

which improved the quality of life for residents and strengthened his community.

His advocacy for underserved populations led him to a career in politics, and he was nominated chairman for the People's National Party in Jamaica. During his time as chairman, he worked with government leaders to improve conditions for children and families in Kingston. He was also enlisted as the youth leader for the Rennock Lodge Youth Organization.

He emigrated to the United States in January of 1981 and settled in the diverse Rogers Park neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois with his wife and five children. His first job was with St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, followed by a position with a tuckpointing company, and finally, he worked for the Village of Glencoe for 16 years where he retired in 2006.

After retirement, he continued to serve his community as a volunteer for numerous non-profit organizations. He was actively involved with the Democratic Party of Evanston and worked as a crossing guard for the City of Evanston. Each morning, he woke up looking forward to seeing the children and brightening up their days with words of encouragement or a witty quip that made them smile.

His faith was the driving force in his life, and he was an elder at First Church of God Christian Life Center in Evanston, and then became an Elder at Deliverance Temple Church in Skokie.

Fitzgerald is survived by his devoted wife of 49 years, Sonia Davis; daughters, Rose Scott and Karen Davis; sons, Byron Davis (Marie), Lloyd Davis (Lorraine), Dave Davis (Tara); grandchildren, Klarissa Davis, Lloyd Davis Jr., Kayla Davis, Leah Davis, Theo Davis, and Steven Davis; and great-grandchildren, Ivy and Oakley. Fitzgerald also leaves behind brothers Philip Davis and Chris Davis; sisters Deloris Scott, Beverly Burnett, Angela Davis, and a host of other loving relatives and friends who will rejoice in his memory.

REMEMBERING GENERAL RAYMOND T. ODIERNO, NJ-11 NATIVE AND BRAVE MILITARY LEADER FOR OVER FOUR DECADES

### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize General Raymond Thomas Odierno, former Chief of Staff for the Army and a native of Rockaway in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. General Odierno began his service to our country as a young man attending the United States Military Academy at West Point and went on to serve our nation for the majority of his life.

He was commissioned as an officer in the Army in 1976, serving around the world to protect and defend our nation's Constitution and values. Most notably, General Odierno served three tours in Iraq, including commanding the 4th Infantry Division on his first tour in 2003, which played a major role in the capture of Saddam Hussein.

In 2011, General Odierno was selected to be the Army's Chief of Staff, the highest ranking general in the Army. In this role, he guided the Army through the final withdrawal of troops

from Iraq, addressed issues facing our troops including rising rates of suicide, and handled crises such as the Ebola outbreak in 2014.

General Odierno's strength, strategic thinking, and commitment to service were unmatched and our country is safer because of him. He was a beloved community member of NJ-11. Whenever he returned to his hometown in Morris County, he gave back to the local community, including by meeting with the next generation of leaders at the local schools.

General Odierno passed away on October 8th after a valiant battle with cancer. He will be missed by his family, friends, the NJ-11 community, and fellow servicemembers and veterans.

IN HONOR OF WALTER COX

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Walter Clay Cox, Jr. Mr. Cox was born on November 9, 1922 and lives in Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Cox celebrates his 99th birthday this year.

Mr. Cox grew up in Lancaster, Kentucky. After graduating from high school in 1940, he attended the University of Kentucky. He was headed to law school when his ROTC unit was called up for basic training in 1943. He was later assigned to the U.S. Army's 3rd platoon, 70th Infantry Division. The troops were shipped out of Boston to Marseille, France. The platoon of 40 men left for the front lines on December 10, 1944, traveling in a boxcar. They arrived at the front in time for a "real" Christmas. Conditions were brutal in the freezing winter as the unit fought the German army in the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Cox attained the rank of Captain. He remembers well the celebration when the Germans surrendered in 1945. Mr. Cox's service continued during the occupation of Germany until May of 1946. He was recalled to active duty and served in the Judge Advocate General Corps in Korea from January 1951 to September 1952.

