

them for protecting one of Idaho's most important natural resources—the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Now, current cleanup contractor Idaho Environmental Coalition led by a qualified management team and the same hard-working employees is setting its sights on the second phase of this project. A cover will be constructed over the entire 97-acre landfill to further protect the aquifer. This will be a massive undertaking that will require the Congress and the DOE to be in lockstep in terms of continuing to fund this critically important conclusion to the buried waste project.

The Cold War is part of this Nation's history. Idaho played its part in this country winning the Cold War. Employees of the Idaho Cleanup Project are helping to clean up the legacy of the Cold War. Again, please join me in thanking them for their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to protecting the environment in Idaho.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD  
L. GUTIERREZ, SR.

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 28, 2022*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Richard L. Gutierrez, Sr., who proudly served his country in uniform in World War II and the Korean War.

Born August 15, 1925, in East Los Angeles, California, Mr. Gutierrez was the son of Frank F. and Esther L. Gutierrez. He attended Riggin Elementary School, Garfield High School, Compton College, and the University of Southern California.

Mr. Gutierrez fought in World War II, enlisting in 1943 as a Navy Seabee, assigned to the 4th Division of the Marines, Platoon 133 Seabee support, Company B. He participated in battles on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima where he earned the Purple Heart. He also served as a Marine in the Korean War, during which, he was recalled to Camp Pendleton and served as a Drill Instructor.

Mr. Gutierrez was married in 1948 to Virginia Lopez. This marriage lasted for 50 years. He leaves behind six children: Priscilla, Michelle, Richard Jr., Thomas, Aida, and Michael, who is a dedicated Catholic priest in La Puente; eleven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

After his military career and college training, he worked as an aerospace engineer for Douglas Aircraft, North American/Rockwell until he retired. During his professional career he was a team member who developed the Apollo and lead engineer on the command module of the Space Shuttle. Mr. Gutierrez died on March 6, 2022, in Duarte, California.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Richard L. Gutierrez, Sr., and I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Gutierrez's service to our Nation.

HONORING PAUL THIEM

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 28, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 104th birthday of Paul Thiem. Born on April 1, 1918, Mr. Thiem is a veteran and a resident of Wakefield, New Hampshire. During World War II, he answered the call of his nation and joined the U.S. Army Corps. Paul is an honorable member of our community, and is a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

As a young patriot, Paul went above and beyond the call of duty in his service to his country, but his service to others does not end there. Following his military service, Paul traveled around the world, building factories that made shoes for nurses. His travels brought him to places such as Poland, Italy, Spain and Korea.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to wish Mr. Thiem a happy 104th birthday and thank him for his service to our Nation. I hope that he has a wonderful celebration with his loved ones and fellow veterans. His sacrifice will not be forgotten.

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RECOGNIZING A CRITICAL AND  
STRATEGIC ASSET FOR MARINE  
CORPS AVIATION AT MARINE  
CORPS AIR STATION, CHERRY  
POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 28, 2022*

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a critical and strategic asset for Marine Corps Aviation—Fleet Readiness Center East (FRC East) located in Havelock, North Carolina. Since 1943, FRC East on board Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, has played an important role in securing the national defense of our great country. Their workforce has earned a reputation for excellence in providing world-class maintenance, engineering and logistics support for Navy and Marine Corps aviation, as well as other armed services, federal agencies and foreign governments.

FRC East has accomplished this vital mission while maintaining a safe and healthy work environment. The depot's Safety and Occupational Health programs have been recognized at the state and federal levels, as well as within the Department of Defense. FRC East closed out calendar year 2021 with the lowest number of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable mishaps in the command's nearly 80-year history. The depot's superior standard of safety has also earned recognition from the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). VPP highlights employers with effective safety and health management systems that record injury and illness rates below the average for their industries.

In 2019, FRC East became the first Naval Aviation command to achieve OSHA VPP Star Status. The depot is one of only 21 VPP Star

recognized sites in the entire Department of the Navy. FRC East was recently chosen as one of five sites for a Department of the Navy and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health study aimed at evaluating VPP's effectiveness in reducing noncombat injuries. FRC East has also been recognized by the North Carolina Department of Labor. The depot was presented with two "Million Hour" awards and its fourth consecutive "Gold Award." Million Hour safety awards are given to organizations that accumulate one million employee hours with no injuries or illnesses involving days away from work. To meet the Gold Award standard, an organization must have had no fatalities during the award year, and also post a Day Away, Restricted or Transferred (DART) rate at least 50 percent below the industry average.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing FRC East for its unwavering commitment to workplace safety. FRC East's culture of safety ensures the depot's most valuable resource, the highly skilled men and women who work there, are protected. I would also like to express my appreciation to the outstanding employees of FRC East for their dedication and continued service to our nation, our allies, and the Eastern North Carolina community.

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IN RECOGNITION OF KAYLA  
HAMEDI AND HER SERVICE TO  
THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COM-  
MITTEE AND NY'S 10TH CON-  
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 28, 2022*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Kayla Hamedy for her service to the House Committee on the Judiciary and to my office.

Kayla first worked for me as an intern, serving the people of New York's 10th Congressional District, as she finished up her studies at the George Washington University, where she received her bachelor's degree. She continued to work in the federal policy field after her internship ended, working for Active Policy Solutions and Rep. KRISHNAMOORTHY of Illinois. During this time, she also received her master's degree from the George Washington University's College of Professional Studies.

A little more than two years after her internship with my office had concluded, my staff and I excitedly welcomed Kayla back as a full-time staff member. Due to her strong work ethic and intellect, Kayla moved up several times in my office, first from Staff Assistant to Press Assistant/Legislative Correspondent and then to Legislative Assistant/Press Assistant. In these capacities, she staffed my front office, communicated with my constituents, handled press and digital communication, and worked on several policy portfolios. Notably, she helped assist my office during my campaign to become Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee.

In November 2019, Kayla transitioned from my personal office to the Committee, where she first served as Deputy Press Secretary and was then promoted to Deputy Communications Director. Kayla joined the committee