

go on to serve in a variety of roles and Sectors before eventually becoming Chief Patrol Agent of the Laredo Sector. As Chief, he was responsible for over 86,673 square miles in 101 counties from the U.S.-Mexico borders to the Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas borders.

Chief Chavez showed strong direction and experience as Chief Patrol Agent of the Laredo Sector. In addition, he also ensured that the Laredo Sector was led with honor and integrity. He developed these leadership qualities and skills over the course of his career after serving in a variety of positions including: Border Patrol Agent, Senior Patrol Agent, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, Field Operations Supervisor, Patrol Agent in Charge, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent, Deputy Chief of Southwest Border Operations, Deputy Chief Patrol Agent for the Tucson Sector, and Chief Patrol Agent of Del Rio Sector.

In addition, Chief Chavez is a graduate of Ashford University with a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management. In addition, he completed the Executive Institute at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business and the Customs and Border Protection Command Leadership Academy. He is also a graduate of the National Defense University Capstone Program.

As we move forward, let us take the time to appreciate the service of individuals like Chief Chavez and all the men and women who risk their lives each day to protect our communities. However, in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

RECOGNIZING BELOVED RADIO HOST, GRISEL BARAJAS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Grisel Barajas, a leader in the Hoosier Latino community who tragically passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Grisel moved to the United States at the age of 10, first to Chicago and then to Indianapolis where she graduated from North Central High School. She faced many difficulties as an immigrant and was inspired to practice social work to help other families navigate the same hardships and language barriers. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in Social Work and Spanish, she decided to change career paths, earning a master's degree in Mass Communications and Media Studies from University of Southern Indiana.

Grisel began her radio career in 2013 when she co-hosted "Soul & Salsa" on Magic 98.5 before returning to Indianapolis in 2015 to become a host for the Continental Broadcast Group's Radio Latina. Grisel also worked as an education and communications director for the Indiana Latino Institute, mentoring Latino high school and college students. In 2018, Grisel helped to establish Radio One's La Grande 105.1 radio station, becoming its first Program Director and serving as the afternoon host for "El Relajo de La Tarde" show. Grisel

was also a news personality for Telemundo Indy.

Grisel was an important voice for Latinos in Indianapolis, helping to inform, entertain and encourage the community. She served as a frequent master of ceremonies for local non-profit events, organized yearly toy drives, and continued to mentor and inspire high school students. During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Grisel worked with local organizations to help inform the Latino community about how to stay safe.

Grisel is survived by her parents, Genoveva and Salvador Barajas, and her sisters.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Grisel Barajas, a dedicated and beloved community advocate who will be dearly missed by her family, friends and community.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park was established on August 1, 1945 as the "Colored only Beach" in Miami, Florida. Today, the civic, social, and environmental characteristics of the park hold national, state, regional, and local significance in the history of civil rights, highlighting the achievements of local African American communities and providing an opportunity for the public to explore various environmental phenomena unique to the park.

The Historic Virginia Key Beach Park was added to the national register of historic places in 2002, added to the State of Florida Heritage Trail in 2006, included as a major stakeholder to the Virginia Key master plan in 2010, and added to the City of Miami's Historic and Environmental Preservation List in 2013. In 2006, the Miami City Commission approved the Virginia Key Beach Park master plan, which included the restoration of the park and the creation of a museum. The museum will showcase the history and contributions of the communities the park has served, the natural environment of the park, and the creation of a Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation.

The history of the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park highlights the contributions of civil rights leaders from our communities. Today, the park is a model of social engagement opportunities through the incorporation of the public shoreline, green space, and the various amenities on Virginia Key.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FLORIDA'S FIRST WOMAN SENATE PRESIDENT GWEN MARGOLIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of my dear friend, Florida's first woman Senate

President, Gwen Margolis. Gwen was a trailblazing figure in Florida and Miami-Dade politics, who dedicated her life to public service. During this time of great sadness and loss, it is helpful to reflect on the wonderful life she led. Gwen's reputation for honesty, kindness, and generosity made her the loving mother, great friend, and respected public official that she was. She was an excellent role model, not just for people wanting to follow in her footsteps, but for everyone in our community.

