

me in celebrating Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School's 150th anniversary and particularly Carrie Thornhill for her phenomenal leadership with the Dunbar Alumni Federation. I am fortunate to be an alumna of Dunbar High School and a member of the class of 1955.

Dunbar High School, which started in a church basement, was the first public high school for African Americans in the United States and remained segregated until 1954, when the District of Columbia was one of the six *Brown v. Board of Education* jurisdictions that successfully challenged segregated schools in the United States. Dunbar was instrumental in making the District of Columbia a bulwark of education for almost a century, attracting students from across the District, who were drawn by the school's excellent reputation. That same reputation was reinforced by Dunbar's remarkable record of graduating more distinguished African Americans than any high school in the country. Among them were Edward Brooke, the first Black popularly elected United States Senator; Robert C. Weaver, the first Black cabinet secretary; Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the first Black general in the U.S. Army; Wesley Brown, the first Black graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; Charles R. Drew, the discoverer of blood plasma; and Mary Jane Patterson, the first African American to achieve a college degree. Dunbar also drew teachers with advanced degrees who would have been college professors but for segregation in higher education.

In 2002, Dunbar High School established the Dunbar Alumni Federation, which works in partnership with school leadership to create better futures for Dunbar students and graduates, which has already awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships to over 700 students. Dunbar has been recently rebuilt into a state-of-the-art facility and became a neighborhood school following the *Brown* decision. Its storied history continues to inspire generations of students.

I have introduced a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the proceeds from the sale of which would benefit of the Dunbar Alumni Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dunbar High School for 150 years of educating the students of the District of Columbia.

SENATOR JIM JONES BIRTHDAY

### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize former Nebraska State Senator, Jim Jones, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

I had the honor to serve alongside Senator Jones as a Member of Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature, allowing me to witness his dedication to rural communities. His commitment assured that our farmers, ranchers, and all Sandhills residents had a passionate voice in the Legislature.

His family, friends, and community know well his passion for rural life. We are all grateful for his servant leadership. Congratulations again to Jim Jones on his 90th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING MARY ANNE CHERN ON HER DECADES OF SERVICE TO ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL AND TO THE HEALTHCARE FUNDRAISING INDUSTRY

### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, today I recognize my good friend Mary Anne Chern, ACFRE, FAHP, a highly regarded healthcare fundraiser who has retired from Adventist Health White Memorial in Los Angeles after 24 years of dedicated service. White Memorial is the region's leading faith-based, non-profit hospital and is located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of East Los Angeles. For years, Mary Anne served as president of the Adventist Health White Memorial Charitable Foundation and as a member of the hospital's Executive Team. I thank Mary Anne for her years of friendship and counsel and her unrelenting dedication to the healthcare fundraising profession.

Over the course of her 40-year career, Mary Anne has raised over \$500 million for healthcare institutions in principal and major gifts, private grants, and government funding. She is highly respected by her peers and is a friend and mentor to healthcare development professionals across the nation and worldwide. Mary Anne is one of only seven fundraising professionals in the world to have achieved both the Advanced Certified Fund Raising Executive (ACFRE) and the Fellow of Association of Healthcare Philanthropy (FAHP) certifications. She is also a Si Seymour Award winner for "career excellence and outstanding leadership." The Si Seymour Award is the highest international recognition in healthcare fundraising and has only been given to a total of 41 fundraising professionals since 1970.

In 2010, Mary Anne was elected to be the international chair of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) by its over 5,000 members. The AHP is the leading authority on healthcare philanthropy and it represents development professionals at more than 2,000 nonprofit hospitals, medical centers, health systems and related facilities throughout North America and abroad.

Mary Anne has extensive experience teaching fundraising best practices and she served on the two boards that certify professional fundraisers internationally: the CFRE Board of Directors and the AHP Board of Certification, the latter of which she chaired. She also served on the national board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and its greater Los Angeles chapter, as well as the boards of CFRE International, which credentials fundraising professionals; the Milton Murray Foundation for Philanthropy, which develops the expertise of nonprofit leaders; and the Southern California Association for Healthcare Development (SCAHD).

Mary Anne is the co-author of a book and the author of numerous articles on fundraising. She won the AHP Journal Award in 2009 for her article, "Hispanic Fundraising: Myths and Realities." She has a special interest in social determinants of both individual and population health, and she currently serves on the Steering Committee of the Los Angeles County

Community Health Assessment and Action Partnership.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mary Anne's immense contributions to the healthcare fundraising industry and her outstanding leadership and commitment to providing quality and accessible health services to the greater Eastside Los Angeles community through Adventist White Memorial. Thanks to her years of service, my constituents have been able to access high-quality care in a modern and technologically advanced facility. Mary Anne's ability to make others feel special and welcome in the Adventist Health White Memorial community is something we will all miss. I thank her for her warmth and her dedication to ensuring that the healthcare industry has the funding it needs to implement the highest possible care for Angelenos, Americans, and patients around the world.

CONGRATULATING KIEL ATANASOFF FOR RECEIVING THE PATRIOT AWARD

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Kiel Atanasoff for receiving the Patriot Award by the Department of Defense. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to workers and servicemembers at Krist Oil Company, Kiel has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Patriot Award is presented to supervisors and employers across the country who display exceptional support towards servicemembers in their workforce. In recognition of his exceptional leadership and devotion to his colleagues, fellow employee and Guardsman David Froland nominated Kiel for this distinguished award. This is in response to Kiel's continued support to Mr. Froland when he was deployed to Washington, D.C., earlier this year with the U.S. National Guard. A longtime U.P. company, Krist Oil has continued to exemplify the gold standard of support for our military members and communities. As a veteran myself, I greatly appreciate the dedication they give to both our active and retired Servicemembers.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Kiel Atanasoff for receiving the Patriot Award. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Kiel all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING TIEFFA "TI" HARPER AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to

thank Tieffa “Ti” Harper for her service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ti came to the Committee as a detailee from the Federal Public Defender’s Office earlier this year, and she has contributed greatly to the work of the committee. Ti has worked on a broad range of issues, including, among other areas, reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, oversight of the Bureau of Prisons, sentencing reform—including addressing the crack cocaine sentencing disparity through the EQUAL Act—and juvenile justice.

