

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

place on March 28th at the University of Northern Iowa.

Trisha's clear leadership in her role as the Speech & Debate coach has not only produced outstanding results, but she's also notable because of the impact she makes on her students. Trisha participated in Speech & Debate when she was in high school, and it showed her that these competitions are much more than standing up and talking. She coaches her students through the performance of speech, and how every category within the competition caters to unique strengths we all have within us. Review or Spontaneous Speaking can be for students who thrive in analytical or argumentative settings, while Poetry or Prose allows students to tap into illustrations and emotions through words. Trisha helps guide these students to find the strengths they carry as people, and when students realize these strengths, she sees the impact it has on every one of them.

Trisha says the most fulfilling aspect of the work she does is seeing students try something new and come out of their shell. Speech & Debate can be a daunting activity for students to try out. It puts the student in the spotlight, especially for Individual Speech, where students perform solo. But as Trisha helps her students find their voice in an area that sparks their passion, she sees them gain more and more confidence in themselves as she coaches them through a particular piece.

The work Trisha does is not just about performing well at a competition. She genuinely cares about her students as people and wants to see them thrive after they graduate high school. Trisha teaches her students so much about themselves and the impact they can have on people using Speech & Debate. Her dedication to the students of her community is truly inspiring, and it is why I am honored to name Trisha Niceswanger as this week's Iowan of the Week.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELK RAPIDS GOLF CLUB

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Elk Rapids Golf Club. Nestled on the banks of the beautiful Elk Lake, the course has provided a century of Michiganders with an excellent venue to enjoy the game of golf.

Designed and built by legendary architect Donald J. Ross from 1922 to 1923, Elk Rapids Golf Club opened for play on July 15, 1924. The course's long history is reflected in one of its key attributes—its unique design. Like many of Ross's courses, Elk Rapids was inspired by the small, local courses he learned to play on in his hometown of Dornoch, Scotland. Playing a round at Elk Rapids truly takes one back to the way the game was meant to be played.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Elk Rapids Golf Club for a century of business. It should take immense pride in the great economic impact it has had on Antrim County and the indelible memory it has left on so many Michigan golfers. On behalf of Michi-

gan's First District, I wish it all the best in its future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH SAWIN-BURKY

#### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Elizabeth Sawin-Burky. Liz was born on October 24, 1942, in Mineral Wells, Texas, to the union of Reverend Dr. and Mrs. R.M. English. She was the second of nine children.

Liz moved to Fort Worth after her father accepted a preaching appointment. She attended Como High School and bravely served her country in the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

Liz then went on to work as a senior secretary in the Humanities division at Tarrant County College for over 25 years. She also served as the Sunday School superintendent and Youth Department leader in the Women's Ministry and Vacation Bible School at West Mount Moriah, where she was a faithful member and sat in the same row and seat at services for many years. Liz had an incredible sense of humor that was always used well through her storytelling abilities and gatherings with family and friends. Liz is best remembered as a pillar in her family, where she was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and so much more.

Liz is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Terrence Michael Butler and Juli Lynn Butler, and her siblings, Doris Theresa "San Dei" English, Eva Carolyn English-Clay, Constance Grace English Cash, Rubye DeiGratia "Charlie" English-Carter and John Moses English; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Liz was preceded in death by her daughter, Michelle Butler Thomas; her parents, Rev. R.M. and Ressie English; and three siblings, Robert James English, Joseph Hart Davis English, and Mary LlaBetta English Sowels. May she Rest in Peace.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MARITIME FUEL TAX PARITY ACT

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Maritime Fuel Tax Parity Act," with Congressman JOHN H. RUTHERFORD (R-FL).

Under current law, maritime diesel fuel for commercial shipping or ocean-going passenger vessels is exempt from the federal fuel excise tax that supports the Highway Trust Fund. This same tax exemption applies to diesel fuel for other non-road vehicles such as train locomotives and off-highway vehicles like construction equipment or farm vehicles. Such ocean-going vessels are also exempt from the federal excise tax that supports the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.

Under current law, non-diesel fuels for ocean-going vessels and aircraft are also ex-

empt from federal excise taxes on fuel. However, non-diesel maritime fuels are only exempt for ocean-going vessel engaged in commercial fishing, foreign trade, or interstate commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States and its territories or possessions. For vessel operators with scheduled service between two Pacific ports or two Atlantic ports, the current tax treatment of non-diesel maritime fuels could disincentivize them from choosing cleaner alternative fuels.

As the ranking member of Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation from 2013 to 2018, I strongly support vessel operators' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ocean-going vessels. Many operators are working to retrofit their vessels to reduce emissions or investing in new vessels powered by alternative fuels. Congress must support these critical investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the maritime sector and minimize particulate pollution from vessels at our ports, which contribute to smog and is a major public health concern for communities near the waterfront.

Our "Maritime Fuel Tax Parity Act" would amend the Internal Revenue Code to ensure that alternative fuels are afforded the same tax exemption as maritime diesel, even when used for voyages within a single ocean. I am encouraged by the investments underway by many ferry operators, the cruise industry, and other vessel operators in transitioning to cleaner fuels, particularly hydrogen, biofuels, and renewable natural gas. Our legislation would provide tax parity with maritime diesel to incentivize continued investment by industry.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all members of the House to join us in cosponsoring the bipartisan "Maritime Fuel Tax Parity Act."

#### RECOGNIZING TINA BUNETA

#### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Tina Buneta and congratulate her on receiving the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International 2022 Director of the Year award for her life saving work as a 9-1-1 professional with the Aurora Department of Public Safety Communications.

A life-long dedicated public servant, Tina applied to become a front line telecommunicator for the Colorado State Patrol in 1999—not fully understanding what the career entailed. She soon realized she excelled at solving problems and puzzles, creating order out of chaos, and most importantly—helping people.

Over her 23-year career in emergency communications, Tina has gone from directly helping people, to helping and molding the people who help people. She previously served as a Communications Training Officer, Communications Supervisor, and Regional Center Manager for the Colorado State Patrol until 2019 when she became Director of Aurora911. Under her leadership style, Tina aims to empower new leaders and develop new ideas and strategies to ensure Aurora911 is operating at its best.