

Engineer Corps response to Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi. Then, in 2008, he deployed to Afghanistan with the 168th Engineer Brigade as Deputy Commander. He took this experience to his role as Chief of Staff of Kosovo forces in 2015. Through his leadership role in medical and engineer units in Mississippi, General Boyles has earned the position of Mississippi's top officer.

As the Adjutant General of Mississippi since 2016, Major General Boyles has led the state's ready force of more than 12,500 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen through crises and deployments, including natural disasters, civil unrest, and assisting the state in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership has elevated Mississippi's reputation among the country's National Guard units and has demonstrated a commitment to defending country and state through any contingency.

The National Guard Association of the United States in an integral partner to the National Guard's state associations and congressional delegations. The work that they do directly impacts Mississippi, and our state and country will be served well with General Boyles at the helm.

I congratulate Major General Boyles on this excellent achievement in his career. He will be an exceptional leader, and Mississippi is proud of his accomplishments.

HONORING JUANA DIAZ FOR
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Juana Diaz. Juana was born in Polk County, Florida. Her parents immigrated from Mexico to the United States and worked as migrant workers. When Juana was a child, she recalls living in a migrant camp. There, she encountered a public health nurse who came to the camps to administer vaccinations and aid the workers in their overall health. The impact of that moment led her to believe that she could one day be a nurse and help her community.

In 1996, Juana applied to work at Winter Haven Hospital as a ward clerk. After working in the surgical intensive care unit, she recalls how the intensive care nurses were compassionate, caring, and brilliant, which inspired her to pursue a career in nursing. Juana understood that nursing was her calling.

After graduating from Polk Community College with her associates degree in nursing in 2003, Juana began her career in the same unit she started as a ward clerk. Throughout her career, Juana has had the privilege of helping many of her fellow Hispanic patients and families. She understood that language barriers frequently affected the care of these patients and made it her duty to help whenever she could. Juana obtained her certification in critical care nursing in June of 2009 and recently graduated with her bachelor's degree in nursing.

Juana has a strong work ethic, which she inherited from her parents. They came to this country not knowing the language or culture and achieved the American dream for themselves and their children.

For this and more, we honor Juana Diaz.

MARGARET FAUERBACH'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of meeting Margaret Fauerbach who turned 100 years old on June 17th. Margret was raised in Portland with her five brothers. While two of her brothers were serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII, Margaret met a sailor whom she married after a year of dating. Margaret and her husband, Rudy, had a son, Rudy Jr., and moved to Millville soon after. After Rudy was honorably discharged from the Navy, the two had their second son, Donald. Margaret was involved in cub scouts, serving as a cub scout leader, and she was also a Sunday School teacher, a Babe Ruth league volunteer, and served as a sorority leader. For years, Margaret and Rudy traveled in an RV to seashore campgrounds over the summer months. Margaret and Rudy were blessed with four grandchildren and five great grandchildren, who they could not be more proud of. They were married for 72 years before Rudy's passing, and she now enjoys cruises on the riverfront in her golf cart and taking care of her home. God Bless Margaret and her wonderful family and God Bless America.

REMEMBERING ERICKA EDWARDS
JONES

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, remember and mourn the life of a dear friend and sister, Ericka Edwards Jones of Marrero and Algiers, Louisiana.

She lived a life of service and activism throughout her 48 years of life, as a longtime employee of the parish courts, and staffer of former Congressman William J. Jefferson, and as chief deputy of 2nd City Court under the leadership of Clerk Darren Lombard. She served with compassion and honor.

She thoroughly enjoyed politics, but, most importantly, public service. She was an incredible wife, mother, daughter, and friend. We will sorely miss her incredible smile, her leadership, her compassion for service.

Ericka was a devoted elected member of OPDEC. She had a smile that would light up the room. Ericka was passionate, and compassionate, and generous to a fault. She had a strong sense of style. Ericka brought a sense of calm and "I've got it under control" into complex situations.

We will miss Ericka, but her fingerprints will long live in the great works that she leaves behind.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, with all that knew her, and all that will remember her forever. I'm sending prayers especially to her son Marcus Jones, Jr., her husband Marcus Jones, Sr., and to her parents.

