

Kostas Bakoyannis for his long career of public service to the citizens of the Hellenic Republic, notably, as the current Mayor of Athens. He previously served as the Governor of Central Greece, worked at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and held positions in the European Parliament in Brussels and the World Bank in Kosovo. He has served as the vice president of the Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government. In his 2019 mayoral campaign, he visited 129 neighborhoods across Athens to become the capital's youngest mayor with the widest margin of victory ever. His commitment to his constituents is inspiring.

Born in Athens on 16 March 1978 to New Democracy politicians Dora, who was the first woman to serve as Mayor of Athens, and Pavlas Bakoyannis. He studied history and international relations at Brown University, graduated from Harvard University with a Master of Public Administration, and received his Ph.D. from St Antony's College, Oxford focusing on disruptions, identity politics, and foreign policy in post-Cold War Greece.

His love for his hometown of Karpenis inspired him to run for local office. His deep empathy aided him in the first mayoral election, winning overwhelmingly. He served as the mayor of his hometown for three years. His positive impact on Karpenis were critical to his subsequent elections as regional governor and Mayor of Athens. His dedication to his citizens continues to this day in solving the pressing issues facing Athenians.

As Mayor of Athens, the first thing he did early in the morning was go where the sanitation workers gathered and started their rounds to show the importance and the value they have on the community. As he described it, "Being in local government means having to work from the bottom up. At the end of the day, it's about solving the problem, not talking about or to the problem."

Mayor Bakoyannis is striving to make Athens greener and more sustainable by closing parts of city centers for cars to reclaim public spaces, creating more parks for the residents. In doing this, he is also protecting the archaeological sites of Athens, which makes up some of the richest cultural heritage of the Greek people and indeed humanity. To reduce emissions in the city, he initiated a project to narrow the car lanes in one of the largest avenues. He is dedicated to protecting Athenians from extreme heat and addressing the causes of climate change.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Kostas Bakoyannis for his dedication and service to the great people and especially the residents of Athens.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GLORIA "GLO" DONNELLY

#### HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and contributions of Gloria "Glo" Donnelly. Alongside her husband, Art, Glo was instrumental in the founding of the City of Santa Clarita in the 1980s. After a lifetime of activism and community involvement, Glo passed away this sum-

mer, but we continue to honor her legacy as one of Santa Clarita's founders.

A long-time resident of Santa Clarita before it was incorporated as a city, and a prominent Valencia realtor, Glo Donnelly played a crucial role in the formation of a city now home to more than 200,000 people. When the area that would become Santa Clarita grew from a farming community to a burgeoning suburb in the second half of the 20th century, Gloria was a leading voice among many like-minded community members who advocated for self-governance. Her and her husband Art, as co-chairs of the Santa Clarita Formation Committee, worked hard to win support for the formation of the city by spreading awareness and raising funds to make the dream of Santa Clarita come true. When Santa Clarita won cityhood and the first city council was elected, Glo and Art worked hand-in-hand with the newly elected city leaders to ensure that Santa Clarita got off to a smooth start.

Glo's community leadership and involvement did not end with Santa Clarita's incorporation as a city. She was also the spokeswoman for the Santa Clarita Valley Association of Realtors, as well as the Chair of the Whittaker-Bermite Citizens Advisory Group. In both roles she prioritized giving community members a voice and always put the interests of Santa Clarita first. In her retirement from real estate, she remained active in Santa Clarita civics and the charitable community.

Glo leaves behind a monumental legacy, and in many ways every single resident of Santa Clarita owes her a debt of gratitude for her tireless work to make Santa Clarita what it is today. We will continue to honor her service as one of Santa Clarita's founders, and we offer our condolences to her loved ones.

#### RECOGNIZING THE I'M JUST ME MOVEMENT'S MONTH OF OCTOBER AS I'M JUST ME BECAUSE MONTH

#### HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the I'm Just Me Movement's month of October as, I'm Just Me Because Month.

Councilwoman Tina Stevens of Stephens City, Virginia began the I'm Just Me Movement in 2013 to assist and support a college opportunity for a young man whose family was going through hard times. This movement impacted their family and their community in unexpected ways. As their outreach of inclusion grew, the movement became a nation-wide non-profit organization in 2015, with a mission of spreading positive acceptance of others and breaking down stereotypes. The organization works to encourage a celebration of the rich scopes of diversity contained within each individual through acceptance and respect for one another.