Gwen compiled an exemplary record as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner, including time as that body's first female chair. She also served multiple terms in the Florida legislature. Gwen was beloved throughout South Florida and will always be remembered for her selfless dedication to public service.

Madam Speaker, I extend my heartfelt condolences to Gwen's family and friends. As we honor the life and legacy of Senator Gwen Margolis, we will always be grateful for the glass ceilings she shattered and her indelible mark in history. I pray that her family finds comfort during this extremely difficult time. She will be dearly missed.

CONGRATULATING THE THREE GRADUATES FROM THE KEETON FAMILY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three phenomenal women in the Keeton family who graduated from school this year.

After a successful 20-year career at the Johnson Space Center and raising an incredible family of four children, Jasmine Keeton graduated with her master's degree in engineering management. Coincidentally, two of her daughters also graduated from college as well. Unfortunately, like many people, their graduation celebrations were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Looking to find a way to honor her daughters' hard work, Jasmine reached out to the "Today" show to be included in a virtual party for 2020 graduates. Jasmine was even more surprised when they were asked to speak on-air.

Jasmine's younger daughter, JoyLynn, graduated from Robert Turner College and Career High School and Alvin Community College with her associate degree. Her oldest daughter, Jadean, graduated from Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor's degree in social work. This fall, Jadean will begin pursuing her master's degree in social work at the University of Houston and JoyLynn will be continuing her education Howard University to pursue a career in journalism. Their mom, Jasmine, may pursue a doctoral degree in engineering. Education lifts people up and helps them achieve their God-given potential. American education has extended a ladder of opportunity to help people across the nation and from every generation improve their quality of life. The Keeton family grabbed hold of that ladder, and they're not done climbing yet.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the Keeton women for your scholastic achievements. Their drive in their educational pursuits sets an example for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF AND
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR
STEVE LANDIN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Landin. Chief Landin has retired after 30 years of service as a member of the City of Laredo's Fire Department.

Chief Landin is an individual who showed true leadership and poise under great pressure. Since first becoming emergency management coordinator in 2005 and eventually Fire Chief, he helped lead the City of Laredo through three federally declared disasters as well as the ongoing pandemic. In addition, despite these difficult circumstances, he also managed to be a devoted family man and example for his community.

I have personally worked with Chief Landin over the years and witnessed first-hand the important work he has done for our area. Through his efforts, he helped ensure that Laredo's Fire Department was amongst the best in the country. In addition, he has set the standard for future fire department leaders.

Chief Landin's service to the City of Laredo will never be forgotten. He cared deeply about the people he was serving and consistently showed what it meant to always put the safety and well-being of others first. The dedication that he showed to us all should be a constant reminder of how we should be in our daily lives.

However, Chief Landin's service to others is not over. He will now be working for Webb County as its new Emergency Management Coordinator. Once again showing his commitment to others and devotion to our community.

As we move forward, let us take the time to appreciate the service of heroes like Chief Landin and all the individuals who risk their lives each day to keep us safe. However, in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

HONORING STEPHEN KONZ

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephen Stanley Konz for a life of service to his country, his family, and his community.

Steve was born in Poland on September 6th, 1926 to Lillian Kwiatkowski and Michael Rosinski. As a three-month-old baby he came to America through Ellis Island in the arms of a teenage mother. He joined the Navy at age 17 where he served until the war ended in August 1945.

After the war, Steve moved to Republic, Washington to teach fifth grade. During this time, he raised five children, built a log home, and grew a cattle herd. While the log home burned in 1978, it was rebuilt with the help of friends and neighbors.

Steve was passionate about politics, advocating for the Constitution, individual freedom, property rights, limited government, and the right to bear arms. Steve was deeply involved in the community as a member of the Kiwanis Club, Grange, PTA, local school board, Cattlemen's Association, and Washington Farm Forestry Association. He also served as the manager of the Ferry County Fair, the President of the Republic Chamber of Commerce, and a district court judge for 14 years.

