

was founded in Dearborn, Michigan, in 2018 as the first coffee shop of its kind to serve organic Yemeni coffee to Dearborn and beyond. Qahwah House's status as a Dearborn institution is worthy of commendation.

Qahwah House's mission is to provide customers with an exceptional coffee experience, using high quality premium organic coffee sourced from Ibrahim's family farm in Yemen. Since 2018, the shop has grown exponentially and has expanded its offerings to include authentic Yemeni pastries. The popularity of the coffee shop has pushed Ibrahim to establish two additional locations, one in Canton, Michigan, and another in Brooklyn, New York—with more locations to come. The cafe that started out as just the idea of sharing delicious Yemeni coffee with neighbors has become a gathering spot for the people of Dearborn and beyond.

A household name in Southeast Michigan, Qahwah House has become a place for Michiganders of all ages and cultures. As an establishment that serves up more than just delicious coffee, they serve the local community by raising funds for the education of our youth. Hundreds of children in the Dearborn area and in Ibrahim's home of Yemen have benefited from their generosity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ibrahim Al Hasbani of Qahwah House for being a cultural ambassador of the Yemeni community and for sharing his cultural roots for the world to enjoy.

HONORING ALY HERNANDEZ FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE FIFTH
DISTRICT

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary actions and efforts of an individual that improved Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Aly Hernandez. Ms. Hernandez has been an integral part of the Kansas City community and it is with a bittersweet feeling that we say goodbye to her as she ventures into a new opportunity in Washington D.C.

Expressing the magnitude of Ms. Hernandez's contributions to Kansas City, in such a short time since she completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, is an impossible task. From the time that Aly began working in my office as an intern, it was evident that she was someone who was determined and passionate about creating positive change in our city, particularly within our underrepresented communities. Ms. Hernandez rose through the ranks in my office starting as an intern, to fellow, and finally becoming a community affairs liaison-full time staff member. Not only has she left an impact on a federal level, but she also continued her journey in public service by serving the local municipality as the External Affairs Manager for Mayor Quinton Lucas for more than two years. Through these positions, she sought to leverage the voice of others and aided in increasing resources to the Latino community within the Fifth Congressional District.

As a strong advocate for Latinos, Ms. Hernandez took it upon herself to be one of the

founders of a local organization Voz KC (or Voice KC), a new organization focused on advocating and advancing the role the Latino community in politics. Her own experience and journey as an immigrant from Mexico, searching for the American Dream, along with her family, made her see the challenges of being undocumented, underrepresented, making her search for opportunities where she could have an impact. With her advocacy, she has worked to make civic engagement accessible for everyone.

With Aly's work in government in the 5th District of Missouri, we see a noticeable change in civic engagement and participation in our local communities. She is a perfect example of what an exceptional American is and truly captures the fulfillment of the "American Dream". Everyone should hope to aspire to achieve the same qualities that this young woman has. I undoubtedly know that she will continue to do amazing things not only in Washington D.C., but for the rest of our country. Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Aly Hernandez's impact on the people of Kansas City, and congratulating her on a new career opportunity in Washington D.C.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
SAMUEL LARRY RICHEY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Samuel Larry Richey who passed away Saturday, July 17 at NMMC Nursing Home in Pontotoc. He was a dedicated basketball coach, husband, and father. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Mr. Richey did not expect or plan on becoming a boys basketball coach. He was hired as a teacher at Jumpertown and was hired as the assistant coach in 1967. He coached in Wheeler, Baldwin and Mantachie over the course of his career. He brought seventeen boys teams to the Mississippi State Tournament and won six. His team was once ranked 29th all-time in the National Federation of Schools record book. He was named "Coach of the Year" in multiple publications and by the time of his retirement, he was the winningest coach in Mississippi history.

Mr. Richey holds a bachelor's degree in business from Mississippi State University and served in the United States Armed Forces from 1958–1960. He was a member of Asbury Methodist church and enjoyed raising cattle, playing golf, and watching westerns.

Left to cherish his memory are wife of 57 years, Dale Gardner Richey; sons, Clark and Clay; grandsons Gardner, Gabe, Reggie, Maddux, Rob and Walker; granddaughters Kate, Lee-Anna, and Rylee.

I am grateful for Mr. Richey's legacy and the positive impact he had on countless young athletes. I offer my most sincere condolences to those who had the opportunity to know and love him.