The entire community of New Orleans will miss her deeply. I thank Ericka, and may she rest easy.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND ROBERT MOORE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COALITION FOR PEACE ACTION

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rev. Robert Moore for serving as the Executive Director of the Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) for 40 years. Rev. Moore has worked tirelessly on critical issues of peace including gun control, disarmament, the reduction of nuclear weapons, voter engagement, and countless other causes.

In his role as Executive Director, he has led critical peacemaking efforts through the Coalition for Peace Action, which celebrated its 40-year anniversary last year. Rev. Moore led many grassroots initiatives in the United States including the inaugural Peace Voter Campaign in 1995 as well as one of the largest demonstrations in national history in 1982 where one million people gathered in New York to call for a freeze on nuclear weapons.

In honor of Rev. Moore's illustrious career and dedication to peacemaking efforts, the Princeton Municipal Council declared that September 8, 2021 is "Reverend Robert Moore Day" in Princeton, New Jersey. Rev. Moore's dedication to building a more peaceful world is an inspiration to us all and today we celebrate the impact and importance of his work.

I congratulate Rev. Bob Moore on his notable achievements.

HONORING ARNALDO AMOROS FOR
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Arnaldo "Arnie" Amoros. Arnie was born and raised in New York City. He is married to his wife Betsy and together they raised two children. Alex and Alexis, and one granddaughter, Ari. He joined the New York City Police Department in 1980 and retired as a lieutenant. In 2015, Arnie became president of the Fraternal Order of Police of Central Florida continues in this position to this day.

Arnie first came to Central Florida in 1996 as a deputy in the Sheriffs Office where he was instrumental the restructuring of several procedures. During this time, he helped introduce the NYPD's community policing concept to the office. On September 11, 2001. Arnie volunteered to assist in efforts at Ground Zero and remained there for a month. After his time with the Seminole County Sheriffs Office, Arnie fulfilled his duties at the Fire Marshal's Office until 2011 when he retired. However, he

continued to serve his community and in 2015, Arnie became president of the Fraternal Order of Police of Central Florida.

In 2016, Arnie helped draft a state bill which enabled all disabled Florida first responders who were injured in the line of duty to receive a homestead exemption. The bill was signed into law and took effect on January 2017. Arnie continues to contribute to investigative cases as an experienced officer and has enabled the arrest of two suspects in cold cases.

For this and more, we honor Arnaldo Amoros.

THOMAS MCGOWAN

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the honor of attending Thomas McGowan's send-off party celebrating his acceptance to West Point. I nominated Thomas because of his strong commitment to his community and his academics. He graduated from Mainland Regional High School where he took a total of 13 advanced placement classes and was also a member of the National Honor Society. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and held positions in his troop as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader, instructor, and order of the arrow representative. In addition to Thomas' academic successes, he also played on his school's baseball team and also volunteered at numerous organizations. He was an American Legion volunteer since he was in 6th grade, and assisted his local veterans by participating in over 300 hours of giving back to those who served their country. His Eagle Scout project took over 40 hours to complete and he also did over 225 hours of other community service projects. I know Thomas will go on to achieve great things and will represent South Jersey with pride. God Bless Thomas and God Bless America.

DRUG TREATMENT PIONEER MIKE WATANABE RETIRES

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, as he retires I rise to commemorate the career of a pioneer and advocate in drug treatment, Michael N. Watanabe. Mike and I became friends during the time that the crack cocaine epidemic devastated neighborhoods across Los Angeles, but his dedication to serving those struggling with addiction goes back much further.

Even as a high schooler in the 1960s, Mike had seen friends and neighbors of all races suffer and even die from drug overdoses. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969, where he served as a Huey helicopter Crew Chief in Vietnam. His experiences there gave him further insight into the role that substances like drugs and alcohol play in people's lives. He emerged from his transition back to civilian life with a determination to help people. That led him to pursue a degree in social work at

UCLA, earning a scholarship through the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

In 1975 he joined the staff of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP). With offices in the heart of the Crenshaw district of Los Angeles, AADAP had been founded to assist Asians, Pacific Islanders and other underserved communities. Mike quickly saw opportunities to extend services, and to treat the whole person. He has dedicated 46 years of his life to AADAP, 39 of those years as the head of the organization.

