

Scientific breakthroughs only matter if patients can access these life-changing therapies. Genentech has a history of sustained investment in patient assistance. Over the past 30 years, Genentech has helped more than 4 million people through its patient assistance programs. In 2025 alone, the company's Commercial Co-pay Assistance programs supported 213,000 eligible patients, and Genentech Access Solutions helped 320,000 people navigate access issues to obtain the medicines they had been prescribed. Similarly, the Genentech Patient Foundation has assisted more than 900,000 individuals, including 75,000 eligible patients who received free medicine through the Foundation in 2025 alone. Few companies in any industry can point to a four-decade record of direct, sustained assistance to patients in need on this scale.

Genentech's footprint in American science and manufacturing is substantial and growing. The company has committed \$50 billion to invest in American infrastructure, supporting the domestic manufacturing and research capacity that keeps cutting-edge medicine grounded in the United States. Genentech has proudly called South San Francisco home since its founding, establishing the city as the birthplace of biotechnology.

Genentech has long maintained that its mission goes beyond the laboratory. Since 2017, it has invested more than \$230 million in education, health access, and community wellbeing. For more than ten years, the company has operated Futurelab, a STEM education program that reaches 8,000 K–12 students annually in the South San Francisco Unified School District, educating and inspiring the next generation of American scientists. The company's Genentech Goes to Town program has encouraged employees at sites across the country to patronize local merchants each fall, an effort that has invested more than \$4.8 million into more than 300 small businesses.

Looking to the next 50 years and beyond, Genentech is proving itself a role model for its future-minded approach to sustainability and embrace of thrilling new technologies. In 2025, the company completed its transition to 100 percent sustainable electricity across all its sites. Its employees started Green Genes, a grassroots sustainability effort aimed at reducing individual carbon footprint by putting more everyday environmental habits in place. Genentech is also leading the integration of data science and artificial intelligence into their innovation and patient care to ensure it remains at the forefront of scientific progress, recognizing the technology's potential to accelerate Genentech's ability to solve the most pressing health challenges in the world.

Mr. Speaker, Genentech has fundamentally changed the scientific field, and the lives of so many patients, for the better. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating Genentech for its role in creating the biotechnology industry, for its sustained investment in scientific innovation, and for its decades-long commitment to the patients and communities it serves.

RECOGNIZING DR. HENRY SHANNON

HON. NORMA J. TORRES
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Henry Shannon for his 19 years of service to Chaffey College ahead of his retirement on September 24, 2026. Through his leadership, Dr. Shannon has had an incredible impact on thousands of Inland Empire families in my congressional district and beyond.

Dr. Shannon first came to Chaffey College in 2007, and has served as superintendent and president since then. His colleagues commend his leadership, saying his direction allowed students to thrive and grew the college's sense of community, as he aimed to make Chaffey College the jewel of the Inland Empire.

Before Dr. Shannon launched his career in education, he earned his bachelor's degree from Harris-Stowe State University. After completing his undergraduate degree, he went on to earn his masters and doctorate degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, and a management certificate from Harvard University.

Prior to serving Chaffey College, Dr. Shannon used his passion for higher education to serve the St. Louis community. In St. Louis, he was a campus president and the chief student affairs officer within the St. Louis Community College system. He began his career as a junior high school history teacher in St. Louis, and quickly rose to serve as chancellor for the entire St. Louis Community College system. He also served as a faculty member and administrator at Harris-Stowe State University and St. Louis University.

Dr. Shannon and his wife, Gwendolyn, reside in the heart of the Chaffey College district. Together they raised four children, and have ten grandchildren.

Locally, Dr. Shannon serves as a vibrant member of our community. His strong commitment to community engagement shines by serving as a board member of the Community College Research Center Advisory Board, the Alliance of San Bernardino County, the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board, Growing Inland Achievement, and California Community Colleges Region 9 CEOs.