CONGRATULATING THE
ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
DEPARTMENT FOR WINNING
1ST PLACE IN THE IHSA CLASS B
MUSIC SWEEPSTAKES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rockridge High School Chorus Department for taking 1st place in the IHSA Class B Music Sweepstakes.

The IHSA Music Sweepstakes is an annual competition that judges solo and ensemble performances based on tone, technique, performance, creativity and other metrics. The exceptional performances secured Rockridge's sixth State Championship in the last ten years. It gives me great pleasure to see these students thriving both in school and with their peers despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of talented and determined individuals such as these students that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rockridge High School Chorus Department on being named Class B State Champions. I commend their hard work and perseverance, and I am very proud to be their Representative.

RECOGNIZING EDUARDO A. GARZA
ROBLES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eduardo A. Garza Robles for winning the Laredo Chamber of Commerce's Businessperson of the Year award. Mr. Garza has demonstrated the utmost dedication to his community through his many years as a customs broker.

Mr. Garza began his career as a customs broker in 1987 after working his way to the title of general manager of a customs broker firm. Shortly after obtaining his license as a Mexican customs broker, he founded his own customs agency in 1988. His company, Uni-Trade Group, has developed into a significant institution in international trade, especially in the United States and Mexico. Uni-Trade Group has over 15 offices internationally and its global presence through its alliances and partnerships has allowed it to cover 50 countries.

Along with owning and operating a successful Mexican customs agency, Mr. Garza diversified his business in other industries and consolidated them as a 3PL company, offering services such as transportation, logistics, bonded warehouses, and free trade zones. He used his expertise and knowledge from operating Uni-Trade Group to expand to other industries such as oil and gas, commercial and residential real estate development, insurance, and graphic design, creating many job opportunities for the people of his community. Between 2003 and 2013, Mr. Garza served three year-long terms as Vice-President and Secretary of the Association of the Customs Brokers Association of Guadalajara, Jalisco.

Mr. Garza has been a true leader and influential figure in our community. In 2017, his company Uni-Trade Group hosted the NAFTA Roundtable Discussion to discuss the significance of NAFTA, now the USMCA. This event brought together local private sector leaders, directors of public institutions, as well as Texas lawmakers like me and Senator JOHN CORNYN. He has also been a prominent member of the Catholic Church in Laredo, Texas.

Eduardo has been a friend throughout the years, and we have partnered on numerous occasions to better improve binational trade. Eduardo, I congratulate you for winning this award, and I wish you, your wife Juantia, your six children and seven grandchildren many more years of prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. NAVAL
ACADEMY CLASS OF 1970

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 1970 on the fiftieth reunion that it celebrated over the past year. It has been an honor to support the U.S. Naval Academy as the Representative from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District and to nominate outstanding candidates for admission each year from our communities. With the Academy located in our neighboring district, bright and talented students from Fifth District high schools have long been drawn to Annapolis for the next step in their education and service to country and community. The Naval Academy has a proud history of developing excellence in education and shaping the character of its past and present graduates, and it continues to train future leaders of the Navy and of our country. The Class of 1970 exemplifies the high-quality standards of the Academy and of the Navy, and I know that many of its alumni had been looking forward to celebrating its fiftieth reunion in 2020. Because of the pandemic, however, they could not gather in person last year; thankfully, they are planning to convene this Labor Day weekend.

The U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 began its journey as midshipmen in 1966, during the height of the Vietnam War. They stepped up, knowing that after graduation many would be sent into combat as Navy and Marine Corps officers. That it was such a challenging time for our nation and for our military did not deter them; instead, it made them more determined to graduate with honor and serve with distinction.

From their graduation day onward, this class has set a very high standard, with impressive accomplishments and careers. Members of this class fought valiantly in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and other conflicts over the past half-century. They served in the air, on land, at sea, and beneath the sea. Members of this class have served at the very highest level of our military, including twenty-seven flag officers—one of whom was Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The class includes six who were appointed as deputy assistant secretaries or above in the federal government. Members have served their local communities as elected officials, and the class also boasts

chief executive officers for major corporations, many of which we are all very familiar—such as Pepsico, General Motors, and Amgen. The class also produced a Member of this House, former Rep. Ronald Machtley, and a Member of Congress in the Philippines who later served that country as its National Security Advisor. The Class of 1970 also produced five Academy Distinguished Graduates, tied for the most from any single graduating class.

