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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUCSHON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 1, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LARRY BUCSHON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy and omnipotent Lord, You have promised that in danger and destruction, You will let no harm come to us. You have said that when we pass through the waters, You will be with us, that the rivers shall not sweep over us.

Where, O God, are You in these days of catastrophe following the ravaging floods of Hurricane Helene? Communities all over these United States have watched their homes overtaken, whole towns decimated, and their sense of safety and security eradicated.

Make Yourself known in this tragedy. Remind us again not just of Your abiding presence in our loss, but of Your deliverance in times like these when there is nothing left to save us but our hope in You.

Make a way in the wilderness of grief. Show us Your way through the flood of despair, and clear a path amidst the debris left by the mighty waters of fear and hopelessness.

Then assure our friends, family, and compatriots that You, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, are their rock and salvation.

In Your eternal name we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution

5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 4, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2023, and the second and third quarters of 2024; pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HAILEY BORDEN, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 12 AND AUG. 19, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hailey Borden .....	8/13	8/14	Italy .....		88.00		1,749.00		151.00		1,988.00
	8/14	8/16	Germany .....				1,855.00		418.00		2,273.00
	8/16	8/19	Lithuania .....		650.00		1,654.00		720.00		3,024.00
	8/19	8/20	Germany .....		115.00		1,459.00		222.00		1,796.00
Committee total .....					853.00		6,717.00		1,511.00		9,081.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. TOM EMMER, Sept. 19, 2024.

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REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JACKIE DEL BONIS, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 12 AND AUG. 20, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Jackie Del Bonis .....	8/13	8/14	Italy .....		88.00		1,749.00		151.00		1,988.00
	8/14	8/16	Germany .....				1,855.00		418.00		2,273.00
	8/16	8/19	Lithuania .....		650.00		1,654.00		720.00		3,024.00
	8/19	8/20	Germany .....		115.00		1,459.00		222.00		1,796.00
Committee total .....					853.00		6,717.00		1,511.00		9,081.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. TOM EMMER, Sept. 19, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, ANDREW KEYES, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 13 AND AUG. 20, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Andrew Keyes .....	8/13	8/14	Italy .....		251.17						251.17
	8/14	8/16	Germany .....		418.00						418.00
	8/16	8/19	Lithuania .....		1,370.26						1,370.26
	8/19	8/20	Germany .....		337.87						337.87
Committee total .....					2,377.30		5,839.30				8,216.60

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

ANDREW KEYES, Sept. 19, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JASON ROGERS, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 13 AND AUG. 20, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Jason Rogers .....	8/13	8/14	Italy .....		251.17						251.17
	8/14	8/14	Germany .....		418.00						418.00
	8/16	8/19	Lithuania .....		1,370.26						1,370.26
	8/19	8/20	Germany .....		337.87						337.87
Committee total .....					2,377.30						2,377.30

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

JASON ROGERS, Sept. 19, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 22 AND APR. 27, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Charles Morrison .....	4/22	4/27	PHL,JP .....		1,806.53		10,719.22				12,525.75
John Noh .....	4/22	4/27	PHL,JP .....		1,806.53		10,719.22				12,525.75
Jenna Lihits .....	4/22	4/27	PHL,JP .....		1,806.52		10,719.22				12,525.74
Tingyun "Linda" Zhang .....	4/22	4/27	PHL,JP .....		1,806.52		10,719.22				12,525.74
Committee total .....					7,226.10		42,876.88				50,102.98

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN MOOLENAAR, Sept. 12, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO TAIWAN AND JAPAN, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 11 AND JULY 20, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Matthew Cronin .....	7/11	7/20	TWN, JP .....		1,576.00		9,160.28				10,736.28
Andrew Eich .....	7/11	7/20	TWN, JP .....		1,576.00		6,816.10				8,392.10
Joe Bauer .....	7/11	7/20	TWN, JP .....		1,575.99		5,056.28				6,632.27
David Dorfman .....	7/11	7/20	TWN, JP .....		1,575.99		9,160.28				10,736.27
Committee total .....					6,303.98		30,192.94				36,496.92

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN MOOLENAAR, Sept. 13, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 19 AND JULY 21, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
John Noh .....	7/19	7/21	FSM .....		483.00						483.00
Charles Morrison .....	7/19	7/21	FSM .....		483.00						483.00

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 19 AND JULY 21, 2024—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Jason Li .....	7/19	7/21	FSM .....		483.00						483.00
Committee total .....					1,449.00						1,449.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN MOOLENAAR, Sept. 30, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO PALAU, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 15 AND JULY 17, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
John Noh .....	7/15	7/17	PW .....		1,131.00		15,489.69				16,620.69
Charles Morrison .....	7/15	7/17	PW .....		1,131.00		15,489.69				16,620.69
Jason Li .....	7/15	7/17	PW .....		1,131.00		15,489.69				16,620.69
Committee total .....					3,393.00		46,469.07				49,862.07

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN MOOLENAAR, Sept. 30, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CHILE, URUGUAY, AND ARGENTINA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 6 AND AUG. 12, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Courtney Butcher .....	8/6	8/8	Chile .....		632.00		9,881.80				10,513.80
Brett Horton .....	8/6	8/8	Chile .....		632.00		7,531.80				8,163.80
John Reising .....	8/6	8/8	Chile .....		632.00		9,881.80				10,513.80
Jacob Hilkin .....	8/6	8/8	Chile .....		632.00		9,320.30				9,952.30
Courtney Cochran .....	8/6	8/8	Chile .....		632.00		9,928.30				10,560.30
Raymond Salazar .....	8/6	8/8	Chile .....		632.00		11,028.40				11,660.40
Meghan McCann .....	8/6	8/8	Chile .....		632.00		9,882.60				10,514.60
Courtney Butcher .....	8/8	8/10	Uruguay .....		552.00		770.00				1,322.00
Brett Horton .....	8/8	8/10	Uruguay .....		552.00		770.00				1,322.00
John Reising .....	8/8	8/10	Uruguay .....		552.00		770.00				1,322.00
Jacob Hilkin .....	8/8	8/10	Uruguay .....		552.00		770.00				1,322.00
Courtney Cochran .....	8/8	8/10	Uruguay .....		552.00		643.00				1,195.00
Raymond Salazar .....	8/8	8/10	Uruguay .....		552.00		770.00				1,322.00
Meghan McCann .....	8/8	8/10	Uruguay .....		552.00		770.00				1,322.00
Courtney Butcher .....	8/10	8/12	Argentina .....		597.90		1,836.75				2,434.65
Brett Horton .....	8/10	8/12	Argentina .....		723.90		2,970.95				3,694.85
John Reising .....	8/10	8/12	Argentina .....		723.90		1,836.75				2,560.65
Jacob Hilkin .....	8/10	8/12	Argentina .....		723.90		1,850.65				2,574.55
Courtney Cochran .....	8/10	8/12	Argentina .....		723.90		245.45				969.35
Raymond Salazar .....	8/10	8/12	Argentina .....		597.90		209.35				807.25
Meghan McCann .....	8/10	8/12	Argentina .....		723.90		209.35				933.25
Committee total .....					13,103.30		81,877.25				94,980.55

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Sept. 12, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO ITALY, GERMANY, AND LITHUANIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 13 AND AUG. 19, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Bart Reising .....	08/13	08/14	Italy .....		251.17		4,965.10				5,216.27
Jake Hilkin .....	08/13	08/14	Italy .....		251.17		8,227.90				8,479.07
Brenna Elliott .....	08/13	08/14	Italy .....		251.17		5,839.30				6,090.47
Bart Reising .....	08/14	08/16	Germany .....		418.00						
Jake Hilkin .....	08/14	08/16	Germany .....		418.00						
Brenna Elliott .....	08/14	08/16	Germany .....		418.00						
Bart Reising .....	08/16	08/19	Lithuania .....		756.09						
Jake Hilkin .....	08/16	08/19	Lithuania .....		1,370.26						
Brenna Elliott .....	08/16	08/19	Lithuania .....		1,370.26						
Jake Hilkin .....	08/19	08/20	Germany .....		337.87						
Brenna Elliott .....	08/19	08/20	Germany .....		337.87						
Committee total .....					6,179.86		19,032.30				25,212.16

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J. BARTON REISING, Sept. 20, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE, CAMBODIA, AND INDONESIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 16 AND AUG. 23, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Francis Brooke .....	8/16	8/20	Singapore .....		3,428.00		15,835.60				19,263.60
Vernonique Pluviose .....	8/16	8/20	Singapore .....		3,428.00		15,835.60				19,263.60
Meghan McCann .....	8/16	8/20	Singapore .....		3,428.00		15,835.60				19,263.60

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE, CAMBODIA, AND INDONESIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 16 AND AUG. 23, 2024—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
James Longley .....	8/16	8/20	Singapore .....		3,428.00		15,835.60				19,263.60
Francis Brooke .....	8/20	8/22	Cambodia .....		506.00		2,453.90				2,959.90
Veronique Pluviose .....	8/20	8/22	Cambodia .....		506.00		2,453.90				2,959.90
Meghan McCann .....	8/20	8/22	Cambodia .....		506.00		2,453.90				2,959.90
James Longley .....	8/20	8/22	Cambodia .....		506.00		2,453.90				2,959.90
Francis Brooke .....	8/22	8/23	Indonesia .....		330.34		3,849.70				4,180.04
Veronique Pluviose .....	8/22	8/23	Indonesia .....		330.33		3,849.70				4,180.03
Meghan McCann .....	8/22	8/23	Indonesia .....		330.33		3,849.70				4,180.03
James Longley .....	8/22	8/23	Indonesia .....		330.33		3,849.70				4,180.03
Committee total .....					17,057.33		88,556.80				105,614.13

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<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Sept. 23, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 18 AND AUG. 22, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Tom Emmer .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Hon. Guy Reschenthaler .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Hon. Dan Meuser .....			Japan .....		245.76		( <sup>3</sup> )				245.76
Hon. Dave Joyce .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Hon. Beth Van Duyne .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Hon. Nick LaLota .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Hon. Aaron Bean .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Hon. Rich McCormick .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Hon. Vince Fong .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.48		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.48
Robert Boland .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.47		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.47
Aaron Bonnaure .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.47		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.47
Shelbie Rogers .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.47		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.47
Dennis Nails .....	8/18	8/22	Japan .....		1,966.47		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,966.47
Committee total .....					23,843.48						23,843.48

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.  
<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

HON. TOM EMMER, Sept. 19, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Lori Chavez-DeRemer .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		327.34						327.34
	8/23	8/24	Finland .....		392.79						392.79
	8/24	8/27	Ireland .....		3,217.05		2,732.75				5,949.80
Committee total .....					3,937.18		2,732.75				6,669.93

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX, May 3, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Virginia Foxx .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,011.23						1,011.23
Hon. Aaron Bean .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,054.85						1,054.85
Hon. Mark DeSaulnier .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,054.85						1,054.85
Hon. Michelle Park Steel .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,054.85						1,054.85
Cyrus Artz .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,011.23						1,011.23
Amy Jones .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,011.23						1,011.23
Mike Legg .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,011.23						1,011.23
Hannah Matesic .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,011.23						1,011.23
Audra McGeorge .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,011.23						1,011.23
Seth Waugh .....	6/15	6/16	Ireland .....		1,011.23						1,011.23
Hon. Virginia Foxx .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Hon. Aaron Bean .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Hon. Mark DeSaulnier .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Hon. Michelle Park Steel .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Cyrus Artz .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Amy Jones .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Mike Legg .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Hannah Matesic .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Audra McGeorge .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Seth Waugh .....	6/16	6/18	Czech Republic .....		733.62						733.62
Hon. Virginia Foxx .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Hon. Aaron Bean .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Hon. Mark DeSaulnier .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Hon. Michelle Park Steel .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Cyrus Artz .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Amy Jones .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Mike Legg .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2024—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hannah Matesic .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Audra McGeorge .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Seth Waugh .....	6/18	6/20	Switzerland .....		2,094.73						2,094.73
Hon. Virginia Foxx .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Hon. Aaron Bean .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Hon. Mark DeSaulnier .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Hon. Michelle Park Steel .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Cyrus Artz .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Amy Jones .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Mike Legg .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Hannah Matesic .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Audra McGeorge .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Seth Waugh .....	6/20	6/22	Italy .....		1,185.48						1,185.48
Committee total .....					50,381.46						50,381.46

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX, Sept. 11, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Salud Carbajal .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80		7,000.90				7,531.70
Hon. Mark DeSaulnier .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Hon. Sam Graves .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Hon. Meghan Holland .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Hon. Mike Legg .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Hon. Troy Nehls .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Hon. David Rouzer .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Hon. Jack Ruddy .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Hon. Abigail Wenk .....	4/23	4/25	Japan .....		530.80						530.80
Committee total .....					4,777.20		7,000.90				11,778.10

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. SAM GRAVES, Sept. 13, 2024.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-5517. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, USD(A&S)(A)/DPCAP, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Quick-Closeout Procedures Threshold (DFARS Case 2021-D001) [Docket DARS-2022-0025] (RIN: 0750-AL20) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5518. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, USD(A&S)(A)/DPCAP, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Modification of Authority of the Department of Defense To Carry Out Certain Prototype Projects (DFARS Case 2023-D006) [Docket DARS-2023-0021] (RIN: 0750-AL79) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5519. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, USD(A&S)(A)/DPCAP, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Prompt Payment of Contractors (DFARS Case 2021-D008) [Docket DARS-2023-0004] (RIN: 0750-AL27) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5520. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Re-

serve System, transmitting the Board's final interagency guidance — Interagency Guidance on Third-Party Relationships: Risk Management [Docket ID: OCC-2021-0011] received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5521. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Form N-PORT and Form N-CEN Reporting; Guidance on Open-End Fund Liquidity Risk Management Programs [Release No.: IC-35308; File No. S7-26-22] (RIN: 3235-AM98) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5522. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Administration's Major final rule — Requirements Related to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act [CMS-9902-F] (RIN: 0938-AU93) received September 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-5523. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicaid Program: Misclassification of Drugs, Program Administration and Program Integrity Updates Under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program [CMS-2434-F] (RIN 0938-AU28) received

September 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5524. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — American Society of Mechanical Engineers 2021-2022 Code Editions [NRC-2018-0289] (RIN: 3150-AK21) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5525. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Diplomatic Agent-Level Immunity [Public Notice: 12475] (RIN: 1400-AF85) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5526. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources [Docket No.: BOEM-2023-0012] (RIN: 1010-AE11) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-5527. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2020 Commercial Longline Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish [Docket No.: 120404257-

3325-02; RTID 0648-XS024] received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-5528. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Visas: Visa Ineligibility [Public Notice: 12464] (RIN: 1400-AF77) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5529. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — Agency Seal [Docket No.: FMC-2024-0007] (RIN: 3072-AD01) received September 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5530. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Requirements Related to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act [CMS-9902-F] (RIN: 0938-AU93) received September 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5531. A letter from the Senior Advisor for Oversight, Office of Regulation Policy & Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Bar to Approval (RIN: 2900-AQ99) received August 27, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5532. A letter from the Senior Advisor for Oversight, Office of Regulation Policy and Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Delegation of Concurrence for Entitlement Extensions (RIN: 2900-AS14(F)) received August 27, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5533. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's Major final rule — Requirements Related to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act [TD 10006] (RIN: 1545-BQ29) received September 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-5534. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — HUD-VASH Alternative Income Definition Application to Sections 142 and 42 (Rev. Proc. 2024-38) received September 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 736. A bill to require elementary and middle schools that receive Federal funds to obtain parental consent before changing a minor child's gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form or allowing a child to change the child's sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms; with an amend-

ment (Rept. 118-706). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the state of the Union.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BACON (for himself and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 9890. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require reporting certain positive consumer credit information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 9891. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 765 West Old Route 66 in Ash Fork, Arizona, as the "Fayrene Hume Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. DELBENE (for herself and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 9892. A bill to promote the use of smart technologies and systems in communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 9893. A bill to improve dam and hydro-power safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. FOUSHEE (for herself, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. RUZ, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 9894. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a program to provide rebates for the purchase and installation of cool roof products; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GAETZ (for himself, Ms. BOEBERT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. BIGGS):

H.R. 9895. A bill to limit the availability of Federal financial assistance for entities that aid or facilitate illegal immigration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California:

H.R. 9896. A bill to transfer Homeland Security Investigations from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, redesignate U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as U.S. Immigration Compliance Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 9897. A bill to amend section 3559 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a misdemeanor for which no punishment or no maximum punishment is prescribed by statute shall be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. BACON, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 9898. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to secure mid-stream processing of critical materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 9899. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to assign specified liability to a person who transfers title of a commercial vessel, or former commercial vessel, to a transferee for use as a recreational vessel if the transferee does not have applicable insurance at the time of the transfer and the vessel sinks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 9900. A bill to modify the National Security Commission on Emergency Biotechnology; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 9901. A bill to enhance the supply of child care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LAMALFA (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 9902. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to allow for additional agricultural lands to be enrolled under the conservation reserve enhancement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 9903. A bill to provide personnel of the Department of Defense with increased access to training and education in artificial intelligence and machine learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MILLS (for himself, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. DESJARLAIS):

