

the most trusted voices regularly sought out by local, state, and federal elected officials. Prior to joining the Rady team, she worked as a senior staff member to a state senator.

Barbara's leadership and advocacy extends far beyond the industry where she was employed. Since 1979 she has served as a Member of the Board of Education serving the Santee School District, where she has held terms as President, Vice President, Clerk, and Legislative Representative over the course of her tenure.

She has also been a leader in statewide education groups, serving as a delegate to the California School Boards Association and as a member of its Masters in Governance Faculty, service that helped earn her the San Diego County School Boards Association School Board Member of the Year in 2011. Barbara has been recognized with the YWCA Women in Business Award; the Santee Chamber of Commerce President's Award; Santee Kiwanis Citizen of the Year; California State Assembly Woman of the Year; Citizen of the Year from Phi Delta Kappa and the Women in Leadership Award from the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce, among many other honors.

But perhaps her greatest honor is being a parent and grandparent—and this experience has guided every aspect of her career as a children's health advocate, education leader and community leader. I am proud to call her my friend and am grateful for her decades of service to the children, families, and healthcare professionals in San Diego County. Rady Children's is consistently ranked top in the nation across many categories, and that exceptional leadership is reflected in its community engagement, professionalism, and advocacy, demonstrated by Barbara throughout her career.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in extending our gratitude for her decades of service community leadership, and commitment to education and healthcare.

**REINFORCING NICARAGUA'S ADHERENCE TO CONDITIONS FOR ELECTORAL REFORM ACT OF 2021**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALBIO SIRES**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address S. 1064, the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021, or the RENACER Act. I introduced the House version of the RENACER Act in April with Congresswoman MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, Ranking Member of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee MARK GREEN, and Reps. DEUTCH, WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, MURPHY, and other bipartisan colleagues. This bill builds on the Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2018, or the NICA Act, and expands the United States' toolbox to address the challenges to democracy faced in Nicaragua. Congress passed the NICA Act in 2018 in the aftermath of Ortega's brutal crackdown of protesters that year. Since 2018, the Ortega regime's criminalization of dissent has only continued; and since I introduced RENACER in April, the regime arrested

almost 40 opposition figures, including eight possible presidential candidates.

Daniel Ortega has made it clear that he will go to any lengths to maintain power. The United States Government must use every diplomatic tool available to ensure free, fair, and competitive elections in Nicaragua. We should implement a results-oriented diplomatic strategy, in coordination with our allies, that aligns sanctions with specific outcomes. This will be the most effective way to counter the Ortega regime's efforts to use repression, persecution, and fear to prevent the Nicaraguan people from expressing their will at the ballot box.

This legislation would also expand oversight of international financial institutions' lending to Nicaragua, to ensure that any funds are helping the Nicaraguan people and not filling the coffers of corrupt actors in government. The RENACER Act also strengthens protections for humanitarian and human rights needs of the Nicaraguan people, so that our policies do not inadvertently harm the very people we seek to help. Finally, the legislation requires a number of reports, including on acts of corruption committed by the Ortega government and his family members and on human rights violations against communities marginalized by the regime.

By passing the RENACER Act, we will send a strong message that we stand with the political prisoners, their families, and with all Nicaraguans in defending their right to choose their own leaders. We will show unequivocally our firm support for the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and stand up for the Nicaraguan people.

**IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER JANIS SCHACHTER**

**HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janis Schachter, a dedicated and passionate educator at Northport High School. Janis Schachter is a leader and innovator in the academic discipline of News and Media Literacy. As a journalist and Social Studies teacher, Janis uses her talent and professional knowledge to engage young people in learning about the essential role of journalism in protecting our freedoms, and their shared civic responsibility to be active and informed participants in our democracy with civility and mutual respect.

Through her affiliation with the Center for News Literacy at Stony Brook University, the Law Youth and Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association, and Project PATCH, the Law and Civic Education Program of the Northport—East Northport Union Free School District, Ms. Schachter has provided training in News and Media Literacy to hundreds of teachers in the United States and around the world.