The U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 exemplifies the Navy ethos of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment." These values have defined its graduates' contributions to our country and their dedication to public service. Like many others before and who have followed, they sacrificed through long deployments, separation from loved ones, challenging trials, and tests that most Americans cannot fathom. Some even sacrificed their lives carrying out their missions. I know that new generations of midshipmen and future Navy and Marine Corps officers will be inspired by the rich heritage of service passed down to them by the Class of 1970.

As the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 gathers to mark fifty-one years of service to our nation and to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, and Naval Academy, it is with great pride and pleasure that I offer my congratulations and my thanks for their contributions to the safety and well-being of our country. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing continued fair winds and following seas to the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970.

HONORING DUVAL COUNTY JUDGE
GILBERTO URESTI

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Duval County Judge, Gilberto Uresti, for his service to Duval County and South Texas.

Judge Uresti was born on March 12, 1935, in Kingsville, Texas, to Elijo Uresti and Maria Muñoz. He grew up in Benavides, Texas and graduated from Benavides High School as the Salutatorian in 1954. After high school, Judge Uresti obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin. Upon graduation, Judge Uresti moved back to Benavides and worked at DeLeon Pharmacy for over forty years, eventually becoming part owner. During this time Judge Uresti married Maria Olga Carrillo, his high school sweetheart, and had four children: Aaron Rene, Belinda Marie, Patricia Annette, and Gilbert Mario.

Judge Uresti was appointed to serve as the Duval County Judge on October 31, 1975, by the judge of the 197th District Court, Judge Darrell Hester. During his tenure as County Judge, Judge Uresti focused on tackling the rampant corruption in Duval County which had bankrupt the local government. His efforts to improve the county's stature and financial standing earned Uresti three terms as Duval County Judge, from October 31, 1975 to December 31, 1986, and from January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1994.

Judge Uresti gained recognition not only from his peers throughout South Texas, but

from the National Association of Counties. His dedication to his community and conviction to follow through on commitments made him one of the most influential figures in South Texas. During and following his appointment, Duval County saw the creation of community centers, new parks, nutritional services for the elderly, housing rehabilitation programs, and a Youth Conservation Corps. Under Judge Uresti's leadership, Duval County was eventually voted Top County in the Nation by the National Association of Counties.

In addition to his accomplishments as a County Judge, he also served as Chairman of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, a member of the Governor's Regional Review Committee, Chairman of the Community Action Council of South Texas, and a member of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

Madam Speaker, Judge Uresti is an incredible leader and unwavering commitment to South Texans who will be remembered for generations to come. He is a man of his word, intelligent and disciplined, who treated people with respect and took responsibility. I stand here today to thank Judge Uresti for his contributions to Duval County and all of South Texas.

BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE
ISRAEL-GAZA CEASEFIRE

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding the cease-fire brokered between Israel and Gaza earlier this year after 11 days of attacks against Israel. I include in the RECORD the following article, "Let This Be the Last Israel-Gaza Ceasefire" published by CNN on May 25, 2021, written by Ambassador Motaz Zahran.

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LET THIS BE THE LAST ISRAEL-GAZA
CEASEFIRE

(By Ambassador Motaz Zahran)

Egypt worked around the clock over the past two weeks to end the deadly fighting between our Palestinian and Israeli neighbors. Since the early hours of the conflict, Egyptian mediators led de-escalation talks with both Hamas and Israeli leadership. We supported humanitarian efforts on the ground, including by opening the Rafah border crossing for the provision of immediate medical care to the injured in Gaza. Ultimately, in close partnership with the United States and others, we were able to broker a ceasefire.

On Thursday, President Joe Biden called Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi reiterated the vital role mutual coordination between the US and Egypt can have in the region. Egypt will spare no resource in bringing about peace in there, whenever violence erupts. This was true during the 2014 war, when we were instrumental in forging a truce. It was true during the conflict this May. And it will be true at any point in the future.

However, we will also never accept the notion that this cycle of bloodshed is inevitable. That is why we refuse to let this issue recede in international priorities—as it has in the past—until the next crisis emerges and imposes.

Building a lasting solution must start now. Egypt is ready to do everything to help negotiate a lasting peace to the core conflict in