H.R. 9904. A bill to prohibit certain business concerns from receiving assistance from the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself, Mrs. LUNA, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 9905. A bill to make supplemental appropriations for disaster relief in response to Hurricane Helene, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 9906. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require local educational agencies to develop emergency response and parental notification procedures for certain threats and emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. OMAR (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. TLAI, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. BUSH, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. LEE of California,

Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BOWMAN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. FROST, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 9907. A bill to provide for a comprehensive Federal response to Long COVID, including research, education, and support for affected individuals, to direct the National Institutes of Health to establish a Long COVID research program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PETERSEN (for herself and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H.R. 9908. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey, to establish a grant program for monitoring wildfires by satellite; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. PINGREE (for herself and Mr. MURPHY):

H.R. 9909. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for hazard mitigation projects in connection with certain working waterfront property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. WITTMAN):

H.R. 9910. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of military leave provided to Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 9911. A bill to amend the Railway Labor Act to apply the provisions of such Act to maritime employers and employees in the maritime industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. AMODEI (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI):

H. Res. 1524. A resolution urging the people of the United States to observe the month of October 2024 as Italian and Italian-American Heritage Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. CASAR (for himself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. TLAI, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. CARSON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. CHU, Mr. THANEDAR, and Ms. BUSH):

H. Res. 1525. A resolution calling for comprehensive legislation that addresses United States policies contributing to forced migration and displacement, promotes an immigration system that addresses the root causes of migration, reaffirms United States commitment to asylum, and provides a roadmap to citizenship for immigrants living in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H. Res. 1526. A resolution recognizing the week of September 30th as “National Orange Shirt Week” or “National Week of Remembrance”, which aims to honor those who were forced to attend Indian boarding schools, and to recognize the experience of Indian boarding school victims and survivors; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mrs. HARSHBARGER):

H. Res. 1527. A resolution recognizing October 2024 as “American Pharmacists Month” in honor of the contribution of pharmacists to provide safe, accessible, affordable, and beneficial patient care services and products to all residents and protect the public health of our communities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER):

H. Res. 1528. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of September 29, 2024, as “International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste”; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. ROSS:

H. Res. 1529. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 1 as “National Science Day”; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mrs. BICE, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CARSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H. Res. 1530. A resolution recognizing the life, achievements, and public service of former President James Earl “Jimmy” Carter, Jr., on the occasion of his 100th birthday; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 9890.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 9891.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7

The single subject of this legislation is:

Post Office Renaming

By Ms. DELBENE:

H.R. 9892.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Establishes programs for the implementation and use of smart technologies and systems in communities of various sizes.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 9893.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact legislation provided by Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution. The single subject of this legislation is:

Energy

By Mrs. FOUSHEE:

H.R. 9894.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Energy

By Mr. GAETZ:

H.R. 9895.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 9 Clause 7, Article 1 Section 8 Clause 4, and Article 1 Section 8 Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To limit the availability of Federal financial assistance for entities that aid or facilitate illegal immigration, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California:

H.R. 9896.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

the re-designation of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 9897.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill clarifies the penalty for misdemeanors that do not prescribe a specific punishment.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 9898.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill seeks to address barriers facing U.S. domestic critical material processing industries.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 9899.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 46, United States Code, to assign specified liability to a person who transfers title of a commercial vessel, or former commercial vessel, to a transferee for use as a recreational vessel if the transferee does not have applicable insurance at the time of the transfer and the vessel sinks

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 9900.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Armed Services

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 9901.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Enhancing the supply of child care services  
in the United States.

By Mr. LAMALFA:  
H.R. 9902.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 13

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to allow for additional agricultural lands to be enrolled under the conservation reserve enhancement program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 9903.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Defense

By Mr. MILLS:

H.R. 9904.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit certain businesses from receiving assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA) headquartered in the People's Republic of China and/or have more than 25% of their voting stock owned by affiliates who are Chinese citizens.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ:

H.R. 9905.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee find the authority for this legislation in article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Supplemental emergency funding.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ:

H.R. 9906.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee find the authority for this legislation in article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
School Safety

By Ms. OMAR:

H.R. 9907.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Creates a new Long COVID research program within NIH to better understand Long COVID, related conditions, and the best ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat them

By Ms. PETERSEN:

H.R. 9908.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Creates a three-year pilot program under USGS for states to purchase and integrate wildfire satellite monitoring for early detection and post-disaster recovery through public-private partnerships.

By Ms. PINGREE:

H.R. 9909.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Working Waterfronts

By Ms. SPANBERGER:

H.R. 9910.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 14

Article I, Section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of military leave provided to Federal employees from 15 days to 36 days.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 9911.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Transportation

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 17: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 129: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 131: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 210: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 597: Mr. CLYDE.

H.R. 621: Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 670: Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

H.R. 782: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 1045: Mr. FINSTAD and Mr. JAMES.

H.R. 1083: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 1100: Mr. CLYDE.

H.R. 1200: Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 1269: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.

H.R. 1271: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 1321: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 1386: Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 1462: Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 1572: Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HOYER, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. WEXTON, and Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 1610: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.

H.R. 1754: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 1757: Mrs. PELTOLA.

H.R. 1787: Ms. STEFANK and Mrs. HOUCHIN.

H.R. 2367: Mrs. KIM of California.

H.R. 2400: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 2402: Mrs. RAMIREZ and Mr. SWALWELL.

H.R. 2412: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 2413: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 2424: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 2630: Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 2685: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 2700: Mr. ROY.

H.R. 2757: Mr. MOONEY.

H.R. 2821: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 2891: Mr. BERA.

H.R. 2923: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 2976: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 2983: Mr. MCGARVEY.

H.R. 3080: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 3174: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 3204: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.

H.R. 3386: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3387: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut and Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 3413: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 3490: Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 3548: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 3649: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3651: Mrs. TORRES of California and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 3713: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 3852: Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 4020: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 4050: Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 4117: Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 4138: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 4149: Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 4184: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 4189: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mrs. PELTOLA.

H.R. 4335: Ms. LETLOW.

H.R. 4438: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 4571: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 4621: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 4663: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 4795: Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 4974: Mr. POCAN and Mr. D'ESPOSITO.

H.R. 5020: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 5049: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 5055: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 5073: Mr. MURPHY and Mr. RULLI.

H.R. 5074: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 5159: Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 5296: Ms. MCCLELLAN and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 5361: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 5371: Mr. GRIFFITH and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 5530: Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 5658: Mrs. PELTOLA and Mr. BIGGS.

H.R. 5669: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 5707: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 5738: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 5808: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.

H.R. 5974: Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 6159: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 6163: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 6371: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 6578: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER.

H.R. 6612: Mr. CLYDE and Mr. STRONG.

H.R. 6618: Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 6640: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 6727: Mr. STRONG and Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 6743: Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 6790: Ms. CHU and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 6833: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 6893: Mr. LIEU and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 7082: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.

H.R. 7133: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 7137: Ms. ROSS, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SWALWELL.

H.R. 7167: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 7174: Mr. DUNN of Florida.

H.R. 7185: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 7258: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.

H.R. 7285: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.

H.R. 7297: Mr. BUCHANAN and Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 7367: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.

H.R. 7596: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 7624: Ms. SCHRIER.

H.R. 7801: Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Mrs. SYKES.

H.R. 7807: Ms. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 7829: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 7833: Mr. CLYDE and Mr. STRONG.

H.R. 7849: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.

H.R. 7944: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 8041: Mr. KIM of New Jersey and Mr. HILL.

H.R. 8061: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania and Mr. DUNN of Florida.

H.R. 8147: Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 8193: Ms. SCHRIER.

H.R. 8271: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.

H.R. 8301: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 8316: Mr. HILL.

H.R. 8331: Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 8340: Mrs. BICE, Mr. García of Illinois, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 8364: Mr. HILL.

H.R. 8419: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.

H.R. 8426: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.

H.R. 8433: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

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H.R. 8653: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 8673: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey and Ms. ESHOO.

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H.R. 8682: Mr. RUIZ.

H.R. 8724: Mr. LIEU, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 8777: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 8783: Ms. SCHRIER.

H.R. 8821: Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 8834: Mr. CISCOMANI and Mr. HUIZENGA.

H.R. 8843: Ms. JAYAPAL and Mr. KUSTOFF.



H.R. 8886: Mr. TAKANO.  
H.R. 8977: Mr. PHILLIPS.  
H.R. 8989: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
H.R. 8996: Mr. PAPPAS.  
H.R. 9045: Mr. WITTMAN.  
H.R. 9065: Mr. HORSFORD.  
H.R. 9093: Mr. CARSON.  
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H.R. 9360: Mr. OGLES.  
H.R. 9373: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.  
H.R. 9390: Ms. CARAVEO.  
H.R. 9439: Ms. CARAVEO.  
H.R. 9496: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. SUOZZI.  
H.R. 9501: Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. CASE, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. COHEN, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. COSTA.  
H.R. 9508: Ms. HOULAHAN.  
H.R. 9511: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 9521: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Ms. WATERS.  
H.R. 9523: Mr. NEGUSE.  
H.R. 9525: Mr. RESCHENTHALER and Mr. WALTZ.

H.R. 9528: Ms. DELAURO.  
H.R. 9534: Mrs. LESKO.  
H.R. 9535: Mrs. TORRES of California and Mr. VALADAO.  
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H.R. 9564: Mr. ALLRED.  
H.R. 9599: Mrs. DINGELL and Ms. CROCKETT.  
H.R. 9631: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H.R. 9637: Mr. SCHNEIDER.  
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H.R. 9656: Mr. CURTIS.  
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H.R. 9753: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.  
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H.R. 9817: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H.R. 9831: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.  
H.R. 9835: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 9838: Mr. CASTEN.  
H.R. 9855: Mr. CASAR, Mr. FROST, Mr. CORREA, Ms. WATERS, and Ms. BUSH.  
H.R. 9859: Mr. WITTMAN and Mr. VALADAO.  
H.R. 9862: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
H.R. 9875: Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. CHU, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Mr. SWALWELL.  
H.R. 9878: Ms. BUSH, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. SMITH of Wash-

ington, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
H.R. 9885: Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. MOORE of Utah.  
H.J. Res. 166: Mr. CRAWFORD and Mr. PALMER.  
H.J. Res. 193: Mr. GARAMENDI and Ms. MCCLELLAN.  
H. Con. Res. 130: Mr. SCHNEIDER and Mr. GARAMENDI.  
H. Con. Res. 131: Mr. CASAR.  
H. Res. 424: Mr. TURNER.  
H. Res. 439: Mr. SUOZZI and Ms. WATERS.  
H. Res. 1131: Mr. BACON.  
H. Res. 1348: Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina, Ms. LEE of Florida, and Mr. ALLRED.  
H. Res. 1404: Mrs. RAMIREZ.  
H. Res. 1421: Mr. GARAMENDI.  
H. Res. 1422: Ms. BONAMICI.  
H. Res. 1423: Mr. PAPPAS.  
H. Res. 1436: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RYAN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Ms. BUSH.  
H. Res. 1437: Mr. LEVIN.  
H. Res. 1443: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H. Res. 1447: Ms. KAPTUR.  
H. Res. 1448: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H. Res. 1456: Mr. KENNEDY.  
H. Res. 1461: Mr. FROST.  
H. Res. 1493: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.  
H. Res. 1495: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. GRIJALVA.  
H. Res. 1499: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H. Res. 1515: Mr. LIEU.  
H. Res. 1522: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mr. MRVAN.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 10:01 and 17 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The parliamentarian will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The senior assistant parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, October 1, 2024.

*To the Senate:*

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 4, 2024, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:01 and 50 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, October 4, 2024, at 10 a.m.

• This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CSU CHANCELLOR DR.  
MILDRED GARCIA

**HON. ROBERT GARCIA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mildred Garcia as she celebrates her first anniversary as Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) system. Throughout her career, Dr. Garcia has been a tireless champion of economic opportunity and educational equity, particularly for students from underrepresented backgrounds.

As the first Latina to lead the largest public four-year university system in the U.S., Dr. Garcia is breaking barriers and creating transformational opportunities for students. Under her leadership, CSU serves over 450,000 students, with more than half coming from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds, and over one-quarter being first-generation college students. As a proud alumnus of California State University, Long Beach, I know firsthand the immense impact of this institution.

CSU's 23 universities consistently deliver high-quality, affordable education and are ranked amongst the best in the nation for promoting social mobility in prestigious college rankings. Notably, the Wall Street Journal's 2025 Social Mobility Ranking placed seven CSU campuses in the top 10 for social mobility, a true testament to its role in elevating students' futures.

Dr. Garcia has held numerous prestigious positions and received countless awards, broadening her influence beyond CSU and establishing herself as a visionary leader who is paving the way for the next generation of educated, empowered citizens.

She was the first Latina to lead the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and has served on several national advisory boards. This year, she was honored with the TELACU "CREO" Award and inducted into the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Garcia often refers to CSU as a model for serving America's new majority. In fact, she embodies that new majority. Her leadership and vision for an equitable future are what public education—and our nation—need today. On this special anniversary, I want to commend Dr. Garcia for leading CSU forward with courage, innovation, and compassion for the benefit of all students.

HONORING DARLENE RAMÍREZ-RIVERA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Darlene Ramírez-Rivera holds a bachelor's degree in natural

sciences from the University of Puerto Rico, with a major in chemistry and biology. She is also a pianist and flutist, having graduated from the Escuela Libre de Música in Puerto Rico.

Her background as a chemistry and biology teacher demonstrates her commitment to scientific education. Darlene is the founder of Casa del Artesano Fine Arts and Educational Consulting, a nonprofit organization established in 2018 to support Puerto Rican artisans who arrived after Hurricane Maria. Together with her husband, Igor Báez-Muñoz, she is now expanding Casa del Artesano with Pa'l Callejón, the first center in the Kissimmee region that combines an art gallery with a cultural restaurant.

In 2004, she became the leader of the bobbin lace group "Mundillo en Orlando" and organized the first Bobbin Lace "Mundillo" Festival in Downtown Kissimmee. Darlene and her daughter, Vanahi, also founded a group of young "Mundillo" spidering lacers. Certified as an artisan by the Puerto Rican Industrial Development Company's Artisan Development Program in 2007, she has been instrumental in promoting Puerto Rican craftsmanship. In 2010, she received a proclamation for Bobbin Lace "Mundillo" Festival Day from Orange County Mayor, Richard T. Crotty, celebrated on April 11.

Her accolades include the "Women Who Make a Difference" award from La Prensa in 2010 and the "Florida Folklife Program Bobbin Lace Mundillo Master Award" in 2018. She was named Artisan of the Year by the Asociación de Artesanos y Artistas PR de Florida in 2019 and received the Eugenio María de Hostos Award from the National Puerto Rican Association in New York in 2022.

Since 2017, Darlene has been an instructor for the GED YouthBuild program at Valencia College, where she has graduated over 300 students in Osceola.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM HARVEY REEVES WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present William Harvey Reeves of Trinity, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas. William enlisted into the United States Army on December 4, 1963, proudly serving in the 716th Military Police Battalion. He was stationed in Saigon, Vietnam, eight months and twelve days. His Active Duty concluded with an honorable discharge, November 29, 1965, and he continued his service as an Army Reservist until December 3, 1969. He was awarded the Expert Rifle Badge, Armed Forces Expedi-

tionary Medal, Driver badge with bar, Overseas Bar and a Good Conduct Medal.

William has been a well-respected resident of Trinity County for over 30 years. He has served his community and veterans as a previous businessowner and is an active member of several local and state organizations, which include the Masonic Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the Trinity County Veterans Wall of Honor Society. He also volunteers his time serving on the Deep East Texas Military Service Academy Board. William was instrumental in the formation of the Trinity County Veterans Wall of Honor and served as the Treasurer for 16 years before becoming President in 2023.

For his unwavering service to the Nation and leadership to his community, it is my honor to award William Harvey Reeves with a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

RECOGNIZING WARE COUNTY

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ware County, Georgia for celebrating its 200-year anniversary.

Ware County was founded in 1824 and resides in Georgia's first Congressional District, which I have the honor and privilege of representing.

Originally carved from Appling County, Ware County was named after the United States Senator, Nicholas Ware, who served as the mayor of Augusta, Georgia before his term in the Senate.

Today, Ware County is recognized as one of the leading counties in South Georgia, as it is home to the 451st militia district, the oldest in our entire country.

The county site, Waycross, has grown from a small town with nothing more than a log courthouse to a city serving 14,000 people and large manufacturing companies such as Stewart's Candy Company.

Waycross is also bordered by the beautiful Satilla River, which became a busy route in the early 1800's for transporting longleaf pine trees to sawmills on the coast.

I am proud to celebrate this anniversary with Ware County and our great state of Georgia.

