

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MEYER LUSKIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of visionary philanthropist Meyer Luskin. For decades, Mr. Luskin and his wife, Renee, have been civic and philanthropic leaders supporting academic and social causes throughout Southern California. Today, the impact of the Luskins' wide-ranging philanthropic giving can be seen across the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles, at local public schools and at leading medical centers in Southern California. It is my honor to celebrate his legacy on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Meyer Luskin came from humble beginnings. Born in 1925, he was raised on the Lower East Side of New York where he lived until he was fourteen years old. His family then moved to Boyle Heights on the East Side of Los Angeles, one of LA's most densely populated and historic neighborhoods.

In 1942, Meyer began his college education at the age of seventeen, traveling seventeen miles every day by streetcars and buses to attend the University of California, Los Angeles. He left following his first year to serve in World War II with the U.S. Army Air Corps but returned thereafter to complete a bachelor's degree in economics in 1949. To this day, Meyer emphasizes that his ability to return to college was because of a \$30 scholarship he received, deepening his appreciation for philanthropy in support of higher education. After UCLA, Meyer went on to earn a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University in 1951.

Taking a risk, Meyer left his job as a stockbroker to found and develop Scope Industries, a company that was ahead of its time in recognizing the benefits of transforming food waste into profitable and useful resources. As a result, Meyer became a trailblazer in the recycling industry and served as company president, CEO and chairman over the course of his leadership. Alongside the growing success of Scope Industries, opportunities also grew for Meyer and his beloved wife, Renee, to pay forward their achievements.

The Luskins have played a transformative role in shaping UCLA's future through major philanthropic gifts focused on innovation, education and public service. In 2008, Meyer and Renee founded the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation, an institute that develops ongoing programs focused on sustainable urban solutions including smart water systems, parklets, electric vehicle plans, solar power options and more. Their charitable commitment to the university deepened even further in 2011 with a transformative \$100 million gift that established the Luskin Conference Center. UCLA renamed the university's policy school to the Meyer and Renee Luskin School of Public Af-

fairs in their honor. This philanthropic donation by the Luskins reflected their belief in the institution's ability to tackle society's most pressing issues and foster effective collaboration across various academic and professional disciplines.

In 2019, the Luskins were awarded the esteemed UCLA Medal, the university's highest honor, in acknowledgment of their extraordinary contributions and lasting legacy. They were later named the Edward A. Dickson Alumni of the Year in 2020, another prestigious award for outstanding service to the university. Continuing their generosity, the Luskins made a historic \$25 million donation in 2024 to UCLA's Department of History, marking the largest single donation to both the department and the Division of Social Sciences. Most recently, Meyer was a founding donor to the California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy, part of the new UCLA Research Park at the former Westside Pavilion, which aims to support groundbreaking medical research and treatments.

In addition to pivotal donations to UCLA, Meyer has been involved in the university community and beyond through multiple leadership roles. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, and the boards of the UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, and the Luskin Center for Innovation at UCLA. Meyer also serves on an advisory board to UCLA's Chancellor called the UCLA Second Century Council. Several of his past roles include Chairman of the Board of both the UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital and the Orthopedic Institute for Children, as well as a member of the UCLA Centennial Campaign executive committee and the UCLA Foundation board of directors.

The Luskins' philanthropic support extends across the greater Los Angeles area, including the backing of arts and cultural entities such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Opera, Center Theatre Group and many other organizations.

This October, Meyer Luskin reaches the age of one hundred years old. The decades of leadership and generosity that he and his wife Renee have shown have served countless residents of Southern California and beyond. Los Angeles County and its institutions are stronger because of Meyer Luskin's civic engagement and generosity.

HONORING DR. SHEILA MCCABE AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Dr. Sheila McCabe as she is honored as one of Califor-

nia's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her outstanding dedication and service to education and the community. Dr. McCabe has served the district for over twelve years, leading efforts to expand educational opportunities for more than 21,000 students. Under her leadership, innovative programs such as the Public Safety Academy, Early College High School at Solano College, and a virtual school have been successfully established, providing diverse pathways for student success. Her commitment to building authentic community partnerships has been transformative. Dr. McCabe spearheaded the Inspire career fairs for 8th graders and industry tours for 10th graders, programs that have reached over 12,500 students across four school districts in Solano County. This exemplary work was recognized with the prestigious KI Jones award from the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce. Beyond education, Dr. McCabe has contributed extensively through civic engagement. She has served as Past-President and Literacy Chair of the Rotary Club of Cordelia, is a member of the Solano Economic Development Corporation Board, and currently leads the Fairfield Community Services Foundation Board as its President. She also serves as an Honorary Commander for the Band of the Golden West and represented Solano County at the Air War College's National Security Forum in 2015. Her tireless efforts continue to inspire and uplift the families of Solano County, making her truly deserving of this community award. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Dr. Sheila McCabe for her invaluable contributions to our community.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEORIA COUNTY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of Peoria County, located in the heart of Illinois. Along the Illinois River, Peoria County spans 629 square miles and is home to more than 181,000 residents who embody the resilience, innovation, and community spirit that define central Illinois.

For two centuries, Peoria County has served as an economic anchor for our state. From its fertile farmland producing corn, soybeans, and livestock, to manufacturing giants like Caterpillar and Komatsu, the region's foundation remains strong. Over time, Peoria County has diversified into healthcare, education, research, and entrepreneurship, with a thriving reputation for innovation and investment.

Peoria County serves as a hub for arts, culture, and recreation, with attractions such as the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Peoria

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Civic Center, embodying the best of the Midwest and providing metropolitan amenities within a welcoming, mid-sized community. Peoria is also home to Bradley University and Illinois Central College, preparing the next generation of leaders in Central Illinois.

Above all, Peoria County is a wonderful place to call home. The many diverse communities which comprise Peoria County carry forward a tradition of family values, hard work, and small-town charm that continue to define the region.

As we celebrate the bicentennial of Peoria County, we honor its proud past and look forward to the continued leadership role in Illinois and across the Midwest. I am pleased to represent this remarkable community and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Peoria County on 200 years of history and progress.

RECOGNIZING DANNY CHARLES MASUR WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Danny Charles Masur, of Rockdale, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His persistent efforts in fostering beliefs of sacrifice and respect reflect his value as a leader during service and in retirement.

After completing his early education in Lockhart, Texas public schools, Danny enrolled at Southwest Texas State College. Within his first week there, he recognized the potential of the ROTC program, and after his first experience with them he was set on a path to earn his pilot's license, graduate, and head to Air Force Pilot Training as soon as possible. He dedicated five years and one day of service to his country before his release from active duty.

Beginning in June 1968, Danny spent a year at Del Rio's Laughlin AFB Pilot Training, and upon completion he was assigned to Dover AFB, Delaware's Military Airlift Command. He flew the C-133 Cargomaster, the largest military transport aircraft at that time. Danny flew special missions world-wide including flights into Vietnam, followed by European and Middle Eastern trips supporting our Nation's Cold War military exercises. He also flew into other various conflicts such as the Israel-Jordan Crisis, and across the world to Pakistan, Ethiopia, Panama, Greenland, and Libya. Danny had the privilege of flying the last C-133 to the Boneyard at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

After leaving the Air Force, Danny became a tracking pilot/recovery supervisor at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. He was located in Palestine, Texas at their Balloon facility, wherein, alongside some of the world's top scientists and astrophysicists, he contributed to invaluable scientific discoveries in the facilities critical outer space work.

