

for his world-class experience in aerospace research and his reputation as a student-focused president. During his tenure, Dr. Altenkirch initiated the formation of UAH's Department of Space Science in 2013, the Honors College in 2014, and the College of Education in 2014. He also expanded the campus, built new dorms, and brought new sports programs to the school such as Lacrosse in 2016. Dr. Altenkirch's passion for learning, his love for his students, and his desire for excellence have left a lasting impact on UAH.

In closing, I would like to thank Dr. Altenkirch for his many years of service at UAH. And, I sincerely wish Dr. Altenkirch continued good health and contentment in his retirement.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
CHANCELLOR RAÚL RODRÍGUEZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor the achievements of Chancellor Raúl Rodriguez and his well-deserved retirement. Through his dedication and passion, his influence has spread through our communities.

Chancellor Raúl Rodriguez has dedicated the last nine years of his career to the Rancho Santiago Community College District. The district covers one quarter of the land area in Orange County. There, Mr. Rodriguez oversees and inspires more than 80,000 students and 4,000 employees.

Chancellor Raúl Rodriguez began his educational career with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Liberal Studies from Bowling Green University in Ohio and a master's degree in School and Applied Psychology from Fairfield University. He then received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He has spent the last 24 years as a community college CEO, various administrative positions throughout the state, and most recently as Chancellor.

Currently, Chancellor Raúl Rodriguez serves as the Immediate Past Chair of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and the Regional Accreditor for community and technical colleges. Chancellor Rodriguez has served as Team Member or Chair on various visits to ACCJC colleges as well as the Chair and Vice-Chair of ACCJC. He is an active member of the League of United Latin American Citizens, Rotary Club of Orange, and the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana.

Today we celebrate not only his decades-long successful career but his future. I applaud Chancellor Raúl Rodriguez's passion and contributions to serve the community and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing Chancellor Raúl Rodriguez.

COMMENDING MR. ELVIN COSBY'S
73 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Elvin Cosby on his retirement from Henrico County Government after 73 years of service.

Mr. Cosby began serving the Henrico Department of Public Works in April of 1946. He began his career in public service carrying water to county work crews and has also served as a truck driver, equipment operator, and county foreman. Most recently, Mr. Cosby acted as a maintenance supervisor and cleared debris from Henrico's roads.

Mr. Cosby has diligently served the public through each and every one of his functions within Henrico County Government. In addition to his tireless work ethic, members of the community have also praised Mr. Cosby for promoting diversity and symbolizing selflessness. As a fellow public servant, I am humbled and moved by his dedication to serve Virginia's 7th District.

Although I know he will be dearly missed by mentees, colleagues, and friends at the Department of Public Works, I hope Mr. Cosby will enjoy getting to spend more time with his wife and grandchildren. After seven decades of working on others' behalves, I cannot think of many more deserving of a blissful and relaxing retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Cosby for his unwavering commitment to improving our community.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE HOLLY
WILLIAMSON ON BEING NAMED
THE 2018 TEXAS JUDGE OF THE
YEAR

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Holly Williamson, Harris County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 8, Place 1, on being named the 2018 Judge of the Year by the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas.

Judge Holly Williamson took the oath of office as Presiding Judge of Harris County Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 8-1 on January 1, 2009. Holly earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from Southwest Texas State University and her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston. Prior to her election to the bench, Judge Williamson practiced law in federal, state, and justice of the peace courts.

Judge Williamson is responsible for a staff of fourteen professional clerks and a budget of \$1.3 million. She presides over a diverse case load of approximately 20,000 cases a year that include: civil and criminal trials, jury and bench trials, traffic court, hot checks, evictions, probable cause hearings, administrative hearings, and truancy court.

From 2009 to 2015, Judge Williamson served as the Co-Presiding Judge for the 16

Justice Courts of Harris County. Judge Williamson is involved in many professional organizations as a volunteer or presenter including the Texas Justice Court Training Center (TJCTC) Education Committee. She is responsible for developing and implementing curriculum for both continuing judicial education and the TJCTC New Judge School. Judge Williamson is a leader in the field of truancy law and was appointed by then Harris County Judge Ed Emmett to the Truancy Committee where she was tasked with recommending a uniform truancy policy for the school districts of Harris County.