On September 15, 2021, Janis Schachter was recognized with a prestigious international teaching award by Global Youth & News Media which awarded her their Silver Prize for excellence and leadership in the field of News

and Media Literacy. Her excellence as a teacher is also evident in her recognition as "Distinguished Social Studies Educator" by the New York State Council for the Social Studies.

I am proud to recognize Janis Schachter for her invaluable contribution toward education as she continues to empower young people and fellow teachers with the knowledge, skills, and values that sustain and support our democracy.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding a vote I missed on November 4, 2021. Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 362 on H.R. 3709, the Preliminary Damage Assessment Improvement Act of 2021, I would have voted yes. I believe this sensible, bipartisan legislation would help improve the Federal Emergency Management Agency's preliminary damage assessment process.

**HONORING THOMAS JUNIOR ROSEBERRY II**

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Thomas Junior Roseberry II of Bland, Virginia, who passed away on October 27, 2021, at the age of 74. Mr. Roseberry was a former Bland County sheriff and Virginia State Police trooper who made a tremendous contribution to the area.

Mr. Roseberry was born on December 18, 1946, to Thomas J. and Wanda Deck Roseberry in Pulaski, Virginia. His life was spent helping and defending those around him. He started his career with the Virginia State Police in 1968. He also worked as the Captain of Investigations for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and was elected twice as Sheriff of Bland County—once in 1988 and later in 2015. When he retired in 2019, he had cumulatively served and protected his community for a total of 51 years. In addition to his police service, Mr. Roseberry also served in the Army Reserves for 27 years and was a member of the American Legion for Bland County.

A man of integrity, Mr. Roseberry helped mentor numerous deputies and troopers not only in Bland County but all throughout the state of Virginia in both their law enforcement careers and in their personal lives. He was a man of God that led by example. He remains highly esteemed by those that know him and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Roseberry was preceded in death by his parents and one of his sisters, Carolyn Roseberry Elam, as well as her husband "T".

His survivors include his wife of 55 years, Rita T. Roseberry; daughter, Stina R. Wilburn and husband Mark; son, Thomas J. Roseberry III; daughter, Staci R. Leewright and husband Mike; son Seth E. Roseberry and fiancé Jody

Powell; ten grandchildren; two sisters, Pansy Pannell and Sandee R Janney; and Dot Kidd, who was like a second mother to him. I would like to offer my condolences to them on the loss of this great man.

#### FIREFIGHTER AWARDS

### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire, rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

First responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

Nine years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Parrish Fire District Division Chief Michael Williamson was chosen for the Career Service Award.

Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Morris Lopez; Captains Derek Butler, Michael Bugg, Erik Sawyer, and Brian Visnovec; Acting Captains Charles Bridges and Adam Brown; Firefighters Travis Poirier and Edward Kofler; Fire Medics Colin Tracey, Gilad Maimoni, Brandon Gadberry, Adam Schwer, Violet Anderson, Juanita Benjamin, Brian Johnson, and Ryan VanBuskirk; Lieutenants Joseph Blackwelder and Joshua Veeck; Driver Engineers Ralph Mascaro, Derek Wendt, Ayrton Burden, Jerome Mancillas, Jeffrey Hartzner, Patrick Geiger; and Acting Driver Engineers Marc Dieth, Joshua Thompson, and Ryan Fritz; and Manatee Search and Rescue Deputy Chief John Elwood and K9 Karma, and Captain Michael Dvorak and K9 Max were chosen to receive the Unit Citation.

Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Captain John Shirah and Driver Engineer Peter Dziubinski; Sarasota County Fire Department Lieutenant Randy Allen and Fire Medics Miriam Troyer, Andrew Moler, and Michael Alberti were chosen to receive the Preservation of Life Award.

Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Lieutenant Kimberlee Rogers, Deputy Chief Jason Dougherty; Manatee Search Nicholas Reis; and Manatee County EMS Social Worker Sonia Shuhart were chosen for the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Terri Adams; Corporals William Barnes and Carlos Brito; and Deputies Keaton Bruce and Andrew Fleming; and Civilians Trexley and Bradley Cleophat were chosen for the Associate Service Award.

#### CELEBRATING KRISTY DUBINSKY'S ACHIEVEMENT

### HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kristy Dubinsky, who selflessly painted portraits for the families of the 13 U.S. service members killed in evacuation efforts at the Hamid Karzai International Airport on August 26, 2021.

After learning of the suicide bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, Kristy Dubinsky immediately knew she needed to honor the 13 U.S. service members killed in that senseless act. An accomplished artist herself, Ms. Dubinsky was already working on another piece for an art show in Michigan. However, she dropped what she was working on to paint a portrait of each service member who gave their life that day.

Ms. Dubinsky, an art teacher at Elizabeth Forward High School specializing in military themes, said that "a voice in my head just kept telling me to paint the 13." Kristy documented the entire process. She posted daily on her social media platforms for others to follow along. While recording the progress over the 13 days, a disabled former Marine, Shelly Frontera, saw what Kristy posted and traveled from Michigan to honor the 13 soldiers by accompanying each painting with a red, white bud vase, and blue rose.

Ms. Dubinsky's portraits depict 12 of the 13 in formal dress: Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David Espinoza, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin Hoover, Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan Merola, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikouli, Marine Corps Sgt. Johnny Pichardo, Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto Sanchez, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, Navy Hospital Corpsman Maxton Soviak, and Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan Page. Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole Gee is the only exception. Ms. Dubinsky chose to depict the iconic photo of her holding an Afghan baby as evacuation efforts continued.

Kristy's portraits are now part of the world's largest annual juried international art show, with 900 artists and thousands of visitors attending.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the achievements of Kristy Dubinsky. Her work is exceptional and solidifies her reputation as a champion of the American service members in our region.

#### WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS— ATLANTA BRAVES

### HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of an event 26 years in the making. This week, Georgia, and the entire nation, watched as our Atlanta Braves shut out the Houston Astros in Game 6, clinching the World Series for Atlanta for the first time in decades.

I am so proud of this team. They fought through adversity, carrying a losing record until August 6th. They overcame injuries and fought hard for their teammates whose season ended early. Every part of the Atlanta Braves organization deserves credit for this win: from the players, to the management, and the front office staff that still believed in this team when so many others might have given up. I am thrilled for every player and every fan who has dreamed of this moment for over two decades.

The odds were against us, but to paraphrase the words of Joc Pederson, "We just might be those World Series Champs."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 339.

#### BIOMASS & BIOGAS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES ACT

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Biomass and Biogas for Electric Vehicles Act."

In passing the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140), Congress made electricity from renewable biomass—including biogas and waste-to-energy from feedstocks such as separated yard or food waste—eligible under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Despite years of Congressional urging, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has yet to approve a single biomass facility under the program. Some applications for biomass electricity—known as "pathway petitions" under the RFS program—have been pending now for more than 7 years.

I have long supported a utility-scale subsidy for biomass electricity to create a market for byproducts of proper forest management and hazardous fuels reduction in fire-prone states like California. This legislation fulfills that objective by working within the framework of the existing Renewable Fuel Standard, which already includes electricity generated from eligible feedstocks used as a transportation fuel.

Under current law and USEPA regulations, "renewable biomass" is already defined to include biogas, namely methane captured from livestock and agricultural byproducts, food waste, or residential yard waste. As such, my "Biomass and Biogas for Electric Vehicles Act" would complement the significant investments California is making under the State's successful Dairy Digester Research and Development Program.

Currently, the USEPA requires facilities to prove with near-perfect traceability that the electricity generated is used as a transportation fuel to participate in the RFS program. Most renewable biomass facilities are selling electricity into the grid and, therefore, cannot