

hundred years, the volunteers of the La Porte Little Theater are worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the La Porte Little Theater as volunteers gather to celebrate its 100th Anniversary and the magic of storytelling this Sunday, February 23, 2025.

130TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Our Lady of the Lake University's 130th anniversary. A true San Antonio institution, the university's dedication to public service extends further than the classroom, uniting generations of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Since 1895, Our Lady of the Lake has been a true Jewel of San Antonio's Westside. Established by the Sisters of Divine Providence, the school was created with the intention of serving the community in all aspects of life. Throughout the school's 130 years, it has held true to its traditions, while constantly innovating to ensure its position as a preeminent institution of higher education. Whether it was teaching grade school students at the turn of the twentieth century as a parochial school, providing individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds with access to higher education, or implementing community-based social service programs, Our Lady of the Lake has continually shown San Antonio and beyond that it is built on a commitment to service of all.

Now, in 2025, Our Lady of the Lake is a university that embraces its history to continually drive academic excellence and community development. As a leader in numerous academic disciplines, the university attracts students from throughout the United States and the world. Across Our Lady of the Lake University's three campuses, more than 75 undergraduate and graduate programs, and successful athletic programs, the university has positioned itself to inspire current and future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize an educational legacy defined by success, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to service.

HONORING DR. LANCELOT GOODEN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lancelot Gooden is an executive administrator and visionary leader with over two decades of experience in education. He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial mathematics, a master's degree in math education, and a Doctor of Education in adult and community college leadership. Since 2022, he has served as the pro-

vost for the Osceola and Poinciana campuses of Valencia College, where his leadership has profoundly impacted Osceola County, Florida. Dr. Gooden's tenure in Osceola County is marked by his commitment to academic excellence, student success, and community impact.

He is a member of the boards of directors of Hope Partnership and the Osceola County Education Foundation. He also serves on the boards of the Osceola Chamber, HCA Poinciana Hospital, and the National Science Foundation Engine Broadening Participation and Regional Engagement Advisory Board. He is a champion of community engagement. He actively works to strengthen partnerships between Valencia College and local organizations. His leadership demonstrates a commitment to fostering educational opportunities and community impact in Osceola County. He also focuses on developing innovative STEM education and workforce training programs to support the region's economic growth and resilience.

Dr. Gooden firmly believes in providing accessible, high-quality educational experiences for all learners, particularly students from low-income and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. He is the eighth of 12 siblings and the son of Clive Gooden and the late Candace Gooden. He is the proud father of two exceptional children, Matthaeus and Céline Gooden, and is married to his wonderful wife, Kutina Gooden. Through his visionary leadership and dedication to community engagement, Dr. Gooden continues to inspire positive change and transform lives in Osceola County, leaving a legacy of academic and civic excellence.

HONORING DETECTIVE MICHAEL NAKAHARA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Michael Nakahara of the Lake County Sheriff's Office I have named Detective Nakahara as the California 4th District's Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County because of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Born in Japan and raised in Hawaii by his parents, Scott and Susan Nakahara, Detective Nakahara graduated from the Hawai'i Preparatory Academy in 2014 before attending the San Joaquin Delta College P.O.S.T. Academy in 2021. He joined the Lake County Sheriff's Office later that year and, through his hard work, was assigned to the Major Crimes Unit in February 2024. In addition to his investigative duties, Detective Nakahara serves as an Explorer Advisor for the Lake County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post, mentoring young people interested in careers in law enforcement. His contributions to the department were recognized in December 2024 when he was awarded the Lake County Sheriff's Office Community Service Award and Sheriff's Citation.

Detective Nakahara demonstrated his skill while working on Lake County's first-ever fentanyl homicide case. Beginning in February 2024, he partnered with Sergeant Jeffrey Mora to investigate the tragic death of 17-year-old

Illeanna Frease, a Native American youth. Despite this being his first major case, as well as his first homicide case, Detective Nakahara tackled the investigation with tireless resolve. Over several months, he authored numerous reports and search warrants and conducted extensive interviews, allowing the evidence to guide him to the truth. His tenacity led to the arrest and charging of a suspect with second-degree murder who will face a jury trial this March. This case garnered widespread support from the Native American community at both the local and state levels and underscores the critical role Detective Nakahara plays in bringing justice to victims and their families.

Beyond his law enforcement duties, Detective Nakahara is an engaged member of our Lake County community. During the 2024 football season, he volunteered over 100 hours as an assistant coach for the Youth Varsity Kelseyville Chiefs in the Kelseyville Chiefs Youth Football League. His efforts helped instill values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal integrity in young athletes while strengthening the bond between the Sheriff's Office and the local community.

Mr. Speaker, Detective Michael Nakahara embodies the highest ideals of law enforcement—courage, dedication, and an unwavering pursuit of justice. Our citizens of Lake County and the Sheriff's Office can depend on him to protect and serve with honor and integrity. It is my privilege to recognize and commend Detective Nakahara for his outstanding contributions, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring him today.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JOHN D. ALLEN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the memory of a loving husband, doting father and grandfather, dedicated public servant, and my friend of longstanding, Judge John D. Allen. Sadly, Judge Allen passed from labor to reward on February 16, 2025. A celebration of his life will be held on February 21, 2025 at St. Mary's Road United Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Judge Allen was born on January 17, 1943, to the union of Daniel and Beatrice Allen, in racially segregated Columbus, Georgia. It seemed like all the odds were against him of one day becoming a Superior Court Judge. Despite the lack of Black role models in the law as he was growing up, Judge Allen kept education as his main priority. He graduated from Tuskegee University in 1966 with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

A distinguished cadet in the ROTC, Judge Allen was commissioned into the Air Force in 1966 as a 2nd Lieutenant Pilot. By the end of his Air Force career, Judge Allen had attained the rank of the Captain and flown over 280 combat missions across Southeast Asia wherein he took out enemy anti-aircraft positions and made the battlefields safer for an untold number of American troops and our allies. He then went on to serve in Tampa, Florida as an academic and flight instructor until