HONORING MARY RICHARDS

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Mary Richards.

Born on August 16, 1943, to parents Gus and Helen Sesia, Mary was a lifelong resident

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of Clinton, Massachusetts. Growing up, Mary's parents always emphasized the importance of community advocacy and standing up for underrepresented groups. This was a sentiment that Mary would carry with her throughout her life and career. After graduating from Sacred Heart Academy, Mary went on to receive her bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the College of Our Lady of the Elms, followed by a certificate in environmental law from Tufts University-Lincoln Filene Center.

For several decades, Mary worked for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in a variety of roles, including that of environmental analyst, section chief, and project manager. Throughout her career, Mary was a tireless advocate for increasing environmental protections, as well as women's, workers', and civil rights. Mary served as an executive board member. Vice President, and was the first woman to be elected President of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists (MOSES). Additionally, she was a founding member of the National Association of State Highway Transportation Unions (NASHTU). During Mary's time with both these organizations, she strove to improve the collective bargaining rights, wages, pension plans, and working conditions of all union members.

Over the years, Mary always remained an advocate for the issues that mattered most to her. She held the Labor Seat on the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, served as Chair of the Clinton Democratic Committee, was appointed to the Electoral College in 1996, and served as a Massachusetts delegate at the Democratic National Convention this past August. Mary was also active on several local and state boards and committees, including the League of Women Voters, Environmental League of Massachusetts, Nashua River Watershed Association, ACLU, and the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus.

Sadly, we lost Mary too soon on September 2, 2024, at the age of 81. Above all, she cherished spending time with her family and friends. Mary was a dedicated wife to her husband, James, and mother to their sons, Kevin and Dennis, and her legacy will carry on through all those who had the great fortune of knowing and working alongside her.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mary Richards, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her commitment to advocacy and bettering the lives of those around her.

#### RECOGNIZING LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS' 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lincoln Consolidated Schools of Augusta Township, Michigan on the occasion of their Centennial Celebration. Their steadfast commitment to the education of our area's youth over the last 100 years is worthy of commendation.

Dr. Marvin Pittman was a visionary educator in the early 1920s who believed in the

strength and power of public education. The consolidation of thirteen one-room schools was voted for by the community on May 2, 1923, and in April 1924, the cornerstone of a new K–12 school was laid. This school was named Lincoln Consolidated School in connection between the equal education opportunity ideals of Abraham Lincoln and the goals of the district. Once welcoming 500 students in 1924, Lincoln now hosts a diverse student population of over 3,000.

Lincoln Consolidated Schools District is currently home to four elementary schools, one middle school, and one enlarged high school. Their commitment to developing students into high achieving, inspired adults is exemplified through their partnership with Eastern Michigan University's Early College Alliance. At no cost, high school students are given the opportunity to experience higher education and earn college credits, opening their eyes to the possibilities after graduation. With a \$25 million bond passed in 2018, the district was able to improve facilities for athletics, fine arts, technology, and more. The Lincoln Athletic Building with new fitness and multi-sport areas was opened in 2021 and showcases the district's dedication to community involvement by encouraging community members to also utilize the space.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the staff, students, and community that have made Lincoln Consolidated Schools a tremendous educational environment for the last century. Dr. Pittman would be proud of how they have continued to build upon his ideals for public education. I am excited to see the district foster and encourage this community's students for the next 100 years.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN KELLY'S BIRTHDAY

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kelly, a Queens, New York native, graduated from Notre Dame in 1956 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also earned an MBA in 1966 from St. John's University. He spent much of his career with Textron Inc., eventually rising to President of the company's Marine & Land Systems in New Orleans, after departing his role as President of Bell Aerospace Textron in Buffalo, New York.

During his time at Bell Aerospace, Mr. Kelly played a critical role in the manufacturing of the lunar ascent engine which was crucial in the Apollo 11 mission piloted by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Mr. Kelly later joined Pan-American Life Insurance Company's Board of Directors in 1994, becoming chairman in 2004. He has been active in a multitude of organizations, including as a director of the Whitney Bank and as a founding director of the World War II Museum in New Orleans. He is also a founding member and former chairman of the Louisiana Technology Council, and additionally served on the board of directors of Rivada Networks LLC from 2005 to 2010.

Mr. Kelly is a founding member and former chairman of the Louisiana Committee of 100,

and a founding member and former vice-chairman of the New Orleans Business Council—and most importantly, Mr. Kelly is my friend. I thank him for the memories we have made over the years and for his dedicated service to this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to wish John Kelly a happy 90th birthday, and I look forward to celebrating with him.

#### TRIBUTE TO ISIDORO TUDELA CABRERA

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Isidoro Tudela Cabrera, born to the late Gregorio Camacho Cabrera and Escolastica Tudela Cabrera on the island of Saipan in 1953.

Isidoro Cabrera has spent his life learning how to grow food and sharing his passion for agriculture with the rest of us in the Northern Marianas. Isidoro graduated from Vudal Agricultural College in Papua New Guinea with a degree in Tropical Agriculture and later received certification in seed technology from the University of the Philippines. Then, he began his professional career working for the United Nations Trust Territory Government, as an intern and an entomology technician.

With the formation of the Commonwealth Government, Mr. Cabrera transitioned to work for its plant division, as an agriculturist. In 1987, he moved to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, where he was an agriculture extension agent until his retirement in 1998. He then joined Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Services where he serves as a consultant to this day.

Outside of this professional career, Mr. Cabrera is equally passionate about agriculture. He taught students with an interest in farming and gardening to start their own school garden at his alma mater, Marianas High School. He has worked with students at Kagman Elementary School and Kagman Headstart to demonstrate his love for growing food.

He is a founding member of the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Market Association, which started a regular farmer's market. He has served the boards of the Saipan Farmers Market Association, Saipan Agricultural Fair Association, the CNMI Farmers Cooperative and the AMOT Natibu Association that created a field guide to medicinal plants in the Northern Marianas in the Chamorro and Carolinian languages.

Understanding the significance of soil and water, Mr. Cabrera has spent a significant part of his career working on soil and water conservation as it relates to agriculture. Additionally, he studied hydroponics and set up his own farm, sharing his knowledge of this technology with anyone interested.

Last year, Isidoro lost the love of his life, Susana, with whom he shared three children: Isidoro Victor, Shani Joy, Antonette Esco; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. It is not unusual to see him, accompanied by

one of these grandchildren, taking the harvests of his garden to share with neighbors and friends.

I recognize Isidoro Tudela Cabrera and celebrate his over four decades' long commitment to agriculture. I thank him for all the nourishment he has gown for those of us who call the Northern Marianas our home.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. RICHARD K. VEDDER

#### HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the work of Dr. Richard K. Vedder, a resident of Ohio's 12th Congressional District and an exemplary figure in the fields of higher education and economics.

Dr. Vedder is a Distinguished Professor of Economics Emeritus at Ohio University and the founding director of the Center for College Affordability and Productivity in Washington, DC.

His contributions as a member of the Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education illustrate his commitment to reforming the higher education system. His research and proposed reforms address critical issues, including the high cost of education, the suppression of free speech on campuses, and the privatization of education by giving teachers a financial stake in schools.

Dr. Vedder's dedication to education goes beyond words. His fifty years of teaching experience at Ohio University, the University of Colorado, Claremont Men's College, and the MARA Institute of Technology reflect his lifelong commitment to educating others.

Dr. Vedder will be deservedly recognized at the Ohio Board of Trustees Symposium later this month.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF OCEAN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER IN BRICK, NEW JERSEY

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Hackensack Meridian Ocean University Medical Center in Brick, N.J., located in the Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey.

On July 4, 1984, the medical center opened its doors as Brick Hospital, part of the Northern Ocean Hospital System. Its roots go back even farther, due to its ties to Point Pleasant Hospital, which opened in 1918 with four rooms in the home of Dr. Frank Denniston. Point Pleasant Hospital became part of the North Ocean Hospital System in the 1980s, growing to 120 acute care beds by 1984 and serving patients with 200 physicians and 400 staff. Point Pleasant Hospital had 17,000 emergency room visits and 3,600 admissions.

Today the hospital boasts 317 licensed beds, another 40 rehabilitation beds, nearly 800 physicians and 2,600 staff, plus over 120

residents and fellows. Admissions have risen to over 12,500 per year, while emergency department visits have now topped 85,700 in the past year, including visits to its Ocean Care Center in Point Pleasant Beach.

The hospital takes pride in its pursuit of excellence in nursing care, as seen via its distinction as a Magnet-credentialed facility, enjoying numerous recognitions for quality care in areas such as joint replacement, stroke, colon cancer surgeries. The hospital leadership has worked hard to offer advanced care, including heart and vascular services, orthopedics and advanced surgical procedures with cutting-edge robotic technology and both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation.

The hospital's pursuit to deliver the best care possible was rewarded in 2021 with a prestigious "University" designation, which acknowledges exceptional teaching programs in the contributions to delivering high quality care.

Ocean University Medical Center acute care service is enhanced by its Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, which helps to meet the hospital's goal to provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation right on campus. That convenience aims at helping people regain their independence and reach their highest possible degree of functionality as quickly as possible following illness or injury.

The accolades over those 40 years are too numerous to mention, but I recognize just a few of the latest the hospital has achieved: U.S. News & World Report 2024–25 recognition as a High Performing hospital in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, colon cancer surgery, hip replacement, knee replacement, leukemia, lymphoma & myeloma, and lung cancer surgery; The "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade in the Spring 2023 Hospital Safety Grade report; The American College of Cardiology (ACC) 2023 Platinum Performance Award-National Cardiovascular Data Registry for Chest Pain-MI; 2022 certification by the ACC for HeartCARE designation; The Healthgrades' 2023 Patient Safety Excellence Award, placing it among the top 5 percent of all short-term acute care hospitals reporting patient safety; Recognition by the American Heart Association in its 2023 Get With The Guidelines awards program, earning Gold Plus Achievement Awards in the categories of: Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite; Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll; and Target: Heart Failure, and; Recognition by Practice Greenhealth in 2023 as a Top 25 Hospital in the nation for Environmental Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that the future of Ocean University Medical Center looks bright. The hospital is now a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health Network, with 18 hospitals and more than 36,000 team members, 7,000 physicians and 500 patient care locations.

With the recent completion of the \$19.5 million Dr. Robert H. and Mary Ellen Harris Heart and Vascular Center, Ocean University Medical Center now boasts one of the Garden State's most advanced centers for heart and vascular diagnosis and treatment.

Additionally, the hospital hosts a variety of local classes and programs to help people quit smoking, manage diabetes, treat stroke and brain injuries, identify heart attack risks and prevention methods, lower risk of falls, take advantage of health screenings or with other quality of life matters.

These programs complement the many health care services and accolades I just cited, and together they combine to help the hospital deliver on its mission of providing quality healthcare, and simultaneously developing students, residents, fellows, faculty and an overall health care environment that strives for the highest possible quality of healthcare for all patients.

Their approach is unique because it utilizes the best components of different, evidence-based teaching methods, and structures curriculum specifically to give students what they need to excel in today's modern, technically demanding clinical settings.

Mr. Speaker, you, I and many of our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives host the annual Congressional Art Competition for high schools in congressional districts across America.

It is with pride that I note Ocean University Medical Center hosted my annual Congressional High School Art Competition in 2023. In 2025, the hospital will once again host art students, their teachers and parents. The 2023 month-long exhibition was so warmly welcomed by staff, patients and visitors that I am eager for the show to open in the Spring of 2025.

Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 5, 2024, the leaders and staff at Ocean University Medical Center will officially celebrate four decades of delivering health care to the Brick, Point Pleasant and surrounding communities . . . truly a noteworthy accomplishment in which they should take great pride.

I congratulate President and Chief Hospital Executive Frank Citara, the Board of Trustees, the Foundation, the entire medical staff and all employees of the Ocean University Medical Center family on reaching this milestone.

#### HONORING GISELA ALVAREZ AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Gisela Alvarez is a proud flight attendant with Southwest Airlines. In 1993, she started her career with the company as a customer service agent, eventually transferring to her current position as a flight attendant. She has been awarded many honors, including the Flight Attendant of the Year in her Orlando base and the coveted President's Award from Southwest Airlines.

Her passion for understanding obstacles and breaking through barriers led her to select and complete a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies from Bowling Green State University. Her commitment to fighting for better working conditions, especially for those who don't have a voice, is evident in her involvement in her community, at work, and beyond.

In the early 2000's, she was elected as a shop steward with the Transport Workers Union (TWU) LOCAL 556. She currently serves on the Language of Destination and Origin (LODO) subcommittee.

Since 2010, she has volunteered with the nonprofit organization Giving4Hope, where she has traveled around the world to help

families and children in need. Through this organization, Gisela has also helped coordinate supply efforts to areas impacted by hurricanes such as Irma and Maria. She has assisted with organizing over 20 flights with aid and water filtration systems to the Bahamas and Puerto Rico. She currently sits on the board for Giving4Hope.

Since 2018, she has been a member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), a group that is a leading advocacy group for Latino/a worker's rights in this country. Gisela is currently the vice president of the Central Florida chapter.

Gisela loves participating in the Orange County Public Schools "Teach-In Day" program, where she volunteers her time to talk with students about the importance of academics in relation to careers and the future of the airline industry. Gisela also takes time to support the community with voter registration drives, citizenship clinics, and food drives, to name a few.

As the daughter of Ramon and Leticia Alvarez, who came to the United States from Medellin, Colombia, for a better life, she understands the importance of helping others and treating everyone with kindness. She contributes her success, her hard work ethic, and the value of treating everyone with respect, to them. Gisela is blessed to see such positive traits, habits, and willingness to volunteer reflected in her daughter, Zoey.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. RICKEY LEE HURST WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Dr. Rickey Lee Hurst, of Nacogdoches, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service to this Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

The son of a former B92 Pilot who flew during WWII, service to God, family and country runs deep within Rick and his family. While attending Texas Tech University, the war was raging in Vietnam. As many fine young American men did during that time, he registered for the draft without hesitation. His number was not called. He completed his education and training in dentistry and ultimately as an oral maxillofacial surgeon without pause. He then established his private practice in Nacogdoches, Texas, that operated from 1980 to 2022.

On September 11, 2001, America was attacked, and Ricky felt a deep call to go where he was needed most. He left his family, prosperity, and comfortable life in Nacogdoches, Texas, to volunteer for the U.S. Army at war. On September 18, 2002, he received a direct commission as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and just a year later was called to Active Duty for Operation Enduring Freedom. He served with the TF 44 MED/452nd Combat Support Hospital in Bagram, Afghanistan, and then later he was called again to Active Duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom during the surge in Iraq where he was responsible for all head and neck assessments and treatment in deliv-

ering care for U.S. soldiers, Marines, coalition forces, Iraqi Army Troops, Iraqi police, as well as injured civilians procedures and consistently made critical contributions to the surgical mission of the hospital and task force.

Ricky teaches Christian apologetics at Regents Academy and serves as a mentor to students and staff. He and his wife volunteer as tutors for children and adults in the community and they participate in Mission activities at home and abroad. He serves as an elder at Grace Bible Church in Nacogdoches and assists with the Regents Academy BIG Serve event every year, where students from Regents go out into the community and assist various non-profit organizations with area beautification and handyman-type repairs to their properties.

It is my honor to award Dr. Rickey Lee Hurst with a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

#### TRIBUTE TO RANDY A. RECORD

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and congratulate Randy A. Record for his 24 years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). EMWD is a water, wastewater, and recycled water agency representing a population of nearly one million people in western Riverside County.

Mr. Record represents Division 3 on EMWD's Board of Directors, which includes the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto, and surrounding unincorporated areas. During the nearly past quarter-century, he became one of California's leading water policy officials and helped create a more, reliable water supply for tens of millions of domestic and agricultural customers.

During his time on EMWD's Board, Mr. Record served as the President of the Association of California Water Agencies, the Monday Morning Group's Water Committee Chair, and the Chairman of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). He was also a vocal advocate in support of EMWD's relationships with local Native American tribes and was instrumental in the Soboba Settlement Act that was enacted by Congress in 2008. In addition, he is widely credited with helping bridge the gap between urban and agricultural users during California's drought in the mid-2010s.

Mr. Record has been a leading advocate for state and federal investments in western water infrastructure and for the adoption of drought-tolerant landscaping in public spaces to reduce water waste.

Mr. Record was preceded on the Board of Directors at both EMWD and Metropolitan by his father, Clayton Record. His retirement from EMWD will allow Mr. Record more time to focus on advancing innovative approaches to sustainable agriculture.

On a personal note, I count Randy as one of my longest and closest friends. I have appreciated his advice, humor, and support over the years and look forward to many more.

I thank Mr. Record for his friendship, leadership, and his lasting impact in creating a better

water supply future for the western United States.

