

Mrs. Martinho was born on December 12, 1994 in Escondido, California. Her father, Jacob De Raadt, purchased a Dairy Farm in 1999 in Lemoore, California and moved the family to California's San Joaquin Valley. Growing up in an agriculturally-rich environment left a lasting impact on Eileen, creating a deep passion for dairy and agriculture issues. After graduating from Central Valley Christian High School in 2013, Eileen received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Fresno Pacific University in 2017. While completing her degree, she was employed with Kings County Farm Bureau and Farm Academy Live, where she assisted in the implementation of events and taught agricultural issues to numerous students.

Eileen became a member of my Congressional Team in 2017, serving as our Fresno County Field Representative. She proved to be a strong asset across the Valley, creating meaningful connections with community leaders and representing my team with dedication and charisma. Local leaders consistently praised Eileen for her love for the Central Valley and advanced knowledge on agricultural issues. Eileen also managed the office intern program and served as a caseworker, helping numerous constituents with government-related issues. Her unique ability to communicate the values of our team combined with her strong work-ethic made Mrs. Martinho an invaluable member of my team and a true public servant to the people of California's Central Valley.

Outside of work, Eileen remains actively involved in a variety of community groups. She is a member of the Dairy Princess Committee, Kings Fair Foundation Board, California Women for Agriculture, and Kings County Dairy Women. Her consistent participation in community service groups reflects her genuine care for the community and desire to see it improved. While many speak about bettering their communities, Eileen takes the initiative and leads the way. She is a strong leader who will continue to advocate for her community for many years to come.

Mrs. Martinho recently married to the love of her life, Jonathon, earlier this year. She loves spending her free time with her husband and their friends, hosting dinners, and going on weekend trips. Her community is extremely important to her and she is known as a loyal and dependable friend. Eileen is also actively involved in her church, where she is known for her beautiful singing.

This January, Mrs. Martinho will be moving onto new ventures. Knowing Eileen, her passion and work-ethic, I have no doubt she will achieve many great things in her future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Eileen Grace Martinho for her public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing her the very best in this next chapter of her life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2018*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been

present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 436.

#### HONORING AMINDA MARQUÉS GONZALEZ

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2018*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Aminda Marqués Gonzalez, vice president and executive editor of the Miami Herald and el Nuevo Herald, and a highly respected member of Florida's media community.

On July 21, 2018, Marqués was recognized by the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and inducted into the NAHJ's Hall of Fame for her accomplished career and efforts to promote diversity in the newsroom.

Born in New York City to Cuban immigrants, Marqués has dedicated her entire career to journalism in South Florida. Marqués graduated from the University of Florida in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and began her career at the Miami Herald, where she had previously interned. After covering a range of issues and rising from metro reporter to assistant city editor, she joined People magazine in 2002 as Miami bureau chief. In that capacity, she oversaw People's coverage of the southeastern United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

Marqués returned to the Miami Herald in 2007 as an editor and was promoted to managing editor in 2010. Under her leadership, the Herald has earned national recognition for its outstanding reporting. The Herald won two Pulitzer Prizes in 2017, one for work of the editorial cartoonist Jim Morin and one for the paper's series on the Panama Papers. The Miami Herald also has been a finalist for the Pulitzer three times under Marqués' leadership, including for a 2012 investigation into the poor regulation of Florida's assisted-living facilities.

In addition to her post at the Miami Herald, Marqués is president of the Florida Society of News Editors and sits on the Pulitzer Prize Board. She also serves on the advisory councils for The Journalism and Women Symposium, and The Lillian Lodge Copenhagen Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication at Florida International University.

Marqués has the distinction of being the Miami Herald's first-ever Hispanic and second female executive editor. Her colleagues credit her for recruiting reporters and editors of diverse backgrounds and for challenging the overall lack of diversity in journalism.

I commend Aminda Marqués Gonzalez for her trailblazing work in journalism, and I congratulate her on receiving the National Association of Hispanic Journalists Hall of Fame honor.