Over the years, Dr. Shannon's commitment to the educational field has earned him numerous awards. In January of 2026, he was named CEO of the Year by the African American California Community College Trustees and Administrators. Growing Inland Achievement recognized his Equity-Focused Excellence in 2023. In 2022, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools honored Dr. Shannon with the Distinguished Service Award, and in 2021, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership named him Educator of the Year to recognize his commitment to workforce education and partnerships with the business community.

Although Dr. Shannon has achieved numerous milestones, one of his proudest moments was when \$25 million was awarded to Chaffey by philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. This generous donation was awarded as the result of the school's commitment to equity, a principle

that Dr. Shannon used to guide his career and leadership at Chaffey College.

My office has been proud to partner with Dr. Shannon at numerous events to highlight and expand Chaffey College's innovative work. Dr. Shannon has helped me host visits from numerous federal officials, including former Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, as well as the former Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh, to the InTech Center to view the groundbreaking work that Chaffey College is doing to help ensure students have skills that local employers need.

For his outstanding service to students throughout our community, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Henry Shannon. His commitment to the Inland Empire and beyond is worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT IN KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the dedication of the new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Kaufman County, Texas. Thanks to the work of the Kaufman County Gold Star Committee and the Woody Williams Foundation, this monument will forever recognize the brave men, women, and families who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation's freedom and security.

On September 27, 2026, citizens, veterans, and community leaders will gather in Kaufman County for the official dedication of this monument, creating a sacred space of remembrance, gratitude, and healing. This ceremony, which will be held at Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park, will serve as a profound opportunity to honor our resilient Gold Star Families, whose profound sacrifice, enduring grief, and unwavering patriotism embody the highest virtues of citizenship and devotion to our Nation.

HONORING CHAD DONAHUE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SKILLED TRADES EDUCATION

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chad Donahue of Des Moines, Iowa, for receiving the 2026 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence and for his outstanding commitment to preparing the next generation of Iowa's skilled workforce.

A welding instructor at Des Moines Public Schools Central Campus, Chad brings two decades of field and shop experience with Sheet Metal Workers Local 45 into his classroom. He did precision work in food-grade stainless and structural steel for companies like Firestone, Cargill, and Tone's Spices, won his local apprentice welding contest three

years in a row, and has a decade of experience teaching apprentices. Chad understands firsthand the difference a great teacher can make. He overcame his own early difficulties as a student with the encouragement of an empathetic educator, and he shows that same patience with every young person who walks into his lab, including English language learners and students with individualized education programs.

His results speak for themselves. In 2025, his program's all-girls welding team captured the overall state championship, and in 2026, a Central Campus student won the Missouri Welding Institute national competition against top trade schools from across the country. Through partnerships with John Deere Des Moines Works and Plumbers and Steam fitters Local 33, his students are gaining direct pathways into rewarding careers.

On September 29, Chad was surprised with the news that he had been selected as one of just 25 skilled trades teachers nationwide, out of more than 550 applicants from 49 states, to receive the 2026 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. He is one of two Iowa teachers honored this year. The full \$75,000 prize will go toward strengthening the Central Campus skilled trades program and expanding opportunities for young Iowans.

Mr. Speaker, educators like Chad Donahue are helping build the next generation of American craftsmanship. His dedication to his students, commitment to excellence. And passion for the skilled trades embodies the very best of Iowa. I congratulate Chad on this well-deserved national recognition and thank him for the lasting impact he continues to make on our students, workforce, and community.

CELEBRATING THE HONORABLE
BETSY LAMBETH

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of the Honorable Betsy Figer Lambeth, whose dedication to justice and the people of Williamson County has left a lasting impact on Central Texas.

A fifth-generation Texan, Judge Lambeth earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law. After beginning her legal career in Midland, she moved to Williamson County in 1987, where she built a respected practice in civil, family, juvenile, and child welfare law before opening her own firm in 1997.

In 2012, Judge Lambeth made history as the first woman elected district judge in Williamson County. Since taking the bench in 2013, she has served with fairness, integrity, and compassion. Her fellow judges elected her Local Administrative Judge of the Williamson County District Courts in 2015, recognizing her exceptional leadership.