#### REMEMBERING BILL LUCY

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a profound tribute to William "Bill" Lucy, a giant of the civil rights and labor movements, who passed on Tuesday, September 24, at the age of 90. Mr. Lucy, a native of Memphis, was a 34-year-old working for the Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) when he was sent to Memphis to work with the striking sanitation workers in February of 1968. He is credited with the iconic "I AM A MAN" placard messages and with encouraging Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to come to Memphis to support the cause. Those efforts led to the creation of AFSCME Local 1733 which is still proudly representing local public employees. Lucy was born on November 26, 1933, and attended schools in Memphis until his father was recruited to work as a welder in the California shipyards during World War II. Lucy graduated from high school in 1951 and studied civil engineering at the University of California-Berkeley. He then worked in the shipyards before being hired by the Contra Costa County government as an engineering aide. In that position, he strengthened an employee association into a real union, AFSCME's Local 1675, before heading east to Washington in 1966 to work at AFSCME's national headquarters as executive assistant to its International President Jerry Wurf. He was working at the headquarters office in Detroit when he was called to Memphis to monitor a dispute between the city and striking sanitation workers, who were not officially affiliated with AFSCME. He joined the negotiations on their behalf with a city that deemed their strike an illegal walkout and refused to acknowledge the workers or their demands for improved working conditions, union recognition, and respect. He and the Reverend Malcolm Blackburn helped devise the iconic I AM A MAN placards that galvanized not just local workers but world opinion. After Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, and cities across the country burned, President Johnson urged an end to the strike largely on the workers' terms.

On a personal note, I considered Mr. Lucy a good friend and have valued his advice and guidance throughout my time in public office. I particularly cherish the 2007 William Lucy Award I received from the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists of Tennessee and Kentucky that he founded. Mr. Lucy was a tall and commanding figure whose presence was striking and justly demanded respect and attention.

Mr. Lucy became the international secretary-treasurer of AFSCME and served there for 38 years. During that time, he helped found the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists to counter the neutral stand the AFL-CIO took in the 1972 presidential race, contending that re-electing Richard Nixon threatened civil rights and labor progress. Mr. Lucy was later a central figure in the boycotts and campaigns for divestments from state employee pension funds aimed at the white South African apartheid system. In the mid 1980s, he helped

launch the Free South Africa Movement which held protests outside the South African Embassy in Washington and called for the release of Nelson Mandela, who was ultimately freed in 1990 after 27 years in prison to become the country's first Black president. In 1994, Mr. Lucy led an AFL-CIO delegation to South Africa to monitor the election in which Mandela was elected president. Mr. Lucy served as the first Black president of the Public Services International, the world's largest labor federation, and was on the boards of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Africa-America Institute, and other organizations and was regularly recognized as one of the most influential Black Americans by *Ebony* magazine. In 1995, he was elected to the AFL-CIO's executive council. Before and during his retirement, Mr. Lucy remained active in a variety of civil rights activities and was an advisor to Washington, D.C., Mayors Walter Washington and Marion Berry. Dorothea, his wife of 47 years, passed in 2000, and his son William Jr., in 1977. I extend my sincere condolences to his daughters Benita and Phyllis, his extended family and his many friends and countless admirers. Mr. Lucy was a major force for good in this country and around the world, and he will be missed.

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#### HONORING TAYLOR BRISTOW

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the death of Investigator Taylor Bristow of Carrollton, Georgia.

On Friday, August 23, 2024, Taylor Bristow heroically laid down his life in the line of duty at only 30 years old.

Taylor Bristow was born on July 2, 1994, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Investigator Bristow was a dedicated family man and is survived by his wife and two children.

When he wasn't out protecting and serving his community, Taylor enjoyed playing with his children and two dogs and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Braves.

As an investigator, he was passionate about working with children and animal abuse cases. He wanted to help people, and was successful in that life goal. Our state has lost a hero, and we send our condolences to his family and community.

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#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fox River Radio League, one of the longest running amateur radio organizations in our country. Founded in 1924, the Fox River Radio League emerged from the passion and determination of young radio enthusiasts in the Aurora area. These pioneers delved into the

worlds of electromagnetic theory, vacuum tube technology, and Morse code, inspired by the model of the national Amateur Radio Relay League, which had been established a decade earlier in 1914.

Radio electronics were also an important part of my childhood. I can still remember the bright red cover of the 1967 AARL Radio Amateur's Handbook, the excitement of receiving a new Allied Electronics Catalog, the smell of dust of heating up on vacuum tubes with their filaments glowing cherry red—and all of the interesting things you could do with the 35 kilovolt power supply from an old TV.

When we reflect on the early 20th Century, we recognize it as a time of innovation in wireless communications. The wartime use of radio demonstrated its tremendous potential, highlighting the critical role this technology would play in connecting people across great distances.

In the post-war era, the fascination with radio blossomed, evolving rapidly to encompass new possibilities. Today, we are able to communicate across boundaries that once seemed insurmountable—sending signals that can bounce off the moon, transmitting and receiving digital messages, and establishing communications with astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

Currently, there are over 778,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the United States, each contributing to a network of communication that fosters connectivity and collaboration. Among these esteemed operators is the Fox River Radio League, with its 160 enthusiastic members—from pre-teens to retirees. These dedicated individuals gather monthly in Batavia, Illinois, finding community and joy in their shared passion for this historic hobby. But their contributions extend far beyond personal enjoyment. The members of the Fox River Radio League play a vital role in providing assistance during emergencies, supporting public events, and ensuring safety through on-scene communications.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the Fox River Radio League serves as a beacon of community spirit and effective communication in my district. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this centennial achievement, and to thank Kermit Carlson, an old friend from Fermilab and the current President of the Fox River Radio League. May the Fox River Radio League continue to inspire and connect people, spreading the love of amateur radio for generations to come.

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#### CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF INNOVATION AT GENERAL MOTORS' MILFORD PROVING GROUND

#### HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and celebrate the 100th anniversary of General Motors' Milford Proving Ground, a site that has been a cornerstone of progress in the automotive industry. Located in Oakland County, Michigan, Milford Proving Ground has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of transportation since its opening on September 25, 1924, and stands as the oldest dedicated vehicle testing facility in the world.

For the past century, Milford Proving Ground has been at the forefront of technological breakthroughs that have transformed the way we travel and stay safe on the road. The facility has a rich history of safety testing, including conducting the first vehicle rollover tests in 1934 and developing guardrails to reduce accidents and injuries. General Motors engineers pioneered the creation of crash test dummies. The site was also instrumental in introducing key safety features such as airbags, child car seats, and anti-lock brakes—improvements that have saved countless lives and set global standards for vehicle safety.

Throughout its 100 years, Milford Proving Ground has led the way in automotive progress and reliability. During World War II, the facility was an integral part of America's Arsenal of Democracy, supporting the war effort by testing tanks and other military vehicles to ensure they could withstand the harsh challenges of combat. In response to evolving standards and environmental concerns, engineers tested the first engine to run on unleaded fuel and made significant strides in increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions.

As we reflect on its remarkable history, we must also look to the Milford Proving Ground's future as a hub of groundbreaking innovation. The site, which now covers over 4,000 acres with over 150 miles of test courses, continues to drive leading-edge advancements. It is here that the next generation of electric vehicles is being put through its paces, along with vehicles designed for space exploration, such as the Lunar Mobility Vehicle for NASA's Artemis mission.

It's also important to recognize not only the Milford Proving Ground's technological milestones but also the people who made these accomplishments possible. From past pioneers to the more than 4,200 employees who work there today, each has played a vital role. Test drivers and engineers have pushed vehicles to their limits, while environmental specialists have helped preserve the site's natural beauty and wildlife, making General Motors a world leader in automotive testing and development.

It is with deep appreciation that I recognize its century of service and contributions to the automotive industry here in the official record of the United States House of Representatives. May General Motors' Milford Proving Ground continue to exemplify American ingenuity and serve as a beacon of innovation for many more years to come.

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#### HONORING MILTON JONES

#### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Milton Jones, an East Tennessean who served our country in the U.S. Navy and worked on the Manhattan Project.

Milton grew up with an interest in technology and how it works, which would serve him well throughout his career. After he graduated from Farragut High School in 1941, Jones earned a first class radio license from Madison College in Nashville. He then went on to train the Army Signal Corps until he was

called back to Tennessee to help on the Manhattan Project.

After the end of World War II, Milton started at WIVK radio as a chief engineer and proceeded to help set up new stations throughout the South. He retired in 1993, but continued to work as a consultant for different radio stations and helped tune their towers.

Milton raised four children with his wife Anna Ruth Atkins, and turned 101 years old in March of 2023. He has served his country and his family well, and the East Tennessee community is thankful for the impact he has had on those who have been fortunate enough to know him.

RECOGNIZING MILTON EVANS  
LADNIER WITH A CONGRES-  
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-  
TION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Milton Evans Ladnier, of Crockett, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

A native Texan, Milton was first called to duty by the United States Army on March 28, 1969, at the young age of 19. He served during the Vietnam conflict as a helicopter mechanic crew chief in the Central Highlands with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, earning the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal. In the 1990's Milton worked as an appraiser in Harris County and enlisted in the Army National Guard at Ellington Field. After several years with the Guard, he signed on as a full-time civil service technician and was called to Active Duty in 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. At the time, he was 55 years old and was assigned as supervisor to thirteen young soldiers in the helicopter engine repair shop. He received his honorable discharge in 2007. Milton was awarded the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Services Reserve Medal.

Milton moved to Crockett in 2017, where he immediately became involved with the local American Legion Post 134, serving as Commander two separate terms. He served as the Houston County Veterans Service Officer for two years and continues to support local veterans. He was instrumental in renovating the American Legion Post and developed the monthly luncheon for veterans and their families at the Post. Many days you can find Milton volunteering his time to drive veterans to their medical appointments, as he is always helping others. The American Legion has awarded him twice as the Veteran of the Year for his ongoing support of local veterans.

It is my honor to award Milton Evans Ladnier with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING DR. BARBARA NIELSEN

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina will always recognize and cherish the dedicated service of Dr. Barbara Nielsen. She heroically was the first Republican elected State Superintendent in 125 years, in addition to being the first woman. During her service as a member of the State Senate Education Committee, I know of her relentless devotion that all students can achieve.

Below is the obituary of the historic Sauls Funeral Home recounting her life of December 2, 1942, to September 3, 2024. She and Dennis are noted for their beautiful Moss Creek home in Bluffton, highlighted by 500-year-old oak trees at the entrance of U.S. Highway 278, which they saved when the highway was widened to eight lanes.

Dr. Barbara Nielsen of Hilton Head Island, SC, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Dr. Nielsen was a shining light in the field of education. Dr. Nielsen believed fiercely in the God-given potential of every student and dedicated her life to equipping them to reach it. She never lost faith in the belief of what a great education can bring. Dr. Barbara Nielsen was the first woman to ever be elected as South Carolina's Superintendent of Education and served two consecutive terms from 1991 to 1999.

During her tenure as superintendent, Dr. Nielsen campaigned for significant legislation on education reform. Most noteworthy among these were the state's 1998 Education Accountability Act, the law that made possible the state's first full-day kindergarten program, and the legislation that paved the way for the establishment of charter schools in South Carolina.

Prior to her role as superintendent, Dr. Nielsen's career in education spanned three decades as an administrator, an educational consultant, and as a teacher in Louisville, KY and Beaufort, SC. She held a doctorate degree in educational administration and planning and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Louisville, and an undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton. A multitude of accolades and tributes continue to pour in, reflecting the widespread respect and admiration she garnered over the years. Among her highest awards were The South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, and she was Commissioned as A Kentucky Colonel.

Even after her retirement, Dr. Nielsen never ceased her efforts in advocacy for students and teachers alike. In 2023, she notably chaired the state's 17-member Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force, a panel dedicated to finding innovative ways to recruit and retain quality educators within the state.

Governor Henry McMaster called Nielsen's death "a profound loss" for the state and hailed her as "a true pioneer and an inspiration to many." He said, "Her commitment to modernizing and reforming our education system transformed the lives of thousands upon thousands of our children."

Her passion and devotion to family were most important to her. She was especially proud of her grandchildren and loved every moment she had with them. Left to cherish our memories of Barbara are her Husband: Dr. Dennis J. Nielsen; her Daughters: Michelle Preli (Evan Sklar) of Brooklyn, NY

and Tina Beck (Jamison Beck) of Charleston, SC; her Brothers: Larry Stock (Linn) of Cincinnati, OH, Dennis Stock (Carolyn) of Cincinnati, OH, Tony Stock (Sally) of Cincinnati, OH, and Mike Stock (Becky) of Cincinnati, OH; her Sisters: Judy Forrester of Cincinnati, OH and Patti Reilly (Tim) of Cincinnati, OH, and her Grandchildren: Emmitt Sklar, Ava Sklar, and Jacob Beck.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Hospital would be appreciated.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Dr. Barbara Stock (Stock) Nielsen, please visit our Tree Store (<https://www.saulsfh.com/obituary/DrBarbaraNielsen/1068742/memorial-tree>).

HONORING MARITZA BELTRÁN AS  
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN  
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS-  
PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Maritza Beltrán began her professional career in New Jersey, working for Channel 47 Telemundo as the director of advertising and community affairs for New Jersey and Puerto Rico. Her talent and dedicated led her to excel in Spanish-language media, where she played a crucial role in disseminating information and supporting the Hispanic community.

In Orlando, Maritza became the host of the television program, "Mundo Mejor," broadcast on Cablevision and produced by ABC Channel 9. As a pioneer of Spanish-language media in Central Florida, her influence and leadership were instrumental in developing and strengthening the Hispanic presence in the region. Maritza was the producer and host of the morning show, "Buenos Días, Buen Día," broadcast by Q Broadcasting for 17 years. This program stood out for occupying the number one spot in Arbitron radio ratings and for its commitment to the community.

Maritza organized radio marathons for community causes, natural disasters, and the collection of supplies, clothing, and money. One of her most significant achievements was raising \$162,000 in a single day for children with cancer at St. Jude Hospital, making her show the only national radio program to reach this amount.

Additionally, Maritza produced and hosted the radio program, "Salud al Día," for the Pan American Association of Doctors of Central Florida. She was the first female anchor for Telefuturo/Univision Orlando, where she presented the segment, "Noticias: Orlando al Minuto."

In 2010, Maritza faced a brain aneurysm, but with admirable resilience, she underwent two brain surgeries and returned with even greater dedication to community service, grateful for the life that God generously gave back to her. Maritza is a woman committed to her community, a voice, and a helping hand. Her favorite words are, "Sí se puede," and her motto is, "God doesn't make little miracles, He makes big miracles, and here you have one . . . ME."

As the marketing coordinator for Banco Popular in Orlando, Maritza continued to demonstrate her commitment to the community. Since 2016, she has served as the executive



director of La Prensa, a newspaper with 43 years of history in Central Florida, dedicated to providing relevant and useful information to the Hispanic community. As the executive director of La Prensa, Maritza has dedicated herself to providing the Hispanic community with access to important reports, articles, and topics through this weekly newspaper.

Under her leadership, La Prensa has become the only fully Spanish-language newspaper aimed at Spanish speakers in the region, offering a vital space for Hispanics to feel represented and comfortable reading in their native language.

Maritza currently resides in Orlando, Florida. She is originally from Cárdenas, Matanzas, Cuba, and is married to Anibal Beltrán. Her career has been marked by her dedication to the Hispanic community and her passion for effective communication. She has consistently supported democratic causes and fought for freedom in countries of origin, reflecting her deep commitment to making a positive impact.

#### HONORING REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN DOCTOR ELEAZOR ROOT

##### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Revolutionary War Veteran Dr. Eleazer Root on the occasion of the laying of a plaque in his honor at Oak Grove Cemetery located in Manchester, Michigan. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember a man who served his country with honor during the Revolutionary War. His service to our Nation at the time of its birth is worthy of commendation.

Born in Coventry, Connecticut in July of 1764, Dr. Root first enlisted in the Continental Army as a Private at the tender age of 15. He was stationed at West Point, New York, where he contributed to the fight for American independence. Following his military service, Dr. Root moved to Manchester, Michigan not long after its founding in the early 1800s. He died in 1837 at the age of 72, and Dr. Root's grave was the first at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Doctor Root is remembered for his honorable military service and dedication to our Nation. He is just one of the few native and adopted Michiganders who fought for our country during the revolution. It is important for us to honor the veterans of our community who fought for the freedom of our Nation, a value we continue to hold dear today. We are thankful for the path these soldiers laid out for past, present and future Americans over two centuries ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the honorable Dr. Eleazer Root as he is memorialized in Manchester, Michigan. We join with Americans everywhere in extending our thanks to the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Ypsilanti Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution for their work dedication to honoring Dr. Root in the run up to Nation's 250th anniversary. Today and every day, we honor the brave patriots we lost in the fight for our independence. We are grateful for

their military service and their willingness to fight for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

#### HONORING SCOTT ORR

##### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Mr. Scott Orr from Georgia Power.

Mr. Orr has been led an impressive 42-year career and has been a great advocate for Georgians as Georgia Power's Manager of Federal Legislative Affairs.