As the I'm Just Me Movement expanded its efforts to spread understanding of others and healing, the organization began an initiative known as Live Life Forward with a goal of breaking down stereotypes.

Through the Live life forward initiative and related workshops, mentoring programs, and

presentations at schools and businesses, the I'm Just Me Movement speaks out to advocate for inclusion and diversity and to raise awareness about bullying and self-esteem issues in order to positively impact youth, families, and communities to guide, teach, train, and mentor them for a better future.

The movement works to remind everyone that the concept of diversity encompasses civility, acceptance, mutual respect, and understanding that each individual is unique.

Throughout the month of October, the I'm Just Me Because movement is focusing on promoting individual development, creating environments that break down stereotypes, and embracing individuality by recognizing the diversity around us and moving beyond simple tolerance to celebrating all of humanity.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of Ms. Tina Stevens and the I'm Just Me Movement has made in our community and the Nation.

#### CONGRATULATING RON HERRERA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM TEAMSTERS LOCAL 396

#### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank Ron Herrera on his retirement earlier this summer from Teamsters Local 396 following nearly two decades leading his local union.

Ron Herrera grew up in a working-class neighborhood in Wilmington, CA as part of a proud union family. For generations, the Herrera family has fought to improve the lives of workers. Ron's grandfather was a veteran of the copper mines of Arizona, fighting the kinds of abuses and discrimination portrayed in the classic strike film *Salt of the Earth*. His father was a committed union man who worked the Ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Oakland as a member of the Longshoremen's Union. He instilled in Ron a profound respect for worker rights, social justice, and the invaluable role the labor movement plays in advancing the interests of working people. Ron Herrera began his own union career in 1975 as a package car driver for United Parcel Service. At the time, he was one of a handful of Latino drivers employed by UPS. He first distinguished himself as a leader in the labor movement during the 1997 UPS Teamsters strike—the largest strike in U.S. history.

Teamsters champion freight drivers and warehouse workers but organize for numerous occupations. Teamsters Local 396 represents UPS and Sanitation workers in Southern California. The local union also serves members in other industries such as logistics, recycling, and feed delivery services. During his 24 years as a rank-and-file Teamster member, Ron Herrera represented his fellow members as a United Parcel Service Shop Steward. In 2000, he was hired as Business Representative for Teamsters Local 396 and in 2001 he became the President of his local union. In 2003, he was elected to the Local 396 Principal Officer position.

Ron Herrera has led many successful organizing campaigns and helped pass

groundbreaking legislation at the municipal and state levels. These campaigns have helped workers become Teamsters Union members, allowing them to provide a better-quality life for their families.

In 2011, Ron Herrera was elected as a Trustee of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Executive Board and he later served as Western Region Vice President from 2015 to 2022.

On September 16, 2019, Ron Herrera was nominated and elected President of the LA County Federation. The LA County Federation is the second largest labor council in the United States with over 300 affiliated union and labor organizations that represents more than 800,000 members in the Los Angeles County area.

In 2020, Ron Herrera cast his vote as one of California's fifty-five Electoral College Electors for now President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Ron's efforts over two decades included raising the standard of living for sanitation workers. He fought for higher wages, better benefits, and secured contract language to protect immigrant workers from unjust termination. He and Teamsters across the country mobilized to support Temporary Protective Status holders and immigrants. In 2019, the Teamsters supported my introduction of The Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6), crucial legislation that will ensure the future of Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders.

Ron, along with Teamsters Local 396, is part of the Don't Waste LA coalition of community, environmental, and labor organizations working to eliminate dependence on landfills and dangerous jobs in Los Angeles.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Ron Herrera for his many years of exemplary leadership and outstanding service to labor unions. Let us wish him many happy years of retirement.

#### RECOGNITION OF AMI SHAH AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

##### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with Representative ZOE LOFGREN, Chair of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, to thank Ami Shah for her service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ami came to the Committee after spending six years as Associate Counsel with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Before starting her career in public service, Ami received her B.A. from the University of Virginia and her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School.