Her dedication to public service extends beyond the bench through her longstanding involvement with organizations that strengthen the Williamson County community. She has served for many years on the Board of Direc-

tors of R.O.C.K. Ride On Center for Kids, an organization that enriches the lives of children and adults with disabilities through equine-assisted services. She has also supported local schools, civic organizations, and numerous community initiatives, demonstrating her enduring commitment to serving others both inside and outside the courtroom.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Betsy Lambeth's career reflects a steadfast commitment to justice, leadership, and public service. It is my honor to recognize her outstanding accomplishments and thank her for her years of faithful service to the people of Central Texas.

HONORING DOUG MCCONNELL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Doug McConnell for his advocacy for parks, open space, and environmental causes. Jack London Park Partners is honoring Doug McConnell's legacy at their annual Gala, which raises funds to provide education, preservation, conservation, recreation, and community access.

Doug McConnell devoted his career to inspiring appreciation for the natural, cultural, and historic resources of California and the American West. Through award-winning television programs, he introduced millions of viewers to parks, trails, public lands, small communities, and environmental stewardship efforts.

Doug was a television journalist, producer, and host specializing in environmental and community storytelling. He served as the host and senior editor of the local program Bay Area Backroads on KRON-TV, one of the longest running regional television programs in the United States. He was also the creator, producer, and host of OpenRoad with Doug McConnell. In addition to his work on television programs, Doug was the co-founder and Managing Partner of Convergence Media Productions, a San Francisco Baykeeper Advisory Board member, an Alaska Conservation Foundation board member and a founder of the Alaska Public Forum.

Doug McConnell's work fostered public awareness, conservation advocacy, outdoor recreation, and civic engagement throughout Northern California and beyond. His contributions to environmental education and public service were recognized through numerous honors, including multiple Emmy Awards, the Harold Gilliam Award for environmental reporting, designation as an Honorary Ranger by California State Parks and the National Park Service, volunteer of the Year by the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, and Humanitarian of the Year by the Marin Humane Society.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Doug McConnell for his legacy of exceptional service to our local parks, environment, and community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

REMEMBERING XAVIEN HARRISON

HON. DONALD G. DAVIS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Nashville Town Councilman and Pastor Xavien Harrison, who passed away on August 11, 2026. He was 53 years old. I join the Nash County community in mourning his passing and in honoring a life devoted to service, faith, and community.

Xavien was a devoted public servant, pastor, and advocate for young people who believed deeply in the power of community. A graduate of Shaw University, he brought a wide range of experience to his ministry and his public service, including backgrounds in law enforcement and middle school education. As a youth pastor, he invested in the next generation, helping young people see their full potential. He served as a board member for the Down East Partnership for Children in Rocky Mount, helping ensure children have the opportunities they need to learn and succeed. He also volunteered as an All Pro Dads facilitator and supported the Nash Central Middle School Parent Teacher Organization.

He brought that same spirit of service to the Nashville Town Council, where he was first elected in 2023, and to his role as pastor at Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church. Xavien worked to build partnerships and authentic relationships that made his community stronger. Colleagues and friends remember him for his honesty, encouragement, and genuine commitment to building meaningful relationships.

His compassion and commitment to Nashville left a lasting mark on eastern North Carolina. Xavien's legacy lives on in the young people he mentored, the neighbors he served, and the community he worked tirelessly to strengthen.

Mr. Speaker, we pray for Jacquetta, his family, the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, and the people of Nashville. We stand with them during this difficult time. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Xavien Harrison.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
KATHY DEER

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 21 years of service that Kathy Deer has given to the City of Pearl. Serving as the Executive Director of the Pearl Chamber of Commerce, she has shown diligence in creating a business-friendly environment in Pearl, overseen new business ribbon cuttings, celebrated local first responders, and supported the City of Pearl in countless other ways.

At the end of 2026, Kathy will retire from the Pearl Chamber of Commerce. Kathy has given Pearl so much of her time and leadership as she has worked to build a vibrant business community. Kathy's dedication will positively impact the City of Pearl and the surrounding