Danny then moved to work at the ALCOA plant in Rockdale, Texas, where he began

dedicating his life to his family and several community volunteer organizations. For twenty-two years he was a board member of the Rockdale Fair Association, as well as the Goat Superintendent and Vice-President of Fiscal Affairs. In 1982, he joined the Rockdale Knights of Columbus, serving as Columbus Club treasurer for 18 years and spending significant time as a Crew Leader. Since 2012, Danny has served as a Board Member for Minerva Water Supply Corporation; and for 17 years has served the Minerva community as a volunteer fireman where he currently serves as their treasurer.

Alongside his wife, Linda Matocha Masur, Danny has dedicated 58 years of marriage to raising four children and has extended his love and commitment to nurturing nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Danny's heart has never left the sky. As a pilot in the Rockdale Flying Tigers Flight Club, Danny is an EAA member and works with the Young Eagles Flight Program giving introductory flights. He has been an instructor pilot for years, serving as a technical, emotional, and mental mentor to many students who have made piloting their career.

It is with great honor and respect that I present Danny Charles Masur with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas. His exemplary service to our Nation and continued contributions to his community stand as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DONNA R. WILLIAMS, RETIRED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brigadier General Donna R. Williams, Retired, who has been named the 2025 Honorary Chairperson of the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Brigadier General Williams was selected for this honor in recognition of her longstanding community involvement and her distinguished service to our Nation. She served honorably for over 31 years in the United States Army, culminating her career as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) of the 412th Theater Engineer Command, located in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

A native of Vicksburg, Brigadier General Williams graduated from Vicksburg High School in 1982. She went on to earn her commission in 1986 through the Senior Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program at Jackson State University, where she also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Beyond her military career, Brigadier General Williams continues to contribute to her community. She is an active member of the Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Vicksburg Branch of the NAACP, and Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority. She is also a lifetime member of the United States Army ROTC Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of Brigadier General Donna R. Williams, Retired, and congratulating her on being named the 2025

Honorary Chairperson of the National Alliance on Mental Illness local chapter. Her career of service and dedication to community uplift exemplify the best of Mississippi and our Nation.

HONORING DIANE POWER ZIMMERMAN AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Diane Power Zimmerman as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Diane is a fifth-generation Solano County resident whose lifelong dedication to education, leadership, and community service has left an enduring mark on her community and the State of California. Diane began her journey in her family's long-standing local business, where she served as a manager and helped sustain a legacy of entrepreneurship and community connection spanning five generations. Her commitment to excellence and growth led her to pursue higher education, earning a Ph.D. in Organizational Management, a testament to her belief in lifelong learning and professional development. Over the course of a distinguished 36-year career in public education, Diane served as a speech pathologist, educator, and school administrator before culminating her service as Superintendent of Schools in Petaluma. Her leadership inspired innovation, equity, and collaboration across classrooms and districts, ensuring that generations of students had access to the tools and opportunities they needed to succeed. Even after retiring from public education, Diane continued to share her expertise and passion for learning. She has authored five books on education and business, offering valuable insight to educators, leaders, and professionals across the country. Beyond her professional achievements, she is deeply involved in her community. She volunteers her time at local museums, housing shelters, and with neighbors in need, embodying the values of service and compassion that have defined her life's work. Diane Power Zimmerman exemplifies the finest qualities of Solano County, with a proud legacy rooted in family, education, and civic responsibility. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Diane Power Zimmerman for her extraordinary leadership and her lifelong contributions to education and community service.

HONORING LANGHORNE BOROUGH POLICE CHIEF JOHN GODZIEBA ON 46 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief of Police John Godzieba of Langhorne Borough, Pennsylvania, upon his retirement following an extraordinary 46-year career in law enforcement.

Chief Godzieba's journey has been defined by integrity, commitment, and a lifelong devotion to the safety and well-being of the people he served.

At the age of 20, John Godzieba began his service as a young officer with the Bristol Township Police Department. Over the course of nearly four decades, he rose through the ranks to become a respected lieutenant and the longest-serving officer in the department's history. His professionalism, humility, and steady leadership left a lasting mark on generations of officers who followed in his footsteps.

In 2017, Chief Godzieba accepted the call to serve as Chief of Police in Langhorne Borough, bringing with him decades of experience, wisdom, and a heartfelt dedication to community policing. In this close-knit town, he became not just a leader in uniform, but a trusted neighbor and familiar face at community events, local celebrations, and moments of shared reflection. Under his leadership, the department continued to foster trust, respect, and partnership between officers and residents alike.

Throughout nearly five decades of service, Chief Godzieba witnessed dramatic changes in the profession, yet through every transformation, one thing remained constant within him. His unwavering belief that law enforcement is first and foremost about helping people and protecting the dignity of every individual.

Chief Godzieba also served with distinction as a member of the Bristol Township Police Honor Guard, paying solemn tribute to his fallen brothers and sisters in blue. His participation in those services reflected the deep reverence and compassion he carried for the law enforcement family and for those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Godzieba's career has been a testament to duty, perseverance, and faith in public service. His example reminds us that effective policing is not measured solely by enforcement, but by empathy, understanding, and dedication to community. On behalf of the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I extend my sincere gratitude to Chief John Godzieba for his outstanding service and leadership, and I wish him and his family every happiness and fulfillment in his well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING COPS/METRO ON ITS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Communities Organized for Public Services (COPS), also known as COPS/METRO. On Sunday, October 26, 2025, community members will gather to recognize five decades of transformational leadership and community empowerment in San Antonio. Attendees will reflect on past accomplishments, honor the leaders who paved the way, and reaffirm their shared commitment to building a more just and equitable future for all San Antonians.

For half a century, COPS/Metro has empowered community members to voice their

opinions and influence policies that impact their lives. This diverse, nonpartisan coalition of religious congregations, schools, civic groups, labor and professional organizations, and nonprofits has built connections across communities and achieved meaningful, lasting change.

Working with partners in both the public and private sectors, COPS/Metro has established a strong forum for advocacy that has enhanced the quality of life for families throughout Bexar County. From affordable housing and workforce training to environmental justice and government accountability, COPS/Metro has promoted fairness, opportunity, and dignity for all residents.

COPS/Metro has consistently supported the people of San Antonio with dedication and purpose. I commend COPS/Metro for fifty years of outstanding leadership and community service, and I look forward to its continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING JOHN HOLGER LYNGSO

HON. KEVIN MULLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. John Holger Lyngso, a remarkable 97-year-old World War II veteran, lifelong entrepreneur, and beloved member of the San Mateo County community. Born on April 18, 1928, in San Francisco, California, to Alfred Holger Lyngso and Edith Schack, John's story is a testament to the ideals upon which our Nation was built: service, perseverance, and aspirations. His parents immigrated from Denmark in the early 1920's, and their maritime heritage instilled in John a lifelong love of the ocean nurtured by family stories and, as he proudly put it, "Viking blood."

At just sixteen, driven by a sense of duty and adventure, John enlisted in the United States Merchant Marine on December 22, 1944, serving as an oiler aboard the U.S. Army tug *LT-518*. Often referred to as the "fourth arm of defense" during World War II, the Merchant Marine played a critical role in transporting troops, equipment, and supplies across dangerous waters, ensuring the success of Allied operations. From the final days of the war through its aftermath, John contributed to the vital maritime efforts that sustained American forces and supported victory around the globe.