#### RECOGNIZING JEFF BELL

#### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2018*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Jeff

Bell, who will be retiring after working for more than 30 years at the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Throughout his tenure at IDOT, Jeff has served in a number of roles and has remained a valuable asset for the citizens of Illinois due to his dedication, hard work, and attention to detail. Most recently, as Bureau Chief for Federal Affairs, Jeff has been an excellent liaison between IDOT and the Illinois Congressional Delegation, helping our offices better serve our State's transportation infrastructure needs when federal policy is developed out here in Washington, D.C.

I have had the privilege of working with Jeff as both a member of Congress and also while serving as an aide to Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS, and Jeff has never been anything but an invaluable resource on transportation infrastructure legislation and projects. Jeff has staunchly advocated for federal initiatives that improve Illinois' infrastructure, and has helped maximize the federal resources our state has received.

It is my honor to congratulate Jeff on his retirement and thank him for his friendship and service to the State of Illinois.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 NORTHERN VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP AWARDS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2018 recipients of the Northern Virginia Leadership Awards presented by Leadership Fairfax, Inc. (LFI)

LFI is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to finding, training, and growing leaders in Northern Virginia whose mission is to educate, prepare, inspire, and connect leaders to serve and strengthen our community. Graduates from its programs become part of a fast-growing network of civic leaders. I've always said, "When you walk into a crowded room, it's easy to spot the graduates of Leadership Fairfax—they just stand out!"

Each year, LFI recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and that have made extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2018 Northern Virginia Leadership Awards recipients:

The Regional Leadership Award is presented to Maggie Parker, VP, Comstock Companies, Inc. for her dedicated volunteer service and commitment to improve the quality of life of the area. She has served as Chair of Public Art Reston and has also brought her skills to other organizations in the region including Greater Reston Arts Center, ARTSFAIRFAX, Women's Center, Children's National Medical Center, and Cornerstones.

The Trustee Leadership Award is presented to Major Tyler Corey, Fairfax County Sheriffs Office. As the Division Commander for the Administrative Services Division, Major Corey not only mentors and trains new staff and collaborates with community partners on Sheriff's Office initiatives, but also finds time to commit to multiple volunteer projects, including Volunteer Fairfax and Meals on Wheels.

The Individual Leadership Award is presented to Kerrie Wilson, CEO, Cornerstones. Cornerstones serves tens of thousands of individuals, including over 4,000 families and over 6,000 children in Fairfax County. Kerrie has also served on the board of directors for the Meyer Foundation, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Housing Alliance, and Virginia Nonprofit Leadership Council. She is co-chair of the Fairfax County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and served on the executive committee overseeing the design of the 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness by 2018.

The Nonprofit Leadership Award is presented to HomeAid Northern Virginia (HANV) for its efforts to combat homelessness among vulnerable populations. HANV, in collaboration with its partners, has transformed an 8,900 sq. ft. house in Fairfax County into a beautifully renovated home that will provide housing for 10 formerly homeless female veterans and their children and also built a new 5,000 sq. ft. home on Youth for Tomorrow's campus to house girls between the ages of 11-17 who are experiencing homelessness, separated from their families, or survivors of sex trafficking.

The Corporate Leadership Award is presented to Custom Ink. Each year, Custom Ink hosts in-office bowling to support Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS), raising over \$2,000 in just four bowling sessions. Custom Ink has also partnered with Make-A-Wish Foundation to help support chapters in the local community by participating in Wish Reveals, donating thousands of shirts for Walk-for-Wishes events and volunteering at events. The Custom Ink Fairfax Team has volunteered over 1,700 hours in 30 events and fundraisers in 2018.