In 1946, Mr. Cox returned to the University of Kentucky and completed his Juris Doctorate. He served as the Police Judge in Lancaster. He was the originating and managing partner of a law practice in Lexington. For more than 50 years, he has been a member of the Commercial Law League of America, the Kentucky Bar Association Senior Counselor, Federal Bar authorized to practice before the Supreme Court and authorized to practice before the US Department of Veterans Affairs. He opened his own law practice in 2004 and continues to actively practice law. Mr. Cox authored a book, "I Love My Angel", about his service in the military.

Walter Cox is a true patriot, a great American, and an inspiration to us all. I am forever grateful to him and other members of the Greatest Generation or sacrificing and fighting to preserve the freedoms that we hold dear. It is my honor to recognize him on his 99th birthday before the United States Congress.

SONS OF ITALY: ITALIAN FESTIVAL WILDWOOD

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, October is Italian Heritage month, a time to celebrate the wonderful culture and contributions of the Italian community. I had the honor and pleasure of attending the long-standing Italian Festival tradition in Wildwood, New Jersey. Wildwood's Italian Festival is a time-honored tradition where music, food, fun and culture of the Italian heritage collide for an experience unlike any other. I thank them again for inviting me to the festival, and I look forward to being there next year. God bless Sons of Italy, and God bless America.

ARIZONA MARINE PREVENTS ROBBERY

### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Marine veteran James Kilcer, whose exceptional heroism and extraordinary courage prevented an armed robbery at a Yuma, Arizona convenience store.

On October 20, three men, one of whom was armed, entered the convenience store where Mr. Kilcer was shopping. Acting without hesitation, Mr. Kilcer disarmed the gunman and detained him until police arrived.

Because of his heroism and swift action, no one was hurt and the robbers were all arrested. James Kilcer is well-deserving of the Citizen's Valor Award recently presented to him by the Yuma Sheriff Department. Madam Speaker, I commend Mr. James Kilcer for putting his own life on the line while aiding his fellow citizens.

HONORING MANUELA RENDON

### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Manuela Rendon, a dedicated leader in South Texas who has given 50 years of service to Head Start programs and has made a lasting impact on thousands of children and families in our community.

Ms. Rendon's advocacy journey began in 1971 during her time as a teacher at Bonita Park Head Start program in Harlingen, Texas. During her first year as an educator, she developed a passion for Head Start and committed herself to helping underserved families. Ms. Rendon was quickly promoted to center manager, where her vision was to enhance early childhood development, empower parents and families, and advocate for the less fortunate.

After six years at Bonita Park Head Start, Ms. Rendon was invited to lead the Head

Start initiative for Cameron and Willacy Counties Community Projects (CWCCP). There, she continued her work on behalf of South Texas youth and families, and collaborated with the Policy Council, Board of Directors, and other staff members to carry out the Head Start mission. With the belief that there is strength in numbers, Ms. Rendon made the pivotal decision to work with community leaders to create a network of support for children and families.

As CWCCP's Head Start Director, Ms. Rendon became dissatisfied by the lack of resources available to Head Start parents. Ms. Rendon faced this challenge with purpose and determination; and worked to reform the program and champion a new initiative. In 1989, with the support of Head Start parents and other community leaders, Ms. Rendon established the non-profit organization Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS). The purpose of NINOS was to advocate for the Head Start program in Cameron and Willacy counties, and it quickly succeeded.

NINOS was awarded a Head Start grant in 1990 and has continued to successfully secure funding for programming to support local families. The program, which initially served a few hundred children, now serves over 2,400 Head Start and Early Head Start families; and provides a wide range of services including health and nutritional assessments, medical and dental follow-ups, individualized "school readiness," nutritional meals and snacks, and pre- and post-natal education for pregnant women.

Ms. Rendon is the driving force behind the success of NINOS—she has created a quality program that is nationally recognized by the Head Start community by focusing not only on early childhood education, but also on parent involvement. She has even provided parents with opportunities to travel and advocate for Head Start in Texas and across the country.