Following his service, John continued to embody the values of hard work and perseverance. On August 28, 1950, he married Mary Eva Morris in San Francisco, beginning a marriage and family legacy that would span generations. Together, they built what would become a cornerstone of our local community, Lyngso Garden Materials. Initially, John did grading, including work on Highway 101. The business grew by accident, when John discovered that there was a market for different types of gravel. Everyone who saw the gravel wanted some, and a business was born. He would later name the stone mixes after his daughters. What began as a modest backhoe and hauling service grew into Redwood City's first landscape materials business, a thriving enterprise that remains to this day. John's en-

trepreneurial journey embodies the American dream: identifying a need, serving his community, and building lasting success from humble beginnings.

Rooted in his maritime heritage, he captained boats well into his 80's, including a memorable 2012 voyage from Ensenada, Mexico to San Francisco, California, to bring home his final vessel, an N37 trawler named Lena. The 550-mile trip took nine days steaming up the California coast, stopping first at San Diego to clear into the country, at Morro Bay for a rest, and at Monterey for repairs before finally passing under the Golden Gate Bridge. Throughout the journey, John displayed his ability and agility in the engine room, kept his appetite despite rough seas, and entertained his companions with his humor.

Today, John Lyngso is the proud patriarch of a large and loving family, including three daughters, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, with one on the way, and two great-great-grandchildren. His legacy is one of faith, dedication, and boundless curiosity. Now at 97 years young, he remains committed to reaching his next goal of celebrating his 100th birthday, a milestone that, given his strength and determination, he is sure to reach.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing John Holger Lyngso for a lifetime of devoted service and unwavering purpose. His service during World War II, his entrepreneurial contributions to the San Francisco Bay Area, and devotion to family, hard work, and community are appreciated and admired.

HONORING CHERYL COLLIER AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheryl Collier as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her dedication to the community and her civic engagement in West Contra Costa County. Cheryl's tireless work to uplift her neighbors and expand participation in democracy has strengthened the very fabric of her community. A lifelong Californian and proud resident of Richmond, Cheryl graduated from Berkeley High School and earned her associate degree from Contra Costa College. Over the years, she has served her community in countless ways, working in education, retail, and property management, leading her neighborhood council, and doing outreach to those experiencing homelessness. Although she has "retired" several times, Cheryl continues to devote her time and heart to helping others. Her deep belief that "if you don't vote, you're giving away a fundamental right that affects every part of your life" inspires her work encouraging others to register and participate in elections. Cheryl is especially proud of the diversity and strength of the communities she serves. She works to uplift younger generations, believing mentorship and inclusion are vital to sustaining progress. In addition to her civic work,

Cheryl remains active in her faith community at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, and treasures time with her two daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She exemplifies the spirit of commitment that keeps our communities strong and our democracy vibrant. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Cheryl Collier for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING COMMANDER DOUG HIGH

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special patriot, Commander Doug High of Lexington, Kentucky. After twenty-three years of service, he retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves on October 1, 2025.

Commander High is originally from Cincinnati and Mansfield, Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History/Political Science from Otterbein University. He and his wife Lyssa have lived in Lexington since 1999. They have two sons, Jackson and Harrison.

With no prior military experience, High requested and was granted a Direct Commission as a U.S. Navy Reserve Public Affairs Officer following the terrorist attacks on our Nation on September 11, 2001. He was commissioned as an Ensign in April 2002. He has served in numerous Navy Public Affairs Reserve units in his career, including the Navy Media Center, Washington, D.C. and the Sixth Fleet Public Affairs in Naples, Italy. In 2009 and again in 2010, Commander High was deployed for the Africa Partnership Station missions. He was recalled to active duty and deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2017 as part of NATO's Resolute Support Mission. For his service in Afghanistan while under fire, he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, NATO Service Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Many of Commander High's other missions throughout his Navy career involve conducting media training for Navy Leadership and Navy Mass Communication Specialists. These trainings have occurred on many overseas bases as well as stateside. He has also produced several video programs for the Navy. Commander High has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal (twice), the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards).

In civilian life, Doug High has served for the past 16 years as a News Anchor for WTVQ-TV ABC 36 in Lexington. He is an EMMY Award winning documentary film producer/director and has four additional EMMY nominations. For four years, he served as Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society.

It is my honor to recognize, before the House of Representatives, the dedicated and patriotic service of Commander (Retired) Doug High during his outstanding military career. His service to our country is greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOSÉ-MARIE GRIFFITHS FOR HER LEADERSHIP AT DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Dr. José-Marie Griffiths for her outstanding decade of leadership as President of Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota.

Since 2015, Dr. Griffiths has led Dakota State University to national leadership in cybersecurity education and research, broadening programs and partnerships that strengthen South Dakota's workforce and the Nation's cyber resilience.

Her vision and leadership have positioned the university as a key contributor to South Dakota's technology-driven economy while also advancing our Nation's cyber defense capabilities. Through initiatives such as the Madison Cyber Labs and innovative workforce development programs, Dr. Griffiths has built an enduring foundation for future generations of students and professionals in the cybersecurity field.

Following this year, Dr. Griffiths will step down as president to become Dakota State University's first chancellor, continuing her work to advance the university's mission and expand its national reach in the cyber and technology fields.

Dr. Griffiths's dedication has strengthened both the university and our state. I thank her for her outstanding service and congratulate her on this well-deserved appointment.

REMEMBERING MARGARET "MARGE" BROWN, OREGON, OHIO MAYOR AND NEIGHBOR

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable public servant, educator, and friend to many across Northwest Ohio, the Honorable Margaret "Marge" Brown, former Mayor of the City of Oregon, who passed away on October 19, 2025, at the age of 88.

Marge Brown was a woman whose life embodied the spirit of service, faith, and community. Born on July 21, 1937, the twelfth of thirteen children to John and Mildred TenEyck, she grew up in Oregon, Ohio, in a home filled with love, laughter, and the values that would guide her entire life. A proud graduate of Clay High School's Class of 1955 and Mary Manse College, she went on to dedicate nearly four decades to the teaching profession, shaping young minds in Graytown, at St. Thomas Aquinas, and throughout the Oregon School System. To her, teaching was a calling she pursued with compassion, patience, and joy.

Her deep commitment to her community extended well beyond the classroom. Elected to the Oregon City Council in 1989, Marge Brown went on to serve as Mayor from 2001 to 2009, the first woman to hold that office in

Oregon's history. As Mayor, she led with grace, integrity, and a steadfast belief in the power of collaboration. Her leadership helped strengthen the city's infrastructure, expand its recreational opportunities, and build bridges, literally and figuratively, across Northwest Ohio.

Marge also served in regional leadership through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, where her voice carried the interests of local communities to the broader stage of regional development. She believed deeply that progress was not the work of one city alone, but of neighbors joining hands to meet shared challenges.

Beyond public office, Marge's faith guided her every step. A lifelong member of St. Ignatius Church, she served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and volunteer. She often said her greatest joy came from serving others. A truth that was evident in the way she lived, loved, and led.

She was also a woman of adventure, traveling with her husband, Lenny Fetterman, to every state and county in America, as well as to all seven continents. Even crossing the equator, the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Hers was a life lived fully, humbly, and with gratitude.

Marge Brown leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, and public service that will endure for generations. She is survived by her beloved children, Joani, Jean, and Jeff; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and countless friends, colleagues, and former students who will forever remember her warmth and wisdom.

May the life of Marge Brown stand as a testament to what one dedicated citizen can accomplish through service, compassion, and perseverance. Her light will continue to shine in the city she loved so dearly and in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 9th Congressional District, the United States House of Representatives, and myself, I extend our deepest condolences to her family and to the entire Oregon community. May she rest in eternal peace, and may her example continue to inspire us all.