During his tenure, AADAP grew from a small grassroots organization with 20 staff to a large, comprehensive service agency with over 120 professional staff serving a significant portion of Los Angeles County through ten service sites. AADAP boasts an impressive track record, serving all races and cultures, and offering residential and outpatient treatment, family support, job training, and a wide spectrum of programs providing prevention, intervention, and diversion services for substance use disorders.

In his nearly half-century of service, Mike has also leant his expertise to numerous national, state and local organizations and commissions. He has given workshops, seminars, testimony, and consultations to anyone who could benefit from his experience and vision for change. He has received innumerable awards and recognitions for his work as an educator, clinician and leader, including an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD) degree from his undergraduate alma mater, California State University Northridge.

Countless lives have changed for the better due to Mike's work. Now, as he hands over the reins of this vital organization, I wish him and his family the very best, and I look forward to the next chapter of his life.

IRON DOME CRUCIAL TO DEFEND FAMILIES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week, in a move that stunned me and my Republican colleagues, the Democrats removed funding for the Israeli Iron Dome air defense system from the continuing resolution. Though I remain hopeful it will ultimately be included in the final package, it is unbelievable that scrapping this essential system was even being considered.

The U.S. and Israel have an alliance mutually beneficial for joint security and Middle East stability of peace through strength.

Israel is under regular rocket attack from the terrorist group Hamas, from Gaza and Hezbollah from Lebanon, and the Iron Dome, a product of U.S.-Israel security cooperation, is designed to intercept and destroy short-range rockets and shells the Iran-sponsored terrorists fire indiscriminately into their country, targeting civilians. Some 4,400 rockets were fired into Israel in May alone, and sadly, tens of thousands more projectiles may be stockpiled.

I have been to Israel and know first-hand the fear of attack felt by their citizens visiting mothers in Sderot who have traumatized children by rocket attacks, and mothers in Jeru-

salem who have horribly injured children by suicide bombers at Hadassah Hospital. Mass murderers must be stopped. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) makes a difference alerting Americans with the truth by sponsoring conferences with Christian civic leaders as this week with Hope Walker from South Carolina.

So, we must continue to support their security needs as an ally and as a matter of the broader U.S. national security.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from abroad to our neighborhoods.

HONORING DR. LUIS HERRERA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Dr. Luis Herrera. As medical director of the Orlando Health Cancer Institute Thoracic Oncology Program, Dr. Herrera serves Central Florida by providing the most advanced levels of innovative care for patients with lung and esophageal cancer at the busiest thoracic surgery location in Florida. After attending medical school at the University of Puerto Rico, Dr. Herrera completed a general surgery residency at the University of Pittsburgh, followed by a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, prior to joining Orlando Health in 2006.

Dr. Herrera is widely regarded as a pioneering senior thoracic surgeon with advanced expertise in lung cancer treatment and minimally invasive and robotic surgery. He has received a number of prestigious research grants, published dozens of journal articles and scientific abstracts, and holds academic appointments at the colleges of medicine at the University of Florida, University of Central Florida, and Florida State University.

In his current role as medical director, Dr. Herrera has led the significant growth of the Thoracic Oncology Program at Orlando Health Cancer Institute. Through effective recruitment, innovative technology, and operational efficiencies, he has developed the leading thoracic surgery program in Florida. He is now focused on developing a state-of-the-art lung cancer screening program, the first of its kind to Florida. Dr. Herrera also serves as co-director of the Orlando Health Advanced Robotic Surgery Program, chief of the Orlando Health Perioperative Governance Committee and member of Orlando Health's Oncology Executive Cabinet.

For this and more, we honor Dr. Herrera.

VETERANS HORSE SHOW

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this summer, I had the honor of attending the Veterans Horse Show, hosted by NJ American Veterans