Scott Orr began his career at Georgia Power in 1982, and since then has held a number of roles in the company including customer service, sales, and his role in Federal Legislative Affairs.

He has been a great friend not just to our office but to the Georgia delegation as a whole, having worked with several different members throughout his career!

Outside of work, Orr's service has made a great impact on his community.

Scott has served as the Vice Chair of the Georgia Youth Challenge Academy Foundation's Board of Directors, the Athens Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Northeast Georgia, and many others!

Thank you, Scott Orr, for your decades of service to Georgia, and congratulations on your well-earned retirement.

#### CONGRATULATING & WISHING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HONOR- ABLE ALGENON L. MARBLEY

##### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of the Honorable Algenon L. Marbley from my district, who has served the Southern District of Ohio since 1997, after his appointment by President Clinton and unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

In 2019, Judge Marbley became the first African American from the segregated South to serve as Chief District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Under his leadership, the Court remained one of the Nation's most productive, even through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2023, the District was ranked in the top 15 most productive federal district courts, and his dedication to justice is unparalleled.

As Chief Judge Marbley celebrates his 70th birthday and concludes his tenure, I extend my deepest gratitude for his service and friendship and wish him continued success in his next chapter.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. CARLOS CAMACHO

##### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carlos Sablan Camacho, the first Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands and a man who has devoted his life to the health and welfare of our island community.

Dr. Camacho was born to Luis Taimanao Camacho and Ramona Sablan Camacho on November 4, 1937, on the island of Saipan, during the Japanese administration.

He witnessed as a child the effects of World War II and particularly the Battle of Saipan in 1944, in which one in ten Mariana islanders lost their life.

For a person in our community, Carlos Camacho had unusual access to education during his formative years. He completed nine years of schooling in the Marianas, then in 1954 left for the island of Chuuk, where he attended the Pacific Island Central School and studied basic medicine and dentistry.

Two years later, he was recruited to attend the Fiji School of Medicine. There he received advanced medical training and after six years received a degree to practice medicine. He returned home to the Marianas and went to work at the Dr. Torres Hospital.

He returned to learning in 1971, when he began work on an advanced degree in Public Health at the University of Hawaii—Manoa. Signaling his accomplishment, Dr. Camacho was chosen to represent the School of Public Health and the Pacific Islands at the Colorado Medical Center Seminar in 1972. Upon completion of his studies, he returned from Hawaii and took up work on Saipan as the Chief Medical Officer of the public Health Service.

It was then that Dr. Camacho turned his attention to governance. In 1976, he was elected to the Congress of Micronesia. He became President of the Saipan Democratic Party. After the people of the Marianas voted to join the United States as a self-governing Commonwealth, Dr. Camacho was appointed to the convention that drafted the Constitution under which we now live.

When that Constitution first became effective in 1977, Dr. Camacho was elected the first Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and took office on January 9, 1978.

During his term as governor, Dr. Camacho fought against the implementation of gambling in our islands, was a leading voice protesting nuclear waste dumping in the Pacific, and managed the transition from governance by the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to self-government by the people of the Marianas.

He was a strong advocate for our newly formed Commonwealth government throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific. In the capitol of the Nation we chose to join, he forged a special working relationship with U.S. Congressman Phillip Burton, who had been instrumental behind the scenes in negotiating the Marianas Covenant of Political Union with the United States and who won approval for the Covenant in just three days' time here in the House of Representatives.

After serving one term as governor, Dr. Camacho retired from public service in 1981 and went into private business.

Dr. Camacho is married to Lourdes Winefreda Ito Pangelinan. They share seven children: Carla, Mona Lynn, Carlos Patrick, Kevin Frank, Francine, Jiana, and Franklin Luis; four grandchildren: Carlos Joe, Liana Margaret, Lucas Patrick, and Leia Rose.

His own early life experiences as a colonial subject of the Japanese empire and witness to the ravages of war greatly shaped Dr. Camacho's commitment to public service. His example of learning and service inspires us today and is a legacy he leaves for future generations in the Northern Mariana Islands and beyond.

HONORING NICKY NIEVES AS A  
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL  
FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Nicky Nieves is a 2× Paralympian and gold medalist sitting volleyball player for the United States of America.

She attended Gateway High School in Kissimmee, and during her volleyball career earned All-County Player and Best Attacker of the Year in 2007.

Deciding to transition from collegiate volleyball at Queens College, she joined Team USA in 2011. Nicky won her first Paralympic gold medal with the team at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and her second gold medal at the Paris 2024 Games, helping the team win the program's historic third consecutive gold medal.

Currently, Nicky is finishing her master's in clinical mental health and directing her non-profit, "Limitless People Inc.," which aims to provide more volleyball opportunities—both sitting and standing.

Through Limitless, Nicky has fed the community of Kissimmee on major holidays and has hosted sitting volleyball clinics and camps to spread the Paralympic movement throughout the state of Florida.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST  
MICHIGAN ACTION AGENCY

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northwest Michigan Action Agency for their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community.

Since 1974, NMCAA has provided Northern Michigan with community-based service, helping bridge the gap between poverty and self-sustainability by supporting independence and enhancing the quality of life for residents. Providing assistance for 10 counties across Northwest Michigan, NMCAA has touched countless lives and helped families from across the region find opportunities which due

to unfortunate circumstances may have not been available to them otherwise.

During their half century of service, NMCAA has become an anchor for the Northwest Michigan Community. It is a place providing opportunity for those who need it most and the organization has certainly lived up to their self-stated mission of fostering positive change, improving quality of life, and building stronger and more connected communities. NMCAA provides a multitude of services for residents, ranging from Housing and Energy Efficiency Services, Homeless Prevention Programs all the way to Economic Security and Child/Family Development initiatives. Their broad scope of assistance is a credit to the phenomenal staff and volunteers of NMCAA, who work tirelessly year-round to ensure that their impact is felt in the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northwest Michigan Action Agency for their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community and I wish them nothing but continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING LINDA MICHELE  
CONNER WITH A CONGRES-  
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-  
TION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Linda Michele Conner of Lufkin, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Her service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

Michele grew up in Hudson, Texas, and after graduating enlisted in the United States Air Force in Des Moines, Iowa, in March of 1993. She attended the USAF Basic Military Training School. Following training, she served in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm with the Security Forces Military Unit. She earned the rank of Airman First Class until she was honorably discharged in May of 1996. She was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

As a disabled veteran, Michele works tirelessly to give back to her community and the veterans she serves. She is the go-to person for approximately 4,800 veterans in Angelina County. She wears many hats, from volunteering with the American Legion, to her career as the Military Veteran Peer Service Coordinator with the Burke Center. She works to develop and maintain relationships with veteran organizations and local non-profit organizations that assist veterans to develop a network of support and resources to assist homeless veterans and their families who need household assistance/items and repairs. Michele has opened her home personally to assist homeless veterans. She works diligently every day to make sure no veteran who crosses her path falls through the system. Michele promotes camaraderie within veterans through the Valentines for Vets, Donuts with Veterans and the Deep East Texas Stand Down Event. She volunteers to instill patriotism in her community by coordinating the annual Flag Day ceremony at the VFW Post

1836, and honors freedom and bravery at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony where 1200 wreaths are placed on the graves of local veterans. Michele has been recognized for her outstanding volunteer service at the local, state, and national level.

It is my honor to award Linda Michele Conner with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING FRANKLIN AND  
CHRISTENE MOSS

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the decades of service the Honorable Franklin D. Moss and Christene Chadwick Moss have devoted to our Fort Worth community.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss have dedicated their lives to making our community a better place, particularly within the Stop Six neighborhood. Mr. Moss has served as a city councilmember, realtor, historian, and board member for various non-profit organizations. His civic contributions include his tenure on the Fort Worth City Council from 1998 to 2003 and again from 2007 to 2013, as well as his role as President of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members.

Mrs. Moss has also made significant contributions through her work as an educator, nurse, and advocate for the aging and disabled. She made history as the first Black female Board President of the Fort Worth Independent School District. Her educational background includes an associates degree from Tarrant County Junior College, a license in long-term care administration from El Centro College, a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Psychology from Texas Wesleyan College, and a master's in Hospital Administration from Texas Woman's University. Mrs. Moss has served and led on many Tarrant County, State and National Boards. The couple's unwavering commitment to education paired with their strong focus on giving back to the community has made a lasting impact on many people, particularly their three children: Edmond L. Moss, an accountant; Kimberlyn C. Simpson Moss, a retired nurse and veteran; and Franklin D. Moss Jr., CEO of Franklin & Anthony Tailor/Clothier.

I am pleased to recognize the enduring contributions of Franklin and Christene Moss's to the Fort Worth community and beyond. Thank you.

CONGRATULATING TUSLAW MID-  
DLE SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED  
OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION  
OF THE WEEK

**HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise today to recognize the students, staff, and teachers of Tuslaw Middle School as Ohio's

13th Congressional District Champions of the Week.

Tuslaw Middle School in Massillon was recently named as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School, the only school in Stark County to receive this distinction.

Tuslaw Middle School is also one of just 356 schools across the country recognized for their outstanding academic achievements.

It's clear the success of our young people depends on dedicated leaders who recognize their potential and support their educational journey, and Tuslaw is a stellar example of this.

But this was not an achievement that could be accomplished alone—the students, staff, and teachers of Tuslaw Middle School all played a role in earning this national recognition.

So congratulations again to everyone at Tuslaw Middle School on this incredible national honor, and I look forward to seeing how they continue this success in the classroom.

RECOGNIZING DR. KURT GRAHAM  
AND HIS SERVICE TO THE  
HARRY S. TRUMAN PRESI-  
DENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration and immense gratitude for Dr. Kurt Graham and his service throughout his tenure as library director of the Truman Presidential Library and Museum. Dr. Graham has dedicated nearly ten years of his life to the Truman Presidential Library, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to preserving history, education and the legacy of our 33rd president in his hometown Independence, Missouri, which lies inside Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Today, I invite us all to take a moment and reflect on Dr. Graham's contributions to our community as he departs as the library director.

Dr. Graham's astounding career and success goes beyond his time as the director of the Truman Library. Holding both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in English and American studies from the Brigham Young University, Dr. Graham proceeded to advancing his academic accomplishments by pursuing his doctorate degree in American history from Brown University. Before moving into the public history field, Dr. Graham spent time at California State University, San Bernardino, as an undergraduate and graduate professor in American political and constitutional history.

Outside his academic accomplishments, Dr. Graham has years of experience that undoubtedly prepared him for his role as library director of the Truman Presidential Library. Through his roles as director at the McCracken Research Library and at Church History Museum, he oversaw significant projects such as the digitization of archival collections, development and redesigns, physical renovation of public spaces, and leading fellowship programs. Dr. Graham's vast experience made him a notable leader when he was named as director of the Truman Presidential Library in 2015.

Throughout his tenure as director, Dr. Graham dedicated his time and service to finding

ways to improve the existing experience and to fulfill the needs of the 21st century audience. Under his supervision, the library and museum went through a \$29 million, large-scale renovation which lasted from July 2019 through June 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The renovation saw the installation of new technology to enhance the existing exhibits, provided digital archival assets, and a thematic experience for all visitors alike as they explore and learn about President Truman and wander through the library and museum. Dr. Graham has notably showcased his passion and commitment to preserving American history.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Dr. Graham as a thank you for leading the Truman Presidential Library and Museum throughout the last nine years. His enthusiasm, work ethic, and dedication to American history have created a lasting impact on those in our community and country. On behalf of the United States Congress and Missouri's Fifth District, I thank Dr. Graham for his service and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

HONORING DIANNE HORTON

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dianne Horton, who sadly passed away this September.

Mrs. Horton dedicated much of her life to serving the great state of Georgia, working for Senator Roscoe Dean at Georgia's State Capitol and for Mary Hitt's gubernatorial campaign. Enthralled by the whirlwind a life in politics brings, Dianne joined the famous Peanut Brigade, President Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign which began after he served as Governor of Georgia.

After her career in politics, Dianne opened her business, VIP Office Furniture and Supply store, in Hinesville, GA. In 2025, VIP will celebrate its 50th anniversary serving the Hinesville community.

Dianne is survived by her mother Inez, her sisters Vicki and Joy, and her sons Andy and Brett.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the Horton family today, may Dianne's memory be a blessing.

HONORING RAFAEL CAMACHO AS  
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN  
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS  
PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Rafael Camacho is a dedicated professional with a passion for workforce development and higher education. With over six years of experience in the field, Rafael has made significant contributions to bridging the gap between academic institutions and industry needs.

Beginning his career at CareerSource Central Florida, Rafael quickly became adept at

identifying skill gaps and designing programs to equip individuals with the necessary tools for success in the job market. His work involved collaborating with local businesses and community organizations to tailor training programs that addressed specific industry demands, thereby enhancing employment opportunities for countless individuals.

Transitioning into higher education, Rafael joined Valencia College as the director of recruitment and career placement for Accelerated Skills Training (AST), a key member of their recruitment team. In this role, he played a pivotal part in recruiting and guiding prospective students through the college application process. Rafael's deep understanding of workforce demands enabled him to effectively advise Orange and Osceola County students on career paths and educational programs that aligned with their aspirations and the evolving job market trends.

Before embarking on his civilian career, Rafael Camacho proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, where he honed his leadership, discipline, and commitment to service. His military experience has been a cornerstone of his professional ethos, instilling a sense of duty and purpose that carries over into all his endeavors.

After a distinguished military career, Rafael retired from the Marine Corps, bringing the same level of dedication and integrity to his roles in workforce development and education. With a unique blend of military and civilian experience, Rafael is committed to making a positive impact on individuals and communities, fostering growth and development wherever he goes.

HONORING SYLVIA YATES' 100TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. TROY E. NEHLS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to Sylvia Yates, a constituent of mine who will turn 100 years old on October 7, 2024.

Sylvia Yates was born in Livingston, Texas. As a child, Sylvia would often go to work with her father, who was a logger, and cook for him and his coworkers. Sylvia's love for cooking for those around her has remained with her throughout her life.

After graduating high school, Sylvia moved to Houston, Texas, to attend business school and met her husband, John Yates, whom she married in 1944. Shortly after marrying, John Yates deployed overseas to fight on behalf of our country in the United States Navy during World War II. After John returned home, Sylvia and John started their family, and have two boys, John and Barry.

Along with being a dedicated mother, Sylvia served as a Cub Scout leader and a Sunday school teacher. As a mother with two boys, Sylvia worked diligently in various jobs, showcasing her strong work ethic. During her downtime, Sylvia enjoys reading, needlepoint, and quilting.

John and Barry, Sylvia's sons, both served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. During this time, Sylvia remained a source of strength for her family.

Sylvia and her husband, John, enjoyed traveling throughout their 72 years of marriage and even embarked to the Holy Land in Israel. In retirement, Sylvia and John enjoyed gardening, watching wildlife, and spending time with their grandchildren. Sylvia has five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

To be close to her son, Barry, and his family, Sylvia and John moved to Richmond, Texas, in 2007. Sylvia's life has been one of love, service, and resilience. She has left a lasting mark on all who have known her.

On behalf of Texas' 22nd Congressional District, I wish a happy 100th birthday to Sylvia. May God continue to bless Sylvia, her family, and her loved ones.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROP HUNGER WALK OF ANN ARBOR

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on the 50th anniversary of their efforts in the fight against hunger. The contributions that this event has made to Ann Arbor and its surrounding communities in support of access to meals and greater food security are worthy of commendation.

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crop to post-World War II Europe and Asia. They soon expanded their target to ending hunger at home as well. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1969 and York, Pennsylvania in 1970. Since then, CROP Hunger Walks have grown to over 1,300 annual events across the nation with thousands of participating communities raising funds to eradicate hunger worldwide. 75 percent of the money raised at a CROP Hunger Walk is used to support global grassroots organizations while 25 percent of the funds stays in the host community for local hunger fighting agencies.

Ann Arbor held its first CROP Hunger Walk only four years after the program's founding. The city has helped raise, on average, \$30,000 to \$45,000 each year. That money has supported various community based programs and non-profits, dedicated to assisting all people with access to healthy food options, personal hygiene products, accessible housing, affordable health care, and more. The success of their CROP Hunger Walk would not be possible without the devotion of its volunteers and participants. As more communities have begun hosting their own CROP Hunger Walks, the committed community members of Ann Arbor have carried on this tradition and will continue to do so in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk and the contributions it has made to the fight against hunger. For the last 50 years, the event has brought together Ann Arbor and its surrounding communities in support of the common goal to end hunger. Thanks to the efforts of all participants and volunteers, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised to fund

local hunger-fighting programs in Ann Arbor and support global efforts to end world hunger and poverty. We thank the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk for its service to Michigan and are excited to see how the event continues serving the community in the future.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHERYL DENISE BRADY, USA, RETIRED, WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present retired USA Lieutenant Colonel Cheryl Denise Brady of Nacogdoches, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Her service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

Born and raised in El Dorado, Arkansas, where she graduated from Southern Arkansas University with a bachelor's degree in political science. Cheryl received her commission in 1984 as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps through Army ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate. After serving during The Gulf war and the war in Iraq, she culminated a 28-year distinguished military career as the Area Support Group-Kuwait, Director of Logistics at Camp Kuwait from August 2009 to January 2012. She was awarded the highest level recognition in 2011 as a Demonstrated Master Logistician under The Army Demonstrated Logistician Designation Program. Included among her military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Cheryl and her husband, Donald moved in May of 2019 at the Lord's direction to Nacogdoches, Texas. Cheryl teaches a women's Sunday school class and leads a weekly Spiritual Bootcamp, Bible reading group, at First Christian Church. She serves as board secretary of the Village Nac, a faith-based community where people who have chronic mental health issues or chronic homelessness can find housing, help, hope and healing. Here she teaches weekly discipleship classes and Bible studies while also serving as a mentor for Village residents.