HONORING CAROL ABREU AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Carol Abreu as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her exemplary service and leadership in the Benicia-Vallejo community. Carol has earned the admiration and respect of her community through her tireless efforts to uplift others, promote good citizenship, and foster a spirit of compassion and inclusion. As Assistant to the Senior Pastor at Northgate Church, a non-denominational congregation serving the region, Carol plays a vital role in connecting individuals to support, resources, and

fellowship. Her presence at the church's information desk is a point of welcome and warmth for all who enter. She goes out of her way to ensure that people are not just seen but known, remembered, and valued by name. Carol and her husband, Terry Abreu, a respected former Boy Scout Troop Leader, have long exemplified servant leadership. Together, they have volunteered countless hours feeding the hungry through organized meal programs held in the basements of several churches across Vallejo. Their deep commitment to helping others, particularly those who are underserved, reflects a shared belief in the dignity of every person and the power of community. In 2025, Carol has continued to lead and inspire women throughout the Benicia-Vallejo area by providing enriching activities and fostering civic engagement. She is known for her eagerness to serve and her ability to bring people together for the common good. Her leadership does not seek recognition but seeks impact. Her legacy of service, humility, and community-building sets a powerful example for all of us. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Carol Abreu for her invaluable contributions to our community.

**HONORING STAFF MEMBER
DILLON MAXWELL CHRISTOPHER**

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dillon Maxwell Christopher, a dedicated member of my team for the last two years. Since August 2023, Dillon has loyally served the constituents of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District.

Dillon was born and raised in the great city of Seattle, Washington. After graduating from Ballard High School in 2010, he spent an impressive decade traveling across the country as a musician, singing and playing with numerous bands before going to college in 2017. Dillon graduated from the University of Maryland in 2022 with a degree in political science and during that time, interned for Delegate Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk at the Maryland House of Delegates. His passion for politics ushered him into pursuing a career on Capitol Hill, where he diligently worked under Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-MD), Representative JAMIE RASKIN (D-MD), and HALEY STEVENS (D-MI). Dillon later joined my office before returning to the Senate to serve as the Operations Assistant to Senator BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT).

As the only Special Assistant & Driver in my office, Dillon embraced his role with sincere dutifulness, patience, and humility. He joined our team during one of those many stretches where everything seemed to happen at once, from late night travel to late night votes, and somehow made it all look easy. To work in a congressional office, one must be adaptable, resourceful, and unflinching in their actions and responsibilities. Dillon demonstrated all of those qualities. In his role as Special Assistant & Driver and as the Office Emergency Coordinator, I entrusted Dillon with my office's and my safety and security requirements daily, and

he never failed to ensure our protection. He delivered hundreds of correspondences to my colleagues in Congress and constituents, proudly embodying our 5th District progressive values in both Washington and Minnesota.

Outside the office, Dillon is deeply rooted in his community and in D.C.'s arts scene. He is the lead singer of a new band, named, appropriately, Dillon Maxwell, and can often be found playing at PorchFest or supporting local music venues. When he is not performing, he's working in neighborhood restaurants, continuing the same ethics of service and generosity that define his work and perspective on Capitol Hill. Dillon's commitment to public service and democratic values is clear—it can be felt in everything he does and how he carries himself everyday as a tireless public servant, a good neighbor, and a loving husband and son (and father to many furry friends).

During his two years of service in our office, Dillon has become an integral part of our team. He lights up every room with his good-natured humor and witty personality. He has brought levity to long days and authenticity and warmth that kept morale high even during the most chaotic times. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Dillon, and I am confident he will drive forth our shared goals of making our country a better place for all wherever he goes.

On behalf of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Dillon for his service. His contributions to my office and the constituents of the 5th District will forever be remembered. It was an honor to work with Dillon in the office, and he will be dearly missed. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors as he takes his efforts and skills to the Senate.

**HONORING PASTOR JEFFREY A.
JOHNSON, SR.**

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary ministry and lifelong service of Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., as he retires from his role as Senior Pastor of Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis, Indiana after more than 35 years of faithful leadership.

An Indianapolis native, Pastor Johnson accepted his call to ministry at 17 and has remained steadfast in his commitment to God, community, and service. Lady Sharon Johnson, and their four sons have been instrumental in his success, and together they have formed a cornerstone of spiritual life in Indianapolis. Pastor Johnson's impact reaches far beyond the pulpit—he is a preacher, a teacher, builder, and visionary. Since becoming Senior Pastor in 1988 at just 25 years old, he has guided Eastern Star Church through unprecedented growth, transforming it into one of our Nation's most influential congregations. Under his leadership, the church expanded to three campuses and now serves over 17,000 members through more than 30 active ministries.

Through Kingdom Word Ministries, Pastor Johnson has authored books, mentored leaders, and shared the Gospel nationally and globally. His preaching—known for its depth,

clarity, and passion, earned him honors such as "Best Pulpit" by the Black Christian News Network.

Pastor Johnson has always embraced both the personal and social gospel. Under his guidance, Eastern Star Church built a school, launched church plants, supported families in need, and served as a voice for justice and hope in Indiana and beyond. As he begins a new chapter, Pastor Johnson will continue serving as "Legacy Pastor," a title honoring his lasting influence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable contributions of Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr.—a man of vision, conviction, and compassion. May his continued journey in faith and leadership inspire generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON VICIOSO

HON. DEREK TRAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved husband, devoted father, thoughtful grandfather, and courageous Purple Heart Veteran, Ramon Vicioso. Ramon, known as Ray to those close to him, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025, at the age of 93.

Ray was born in New York City, grew up in the Bronx borough, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp on October 23, 1947 at the age of 17 with his father's permission. He was first stationed at Camp Pendleton in Southern California before being sent to the frontlines of the Korean War. In July 1951, his tank platoon in Korea was traveling down a road when foot soldiers came up behind them. The tanks were ordered to pull off the road, unknowingly into a mine field, to let the soldiers pass. Unfortunately, Ray's tank was one of the first to be blown up, which resulted in his left leg being amputated and his right leg severely damaged. Upon returning to California, Ray continued his recovery, was awarded the Korean Service Medal, and received a Purple Heart for his sacrifice in the war.

As he transitioned back into civilian life in the 1960's, he began his long career in aerospace planning for Bendix and later Martin Marietta, supporting their critical efforts in the race to outer space as well as working on the latter's Titan IV launch team. Ray retired in Nevada where he was an active member of the local veteran community. He was known for his unwavering pride in the Marines and his own service, never complaining about what happened to him in Korea.