Ms. Rendon's commitment to Texas families began with Head Start in Harlingen, but her influence goes far beyond that. She has served on and chaired many boards and committees including the Region VI Head Start Association, Texas Head Start Association Board of Directors, Texas Department of Human Services Licensing Advisory Council, State Colonias Advisory Committee, and Texas Southmost College Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Manuela Rendon, who after 50 years of service continues to be a voice for those in need, and whose dedication to bettering the lives of children strengthens the health and prosperity of South Texas families.

CONGRATULATING SOUTH  
MILLVILLE GUN CLUB

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in 1946, the South Millville Gun Club was founded in South Jersey. For the past 75 years, the club has served as a place for its members and their families to gather, hunt, celebrate, and enjoy the outdoors. The South Millville Gun Club has been a member of the New Jersey

Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs since 1959 and an esteemed NRA member since 1969. This club has been a significant part of the South Jersey community for almost four decades. The club hosts various events like their Super Bowl Wing and Rib Sale and their famous Ham and Oyster Dinner. Congratulations to the South Millville Gun Club on their recent proclamation, which recognizes the past 75 years, and the next 75 years to come. God Bless the South Millville Gun Club, and God Bless America.

HONORING VICTORIA BARRIOS

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Victoria Barrios. While her life was cut short by a senseless drive-by shooting, Victoria Barrios lived her 18 years as a loving daughter, sister, and faithful friend.

Born November 4, 2000, Victoria was a bright, kind-hearted, well-spoken young lady with an infectious laugh and a soft heart for elderly people. At only 5 feet tall and 90 pounds, she was courageous and stood up for anyone who she felt was being disrespected, shamed or bullied.

Now gone for two years, her family continues to search for those responsible for ending Victoria's life.

I pray there is justice for Victoria and her family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROCK OF  
AGES MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church's fiftieth anniversary, as well as fifty years under the leadership of Pastor Jerome R. McAfee.

The church began in the humble home of Pastor and Sister Jerome McAfee. Starting with a small congregation of fourteen worshippers, the church has moved several times throughout the city of Detroit. Worshippers have found solace from Gratiot Street to Van Dyke, eventually growing large enough and moving to their current place of worship on Evergreen street. The church has continued to be inspired by the singular goal of spreading the gospel, and they have structured several ministries allowing their members to serve and carry out the mission of the church.

Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church has enriched the lives of so many—whether that be the members of the congregation or the recipients of their volunteer work, the church has been an important part of the community. As the church continues to grow into the future, it will remain a welcoming environment full of prayer, praise, fellowship, and mutual aid, where every person is a valued member of a beautiful community. This legacy lives

on in the inspiring longevity of Pastor McAfees service.

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Jerome R. McAfee and the members of Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church as we recognize its fiftieth anniversary.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS CRIPPS—  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Nick Cripps with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nick was born and raised in Wildwood, South Jersey with his parents and two siblings. While playing youth sports, he became a Webelos at Glenwood Avenue Elementary School. Once Nick became of eligible age, he joined Boy Scout Troop 75 and eventually obtained his Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, he sand blasted and power washed the 4,200 square foot ceiling of the fire house engine room of the Wildwood Fire Department Headquarters. For this project, Nick demonstrated leadership by serving as the project manager. His project made the fire engine room safer for everyone who walks through the fire house. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Nick, and God Bless America.

HONORING VETERAN EMILY  
QUILLEN

**HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight a veteran constituent of mine, Emily Quillen of Anderson, Indiana. Emily is a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) peer mentor at Aspire Indiana.

As a veteran of the United States Army, Emily understands the difficulty of finding the necessary resources when returning home after service in the Armed Forces. In her current role, she connects veterans with available housing and assists them with needs like transportation, child care support, and the search for full-time employment.

I thank Emily for her continued service to our nation's veterans and Indiana's Fifth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING ALYSSA SULLIVAN:  
MISS NEW JERSEY

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the Miss America Pageant began in Atlantic City and was held there until 2018. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the pageant, and once