A captivating storyteller, Steve often had listeners laughing and crying. In 1994, at age 75, Steve drew up plans to convert his ranch into a guest lodge. The foundation was completed in 2000, and for the next 17 years Steve could be seen with a smile on his face, working every day from dawn to dusk to complete his dream lodge.

Steve Konz passed away at age 90 in the lodge he built, on the ranch he loved, with family at his side.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and Washington's Fifth Congressional District may we rise to remember Steve and his legacy. His service and passion will inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOE "CAPTAIN" HYDE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Retired Captain Joe Hyde, who passed away in his home on June 10 surrounded by family.

Captain Hyde, a 1965 graduate of Independence High School, served with the Southaven Police Department for 31 years. He was one of the fast investigators and first SWAT team members to serve the Department and continued to serve the Senatobia Police Department for another 10 years. Captain Hyde, also a part of the Mississippi National Guard, was one of only two officers to receive the Department's Medal of Honor, its highest commendation, for valor, combat, and life saving skills.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Barbara; his stepchildren: Kim Mitchell (Ricky), John Parker (Christy), and Christy McGregor (Kevin); as well as many friends and extended family members.

I am thankful for Joe "Captain" Hyde's service to Mississippi. He will be greatly missed by his family, community, and all whom he encountered.

IN MEMORY OF EARNESTINE "WARNET" DAVIS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Earnestine Davis, a beloved resident of the city of Detroit.

Earnestine Warnet Davis was born on January 18, 1951 to the late Dulcy B. Smith and Hubert Lee Lockett in Detroit, Michigan.

Earnestine, affectionately known as "Warnet" or "Net", was the eldest of five children. She embraced the role of leader and "big sister," often helping her mother with caring for her younger brothers and sisters.

Upon graduating from Detroit's Mumford High School, Warnet moved to Miami, Florida to live with her late father, Hubert Lockett, and his wife, Dale Lockett, to attend Miami Dade Community College. In 1969, she married the love of her life, Michael Davis, Sr., who preceded her in death. They returned to Detroit to focus on raising a family. Warnet and her husband were blessed with five beautiful children: Desmond Michelle, Michael, Dulcy Marquita, Leigh Christine, and Robert Trevor-Blair Davis.

Determined and strong-willed, Warnet did not let the challenge of raising a large family deter her from accomplishing her life's goal of becoming a nurse. After the passing of her husband Michael, Warnet reenrolled in college. Focused and driven, Warnet juggled raising her children with long hours of study and hard work to realize her dream. In 1986, Warnet graduated with two degrees and with Honors from the distinguished Nursing Program at Highland Park Community College. Warnet's passion for the healing arts drove her to focus on passing her state licensing exams to obtain her professional licensing to become a License Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN). Succeeding in her goal, Warnet enjoyed a long career in nursing, specializing as a psychiatric care nurse attending to those with mental illness. Her love for her career was evident to all who knew her.

Even while managing a busy career, Warnet made the most of her time spent with family. She was known as the life of the party and took joy in organizing large family gatherings at her home. She held a keen appreciation for the preciousness of life and always went out of her way to bring family together. This sensibility extended into Warnet's strong spiritual life. She served as a deaconess at Park United Presbyterian Church in Highland Park, Michigan for many years, where she organized numerous community events.

Please join me in tribute to Earnestine Warnet Davis, a generous soul who will be missed by her family and community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL LOAN FORGIVENESS ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the COVID-19 Hospital Loan Forgiveness Act to provide immediate, vitally needed relief to hospitals and health care providers who are under water as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our nation's hospitals have invested heavily to prepare for the coronavirus pandemic. They canceled tens-of-thousands of elective surgeries and non-emergent patient tests at the government's request to help ensure adequate hospital capacity, preserve gear and equipment, and reduce the risk of unnecessary patient spread. This major shift has put some of America's hospitals on the brink of financial disaster.