Ray was also a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. While his wife of over 40 years, Patricia Vicioso, passed away in 2024, he is survived by his five children, Victoria Hoffman, Ted Vicioso, David Vicioso, Paul Iverson, and one of my constituents, Beth Brown, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I have requested that the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capital in recognition of Ray's life and sacrifice to this country. Ray will be dearly missed by his friends and family, and his fiery legacy will continue on in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

HONORING CAROLYN WYSINGER AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Carolyn Wysinger, as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year, in recognition for her extraordinary leadership, service, and dedication to her community and to the people of California. Mayor Wysinger has built an impressive record of civic engagement and public service. She has served as Board President of San Francisco Pride, one of the world's most prominent celebrations of LGBTQ+ visibility and equality, ensuring that the event remains both a powerful expression of community pride and a platform for justice. As Executive Vice President of the City's Democratic Club and an elected member of the County's Democratic Club, she has championed civic participation, expanded representation, and strengthened democratic processes. In addition, Mayor Wysinger has been a delegate for the California Democratic Party, where she has elevated the voices of her community at the state level. Her professional accomplishments include serving as Communications and Political Director for California's State Comptroller, where she advanced key public policy initiatives and represented the office with distinction. Beyond her professional and political work, Mayor Wysinger is a dedicated mentor to youth, investing in the next generation of leaders and ensuring that young people, particularly in underrepresented communities, have the tools and encouragement to succeed. Mayor Wysinger exemplifies what it means to serve with vision, compassion, and integrity. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Carolyn Wysinger for her invaluable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILL" FOREST HARRIS WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William "Bill" Forest Harris of Cameron, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His persistent efforts in fostering beliefs of sacrifice and respect reflect his value as a leader during service and retirement.

Bill was drafted into the United States Army in 1969 and served a combat tour in Vietnam with the 809th Engineer Battalion. The battalion's mission was diverse, including construction, aviation support, and multi-role bridging capabilities, all while maintaining a combat-ready posture to fight at a moment's notice. Bill's heroic efforts earned him the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service

Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. After being honorably discharged in 1970, Bill served in the Army Reserves until 1975.

Although his military service had ended, Bill stayed committed to the honorable life of a public servant, becoming a firefighter with the Temple Fire Department before turning to serve in their Police department from 1974 to 1981. During his time in the police department Bill rose to the position of investigator and served as part of the Central Texas Narcotics and Organized Crime Task Force. Bill joined the Milam County Sheriff's office in 1982, where he served the remainder of his distinguished law enforcement career. Upon his retirement from that position, he continued to serve as a reserve deputy and as the Sheriff's office Chaplain until 2023.

Bill's commitment to Milam County is evident in every aspect of his life. His business, Cameron Tire Store, has been a staple of the community since he purchased the property in 1992. Bill has served on committees and boards repeatedly since moving to Milam County, as his leadership cannot go unnoticed. In the early 2000's, he was selected to serve on the committee tasked with developing the new jail for Milam County. His work with this committee led to the conversion of an old hospital into the new offices for the Sheriff's Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Precinct One and Two Justices of the Peace, and attached to all of this was a new modern jail.

Bill has served on the Cameron Housing Board, as member and director, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the North Milam Water Supply District and served as a city councilman for years. From 2000 to 2024, he served as the Mayor of Cameron, stepping in to serve as Interim City Manager while the city was held without one. Bill does not simply lend a helping hand, but he truly commits himself to enforcing change and improvement where it is needed.

At nearly 77 years old, while raising three children and being a grandfather to two, many would have retired, but not Bill. He continues to work hard every day as the owner of multiple businesses, which he runs with his wife Gwyn. His service has been recognized by the Cameron Chamber of Commerce, which named him Citizen of the Year in 2007 and presented him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023. As a man of great faith, Bill continues to serve as pastor of Davilla Baptist Church.

Through community, both broadly as an American and much more personally in any number of ways, through family, and of course through a strong commitment to faith, Bill has made himself more than worthy of this achievement.

It is with great honor and respect that I present William "Bill" Forest Harris with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas. His exemplary service to our Nation and continued contribution to his community stand as an inspiration to us all.

CELEBRATING CHIEF RICK BASHOR'S STORIED CAREER AND SERVICE TO COLORADO

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor and thank Chief Rick Bashor for his storied career and dedication to serving his community in Lafayette, Colorado, and wish him the best on his well-earned retirement.

Born and raised in Boulder County, Chief Bashor has dedicated the last 43 years in service to the Lafayette Police Department, earning the distinct honor of being the longest-serving chief in the history of the City of Lafayette.

Throughout his career with the Lafayette Police Department, Chief Bashor oversaw significant changes to the community and the department. He has served as a Police Officer, Field Training Officer, Detective, Master Firearms Instructor and Armorer, Sergeant, Field Training Sergeant, SWAT Negotiator, Lieutenant, Administrative Commander, Operations Commander, and finally, for the last 15 years, as Chief of Police.

When Chief Bashor first joined the service in 1983, the population of Lafayette was around 10,000. The population has tripled since then, and the police department has grown from 18 sworn officers to 51.

Chief Bashor has overseen sweeping changes to the department as they adapted to the needs of a growing community. Chief Bashor led his department through tumultuous times, including adjusting to the needs of a modern police force and navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. When he took on the role of Chief of Police, Chief Bashor committed to leaving the department better than when he found it, and I believe he's done just that. It has been an honor to work with Chief Bashor and to have him represent and serve the people of Colorado.

On behalf of Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, I thank and honor Chief Rick Bashor for his invaluable contributions and service to the community of Lafayette.

We thank Chief Bashor and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING PEORIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport, a cornerstone of transportation and economic growth in the heart of Central Illinois. Since its establishment in 1950, Peoria's International Airport has connected our region to destinations across the country while embodying the innovation and community spirit that defines Peoria.

Peoria's ties to aviation stretch back more than a century. From the Wright Brothers' exhibition flight in 1910, to Charles Lindbergh's

mail route between St. Louis and Chicago, our region has long been part of America's aviation story. In 1932, 261 local businessmen came together to purchase land for Peoria's first airfield, laying the foundation for what would become one of Illinois's most important regional airports. Over the decades, the airport has evolved from four shale runways to a modern international facility. In 2008, it was renamed in honor of Four-Star General Wayne A. Downing, a Peoria native and distinguished U.S. Army leader whose legacy continues to inspire our community. The airport expanded further in 2016 with the dedication of the Ray LaHood Terminal, recognizing the former Congressman and Transportation Secretary's lifelong commitment to infrastructure and service.

Peoria International Airport serves 12 non-stop destinations, offers the longest runway in Illinois outside of Chicago, and operates the state's only 24-hour FAA control tower beyond the Chicago area. From welcoming just 50,000 passengers in the 1950's to a record 689,000 passengers in 2019, PIA has become an indispensable hub for business, travel, and commerce in Central Illinois.

As we celebrate 75 years of service, we honor the vision of those who built and sustained this airport—leaders, workers, and community members whose dedication continues to strengthen our regional economy and connect Central Illinois to the world. I am proud to represent this remarkable community and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport and their leadership on 75 years of aviation excellence and progress.

**HONORING EGUNOR
ONOFEGHARA-OMOKO**

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mrs. Egunaor Onofeghara-Omoko, a devoted wife, mother, and community leader whose life of service and faith has uplifted countless individuals across Contra Costa County. Together with her husband, she has raised six children, embodying the values of family, faith, and commitment that strengthen our communities. Guided by her Christian faith, Mrs. Onofeghara-Omoko serves as a Ministry Team Leader at Victory Place International Ministries, where she provides spiritual guidance and leadership to her congregation. As Volunteer Supervisor for the ministry's community outreach, she helps coordinate efforts to feed more than 500 people every week, ensuring that those facing hardship find nourishment, dignity and hope. Her compassion extends far beyond the walls of her church. For the past three years, she has volunteered with Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa, continuing her mission to serve the hungry and vulnerable. For more than 15 years, she has also served as a school chaperone, investing time and energy in the well-being and growth of young students. Her dedication stands as an inspiration to all who know her. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mrs. Egunaor Onofeghara-Omoko for her extraordinary contributions to her family,

her church, and her community. Her legacy of faith-driven service reminds us that true leadership begins with a heart to serve. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Egunaor Onofeghara-Omoko for her outstanding devotion to service and her enduring impact on the lives of others.