It is my honor to award retired USA Lieutenant Colonel Cheryl Denise Brady with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

EXPOSING THE GAZA DEATH UNDERCOUNT, BY RALPH NADER

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following article published in the August/September issue of the Capitol Hill Citizen by my constituent,

Ralph Nader. I do not endorse everything put forward in the article; however, I believe it is important that it be included as a matter of free speech and discussion.

One way that the annihilator—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—flipped off the meek urgings of President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to “minimize civilian casualties” in Gaza was to say—Don't lecture me—look at what you did to civilians in Hiroshima (140,000 dead), Nagasaki (70,000 dead) and Dresden (25,000 dead) to crush your enemies. That's 235,000 dead in two nations with a population at the time of 150 million.

In Gaza, a tiny enclave of 2.3 million long besieged and impoverished people, nearly half of them children, the Israeli regime, a military nuclear superpower, backed unconditionally by the United States government and its demanding lobbies, has far exceeded that three city devastation.

The following probative evidence and professional assessments point to a death toll of over 300,000 Palestinians in Gaza with that number at least doubling by end of the year.

Why then is the reviled Hamas' official death count now at about 41,000, accepted by the mass media and most governments, regardless of their view for or against the genocide in Gaza?

Hamas is vested in an undercount to temper accusations by their own people that it has not protected them. (Hamas badly underestimated the total savagery of the Israeli response to its October 7 attack through a mysteriously collapsed multitiered Israeli border security complex.) The Israeli government also prefers an undercount to temper the rising level of international condemnation and boycotts.

As a result, the slow rise in the official fatality and injury undercount leaves a widening gap each day compared to the actual toll of death and morbidity on the ground. Normally, there would be an ongoing “gold standard” epidemiological estimate.

But war epidemiology has historically been understudied. A 2015 article in the journal *Epidemiology* found that for the epidemiology of severe acute respiratory syndrome there had been nearly 2.5 academic articles per death, while for the epidemiology of wars and armed conflict there are only 0.00005 articles per death.

Gaza presents additional obstacles. For years, Netanyahu has barred entry by journalists, including Israelis, from free and independent reporting there.

In early July 2024, more than 70 media and civil society organizations signed an open letter urging Israel to give journalists independent access to Gaza.

The organizations—which include the Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, BBC, CNN, The Guardian, the New York Times, and the Washington Post—said that no independent media access to Gaza has been permitted since the start of the war.

“This effective ban on foreign reporting has placed an impossible and unreasonable burden on local reporters to document a war through which they are living,” they wrote.

“More than 100 journalists have been killed since the start of the war and those who remain are working in conditions of extreme deprivation. The result is that information from Gaza is becoming harder and harder to obtain and that the reporting which does get through is subject to repeated questions over its veracity.”

Similarly, international humanitarian analysts have been excluded.

“Aid groups have been pointing to Israel restricting the flow of assistance into the territory as a major driver of the crisis,” Tharoor repeated. “Some prominent Israeli

officials openly champion stymying these transfers of aid.”

Martin Griffiths, the United Nations lead humanitarian officer said weeks ago that “life is draining out of Gaza at terrifying speed.”

“U.N. Secretary General António Guterres warned of an ‘unknown number of people’—believed to be in the tens of thousands—lying under the rubble of buildings brought down by Israeli strikes,” the Post reported.

On April 5, 2024, then special envoy for Biden on Humanitarian Affairs, David Satterfield told the American Jewish Committee “there is an imminent risk of famine for the majority, if not all, the 2.2 million population of Gaza.”

“This is not a point in debate. It is an established fact, which the United States, its experts, the international community, its experts assess and believe is real,” Satterfield said.

A few days later, USAID administrator Samantha Power agreed that it was “credible” to assess that famine was already occurring in Gaza.

UNICEF, Save the Children, the World Food Program, the International Rescue Committee, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, and Doctors Without Borders are all relating the same catastrophic conditions getting worse.

Some of these groups have lost valiant staff to Israeli attacks, including while sheltering in clearly marked UNWRA and Red Crescent buildings and vehicles. Israeli war crime violations of international law are legion, according to experts in the field from many nations.

These groups have years of experience working in disaster areas around the world and their reputation for reporting conditions is first rate. They know full well that the terrifying amputations and other disabilities and the corrosive PTSD on civilians, especially children, will long continue for those survivors.

Against this background, the mass media ditto heading the Hamas undercount would have people believe that 98 percent of the Gaza population has survived the Israeli onslaught. This is lethally impossible.

In July, the prestigious UK medical journal *The Lancet* put out a study of the Gaza undercount conservatively concluding that “it is not implausible to estimate that up to 186,000 or even more deaths could be attributable to the current conflict in Gaza.”

Finally, there is eye witness clinical evidence by western physicians, nurses and medical support staff returning from their tours of duty in the remaining badly damaged hospitals. Their accounts offer more probative evidence. In a largely ignored, documented letter to Joe Biden, Dr. Jill Biden and Kamala Harris, dated July 25, 2024, 45 of these doctors recounted their clinical observations.

Here are a few of them:

“I’ve never seen such horrific injuries, on such a massive scale, with so few resources. Our bombs are cutting down women and children by the thousands. Their mutilated bodies are a monument to cruelty.”—Dr. Feroze Sidhwa, trauma and critical care surgeon.

“Gaza was the first time I held a baby’s brains in my hand. The first of many.”—Dr. Mark Perlmutter, orthopedic and hand surgeon.

“Specifically, every one of us on a daily basis treated preteen children who were shot in the head and chest,” the doctors wrote in the letter to the Bidens and Harris. “With only marginal exceptions, everyone in Gaza is sick, injured, or both.”

“President and Dr. Biden, we wish you could see the nightmares that plague so

many of us since we have returned—dreams of children maimed and mutilated by our weapons, and their inconsolable mothers begging us to save them,” they wrote. “We wish you could hear the cries and screams our consciences will not let us forget. We cannot believe that anyone would continue arming the country that is deliberately killing these children after seeing what we have seen.”

“Israel has targeted our colleagues in Gaza for death, disappearance, and torture,” the doctors wrote. “We believe that the death toll from this conflict is many times higher than what is reported by the Gaza Ministry of Health.” “We urge you to end this madness now.”

Ironically, in December 2023, Dr. Jill Biden told spouse Joe Biden: “Stop it, stop it now, Joe.” (Source: Joe Biden). The doctors who signed the letter are asking for a personal meeting with the Bidens and Kamala Harris.

## RECOGNIZING GRAND TRAVERSE INDUSTRIES

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Grand Traverse Industries for their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community.

Founded in May 1974, GTI has continuously provided services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties. Over the years, GTI has expanded to also offer vocational training, employment, and habilitation services to individuals across seven counties of Northwest Lower Michigan. During their half century of service, GTI has helped thousands of people find their passion in life and guide them into fulfilling careers. Their advocacy for those with special needs is admirable and appreciated, and the work that they have done has touched countless lives.

GTI has certainly lived up to their core values of integrity, mercy, empathy, and inclusion, as well as being an important partner for businesses across the region, such as Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Cherry Capital Airport.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Grand Traverse Industries on their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community. I wish them all continued success and I thank them for their hard work and compassion.

## HONORING DR. MIGUEL BULEJE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Miguel Buleje is a respected educator and scholar with a distinguished career in higher education. As a professor in Florida’s Ninth Congressional District, he has made significant contributions to the field of computer sciences, cybersecurity, and technology management. His commitment

to academic excellence and student success has earned him recognition at the institutional and national levels. With over 10 years of teaching and research experience, he has mentored countless students and published multiple works that have elevated the body of knowledge. His academic background includes a Ph.D. in computer information sciences from Nova Southeastern University, a Master of Business Administration, a master’s in cybersecurity from Florida Institute of Technology, and a bachelor’s in computer engineering from Florida International University.

In addition to his academic achievements, Dr. Buleje served as a board member for multiple non-profit organizations, including the National Society of Hispanic MBA’s (AKA: Prospanica), where he played a critical role in advancing the organization’s mission to “empower and enable Hispanic professionals to achieve their full educational, economic, and social potential.”

Through his leadership, the organization implemented initiatives that benefit the community with a vision to serve as a catalyst for Hispanics.

Dr. Buleje is also a seasoned technology consultant with experience as a digital transformation agent. In this capacity, he has advised organizations on technology strategies to safeguard their digital assets, optimize their infrastructure, and navigate the complexities of the technology landscape. His expertise is highly sought after and has been instrumental in helping organizations in Florida across multiple sectors, including defense, life sciences, simulation & training, and higher education.

In recognition of Dr. Buleje’s outstanding contributions to education, public service, and technology, it is fitting that his legacy be honored in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, ensuring that his work will continue to inspire and guide future generations.

## CELEBRATING FORT PULASKI

### HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fort Pulaski Monument. Fort Pulaski is a symbol of resilience, innovation, and the enduring spirit of Coastal Georgia.

This fort, built to protect our young nation, is more than just a brick and mortar structure. It represents a turning point in American military history.

Its walls bore witness to the Civil War and the advent of rifled cannon technology, marking the end of traditional fortifications.

Fort Pulaski holds deep significance for Coastal Georgia as a beacon of our heritage, drawing visitors from across the country to experience its rich history, natural beauty, and the stories of those who fought to preserve the Union.

For the nation, it serves as a reminder of how far we have come, how innovation shapes our future, and how the preservation of such landmarks fosters a deeper understanding of our past.

Today, as we honor this milestone, let us reflect on the Fort’s legacy and recommit ourselves to preserving this piece of American history for generations to come.

CELEBRATING NEW PROSPECT  
BAPTIST CHURCH'S 200TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, sitting two miles east of Haleyville, Alabama, is one of oldest Baptist churches in the state of Alabama, New Prospect Baptist Church. This church has seen generations of families file into its pews, including my own family.

As a young boy, my grandparents, J.C. and Ruby Aderholt, were members of New Prospect Baptist Church, and I not only attended many services with them but also was a regular at New Prospect's Vacation Bible School in the summers.

As New Prospect Baptist Church celebrates their 200th Anniversary, I want to take a moment to recognize this place of worship and hope within the Haleyville community, which sits in Winston County.

Founded in the fall of 1824, New Prospect Baptist Church is the oldest Baptist church in Winston County, Alabama, and is believed to be the third oldest Baptist church in the entire state of Alabama.

A sixteen by twenty-foot log building, that stood until 1884, housed the first members of New Prospect Baptist Church. Multiple iterations of that small building have since been built in the shadows of the original.

Through hard work, and overcoming a multitude of setbacks, members of the church have given their time, money, and other resources to build New Prospect Baptist Church into the center of community it stands as today.

On their 200th Anniversary, members and worship leaders at New Prospect Baptist Church are just as focused on their goal as they were on day one: to build a loving church for a living Savior and to spread the Gospel to others.

I have no doubt that New Prospect Baptist Church will remain a pillar of the Haleyville community for many generations to come, and my hope is that families will feel the joy that I felt years ago when I would attend services with my Grandparents.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Brother Ronald Horton, their current pastor, and everyone who calls New Prospect Baptist Church home on their 200th Anniversary and wish them continued success in spreading the word of God as they continue to serve Winston County and the Haleyville community for another two centuries.

Truly, New Prospect Baptist Church is "A Loving Church for a Living Savior."

RECOGNIZING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF ORANGE COUNTY FOR  
100 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Goodwill Industries of Orange County for a century of service to our community.

Reverend John Winterbourne, determined to assist his community, founded Goodwill Industries of Orange County in 1924. Winterbourne's own home housed the first clothing repair shop, but it was later moved to a rented home on Logan Street in Santa Ana.

At the time, the Goodwill model revolved around repairing damaged goods for resale and hiring individuals with disabilities. In 1946, the "As is Lot" location opened next door to the main repair shop in Santa Ana. This "As is Lot" location focused on selling items that were not sold in stores to then sell by the pound. The Santa Ana marketplace became the blueprint for every Goodwill store across the country; they would all adopt the same business model and mission statement.

Since its opening, the store has become a leader in strengthening the workforce of Orange County. In 1992, the Deaf Services program was launched to provide Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing participants the skills needed to become independent at their homes, schools, and jobs. The Supported Employment program, which provides job preparation and placement services, Goodwill Industries of OC has continued to provide employment services for people with developmental disabilities.

Today, Goodwill of OC continues its impact through career development opportunities to ensure the success of their employees. In 2022, they unveiled the Training Center for Success that is designed to provide hands-on training to support the growth of their employees' skills. The program offers customized work simulations to its employees and trains individuals facing unemployment. Just last year, the Career Pathways Program launched a partnership with Goodwill OC to provide their employees with personalized career guidance to support their career growth.

From career development to disability programs, Goodwill Industries of OC has continued to serve employees and their families for the past 100 years. I call on my colleagues to join me in thanking Goodwill Industries of OC for its dedication to the success of our community.

HONORING EDGAR SILVA AS A  
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Edgar Silva is a professional of Colombian descent who had lived in the United States for 45 years and is the owner and founder of the Multiple Services World company that has a solid track record in the tax field.

Edgar is a highly trained and dedicated professional with a deep knowledge of the U.S. tax system, which has served him well in advising individuals and companies in this field. He has been a pillar of the Florida community since arriving in 1994, dedicating countless efforts to serving others. His passion for improving the quality of life for his neighbors led him to play a key role as president of the Colombian Civic Council for two years. During his leadership, he spearheaded initiatives focused on integration, social support, and community

development, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those around him.

He also serves as the general director of the Colombian American Chamber of Commerce in Orlando and has led initiatives, together with the board of directors, to promote commercial exchange, facilitate networking opportunities among entrepreneurs, and strengthen trade and cultural ties between Colombia and the United States in the region.

Edgar not only works within the Chamber of Commerce but is also a member of the Historic Preservation Board Advisor Committee of the City of Kissimmee, contributing in this way to ensure that downtown Kissimmee does not lose its historic identity.

Edgar Silva is recognized for his professionalism, integrity, and leadership skills, as well as his ability to build strong relationships and his commitment to excellence in customer service.

In conclusion, Edgar Silva is a prominent leader in the community who, with his experience, dedication, and strategic vision, continues to be fundamental to the growth and development of the business community in Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING DEB POLICH'S IMPACT ON WASHTENAW COUNTY,  
MICHIGAN

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Deb Polich and to celebrate her work as a champion for the arts and creative industries in Washtenaw County, Michigan. As President and CEO of Creative Washtenaw and Artrain, Inc., Deb's commitment to advancing the arts in Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Deb attended Eastern Michigan University where she earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Arts Administration. She started her career in the arts at the historic Michigan Theater where she assisted in the theatre restoration initiative. Launching the "Not Just for Kids" program, she increased family and child involvement in the performing arts in Ann Arbor, where she was an inspiration for those of all ages to get started in the arts.

As President of Artrain, Inc. for over three decades, she has worked tirelessly to deliver inspirational museum galleries to local communities using a museum-on-a-train model. Travelling across Michigan and the United States, her 600 plus visits meant that countless individuals—from schoolchildren to grandparents—experienced Artrain programs and many became creative practitioners, consumers, and supporters themselves. Her mentorship and leadership throughout the United States was recognized by First Lady Laura Bush, who presented Deb with the National Medal for Museum Service in 2006.

Her energy seemingly has no limitations as Deb frequently involves herself in multiple projects in order to spread the message on the importance of art and culture in Michigan. As Founder and President/CEO of Creative Washtenaw, she spearheaded the effort to create an agency based in Washtenaw County



that aims to directly support artists, businesses, and the government to maintain the region's dominance in the artistic and creative industry. By connecting industries and communities all over the greater Ann Arbor area, she has directly led to the flourishing creative scene in Washtenaw County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the magnificent career of Deb Polich and congratulating her as she moves on to the next chapter of her life. Her dedication to her community and country in advancing the field of art has created a more beautiful world for us all.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ESTRADA, GUZMAN, MENDEZ, PALOMINO, AND RAMIREZ FAMILIES TO AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS

#### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the extraordinary contributions of five California families to our Nation's struggle for civil rights. Together, the Estrada, Guzman, Mendez, Palomino, and Ramirez families challenged segregation in California public schools and won. In 1946, these families bravely fought for their children's right to equal access to education, even as the backlash could have put them in harm's way.

