

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: ANJALI RIMI

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Anjali Rimi as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Anjali is a dedicated leader, activist, and community member.

As a transgender immigrant from South Asia, Anjali has overcome many challenges while continuing to give back to her communities.

As one of the co-founders of Parivar Bay Area, Anjali has transformed the services available for transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex immigrants from the Global South. Parivar Bay Area emerged from earlier grassroots organizing, including a project that redistributed almost \$1 million worth of food, housing funds, and livelihood grants for transgender South Asians to open their own businesses.

In addition to her work globally, Anjali is deeply involved in LGBTQ+ activism in the Bay Area, through fundraisers, arts and cultural showcases, and social support group meetings. She was the first South Asian transgender person to be recognized for her LGBTQ+ activism in the California Legislature and has also received recognition from former Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Anjali has accomplished all of this while remaining a kind and patient person and serving as an inspiration to others for her dedication to serving her community and improving the status of marginalized groups.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Anjali Rimi for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING TARRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR G.K. MAENIUS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize G.K. Maenius, long-time Tarrant County Administrator, embodies what it means to selflessly serve your community. Over his 35-year tenure as County Administrator, G.K. Maenius guided Tarrant County through numerous challenges, four county judges, and a doubling in population from 1.1 million in 1988 to 2.2 million today.

With a staff over 4,600 and operating budget of \$900 million, he masterfully managed personnel and taxpayer dollars, creating a county with a reputation marked by efficiency

and fiscal responsibility. The years he spent supporting businesses, spearheading bond programs, and modernizing county technology have not gone unnoticed.

I thank G.K. for consistent commitment to the welfare of our community. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: AMY FABI

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Amy Fabi as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Amy has served her community of Solano County in a profound and meaningful way.

Early in her career, she worked tirelessly to provide advocacy and academic support to Asian American Pacific Islander, Latinx, and African American families in the East Bay. Working with diverse communities led her to her current role as Commissioner with First 5 Solano where she works to ensure a solid foundation for all children.

Amy graduated from UC Berkeley and received her master of social work from San Francisco State University. As a licensed social worker, she has seen the impact of trauma on childhood development and the importance of support services for vulnerable youth. Inspired by those she meets through her work, she advocates tirelessly for all children to have access to opportunities that will allow them to achieve their fullest potential.

Beyond her professional work, Amy is a member of the board for the Vacaville Police Activities League, scholarship chair for the Chinese American Association of Solano County, and internship chair for the Solano County Asian American Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association. She has earned numerous awards for her volunteerism throughout the community and her commitment to serving others inspires all who know her.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Amy Fabi for her positive contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL WALTER L. MODDISON

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2023

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Colonel Walter L. Moddison, call sign "Gromit," upon his retire-

ment from the Air National Guard after 39 years of distinguished service.

Colonel Moddison is from Great Falls, MT. He joined the Air National Guard in October of 1984 and completed Basic Training in June of 1985. After serving fourteen years as an enlisted member, he received his commission in 1998. He began his career as a Drill Status Guardsman and was then hired as a full time Technician/Deputy Base Civil Engineer in 2001 following a career as a practicing architect.

After serving at the Wing level for several years, including deployment to Ground Zero on 9/12, he accepted a headquarters position at the National Guard Bureau where he served the field units and filled many key Civil Engineering and leadership roles. He assumed his current position in January of 2021 as the Deputy Director, Engineering, for the Air National Guard Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, and The Air National Guard Civil Engineer. In this capacity, Colonel Moddison oversees the policy development and programs that support over \$19B in world-class infrastructure and the 18,800 personnel who build, manage and protect those assets.

In addition to his numerous awards and decorations, Colonel Moddison is particularly proud to have once shot 79 on the Old Course at St. Andrews and my understanding is that he plans to devote a material portion of his retirement to his passion for golf, along with spending more time with his wife, Georgia and their dog, Maximus.

I thank Colonel Moddison for his service to this Nation. He is a Great American and will be missed in the Guard.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: AUDREY CORMIER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Audrey Cormier as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Audrey is a community volunteer who is dedicated to advocating for youth and women of color. She is passionate about STEM education, diversity, climate advocacy, and golf, and has organized many events for underrepresented groups based on those interests.

As a member of Easter Hill United Methodist Church, she organized a trip for church youth to attend STEM days at Lawrence Livermore Labs, a Federal research facility. She also coordinated the attendance of five African-American sixth grade girls at a STEM conference at St. Mary's College.

Audrey's love of golf has led her to serve on several boards and organizations, including those that expose youth and African-American

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