**CONGRATULATING THE EASTERN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) as it celebrates a major milestone in the district's history. This year, EMWD will mark its 75th Anniversary and a proven legacy of service to our community.

EMWD was established on October 16, 1950, through a public vote by San Jacinto Valley property owners to help facilitate groundwater rights in the region. In the 75 years since, EMWD has grown from a small agency into California's sixth largest public retail water agency, and seventh largest wastewater agency, serving nearly 1 million customers across 682 square miles.

Throughout its history, EMWD has remained committed to delivering safe, reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water services. It serves one of California's fastest-growing regions and continues to balance the needs of current customers while planning for future growth. Through forward-thinking investments in infrastructure, including groundwater desalination and one of the Nation's most advanced recycled water programs, EMWD has emerged as a leader in water innovation and resiliency.

EMWD's success is driven by strong leadership and proactive engagement. Through active collaboration with state and federal partners and elected officials, the district has advanced policies that strengthen water reliability and promote long-term resource sustainability. EMWD and I have worked closely to advance critical water projects in both EMWD's service area, and the arid west.

On a local level, I have worked with EMWD on a sewer solution in Quail Valley a community that is reliant on antiquated, and failing septic systems. One part of the community's septic to sewer conversion is complete, and we continue to work together on subsequent phases.

Mr. Speaker, for 75 years, Eastern Municipal Water District has played a vital role in the development and sustainability of Southern California. I am proud to recognize EMWD for its decades of public service, and I join the community in celebrating this remarkable milestone. We look forward to EMWD's continued contributions and service for the next 75 years and beyond.

HONORING THE LIFELONG
SERVICE OF MS. ROSE AMADOR

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and lifelong service of Ms. Rose Amador, who is retiring after 55 years of dedication to our community, including 44 years as President and CEO of ConXión to Community, a nonprofit organization providing education, workforce development, youth engagement, behavioral health, and social services across Santa Clara County.

Under Ms. Amador's visionary leadership, ConXión grew tremendously in both reach and impact—securing a permanent home on Story Road and expanding programs to meet the rapidly evolving needs of our diverse community. Her steadfast commitment to public service and San José are unmatched.

Born in San José, Ms. Amador was inspired early by her parents—both community activists—who introduced her to the Chicano movement, the American GI Forum, and César Chávez marches. She was part of De Anza College's inaugural class, earning an Associate of Arts in Chicano Studies before completing her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management at St. Mary's College.

Her leadership extended beyond our region. Within the National Council of La Raza—now UnidosUS—Ms. Amador served in several capacities, including as a steering committee member, where she helped establish the National Affiliate Council, now known as the California National Affiliate Network. As a longtime leader of the La Raza Roundtable in San José, she became known for her ability to be both passionate and pragmatic, collaborative and courageous.

Ms. Amador's trailblazing leadership has earned her some of our community's highest honors—including the La Raza Historical Society Award, recognition as one of Silicon Valley's Top 100 Most Influential Latinos, Woman of the Year by Assemblyman Joe Coto, and KQED's 2013 Local Hero—among countless other accolades that reflect her enduring impact. Being of Yaqui descent, Ms. Amador also proudly carries the name "Cihuapilli", meaning "noble woman."

Ms. Amador's life has been marked by devotion to advocacy, uplifting the most vulnerable among us, and preserving our community's vibrant culture. We are profoundly grateful for her decades of leadership and service and wish her a joyful and well-earned retirement.

HONORING FATIMAH HANIF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fatimah Hanif, an inspiring community leader, educator, and advocate whose work in mindfulness, mental health, and youth empowerment has made a lasting impact on the City of Vallejo and the State of California.

Ms. Hanif is the founder of I Maintain, LLC., a company dedicated to personal growth, empowerment, and holistic wellness. She is also the author of a powerful book on self-journey and transformation, sharing her story and insight to uplift others navigating life's challenges. As Director of Mindfulness and Restorative Practices at Watch Me Grow, Inc. in Vallejo, Ms. Hanif integrates restorative approaches into youth and community programs that promote emotional wellness, conflict resolution, and resilience. Each month, she leads a free community sound bath at the Vallejo Library, creating a space for collective healing while also providing vital resources in mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Ms. Hanif has also collaborated with prestigious institutions such as Brown University, the University of Connecticut, and Compass Youth Collaborative, contributing her expertise to research and programming that promote youth leadership and trauma-informed practices. As an alumna of the Parent Leadership Training Initiative, she now serves as one of its Program Coordinators, continuing to empower parents as advocates and change-makers. Through her work, Ms. Hanif has demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to the healing and empowerment of her community. Her vision, compassion, and leadership continue to inspire transformation and hope across Solano County and the greater Bay Area. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize Fatimah Hanif for her extraordinary contributions to wellness, education, and community empowerment.

HONORING THE THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Three Valleys Municipal Water District as we celebrate its 75 years of service to the Pomona Valley.

First founded in 1950, the Three Valleys was originally called the "Pomona Valley Municipal Water District." It was established to provide a reliable water supply as orchards were converted into homes and businesses, when local leaders determined a new source of water was needed. In 1981, it adopted the name Three Valleys Municipal Water District to reflect the broader region it serves—the Pomona, Walnut, and San Gabriel Valleys.

Early in its history, the District joined the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, securing Colorado River water through a 242-mile-long aqueduct, ensuring a stable supply for the growing population residing in the 133 square miles it serves. This vision allowed the region to transition from an agricultural hub to a thriving residential and commercial community, while safeguarding one of its most vital resources.

In 1987, the District completed the Miramar Water and Hydroelectric Facility, a \$30 million project that strengthened water storage, distribution, and energy infrastructure, demonstrating the careful planning and collaboration executed by Three Valleys, the City of La Verne, and Golden State Water Company.

Today, Three Valleys provides water to 13 member agencies, continuing to support the Pomona Valley's growth and resilience.

The District has also earned recognition for excellence in governance, earning its District of Distinction accreditation in 2014 and again in 2024, along with the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence, reflecting its commitment to ethical leadership and public accountability.

For its long-standing service, visionary leadership, and lasting impact, made possible by its hard-working staff, it is my honor to recognize Three Valleys Municipal Water District. Its service to the Inland Empire is worthy of the highest commendation.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN AND ITS IMPACT ON SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its impact on Special Olympics Virginia.

Special Olympics Virginia has provided year-round sports training and competition to thousands of athletes for decades, empowering them to achieve their personal best while fostering inclusion, respect, and community engagement. Through these programs, athletes not only develop athletic skills but also gain confidence, leadership abilities, and lifelong friendships. As we gather today to honor our athletes and their families, I am extremely thankful for our Special Olympics' extraordinary service to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Additionally, the Law Enforcement Torch Run exemplifies the incredible partnership between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. Officers from across the Commonwealth have volunteered to carry the Flame of Hope, raising awareness and vital funds to support Special Olympics programs. This collaboration has helped break down barriers, build trust, and promote understanding for individuals with disabilities.

As we celebrate our athletes and their families, we recognize the dedication of their coaches, volunteers, and law enforcement officers whose commitment has transformed the lives of countless Virginians. The legacy of Special Olympics Virginia and the Law Enforcement Torch Run is one of inclusion, compassion, and unwavering support for every athlete's potential.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for joining me in honoring the 40th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its impact on Special Olympics Virginia.