Their case, *Mendez et al v. Westminster et al*, attracted nationwide attention, including support from the NAACP and its counsel, Thurgood Marshall. The case led to California passing a law officially banning school segregation in the state, and it paved the way for the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case seven years later, ending school segregation across the country.

While the case is known as *Mendez v. Westminster*, the Guzman, Palomino, Estrada and Ramirez families are equally as critical to this important moment in our Nation's history.

Lorenzo and Josefina Ramirez tried to enroll their children in Roosevelt Grammar School, only to be told that they would have to attend a segregated school for Mexican students. When called to testify, Mr. Ramirez shared his belief that all children should be educated together.

Virginia and William Guzman tried to enroll their son, Billy, at Franklin Elementary but were told that it was school board policy to have separate schools for Mexican students. The Guzmans were the first to file suit in Orange County and, though their initial suit was unsuccessful, they joined forces with the other four families and rallied support.

Thomas and Mary Luisa Estrada worked to support the U.S. war efforts during World War II, and later galvanized their Westminster community behind them to fight for a better education for their six children. Frank and Irene Palomino tried to enroll their 11-year-old son, Arturo, in the local school, but were told by the superintendent that he needed to go to a school only for kids of Mexican descent. The Palominos decided to enroll Arturo elsewhere and challenge this injustice.

This Hispanic Heritage Month, we remember and celebrate the Estrada, Guzman,

Mendez, Palomino and Ramirez families. They fought for the right to an equal education for all—and won.

#### RECOGNIZING JUAN S. TENORIO

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Juan Sablan Tenorio, Juan Santiago. Juan was born to the late Santiago Camacho Tenorio and Maria Sablan Tenorio on the island of Saipan in 1953.

Most will describe Mr. Tenorio as a prominent businessman, but I would describe Juan as a lifelong philanthropist and an advocate for entrepreneurship in the Northern Mariana Islands.

After attending school abroad and graduating from Gonzaga University in 1976, Mr. Tenorio returned to the Marianas at the pivotal time when the Trust Territory Government was transitioning to the Commonwealth Government. Mr. Tenorio spent the next few decades dedicated to building business and in support of entrepreneurship recognizing its crucial role in growing the NMI economy.

In 1977, he became the president of JET Holding Company and later served as the chairman of several Commonwealth boards, including the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. In private business he has served on the boards of Saipan Stevedore Company, Pacific Health, Inc., City Trust Bank, and, currently, as the President of Saipan Shipping Company.

Mr. Tenorio actively supports numerous non-profit organizations, including serving as chair of the financial committee of the Mount Carmel Cathedral Parish for many years.

He was recognized as Businessman of the Year in 1994; and, on the occasion of his retirement from public service in 2002, was recognized for his contribution to our community and for his public service by the 13th Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.

Always in service to his community, Juan was front and center after Super Typhoon Kim in the 1980s and the two most recent category 5 supertyphoons Soudelor and Yutu, using his relationships and resources to provide necessary supplies including water and ice to those in need.

He, also, has organized a larger group of friends, who call themselves the chenchulu group, after the Chamorro word for the drag-net used for fishing. Much as the harvest of the chenchulu is shared with family and friends, this group often rallies to support those in need, whether the local little league teams, individuals who needed financial medical assistance, and students who needed help to travel abroad. This work is at the heart of Tenorio's humble nature.

Beyond his professional achievements, Juan is a devoted family man, married to Elizabeth "Becky" Kintol Tenorio and blessed with four children; Juan Santiago, Michelle Ross, Mary Margaret, and Francine Angeline; and eight grandchildren.

I recognize Juan Sablan Tenorio's lifelong dedication to improving the lives of those who

call the Northern Marianas home. His unwavering support for entrepreneurship and his commitment to helping others have left an indelible mark on the islands, making him a true inspiration to the community.

#### HONORING OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE DAVE LEVACY

#### HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Fairfield County Commissioner Dave Levacy, who will be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame this November. This distinguished honor recognizes Dave's exemplary service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Dave was drafted into the Army while a student at Ohio University, serving for two years between educational deferments. During his time in the military, he oversaw the development of Fort Story in Virginia. As a new inductee into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Dave views this recognition as an opportunity to highlight the importance of military service and to support veterans facing challenges.

Dave has held many roles in his community. He has worked as an accountant, business owner, paramedic, and firefighter with the Millersport/Walnut Township Fire Department. Dave has remained deeply involved in public service, serving as a county commissioner for over a decade. As a lifelong resident of Fairfield County, his years of dedication have established him as a pillar of the community.

I am honored to join in celebrating Commissioner Levacy as he is recognized by the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. I thank him for his service to our Nation and to Ohio's 12th Congressional District.

#### RECOGNIZING LUIS JESUS LOPEZ WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Luis Jesus Lopez, of Waco, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His dedication to his country and fellow man serves as a template for American exceptionalism.

Born and raised in Texas, Luis answered the call to serve by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in February 1969, during the escalating conflict of the Vietnam War. Throughout his four years of Active Duty, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he faced the perils of enemy fire on the battlefield with unwavering courage. In one particularly harrowing encounter, Corporal Lopez and his squad came under intense attack. Amid the chaos, he exhibited extraordinary bravery and selflessness. Alongside a corpsman and another Marine, he worked tirelessly to load two radiomen onto a helicopter, shielding them from life-threatening enemy fire. One of the radiomen had already made the ultimate sacrifice, but Corporal Lopez upheld the sacred

duty to never leave a fallen comrade behind. His actions that day not only saved lives but also exemplified the highest ideals of honor and brotherhood.

Corporal Lopez's distinguished service is reflected in the numerous awards and honors he has received, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge.

In his civilian life, Luis has remained a pillar of his community. He is an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League, and the American Legion in Waco. Through these organizations and his personal efforts, he consistently strives to support and assist his fellow veterans. His unwavering commitment to service extends beyond official capacities, making him an invaluable member of the community who continues to enrich the lives of others.

Even in retirement, Corporal Lopez has dedicated himself to serving others, just as he did during his military career. His ongoing contributions to his fellow veterans and his community stand as a testament to his character and the values he embodies.

It is with profound honor and respect that I award Luis Jesus Lopez with a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

#### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a remarkable milestone in northeastern Pennsylvania—Misericordia University's centennial anniversary. For 100 years, Misericordia has been a beacon of hope, education, and service in our community and beyond.

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy on September 15, 1924, the Sisters fulfilled Mother Superior Teresa Walsh's dream of establishing Luzerne County's first four-year institution of higher learning, College Misericordia, on nearly 100 acres of land in Dallas, Pennsylvania.

The name "Misericordia" translates to "heart of mercy," which remains at the core of the university's mission to cultivate a transformational educational experience that promotes intellectual curiosity and critical thinking in a supportive and inclusive community to inspire students to engage in a life of service and global citizenship.

The history of Misericordia is deeply intertwined with the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy, whose origins trace back to the compassionate vision of their founder, Catherine McAuley.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1778, Sr. Catherine dedicated her life to serving the poor, sick, and uneducated. Sr. Catherine's words, "The proof of love is deed," resonate powerfully within the halls of Misericordia University. Her vision for a compassionate, community-oriented approach to education and social service laid the groundwork for the Sisters of Mercy, who continue to inspire Misericordia's mission today.

The Sisters of Mercy arrived in the Wyoming Valley in 1875, earning the affectionate title "The Walking Sisters" as they tirelessly served the local community. Their work in education flourished, establishing schools for children and adults alike in response to the pressing needs of Northeastern Pennsylvania's coal mining region.

In September of 1924, Misericordia began with just 37 students, who were welcomed into a community committed to the school's motto: "Mulier Fortis," meaning "valiant women," symbolizing the spirit of scholarship and spirituality that has guided generations. Over the years, the university has grown significantly, attaining university status in 2007 and becoming co-educational in 1979.

Today, Misericordia offers over 50 academic programs, fostering leadership, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to service. The university continues to evolve and adapt, with innovative programs that reflect the needs of our changing world, including an array of undergraduate and graduate degrees in health sciences, business, education, and the liberal arts. The university also emphasizes experiential learning, encouraging students to engage with the community through service projects, internships, and research opportunities.

As we celebrate this centennial anniversary, we honor the enduring impact of Misericordia University and the vision that propelled its inception. The university has transformed countless lives, providing a nurturing environment that embraces diversity and fosters academic excellence. Its commitment to a student-centered approach continues to form and inspire the next generation of leaders.

As the member of the U.S. House representing Northeastern Pennsylvania, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Misericordia University, its faculty, staff, and students, on the remarkable milestone of celebrating 100 years. I look forward to witnessing the continued impact of Misericordia University for years to come.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEON WALLACE

#### HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my constituent, Leon Wallace, who will be commemorated with a street naming in his honor on October 5, 2024, at the intersection of Post Avenue and Simonson Place in Staten Island, New York. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas Leon Wallace was a native Staten Islander who grew up in West Brighton and Mariners Harbor, attended P.S. 18 and graduated from McKee High School in 1956.

Whereas Leon Wallace enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a jet mechanic while stationed in Guam until his honorable discharge in 1961. He later returned to service with the New York State Army National Guard's 5-117th Cavalry Unit in 1976 while simultaneously pursuing an education at Staten Island Community College, now the College of Staten Island. During his 39 years of combined military service, he contributed as a map-reading instructor and retired in 2001 as a Sergeant.

Whereas Leon Wallace put his life on the line for our country at a time when our nation did not afford him equal rights as an African American. Not only was Leon a dedicated patriot and member of our military but he was a steward of outstanding service to our community.

Whereas after Leon's time in the Air Force, he dedicated his time to helping individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. He was also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), The United States Island Veterans Organization (USIVO), and the 369th Veterans Association, as well as St. Philips Baptist Church, and completed the New York State chaplains' course to minister to other veterans in need.

Leon is still greatly missed and our community remains deeply appreciative of his service to our Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE KEWEENAW RESEARCH CENTER

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Keweenaw Research Center at Michigan Technological University for earning the Defense Counterintelligence Agency's Industry Award for Excellence.

Every year, DCSA annually recognizes entities which exhibit the most impressive counterintelligence capabilities and cooperation with U.S. Government efforts to deter, detect, and disrupt the theft of sensitive or classified information and technology by foreign entities.

This is just the latest achievement in what has been a tradition of excellence at Michigan Tech, which has \$110 million in research expenditures and has experienced a double-digit increase in research awards over last year's totals. Such an award is quite the achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of both the faculty and students of this exemplary institution.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Keweenaw Research Center at Michigan Technological University for earning the Defense Counterintelligence Agency's industry award for Excellence. I have no doubt they will continue to serve Northern Michigan and our Nation well, as they are always on the cutting edge of innovation.

#### HONORING VICTOR MONTALVO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Victor Montalvo is a renowned American B-boy, also known as "B-boy Victor."

He is recognized as one of the best breakers in the world and has won numerous championships, including two Red Bull BC One titles and bronze at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Montalvo was the first American to qualify for the Olympic Games in the sport of breaking, competing in the 2024 Paris Olympics. He



is known for his impressive freestyle skills, creativity, and athleticism.

Raised in Kissimmee, Florida, Victor's roots in breaking are rooted in hip-hop culture, and he has proudly represented the Latino community on his historic journey.

**RECOGNIZING JOSEPH JESSE ROBERT WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION**

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Joseph Jesse Robert, of Mart, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His lifelong dedication to honoring the values of service and sacrifice exemplifies what it truly means to be a patriot.

Raised in west, Texas, Joseph signed his delayed enlistment forms in December 1977, before graduating high school in the spring of 1978. He attended IT training at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois and graduated from the Aerospace Ground Support Technician School before reporting to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. In 1979, he underwent advanced training on the MVP 116A Generator and became the only service member to receive a letter of certification as an engineer from Consolidated Diesel Company of Connecticut.

In October 1979, Joseph was deployed to South Korea, where his service qua lifted him for the South Korean Defense Medal. He was also awarded Airman of the Quarter for his branch in 1980 and became the inaugural Tactical Air Command 552nd AWACS Airman Maintenance Professional of the Year. Joseph's tour ended in August 1982. He began working to repair ground support equipment in 1986 but was laid off in July 1991 after suffering an injury that ended his service career.

Joseph's civilian service began soon after. After working through his recovery, he became a volunteer first responder for the Prairie Hill Volunteer Fire Department and Mart Emergency Medical Service, where he earned his EMT Basic certification. In 2009, he faced another medical setback when he suffered a stroke, again affecting his ability to serve in active capacities. However, his desire to serve his community remained strong. In 2012, he became an MVPN volunteer with the Veterans One Stop in Waco, and from 2014 to 2017, he administered the Mexia Peer Support Center. He has held several leadership positions at the local VFW Post 4964 in Mexia, including Adjutant, Senior Vice, Quartermaster, and Commander, and he currently serves as the Service Officer for American Legion Post 288. Joseph also works with Veterans Partners of Texas, where he helps clothe, feed, and assist veterans daily.

Joseph's military and civilian service career has been long and impactful, earning him numerous awards, including the Army Service Ribbon, Marksman Qualification Badge (M-16), Maintenance Professional of the Year, Male MVPN Volunteer of the Year, Veteran Volunteer of the Year, and a certificate of appreciation as a Veteran of Foreign Wars. Joseph served his country in the Air Force and returned home to serve his community, continually seeking to offer his services in any capacity he can.

I am pleased to award Joseph Jesse Robert with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

**HONORING MIKE BELL**

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Bell on his retirement from the forestry industry.

Mr. Bell dedicated 23 years to Rayonier and is retiring as Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications.

During his career, Mike made a remarkable impact on the forestry industry and its surrounding communities. He is certainly leaving the industry better than he found it.

Mike built a reputation of fighting for the interests of the timberland owners and foresters. He also recognized the vital roles of guest workers play in the success of this industry, and utilized the H-2B program to ensure a strong workforce.

Mr Bell not only supported the forestry industry, but he was also successful in navigating the complex relationship between the forestry industry and our climate.

In addition to his advocacy work, Mr. Bell was a driving instrument in economic and infrastructure improvements that boosted foresters and local communities. Notably, he spearheaded the building of a broad coalition to secure an I-95 interchange in Richmond Hill, Georgia, to improve hurricane evacuation routes and traffic flow, while creating significant commercial opportunities in the process.

Mr. Bell embodied the values of a true leader throughout his career. I extend my most sincere gratitude and congratulations to Mike for his dedicated, impactful career that will continue to inspire future forestry professionals.

**CELEBRATING LISA AND RANDY BROWN'S RETIREMENT**

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor two individuals whose dedication, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our community have made an indelible mark on the fabric of Aurora. Lisa and Randy Brown, the beloved owners of the iconic Banana Split ice cream shop, are now embarking on a well-deserved retirement after 40 years of service.

Since 1983, Banana Split has not just been a business; it has been a gathering place for families, friends, and neighbors. It is a place where the joy of a simple scoop of ice cream brings smiles and laughter, and where memories are forged over countless summer afternoons.

Lisa and Randy have crafted not only delectable treats but have also built a legacy of kindness and community spirit that resonates throughout Aurora. From sponsoring local events and sports teams to providing support

for schools and charitable organizations, the Browns have always prioritized giving back.

As Lisa and Randy prepare to step into this new chapter of their lives, they look forward to spending quality time with their two children and three grandchildren. While they may be stepping back from the daily operations of Banana Split, their commitment to community service will continue, as Randy plans to remain actively engaged with the Lions Club and serve as a board member of the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District.

It is also essential to recognize how they have paved the way for future generations of small business owners. After a thoughtful vetting process, they are passing the torch to Daniel Cuevas, an Aurora native and graduate of Aurora University. Daniel is equally committed to maintaining Banana Split's cherished reputation as a small business that continues to prioritize community investment.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate Lisa and Randy Brown's contributions to the Aurora community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them a joyful retirement filled with adventure and family, knowing that they have built a legacy that will live on in the heart of Aurora for generations to come.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE WEST LAMPETER COMMUNITY FAIR**

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the West Lampeter Community Fair for its 100th anniversary.

Starting in 1924 as an exhibition for students, the West Lampeter Community Fair is rooted in tradition. The fair promotes Lampeter's heritage and agricultural community, and while much has changed in the past 100 years, the West Lampeter Community Fair does not shy away from its history.

The fair provides a great community environment and the opportunity for local children to compete in a range of competitions. Displays from local vendors and small businesses are at the heart of the bustling fair. Providing everything from homemade baked goods to vintage tractors, the West Lampeter Community fair has something for everyone. For me, that means always grabbing a vanilla milkshake and enjoying the horse show.