When not in the courtroom, Judge Williamson is actively involved with her family and volunteering with numerous civic organizations. Holly has been married to Dr. Danny Williamson, a Pasadena chiropractor and small business owner, for over thirty years. Judge and Dr. Williamson have one daughter, Mary Kate, a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in aerospace engineering. The Williamson family are active parishioners at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas.

CONGRATULATING THE
KEWEENAW LAND TRUST FOR
RECEIVING LAND TRUST AC-
CREDITATION

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Keweenaw Land Trust for receiving Land Trust Accreditation. Through its dedication to wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and its local community, the Keweenaw Land Trust has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Locally focused land conservation undertaken by community-based land trusts has become increasingly important across the country. Accreditation by the independent Land Trust Accreditation Commission is given to those organizations that have proven to be trusted, strong, and effective in their land conservation efforts. Through its tremendous work in Michigan, the Keweenaw Land Trust has shown that it is more than deserving of this seal. First started in 1996, the organization protects thousands of acres of forest and wetlands in the Keweenaw Peninsula and throughout the Western Upper Peninsula. Its work to protect wildlife habitats, water quality, working farms and ranches, and healthy communities has been invaluable for the people of Michigan's First District. Our region is home to some of the most pristine natural landscapes in the country, and I'm grateful for the Keweenaw Land Trust's efforts to ensure that future generations can enjoy the same natural beauty we so deeply treasure.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Keweenaw Land Trust for receiving Land Trust Accreditation. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such a trusted organization working to promote land conservation. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the Keweenaw Land Trust all the best in its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JUDGE
WILEY DANIELHON. DIANA DeGETTE
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of Judge Wiley Daniel, the first African American judge appointed to the U.S. District Court for Colorado, who recently passed away on Friday, May 10, 2019.

Judge Daniel was born in 1946 in Louisville, Kentucky and received his undergraduate and law degrees from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He spent six years in private practice in Detroit before moving to Denver in 1977 where he practiced law for 24 years with a specialty in civil litigation.

In 1992, he rose to be the first—and only—African American president of the Colorado Bar Association. Three years later, President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Daniel to the U.S. District Court for Colorado, becoming the first African American federal judge in the state. Thirteen years after Judge Daniel took the bench, he became chief judge of the court.

Judge Daniel served admirably both inside and outside of the courtroom. He served as President of the Federal Judges Association, a national organization that supports hundreds of federal judges. He also taught courses in trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he mentored students. Additionally, from 1998 to 2003, Judge Daniel was a Trustee of the American Inns of Court Foundation, an organization which advocates for professionalism, ethics, civility and excellence throughout the legal profession. Until his final days, Judge Daniel was active in his church—Park Hill United Methodist in north Denver—where he served as a Deacon, sang in the choir and mentored young members.

Judge Daniel believed that racial and gender diversity in the judiciary is important. Accordingly, he was active in the Delta Eta Boulé fraternity, the nation's first African American professional organization. In fact, one of Daniel's passions was the fraternity's scholarship program, which helps young, bright African American students in the metro Denver area attend college.

Judge Daniel retired in 2013 but continued to hear cases and guide younger lawyers. Not surprisingly, Judge Daniel's distinguished legal career and dedication to the community has been recognized many times with numerous awards and accolades. In 2006, Judge Daniel was honored with the American Inns of Court Foundation Professionalism Award for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2012, he was inducted to the Blacks in Colorado Hall of Fame due to his pioneering professional achievements. In 2013, Judge Daniel was awarded the King Trimble Lifetime Achievement Award by the Sam Cary Bar Association. In 2015, Judge Daniel was selected as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Center for Legal Inclusiveness in recognition of his lifelong commitment to diversity and inclusiveness within the legal profession. Finally, in 2018, the National Black Prosecutors Association presented Daniel with the Trailblazer Award.