HONORING GLORIA MALGAPO

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Gloria Malgapo, a distinguished

community leader, advocate, and early member of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA), whose service has strengthened civic engagement and representation for Asian Americans across Solano County. Ms. Malgapo has been an integral leader within the APAPA organization since its earliest days, serving as one of the founding members of both the Solano County Chapter and the National Organization. Through her leadership, she helped lay the foundation for an enduring network dedicated to empowering Asian American and Pacific Islander communities through civic participation and public service. As Vice President of APAPA Solano County, Ms. Malgapo has played a pivotal role in expanding local outreach, building partnerships, and encouraging civic involvement among emerging leaders. She has been a tireless advocate for APAPA's internship program, ensuring that students and young professionals have meaningful opportunities to learn about government, leadership, and civic responsibility at the local, state, and federal level. Ms. Malgapo has been deeply involved in community and civic events throughout the City of Vallejo and the broader Filipino American community county-wide. Her efforts have elevated the voices of Asian Americans in local and regional decision-making. Her work reflects the very best of civic engagement. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Ms. Gloria Malgapo for her extraordinary leadership, her lifelong dedication to public service, and her enduring commitment to advancing civic engagement and representation for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF "MR. PALM SPRINGS" HAROLD MATZNER

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Harold Matzner—known to so many as "Mr. Palm Springs"—who passed away on September 4, 2025, at the age of 88.

Harold was larger than life, a man of vision, conviction, generosity, and deep love for the Coachella Valley.

As Chairman of the Palm Springs International Film Festival, McCallum Theatre, Palm Springs Art Museum, and Palm Springs Tennis Club, Harold helped shape the cultural and civic heart of our region. As a philanthropist he gave from his heart. For over nearly four decades, he donated more than \$70 million to local nonprofits, strengthening our hospitals, food banks, children's services, and LGBTQ+ organizations.

Under his leadership, the McCallum Theatre flourished, hosting world-class performances, community events, and educational programs that have touched countless lives. It is a place where students discover the arts for the first time, families share in the joy of music and dance, and audiences of all ages have their spirits lifted.

As a Board Member of Eisenhower Medical Center, Harold helped strengthen one of the

most vital health care institutions in the desert. Having worked there myself as an emergency physician, I saw firsthand the incredible care Eisenhower provides, mending broken bones, treating heart attacks, saving lives, and serving as a beacon of healing for our communities. Harold's steadfast support helped Eisenhower grow into one of the finest hospitals in the region.

He revitalized the Palm Springs Tennis Club, turning it into a welcoming gathering place for friends and neighbors. And at his beloved restaurant, Spencer's, named after his Siberian husky, he built a space where community and generosity were always on the menu.

Harold was also pivotal in revamping the Palm Springs International Film Festival, serving as its chairman for more than 20 years, donating over \$12 million of his own funds, and transforming it into a global beacon that draws Hollywood and international attention every year. His efforts turned the festival into a vital economic and cultural engine for the Coachella Valley.

Harold believed in the power of the arts to uplift and unite people. He believed in health care access as a foundation for dignity. And he believed in giving back more than you take, a principle that guided every chapter of his life.

He leaves behind his life partner, Shellie Reade; his children, Devin and Laura; and his grandchildren, Elizabeth and Emily.

My thoughts are with his family, friends, and all who were touched by his generosity. He worked with everyone and poured his heart into the people and causes he believed in. I will miss him as so many who called him friend.

May we honor his memory by carrying forward his passion for service, his generosity of spirit, and his unwavering belief in the potential of our communities.

HONORING MS. TAKAYLA PRATT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. TaKayla Pratt, an accomplished healthcare professional whose dedication, faith, and perseverance have made a lasting impact on both her patients and her community.

Ms. Pratt has been employed at The Medical Center for six years, where she began her career as a surgical scrub technician before advancing to her current role as a registered nurse. Recently, she achieved a major milestone by graduating from the Mississippi University for Women with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Her colleagues speak highly of her commitment and growth. Terri Donham, Nurse Manager of Surgery, PACU, and SPD, stated, "Watching Kayla expand her knowledge base over the years has been awesome. She has grown from the shy, quiet young woman that applied for a scrub tech position to a nurse that takes amazing care of her patients when they come to the operating room." Similarly, Chrissy Nicholson, Chief Human Resources Officer, shared, "Congratulations to TaKayla

on earning her BSN and becoming a registered nurse! We are incredibly proud of her achievement and grateful to have her on our team."

Ms. Pratt credits her success to the supportive and family-oriented environment at The Medical Center, where she continues to grow professionally and provide compassionate care during some of life's most critical moments. She is also a proud member of Beulah Grove M.B. Church of Leland, Mississippi, where her values of service, faith, and community have been nurtured.

Outside of her professional life, Ms. Pratt enjoys traveling, exploring new restaurants, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. TaKayla Pratt for her outstanding accomplishments, her dedication to her patients, and her service to the community. Her story is a true reflection of perseverance, faith, and the power of service.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOLEBURY SCHOOL

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Solebury School, located in beautiful New Hope, Pennsylvania. Solebury School has been a cornerstone of independent education in Bucks County, known for its close-knit community, academic excellence, and commitment to fostering intellectual curiosity and character in young people.

Solebury School was founded in 1925 by four visionary educators, Laurie Erskine, Julian Lathrop, Robert Shaw, and Arthur "Doc" Washburn, who shared a dream of creating a new kind of educational environment. As the school's first headmaster, Doc Washburn captured that vision best when he wrote, "Our goal is to start a small school with an informal atmosphere, where the needs of each boy would be attended to, where friendship between teachers and pupils would be encouraged, and where a boy would be prepared not only for college, but for life beyond high school."

From those humble beginnings, Solebury School opened its doors in rented quarters in September 1925 with just four boys and four teachers. One year later, the founders purchased the historic Michener Farm, establishing the permanent campus that continues to serve generations of students to this day.

Just down the road from Solebury stood the Holmquist School for Girls, founded in 1917 by Miss Karline Holmquist, who shared a similar belief that education should help each student discover and develop her unique talents and capabilities. As both schools grew, they often collaborated, sharing theatrical productions, musical performances, proms, teas, and community gatherings. In 1949, these two institutions united to form one of the first coeducational independent schools in the Nation: Solebury School, as we know it today.

On October 1, 2025, Solebury marked 100 years since its first day of classes. Over the past century, Solebury School has remained

steadfast in its founding ideals such as personal attention, intellectual curiosity, and a deep respect for individuality. The school's faculty, students, and alumni continue to embody these values, carrying forward the founders' dream of education that not only prepares young people for college, but also for meaningful, purposeful lives beyond the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am proud to commend Solebury School for one hundred years of distinguished service to education and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to the faculty, staff, alumni, and families of Solebury School as they celebrate this extraordinary milestone and continue their inspiring journey into the next century of learning, leadership, and community.

HONORING KIM CASTANEDA AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kim Castaneda, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Kim has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and a lifelong dedication to building stronger, more equitable communities throughout Solano County. For more than twenty-five years, Ms. Castaneda has exemplified what it means to serve others. Through her work in the nonprofit sector, she has guided organizations through growth, crisis, and transformation, with a focus on ensuring that the most vulnerable are not left behind. As Vice President of Development and Communications at the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Ms. Castaneda has raised millions of dollars to fight hunger and played an instrumental role in doubling private donations, ensuring that thousands of families have consistent access to nutritious food. Her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic was especially remarkable. At a time when food insecurity reached unprecedented levels, she rallied staff, volunteers, and community partners to secure critical resources and distribute millions of additional meals.