Ami joined the Committee in 2019 as Counsel to our Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. For over three years she played an indispensable role in working to reform our immigration system and conduct meaningful oversight of the executive branch's policies. Ami's service was defined by her commitment to advancing the rights of immigrants and their

families, her tireless advocacy for refugees, and her efforts to help America fix its broken immigration system and live up to its aspirational creed.

Ami engaged in critical advocacy to push for evacuations of vulnerable Afghans and oversight to ensure their stable resettlement here in the United States. She was an instrumental part of the House's work to provide benefits for Afghan parolees and relief for Afghan students. Despite our polarized political climate, Ami helped pass several bills into law, including the HOPE (Honoring Our Promises through Expedition) for Afghan SIVs Act of 2021, and the America's Children Act and the Virgin Islands Visa Waiver Act through the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2022. Ami was also heavily involved in the Committee markup of the American Families United Act and the House's passage of five private immigration bills in 2022 and the Access to Counsel Act of 2021. As part of the annual Refugee Consultation and the Committee's oversight work, Ami pressed the executive branch to raise our refugee admissions goal and increase processing and helped achieve an extension of Temporary Protected Status for Cameroon.

Throughout all of her work, Ami brought her commitment to compassion, justice and equity and her unyielding work ethic. Our Committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from her service.

While we will miss Ami greatly, we are glad she is not going far, and is continuing her career in public service as Chief Immigration Counsel to Senator DURBIN and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures. If I were present for roll call votes, I would have voted Aye for the following votes:

Roll 461, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 4900—SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022.

Roll 462, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H.R. 8466—Chai Suthammanont Healthy Federal Workplaces Act of 2022, as amended.

Roll 463, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3470—End Human Trafficking in Government Contracts Act of 2022.

Roll 464, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 2551—AI Training Act.

Roll 465, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 958—Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for (MOBILE) Health Care Act.

Roll 466, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H.R. 6965—Visit America Act, as amended.

Roll 467, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended,

H.R. 7321—Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act, as amended.

Roll 468, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, House Amendment to S. 3662—Preventing PFAS Runoff at Airports Act.

Roll 469, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H.R. 8888—Food Security for All Veterans Act.

Roll 470, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 2794—Supporting Families of the Fallen Act.

Roll 471, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H.R. 8446—Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2022, as amended.

Roll 472, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 8463—Millennium Challenge Corporation Eligibility Expansion Act.

Roll 473, September 29, 2022: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass Certain Bills and Concur in the Senate Amendments on H.R. 8956, H.R. 6967, H.R. 8163, H.R. 4081, H.R. 6889, H.R. 1638, Senate Amendment to H.R. 5641, H.R. 3304, H.R. 8875, H.R. 8510, H.R. 8681, H.R. 4821, S. 1198.

#### HONORING TRICIA NICESWANGER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

##### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Trisha Niceswanger, a teacher and Speech & Debate coach at Atlantic High School, as our Iowan of the Week.

Speech & Debate teams provide high school students with incredible skills that can be applied everywhere in the real world, like public speaking, speech writing, performance, and self-confidence. It also teaches students how to build perspective, prepare formal remarks, and think critically about how they portray themselves and their message. These life skills and abilities have never been more crucial than they are today, and it takes someone truly special to be able to successfully show our students what they are capable of. That is why, today, I am so proud to be honoring Trisha Niceswanger for her work and dedication as the Speech & Debate coach for Atlantic High School.

Trisha has been at Atlantic High School for 8 years. She not only serves as the Speech & Debate coach, but she also serves Atlantic High School as a Spanish teacher. No matter the capacity she is working in, she is always finding ways to teach and inspire our future generations to realize their own potential. Trisha co-coaches the Speech & Debate team, with her primary focus being on coaching the Individual and Large Group Speech teams. This year, during the Individual Speech season, 28 of Trisha's students received Division 1 ratings at the District Speech competition. This rating automatically advanced those students to the State Speech competition. Of those 28 students, 8 were freshmen. Ultimately, this year Trisha coached 3 students, 1 freshman and 2 juniors, who were nominated for the All-State Speech competition taking