Organizing this annual event is no easy task. It is thanks to the tireless efforts of the fair board of directors and volunteers that allows this storied community event to continue and be successful year after year. The West Lampeter Community Fair also supports local business and continues to build a stronger community one fair at a time.

It is with great pride that I congratulate the West Lampeter Community Fair on its 100th anniversary. I wish them many more years of success in showcasing their community's heritage.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN DAVID CURSON'S SERVICE TO SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AND THE NATION

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life of Congressman David Curson and to grieve his passing. A dedicated member of the United Auto Workers, he has forever fought for the right of working-class Americans and his work should be commended.

David always had a strong connection to the working people of the United States. Following his high school graduation, David started working at the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company. He then enrolled at the University of Toledo but had to drop out after being drafted into the United States Marine Corps in during the height of the Vietnam War.

After his return in 1970, David started working at the Ford Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he worked as a Die Maker Journeyman. At his plant, David became increasingly involved with the UAW and was eventually elected as the UAW Plant Chairman for the factory. During his tenure with the union, he served as Director of Special Projects and Economic Analysis as well as executive assistant to three UAW presidents including Steve Yokich and Ron Gettelfinger.

Upon the resignation of Representative Thaddeus McCotter, David won the special election to replace the vacant seat from Michigan's 11th congressional district. Congressman Curson immediately stated his intentions of retiring after serving the remainder of the six-week term, demonstrating his dedication to the American people and not himself. During his time in Congress, he expressed his strong support for the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which he believed would strengthen the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating and remembering the life of Congressman David Curson and all that he accomplished. His dedication to his country, community, family will not be forgotten. His passion for strengthening the conditions for working Americans, inspired by his own working-class upbringing, drove so much of his work and impacted so many. His impact should be celebrated and remembered.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES NAVY WORLD WAR II VETERAN JOSEPH D'EMIDIO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district, Joseph D'Emidio. Throughout his life, Joseph has embodied a selfless and fearless spirit, resulting in a life rich in stories and memories. I commend Joseph for his service to our country and thank him for his great sacrifices and honorable legacy. As he celebrates

his 100th birthday on September 28, 2024, I would like to recognize Joseph and wish happiness for him and his family.

Joseph was born in Bristol Borough to Italian immigrants Gabriel and Lena (Vattimo) D'Emidio on September 28, 1924. He attended schools in Bristol Borough but quit school at age 16 to work to help support the family. One of those jobs was at the historic Fleetwing factory in Bristol Borough. He stopped working to pursue training in linoleum installation. At age 19, before he could be drafted for World War II, Joseph enlisted in the United States Navy, following the footsteps of his older brother Benjamin. He attended boot camp then trained for Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs).

He was then sent to England on an LST. He was subsequently joined by his brother Arthur, who also served on the LSTs. He ultimately participated in the D-Day Operation in Normandy on an LST. He was also involved in backing up forces for the Battle of the Bulge. His brother Carl served in the United States Coast Guard. On discharge from the Navy at the end of the war, Joseph returned to Bristol Borough to marry and start a family.

He was an original owner in the Winder Village section of Bristol Township. While living in Winder Village, Joseph and his friends became the Founding Members of Third District Fire Company. He served as its first Captain. He trained in kitchen customizing, returning to Bristol Borough to open a business on Mill Street called Cameo Kitchens. He has been active in the Lions Club for over 57 years.

He raised three children in Bristol: Joseph, Dyan and David, with his wife Theresa. Joseph and Theresa shared a love of family and Square Dancing. He is currently still living in Bristol, now married to his second wife, Jeanne. Joseph is a communicant at St. Ann's Church. He enjoys woodworking at the Bristol Borough Senior Citizen Center. Joseph likes his visits to Parx Casino and is a voracious reader.

His blended family is so very proud that Joseph has reached this milestone in his life. Our nation owes Joseph a debt that can never be repaid. We wish Joseph countless blessings and I remain deeply appreciative to Joseph D'Emidio for his life of service and sacrifice for our community, district, and country. His commitment to his fellow neighbors, veterans, and service members alike is a testament to his character and spirit. I am more than honored to recognize him today and wish him nothing but the best for his 100th birthday and the future beyond.

HONORING SUSANA RESTREPO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS-PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Susana Restrepo is a Colombian migrant and a community leader dedicated to the well-being and development of her community. With over seven years of experience, she has collaborated with local organizations to advance initiatives focused on housing justice, immigrant rights, climate change, and access to healthcare.

Susana's community involvement in Central Florida began as a member and volunteer with Organize Florida. She later became a community organizer with Chispa Florida and currently serves in the same role with Florida Rising.

Recognized for her ability to unite people from diverse backgrounds, Susana has developed inclusive solutions to her community's challenges. She was acknowledged as a "Community Hero" for leading relief efforts that supported more than 2,000 victims of Hurricane Ian. Additionally, VAMOS4PR Action honored her for her dedication to Puerto Rican and Hispanic communities in Central Florida. In 2019, during the City of Kissimmee's Women's History Month event, Susana was recognized as one of the women in the Kissimmee community who has made an enormous impact, made a difference, and has made Kissimmee a great place to call home.

Currently, Susana owns a small health business, SusaludPro. She strongly advocates for local entrepreneurship and works to strengthen community networks that facilitate access to quality healthcare services. Her efforts reflect her hard work, dedication, and passion for positively impacting people's lives. As an inspiring leader, she also empowers other women in business and actively champions local economic development.

RECOGNIZING DONALD LYNN McDONALD WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald Lynn McDonald of Groesbeck, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His dedication to veteran's causes in retirement reflects the ideals of our Country's core values.

Born in Mexia, Texas, Donald McDonald answered the call to serve by joining the United States Marine Corps in the 1970s. Over more than six years of Active Duty, he demonstrated exceptional commitment and skill. Serving as an Electric Systems Technician, he began his active service in 1971 in Beaufort, South Carolina. His exemplary performance earned him the M-14 Marksman Classification, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and a Letter of Appreciation, highlighting his professionalism and dedication to duty.

Upon his honorable discharge, Staff Sergeant McDonald continued his legacy of service within Limestone County. He became an active member of the Limestone County History Committee, where he focused on locating individuals in cemeteries and assisting families in finding their lost relatives. His efforts have provided closure and solace to many families, underscoring his compassion and commitment to his community.

Currently, he serves as the Limestone County Veteran Service Officer. In this role, he has achieved accreditation and has been instrumental in assisting numerous veterans throughout the community. His tireless work ensures that veterans and their families receive the benefits and support they have rightfully earned. Donald's unwavering dedication

reflects a deep respect for the sacrifices of his fellow service members and a genuine desire to enhance their quality of life.

This nomination is not only a tribute to Donald's profound commitment to his fellow citizens but also a recognition of the entire Veterans of Foreign Wars community in Limestone County. His selfless dedication embodies the highest ideals of service and citizenship.

For his dedicated service to this nation and his community, I am honored to award Donald Lynn McDonald with a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

**CONGRATULATING DAVE TITUS ON  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ST.  
PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dave Titus on his retirement from the St. Paul Police Department. Dave began his service with the St. Paul Police Department in 1994. He served in the Operations Division (patrol), as a field training officer (FTO), and on the Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) Team. Dave served as President of the Saint Paul Police Federation from 2001–2019 where he advocated to improve working conditions, officer pay and supported the implementation of body cameras. He also served as President of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association and was twice appointed by the Governor to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training. He continued his law enforcement career as an Inspector with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office for over five years.

I'm proud to have worked with Dave on various pieces of legislation including the Public Safety Officer Support Act, Invest to Protect Act and the Protect Local Law Enforcement Act. In addition, he has been a tireless advocate for the Social Security Fairness Act.

I'll always appreciate Dave's advice and counsel on law enforcement and public safety legislation and look forward to continuing that partnership in his new role as Deputy Director of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association.

Thank you to Dave for serving and protecting our community.

**STOP CAMPUS HAZING ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, as we debate H.R. 5646, Stop Campus Hazing Act, important legislation to address hazing on our college campuses, I include in the RECORD a letter of support for H.R. 5646 signed by parents who lost their children to hazing.

MARCH 7, 2024.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS, We are writing to communicate the importance of the Stop Campus Hazing Act (S. 2901, H.R. 5646), a bill

that will save lives. When our children/spouse started college we were filled with pride and excitement for what the future would bring. Never did we imagine that sending them to school meant we would never see them alive again. Instead of celebrating their graduation, we will spend the rest of our lives grieving their loss, because our loved ones were killed or seriously injured as a result of hazing.

Hazing is often thought of as a harmless bonding experience, but the reality is hazing threatens students' health and safety due to its intimidating, harassing, and often violent nature (StopHazing Research Lab, 2020). The National Study of Student Hazing found that more than 55% of college students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations experience hazing at colleges and universities throughout the U.S. These acts can cause serious psychological, emotional, physical injuries, and death. Over the past two decades, the number of identified hazing tragedies and deaths has escalated at an alarming rate.

Since 2015 Julie and Gary DeVercelly, whose son Gary DeVercelly, Jr. died as the result of a fraternity hazing ritual in 2007, have been tirelessly advocating for federal legislation that would require institutions to take action to prevent hazing incidents. We join them in urging you to support the Stop Campus Hazing Act, a bill that will help prevent other families from experiencing the loss we have endured. The Stop Campus Hazing Act requires the inclusion of hazing incidents as Clery Act crime statistics in Annual Security Reports; a publicly available transparency report that shares institutional hazing policies and identifies organizations that have violated them; and a comprehensive research-based educational programming on hazing for all stakeholders.

Our families' tragedies were preventable, and the more time that goes by before federal legislation is passed, the more young people will be harmed and killed by hazing. The time is now—we urge you to support this bill in honor of our loved one and the countless others who have been harmed.

Please contact Matthew.Golden@Mail.House.gov in Representative Lucy McBeth's office or Max.Hurst@Klobuchar.Senate.gov in Senator Klobuchar's office to co-sponsor the Stop Campus Hazing Act. Visit the StopHazing website to learn more or contact the Executive Director of Clery Center, Jessica Mertz, with questions (jmertz@clerycenter.org).

Thank you,

Patricia Strong-Fargas, (parent of Kristin High—died 9/9/2002 at California State University, Los Angeles); Karim Saafir, (spouse of Kenitha Saafir—died 9/9/2002 at California State University, Los Angeles); Mark Warren & Freada Warren, (parents of Clay R. Warren—died 9/21/2002 at Texas Tech University); Leslie & Michael Lanahan, (parents of Lynn Gordon Bailey ("Gordie")—died 9/17/2004 at University of Colorado Boulder); Debbie & Greg Smith, (parents of Matthew William Carrington—died 2/2/2005 at California State University, Chico); Julie Greaves DeVercelly & Gary Louis DeVercelly, Sr., (parents of Gary Louis DeVercelly, Jr.—died 3/30/2007 at Rider University); Julie & Tim Griffin, (parents of Brett Joseph Griffin—died 11/8/2008 at University of Delaware); Julia K. & H. Scott Starkey, (parents of Carson Leonard Starkey—died 12/2/2008 at California Polytechnic State University); Marie L. Andre, (parent of George B. Desdunes—died 2/25/2011 at Cornell University); Robert G. & Pamela E. Champion, (parents of Robert Darnell Champion—died 11/19/2011 at Florida A&M University); Dionne & Steven Williams, (parents of Jauwan Mikal Holmes—died 4/20/2013 at Virginia State University); Debbie & Danny Debrick, (parents of Dalton Debrick—

died 8/24/2014 at Texas Tech University); Cindy & Gary Hipps, (parents of Tucker W. Hipps—died 9/22/2014 at Clemson University); Theron J. & Kimberly A. Burch, (parents of Nolan M. Burch—died 11/14/2014 at West Virginia University); Sandy & Tom Coffey, (parents of Andrew Coffey—died 11/3/2017 at Florida State University); Daphne Beletsis and Yvonne Rainey, (parents of Alex Beletsis—died 6/20/2018 at U.C. Santa Cruz); Kathleen & Wade Wiant, (parents of Collin Wiant—died 11/12/2018 at Ohio University); Flavia Tomasello & John Tsialas, (parents of Antonio Tsialas—died 10/24/2019 at Cornell University); Jolayne Houtz & Hector Martinez, (parents of Sam Martinez—died 11/12/2019 at Washington State University); Eric & Linda Oaks, (parents of Adam Jeffrey Oaks—died 2/27/2021 at Virginia Commonwealth University); Shad & Cory Foltz, (parents of Stone Justin Foltz—died 3/7/2021 at Bowling Green State University); Tracey & Kirk Hazelwood, (parents of Thomas Lofton Hazelwood—died 10/18/2021 at University of Kentucky); Thomas & Mary Pat Santulli, (parents of Danny Santulli—critically injured 10/19/2021 at University of Missouri).

**RECOGNIZING SHARECARE**

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the staff of ShareCare for thirty years of dedicated service to the Leelanau community.

ShareCare is a volunteer service organization that provides assistance to senior citizens across the Northern Michigan community, with services ranging from yard clean-up to simply calling and checking in. Their staff is renowned for their kindness and willingness to help anytime, anywhere.

ShareCare's volunteers drive their own vehicles to provide transportation for those seniors who do not have it, and will assist with errands such as grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, or paying a visit to loved ones. Volunteers assist caregivers as well, often giving them a much-needed break in their constant responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate the committed and compassionate staff of ShareCare for thirty years of incredible service to the Leelanau community. I wish them all the best and commend them for their steadfast support of our senior citizens.

**HONORING MARK PINO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Mark Pino is a Florida native with four decades of experience as a journalist, storyteller, and public servant.

A University of South Florida graduate, Mark is the first in his family to complete college. He is proud of his Cuban and Spanish heritage.

He was born in Tampa, and throughout college, he worked in a garment factory where many employees were Cuban transplants. Their struggles and stories kept him grounded as he focused on a journalism career that began in 1982 with West Hernando News. He worked at papers in the Virgin Islands and Ocala before coming to Osceola County in 1996 when he joined Orlando Sentinel as assistant Osceola County editor and columnist. He also served as an ex-officio member of the editorial board.

Mark was the Sentinel's Polk-Osceola bureau chief. He chronicled the region's growth, captured its history, and provided critical insights as an influencer on policy. Through his written words, he also attempted to educate and inform readers with fairness and integrity.

An award-winning journalist, Mark's work earned him recognition for his ability to document and interpret the evolving landscape of Osceola County.

In 2009, Mark transitioned from journalism to public service, joining the Economic Development Department of Osceola County. His efforts focused on creating new job opportunities and contributing to the County's economic growth. He shifted to public information and communications, where he continued to document the good work of the Board of County Commissioners and communicate initiatives aimed at improving the lives of residents.

Mark's passion for storytelling incorporates photography and video. He is an award-winning photographer. His dedication to capturing the essence of Osceola reflects his commitment to his community.

Mark and his wife of 40 years, Marie, have three children. Their achievements are his greatest source of pride.

RECOGNIZING DONALD GENE JOHNSON WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald Gene Johnson, of Groesbeck, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His pledge to champion values of support and sacrifice exemplifies American patriotism.

Born in Texas, Donald received his draft notice in October 1965 and joined the Army to serve during the Vietnam War. He underwent basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado, before being deployed to the front lines in Vietnam. While overseas, he carried out critical operations vital to his unit's success, such as establishing forward base camps and managing supply runs. His efforts were essential in maintaining the operational effectiveness of his fellow soldiers under challenging and often perilous conditions.

One fateful night, while stationed at a listening post outside the perimeter, Specialist Johnson and three other soldiers were struck by a mortar round. Despite being severely injured, he remained composed and took actions that saved lives under extreme adversity. For his extraordinary courage and selflessness in the face of danger, he was awarded the Purple Heart, a testament to his bravery and dedication.

After returning to Texas, Donald channeled his entrepreneurial spirit into building a suc-

cessful Pepperidge Farm franchise in Houston. Upon selling the business, he returned to Limestone County to operate a cattle ranch, applying the same dedication and hard work that characterized his military service. His commitment to his community remained strong; he drove a school bus for the Groesbeck Independent School District, serving as an inspirational mentor to many young people. Additionally, he worked as a jailer at the Limestone County Jail, where he continued to positively influence lives through his mentorship.

Donald's military honors include the Purple Heart, the Rifle Sharpshooter qualification, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. These accolades reflect his commitment to excellence and the sacrifices he made during his service.

He is part of a remarkable family legacy of service; his four brothers, Charles, Foy, Edwin, and Cecil, also served in the military, each risking their lives for their country. This collective dedication underscores their character and commitment to the Nation.

I am honored to award Donald Gene Johnson with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His life of service and dedication embodies the spirit of American patriotism, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to his country and community.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:01:17 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:01:50 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 9890–9911; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1524–1530, were introduced. **Pages H5846–47**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5848–49**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 736, to require elementary and middle schools that receive Federal funds to obtain parental consent before changing a minor child's gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form or allowing a child to change the child's sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–706).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bucshon to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5841**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, October 4

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

3:30 p.m., Friday, October 4

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m.

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