On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to honor Joseph Johns (Schantz) as the founder of Johnstown and a visionary leader in our community. This recognition by the Cambria Regional Chamber and Junior Achievement of Western PA is a well-deserved honor and will continue to promote his remarkable legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE RENAMING OF THE VA ANN ARBOR MEDICAL CENTER IN HONOR OF LT. COLONEL CHARLES S. KETTLES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the occasion of the renaming of the VA Ann Arbor Medical Center in honor of Lt. Colonel Charles S. Kettles. His lifetime of service to our Nation and his heroic legacy makes this an occasion worthy of commendation.

Lt. Colonel Kettles was born on January 9, 1930, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. His father, Grant, was a pilot during World War I and II, so it was no surprise that, during his time in high school at the Edison Institute at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, he took to frequenting the school's Ford Motor Company flight simulator. After graduating from the Institute in 1949, he enrolled at Michigan State Normal College to study engineering but was drafted into the United States Army after two years. He later returned to the school, now Eastern Michigan University, to teach and develop the aviation program.

Lt. Colonel Kettles completed basic training at Camp Breckinridge and attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox. On Feb. 28, 1953, he earned his commission as an armor officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He graduated from the Army Aviation School in 1953, before serving active duty tours in Korea, Japan, and Thailand. During the Vietnam War, Lt. Colonel Kettles heard the call and volunteered for active duty and was trained to fly. In 1966, he was assigned as a flight commander with the 176th Assault Helicopter Company, 14th Combat Aviation Battalion and was deployed to Vietnam.

During the Vietnam War, Lt. Colonel Kettles was credited with saving the lives of 44 men when he selflessly flew into enemy fire in Duc Pho, South Vietnam, four times with a damaged aircraft to rescue his fellow soldiers. For this act of bravery, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1968. On July 18, 2016, President Obama awarded him the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Lt. Colonel Charles S. Kettles and celebrate the renaming of the VA Ann Arbor Medical Center in his honor. Lt. Colonel Kettles was a humble man, but due to his heroic actions, soldiers were able to return home safely to their families. With this medical center now bearing his name, it will ensure that his legacy and his bravery is remembered forever.

CONGRATULATING THE BARBERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL LADY EAGLES ON THEIR FIRST SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Barbers Hill High School Lady Eagles Softball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 5A High School Softball State Championship.

The Lady Eagles finished the 2020–2021 season, winning 37 consecutive games with a record of 42 wins and two losses. In the playoffs, Barbers Hill faced Manvel, Angleton, Friendswood, Waller, Montgomery, Lake Creek, and Hallsville before facing Aledo for the State Championship. On June 5, 2021, the Lady Eagles beat the Aledo Bearcats by a score of four to one winning their first state title.

Sophia Simpson, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player capping off a 22–0 senior season. Six Eagles were selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association to play on the Conference 5A All-Tournament Team: Sophia Simpson, Estela Garza, Faith Guidry, Reagan Duty, Delaney Dunham, and Samantha Landry.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning season. Players: KateLynn Cooper, Brookelyn Livanec, Sophie Naivar, Samantha Landry, Harper Gonzalez, Amber Thibodeaux, Lauren Clift, Brynn Hooper, Kenlee Vaughan, Kaylee Hornberger, Kaitlyn Dutton, Sophia Simpson, Delaney Dunham, Destiney Yoder, Faith Guidry, Reagan Duty, Maddie Glover, Chesnee Clements, Jacklynn Ortiz, Estela Garza, and Raegan Malone. Head Coach: Aaron Fuller. Assistant Coaches: Lacey Eads and Jared Smith. Athletic Trainers: Gina Pace, Adam Carroll, and Ha Nguyen. Student Trainer: MJ Stevens. Managers: Cheyenne Borden and Lauren Culpepper. Superintendent: Dr. Greg Poole. Athletic Director: Tom Westerberg. Principal: Rick Kana.

I wish each of these young ladies continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Eagles.

HONORING GILES COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of all the selfless men and women of law enforcement in Giles County, Virginia who ensured Noah Trout was brought home safely.

On May 2, 2021, 2-year-old Noah Gabriel Trout was abducted from his church nursery. Within a day, he was located by the police and securely returned to his mother. The Giles County Sheriffs Office and the Virginia State Police Department handled the case with great care and diligence. Virginia local and state police partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals Service, Pearisburg Police Department, and National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to fulfill this duty to the best of their abilities.

Southwest Virginia is lucky to have law enforcement officers that hold their jobs to the highest regard and fight vigorously to keep the people of our region safe.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND REPLENISHMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation will replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund with $60 billion in additional funding.

The restaurant industry has been uniquely devastated by the COVID–19 pandemic, accounting or a quarter of all job losses. The pandemic has cost restaurants and bars more than $280 billion in sales and left devastating impacts on the entire food supply chain. Ninety-thousand restaurants have permanently closed and hundreds of thousands more have significantly scaled down their operations.

The Restaurant Revitalization Fund, created in Section 5003 of the American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. 117–2), provided $28.6 billion for restaurants, bars, food trucks, caterers, tasting rooms, and taprooms to recover from the COVID–19 pandemic. Within days of opening the Fund, the SBA received requests for more funding than was available. Just three weeks after opening, the SBA received more than 362,000 applications requesting more than $75 billion in funding—nearly triple available funding. Due to unprecedented need and a lack of funds, the SBA closed the application portal on May 24, 2021, meaning there is nearly $50 billion in outstanding need that will go unmet unless Congress acts.

Even with months of positive steady job growth, restaurant and bars are still nearly one million jobs below their pre-pandemic averages. Dining restrictions still exist in 27 states, and consumer hesitancy threatens to prolong the hardship with 36 percent of diners saying they won't resume their regular dining behavior until at least after September 2021. Without congressional action, tens of thousands of beloved restaurants and bars simply won't survive.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and work to get this battered industry back on its feet.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. JOHN SAMPSON

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. John Sampson of Fort Wayne.