Under her guidance, the Food Bank never turned anyone away and continues today to serve more than 65,000 households each month. She was also a founding board member of the Vacaville Recreation Foundation and helped establish the first Boys and Girls Club in Vacaville, expanding opportunities for local youth that endure to this day. She has also served on the Board of SafeQuest Solano, supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Her commitment to equity and inclusion is reflected in her advocacy for LGBTQ rights, foster youth, and women's empowerment, and in her leadership roles with key organizations including the Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Solano Economic Development Council, and the Travis Credit Union Foundation. In each of these, she has championed small business development, workforce opportunities, and economic inclusion. Her work stands as a testament to

the power of service-driven leadership, and the lasting impact one person can make. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Kim Castaneda for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL DAVID DUTTLINGER, RETIRED

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special patriot, Rear Admiral David Duttlinger, Retired, of Berea, Kentucky. After thirty-three years of service, he retired from the Naval Reserves on September 19, 2025.

Rear Admiral Duttlinger was born in Berea, Kentucky. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Vanderbilt University and was commissioned an ensign through the Naval Reserve Officers ROTC scholarship program in 1992. He holds a Master of Science from Stanford University in Environmental Engineering and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kentucky.

Rear Admiral Duttlinger's operational tours include company commander/engineering officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, Port Hueneme, California; assistant officer in charge, Detachment 309 for Amphibious Construction Battalion 1, Coronado, California; operations officer, Seventh Naval Construction Regiment, Newport, Rhode Island; and deputy operations officer First Naval Construction Division, Little Creek, Virginia. He completed numerous support assignments across the country and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Rear Admiral Duttlinger is a Seabee combat warfare officer and a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has earned numerous military decorations including the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and more.

In his civilian life, Rear Admiral Duttlinger was first a project manager specializing in water/wastewater infrastructure projects. He later went to work for the Bluegrass Area Development District (ADD), where he worked to increase access to public water. In 2013 he became Executive Director of the Bluegrass ADD, a position that he currently holds.

It is my honor to recognize, before the House of Representatives, the dedicated and patriotic service of Rear Admiral David Duttlinger, Retired, on the occasion of retirement from his outstanding military career.

CELEBRATING DIWALI THIS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world,

and this month, millions of Americans will come together to celebrate Diwali, or Deepavali, the festival of lights.

Diwali, symbolizing unity and renewal, marks the victory of light over darkness and is a significant cultural and spiritual celebration, observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and others in the United States and across the globe.

Virginia, and the United States as a whole, is home to a vibrant and thriving Hindu community. Hindu Americans contribute meaningfully across sectors, including business, law, government, technology, medicine, science, education, and philanthropy.

Several states, including the Commonwealth of Virginia, have passed legislation to officially proclaim October as Hindu Heritage Month.

I encourage residents across the Commonwealth and the country to join in celebrating Diwali and take this opportunity to learn more about Hindu American civic engagement, history, traditions, and culture.

In this spirit, I join those across the country in celebrating October as Hindu Heritage Month. May this Diwali bring joy, light, and prosperity to all those who celebrate.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DEBRA JONES ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of Victorville City Councilwoman Debra Jones. During her nearly fourteen years of dedicated public service, Debra has advocated tirelessly for the Victorville community and its citizens' most pressing concerns. Debra is renowned in our community as a selfless and caring servant and is a true friend to all who have the privilege of knowing her.

Elected to the City Council in November 2018 and sworn into office the following month, she went on to serve as Mayor from December 2020 through December 2023. Debra was instrumental in championing Measure P, which expanded law enforcement, strengthened code enforcement, and led to the development of a new police station and civic plaza, enhancing public safety and revitalizing the city's core. She also helped establish the Victorville Wellness Center, the first facility of its kind in San Bernardino County, which reduced the city's unsheltered homeless population by fifty-seven percent and now serves as a model for other communities.

In addition to her work in public office, Debra has been deeply involved in education and community service. She co-founded the Adelanto Elementary School District's first Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, served two terms on its Governing Board, and has devoted herself to volunteerism, philanthropic writing, and foster parenting—particularly for infants prenatally exposed to illicit drugs.

Debra has also represented Victorville on numerous regional boards and commissions, including the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, the San Bernardino Council of Governments, and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority. Her serv-

ice on these bodies has been marked by professionalism, collaboration, and a deep commitment to transparency and good governance.

Debra's accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of her family. Her husband, Gene, and their six children have stood by her side throughout her many years of public service and community leadership.

Debra has had a profound impact on the Victorville community. Heather and I deeply appreciate her years of service, and we wish her and her family well as she enters this next stage of her already eventful and purposeful life. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilwoman Debra Jones and celebrating her retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING EQUALITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Federal Government Advertising Equality Accountability Act, which would require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) and businesses owned by minorities and women. Federal agencies would be required to provide prior and projected total expenditures for such contracts. At my request, the Committee on Appropriations has required many federal agencies to provide such information each of the last several years, but this bill would codify this requirement and apply it to all federal agencies.

In 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined spending on advertising contracts with minority-owned businesses by five federal agencies—the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—and found that only five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising contracts went to minority-owned businesses. In light of these concerning findings, I, along with several other Members of Congress, sent letters to GAO in 2016 and 2022 requesting updated information on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. In 2018 and 2024, GAO issued reports on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The 2024 report revealed that only 15 percent of federal advertising contract obligations went to SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The federal government is one of the largest advertisers in the United States, and it has an obligation to ensure equitable access to its contracts for SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. GAO's findings demonstrate that there is still much progress to be made.

The regular collection of information on federal advertising contracts with SDBs and businesses owned by women and minorities is essential to bridging the gap between what current statistics show and a more inclusive advertising landscape. This bill would help achieve this goal while also promoting transparency and encouraging federal agencies to strive to reach minorities, who often receive the news from smaller media outlets that serve communities of color. The requirement that agencies submit prior and projected information on the amount of advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women would allow federal agencies to evaluate their progress. The regular collection of this information would also demonstrate that the promotion of equity in advertising and in all areas of government, is a continuous effort and is important to the mission of every federal agency.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING JUDGE TERRYE DAVIS
AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH
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HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Terrye Davis, a distinguished leader and trailblazer, as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Her visionary leadership and lifelong commitment to service have strengthened the fabric of Solano County for decades. Judge Davis began her career as the Founding Director of the Solano College Small Business Development Center, where she empowered entrepreneurs and expanded pathways to economic opportunity across our region. She later served as Executive Director of the Contingents of Omega Boys and Girls Club, where under her guidance the organization's budget grew more than fivefold, allowing countless

young people to access a safe and supportive environment to learn, grow, and thrive. Today, Judge Davis serves with distinction on the Solano County Superior Court, where she presides over juvenile justice and dependency cases. In this critical role, she brings compassion, integrity, and structure to some of our community's most vulnerable youth, offering not just legal judgment but also hope and a path forward. Her dedication to public service extends well beyond the courtroom. She has contributed her leadership to the Sutter Solano Medical Center, the City of Vallejo Human Relations Commission, the Mare Island Reuse Advisory Committee, and the Board of Trustees at her local church. Judge Davis's journey is a testament to courage and purpose. Leaving behind a successful nonprofit career to pursue her dream of becoming an attorney, she graduated from UC Hastings and rose to the bench, proving that it's never too late to follow one's calling. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize and honor Judge Terrye Davis for her extraordinary contributions to our community.