian Federation's illegal action. That makes the case that all nations are hurt by Russia's aggressions. All nations can support Ukraine.

President Biden must craft an active and effective campaign to bring forward the financial and material resources from around the world to support Ukraine in victory.