The Educational Leadership Award is presented to Dr. Mary Ann Panarelli who has worked to implement police referrals to Restorative Justice Intervention in an effort to reduce student arrests and court involvement. She has also coordinated with school and county staff to plan and host various community information and training sessions that have included mental health and wellness summits and community sessions on drug and alcohol prevention and intervention.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of these individuals and organizations are one of the reasons why Fairfax is such a sought after community in which to live and work, and this year's honorees highlight the legacy of Leadership Fairfax, Inc. in preparing our community's future leaders to address the challenges we face. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees and thanking them for their service to Northern Virginia.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ANGIE COFFEE

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angie Coffee as the East Bay Leadership Council's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. She was given this honor in recognition of her dedication as a volunteer, community leader, mentor, and philanthropist.

Angie is a cancer survivor who shared her story of survivorship and strength, and who I was honored to have as a guest speaking at our Biden Cancer Summits. In addition to sharing her experience, she works to promote the well-being of our community, the health of our environment, the education of our children, and the technological innovations of our society. Her love for our community and for the arts is exemplified by her founding the Leshner Center for the Arts—a live theatre venue in our community.

Angie has chaired the Board of Special Olympics: Northern California, served as President of the Board of East Bay Leadership Council, and was a member of the De La Salle High School Board of Trustees, the Diablo Regional Arts Association, and the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce. Her recent volunteer efforts include the Contra Costa Family Justice Center and the John Muir Health Advisory Board.

I congratulate Angie for this well-deserved lifetime achievement award, and thank her for her work serving our community.

#### COMMENDING MR. JUSTIN MENDES

#### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Justin Mendes for his service to my office and the 21st Congressional District of California over the past six years.

Mr. Mendes was born on September 17, 1986 in Fresno, California to Tom Mendes and Karen Carreiro. After attending Riverdale High School in Riverdale, California, Mr. Mendes went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Upon his graduation in 2008, Mr. Mendes worked in the banking industry, specifically in agricultural lending.

In 2010, Mr. Mendes began his career in public service with my office in Hanford, while I was then serving in the California State Assembly. Upon my election to the United States House of Representatives in 2012, he continued his service as my District Director. After a brief stint in the private sector, Mr. Mendes rejoined my Congressional Team again as District Director. His knowledge of the Twenty First Congressional District of California was immensely beneficial to my office and my constituents.

In March of 2014, Mr. Mendes and his wife Melissa celebrated the birth of their first child, Alexander. They welcomed their second child, Dominic, in April of 2017. Their family currently resides in Hanford, California.

Mr. Mendes demonstrated his dedication to public service when he was elected Mayor of Hanford in December of 2015 and again in 2018, when he ran for California State Assembly. His service on Hanford's City Council concludes at the end of this year.

I am confident his love of politics and public service have benefited his community and I have no doubt he will continue being a leader for Hanford and Kings County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to

join me in commending Justin Mendes for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well in this next chapter of his life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return to Washington from my district in Texas due to a family obligation on the evening of December 19.

Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on Roll Call No. 436; yea on Roll Call No. 437; yea on Roll Call No. 438; yea on Roll Call No. 439; and yea on Roll Call No. 440.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

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Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on Roll Call No. 441; yea on Roll Call No. 442; yea on Roll Call No. 443; yea on Roll Call No. 444; and yea on Roll Call No. 445.

#### HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF TUSKEGEE AIRMAN FLETCHER WILLIAMS

#### HON. BRENDA JONES

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Ms. JONES of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th birthday of Mr. Fletcher William.

Mr. Williams served as a Crew Chief (aircraft mechanic) with a rank of Sergeant in the 100th Pursuit Squadron, the all black 332nd Fighter Group known as the Tuskegee Army.

Born on October 23, 1918, Mr. Williams' has made great contributions to our country through his military service. While serving, his group's mantra was "Keep Em' Flyin'." Today, he still exudes that same spirit with his presence in the Detroit community.

It is with great pleasure that I honor his life and legacy on his 100th Birthday. May he continue to live a life filled with joy and many blessings.

#### RECOGNIZING THE YWCA USA, INC.

#### HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the YWCA USA on the occasion of its 160th anniversary.