The Committee has significantly benefited from Ti’s insight as a public defender, her sophisticated legal analysis skills, and her knowledge of the criminal justice system. Ti was able to quickly jump into the work of the Committee when her detail began, expertly analyzing complex legislation, drafting policy options to address some of the most pressing criminal justice issues of our time, and preparing for hearings and markups.

The Committee and the American people have been fortunate to have Ti as a strong advocate for a more just legal system during her time working in Congress. While we will miss Ti greatly, we congratulate her on her new position with the Southern Poverty Law Center.

We thank Ti for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

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RECOGNIZING BAKERSFIELD  
COLLEGE

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bakersfield College for their incredible work and commitment to higher education.

Bakersfield College is a vital institution in our community. The staff, students, and faculty of this school are completely dedicated to quality education and are a model to all of us in California’s Central Valley.

This year, Bakersfield College has once again received statewide recognition for their commitment to excellence by being awarded the Champion of Higher Education by the Campaign for College Opportunity. This award recognizes Bakersfield College for their creative work to advance educational success among their students, many of whom are first generation Americans.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Bakersfield College will be receiving recognition as a Champion of Higher Education. Winning this award year after year demonstrates their commitment to creative solutions that help students grow academically, as well as reduce barriers to entry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible work of both the students and faculty of Bakersfield College. They are a vital part of our community, and I wish them continued success in their enduring pursuit to provide high-quality education opportunities to our community.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS MEMORIAL  
ILLUMINATION AT SAN JACINTO  
IN LA PORTE, TX

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association, the Texas Historical Commission, and the volunteers honoring the thousands of Texans who selflessly gave their lives in armed conflict around the world. From the start of the Texas Revolution in 1835 through the war in Afghanistan, 21,500 Texan lives have been lost.

On November 13, 2021, volunteers will place and light 21,500 luminaries on the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site to honor every Texan who made the ultimate sacrifice. Each luminary reminds us that freedom is not free and honors all those who humbly gave their lives to protect our liberties.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and express my gratitude to “The Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto” and their volunteers for their hard work to honor those Texans who died fighting for what they believed in.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021 AS “PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a bipartisan resolution today with my colleagues, Representatives ESHOO, MCKINLEY, and MCCLAIN. Our resolution raises awareness about pancreatic cancer and the importance of increased Congressional funding for research by expressing support for the designation of the month of November 2021 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. I am grateful for Representatives ESHOO, MCKINLEY, and MCCLAIN’s leadership in helping to combat pancreatic cancer.

Recently, pancreatic cancer has killed three American icons: Congressman John Lewis, Congressman Alcee Hastings, and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Accurately described as a silent killer, this disease does not have an early detection test, so unfortunately, by year’s end, pancreatic cancer will have killed an estimated 47,050 Americans and is the third largest cause of cancer-related death in our country. As COVID-19 continues to rob us of our fellow Americans, pancreatic cancer continues to devastate thousands of American families and communities. In my home state of Indiana, nearly 1,000 Hoosiers will be killed by pancreatic cancer by year’s end, and almost 2,000 Hoosiers will be newly diagnosed with this terrible disease. Nationwide, an additional 60,430 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year.

These horrific statistics highlight how few tools exist to detect this disease and, as a re-

sult, the immense pain and suffering it causes. Alarmingly, pancreatic cancer still has no early detection test to quickly and accurately determine the presence of this cancer. As a result, it is very difficult to detect this cancer before it has advanced to later—and more deadly—stages. Tragically, 72 percent of pancreatic cancer patients live less than one year following their diagnosis. This was the case for our colleague, Congressman John Lewis, who was killed by pancreatic cancer less than a year following his diagnosis.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also highlighted how longstanding health disparities and lack of access to care results in disproportionate numbers of infections and deaths from this virus in communities of color. Sadly, the same is true with pancreatic cancer. The incidence rate for pancreatic cancer among Black Americans is twenty percent higher than that of any other racial demographic and the death rate is seventeen percent higher for Black men than for white men. In this way, the lack of pancreatic cancer early detection research accelerates the racial inequities in our health care system, with devastating consequences for minorities.

To help detect pancreatic cancer earlier and to help address racial inequities, the 117th Congress has a unique opportunity to make historic investments in pancreatic cancer research at the Department of Defense (DoD). Congress can do this by increasing funding to pancreatic cancer research. Within this research funding, DoD should include early detection research as a major funding priority to help more patients detect this deadly disease early. In fact, if diagnosed early, the 5-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer patients is above 80 percent. Current pancreatic cancer research funding remains at a fraction of the level that our fellow Americans struggling with this disease deserve. That’s why it is so critical that we raise awareness about how deadly and destructive this cancer is to our American family, and why increasing pancreatic cancer research is critical to lowering this disease’s deadliness.

Moreover, at a time when our country is having a national conversation about the deep disparities in access to health care for Black and Brown people during the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress must do everything within our power to improve health outcomes through research and treatment, and that includes pancreatic cancer. And in order to ensure that we improve outcomes, we need to raise awareness with the American public and our colleagues in Congress about just how deadly this cancer is and why we need to find early detection tools, effective treatments and reduce this disease’s disproportionate impact on communities of color.

I urge my colleagues in the House to support this resolution.

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RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. MICHAEL EDUARDO CORTÉS

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Michael