On May 10, 2019, at the age of 72, Judge Wiley Daniel passed away. He was one of the trailblazing Coloradoans whose hands have shaped the United States into the great nation it is today. He was principled, pragmatic, well-respected and beloved. That is why his legacy will live on for many decades to come.

My heartfelt condolences go out to his family, the Denver law community and all Coloradans who mourn this terrible loss.

IN HONOR OF EDUARDO PADRON

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear friend, Eduardo Padron, on the occasion of his retirement as President of Miami-Dade College and his brilliant service to the South Florida community.

Dr. Padron has spent his career giving back to the community that welcomed him when he arrived from Cuba as a child. In the 50 years he has spent at Miami-Dade College, as a student, professor, and President, he has fundamentally transformed the school into an internationally recognized institution of higher education. Under his leadership, Miami-Dade College has become a true center of community for South Florida. The college has educated thousands of students in South Florida and sent them on to successful careers and lives.

Dr. Padron has received numerous accolades for his work as an educator. He was included in TIME magazine's list of top ten college presidents in 2009, named Floridian of the Year by Florida Trend in 2010, and honored as one of the eight most influential college presidents in the U.S. by The Washington Post in 2011. In 2016, President Barack Obama awarded him with a Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his leadership on access and inclusion in higher education.

We have all witnessed Dr. Padron's extraordinary dedication to the people of South Florida. I'm grateful to know him as a leader in education and as a friend, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING AMAZON'S 20TH
YEAR OF OPERATIONS AT THE
SDF1 FULFILLMENT CENTER

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my constituents in Campbellsville, Kentucky, who are celebrating Amazon's 20th year of operations at the SDF1 Fulfillment Center.

Amazon has been a tremendous contributor to Taylor County and the surrounding areas since opening SDF1 as one of the first five fulfillment centers in North America. Over the past two decades, Amazon has grown tremendously and SDF1 remains one of the largest employers in Taylor County and the region.

As evidence of the company's commitment to bettering the communities in which they op-

erate, and in commemoration of their 20th year in Campbellsville, Amazon is donating more than \$10,000 in STEM-related supplies to the Taylor County Public Library. This donation will enhance the library's current STEM-themed programs by fostering and promoting the pursuit of STEM education, while also developing students with real-world, marketable skills.

For two decades, Amazon has been proud to call Kentucky home and I am grateful for their continued investment in our commonwealth. I am proud of the economic prosperity and industrial development their presence has brought to Taylor County, and I join with all those whose lives they have bettered in celebrating their generosity to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF T.J. MCGRATH AFTER NEARLY
27 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED
CIVILIAN SERVICE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the outstanding service of T.J. McGrath on her retirement after nearly 27 years of distinguished public service, the past 10 years at the Congressional Budget Office, most recently as its General Counsel.

T.J. was promoted to that position in late 2016, in recognition of her dedication, ability, skillful work, and breadth of experience. In that capacity, she has served as CBO's principal legal officer and an integral part of the agency's leadership team. She has overseen CBO's legal staff and their work, skillfully leading them in interpreting legislative proposals and providing high-level analysis regarding significant judicial decisions, scorekeeping guidelines, and relevant budget laws. She has been a leader in making CBO's analysis more transparent.

Moreover, since becoming CBO's General Counsel, she has worked tirelessly, building professional relationships across the legislative branch, focusing on creating a positive work environment at CBO, and providing training so that employees have the skills they need to interact more effectively. One example that encapsulates all three of those efforts is bystander training. T.J. worked closely with the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights to develop training to prevent harassment in the workplace. The training provided participants with practical tools for taking ownership of their work environment and encouraged bystanders not to remain silent if they witness an incident that might make someone feel uncomfortable. As a result of T.J.'s efforts, CBO was the first agency in the legislative branch to receive bystander training.

From 2009 to 2016, T.J. served as CBO's Deputy General Counsel. In that position, she dealt with many operational matters and quickly demonstrated her ability to develop practical solutions. She instituted CBO's successful legal intern program, updated and refined CBO's internal policies, served as lead attorney in cases involving the Congressional Accountability Act, and worked closely with a Justice Department attorney in a case brought in U.S. District Court. T.J. also made valuable