

key states while strengthening the political power of the Latinx community. As the daughter of immigrant parents, Yadira grew up in a mixed-status home and learned about the inner workings of her community's upward battle. Her passion to advocate for families like hers led her to champion the work she is doing today in Florida and beyond, being a fierce advocate for economic, environmental, and immigrant justice.

Poder Latinx launched its efforts in 2019 in Orlando, Florida, and today has operations in four states. Since 2019, Poder Latinx has knocked on doors across Central Florida for voter registration and mobilization efforts, hosted community events and information sessions on economic, environmental, and immigrant justice, and tailored a culturally and language accessible message to inform and mobilize Central Florida's Latinx community. Most recently, the organization opened a second office in Central Florida located in Kissimmee to expand accessibility to the Latinx community. Yadira's steadfast commitment to Central Florida is present through all of the programs Poder Latinx executes.

Yadira earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and her master's degree from the George Washington University. She previously served as the development director for Mi Familia Vota, where she helped raise over \$20 million and expanded strategic partnerships with major organizations to increase year-round civic participation efforts within the Latinx community. She was also proud to support the Fast for Families campaign for immigration reform during her time in the immigration department at the SEIU.

TRIBUTE TO MARK KELLAM

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of a constituent of mine, Mark Kellam, who passed away on September 27, 2022. Mark was one of my district's pre-eminent newsmen—a veteran chronicler and good government watchdog, but most importantly, a neighbor, mentor and friend who fiercely loved his community and was deeply kind.

Mark was born in New Castle, Indiana, to the late Josephine and James Kellam, and from the very beginning appeared destined for a career in storytelling. At Tri Junior Senior High School, he excelled in just about every expression of the narrative form: as a theater kid, a prizewinning speech competitor, and editor of the yearbook. While his talents and passions varied widely, his callings ultimately coalesced around a bachelor's degree in journalism, which he obtained from Indiana University in 1984.

After more than a decade of reporting for his hometown paper and throughout the Midwest, Mark's yearning for adventure drew him westward to Chino, California. It was in California that Mark met the love of his life, Jeffrey Waack, and in 2004 Mark moved to West Hollywood to be with him. This cultural capital in my district was the setting for their many beautiful years together, including spending

time in landmark establishments like Micky's, the Revolver Video Bar, and Basix. The latter is where Mark proposed to Jeff, and as soon as same-sex marriage became legal in California in 2008, they were wed at Kings Road Park.

As a new Angeleno, Mark quickly rose through the ranks of esteemed local publications like the Los Angeles Daily News and the Los Angeles Times Community News, where he was the city editor for the Glendale News-Press and Burbank Leader leading a team of reporters and editors, and mentoring many young staff who came through its doors. Most recently, he took the helm locally for the Outlook News Group. It was during these times that I got to know and talk with Mark often, and came to appreciate the intense kindness and heart he applied to his craft. Journalism—especially local journalism—is a hard business, but Mark made it seem effortless despite the hours he spent behind the scenes bringing countless stories to life.

Though his journalism career was legendary, so too were his pursuits of those many talents and passions acquired in his youth. Mark was a renowned karaoke singer, a longtime member of the L.A. Wranglers country dance group, and a wonderful playwright whose work was produced in New York, Dayton, and Indianapolis. He loved cats, the ocean, and traveling with Jeff and their friends.

Mark's legacy will live on through his masterful stories, as well as those of the many young reporters he mentored over the years. And it will live on through all those whose lives he touched with his unwavering warmth, humor, and heart.

Madam Speaker, I ask all Members to join me in offering my sincerest condolences to Mark's husband, Jeff, and his loving family, friends, and readers across my district, and in remembering Mark Kellam for his service to West Hollywood, Glendale, Burbank, Los Angeles, and beyond.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UT HEALTH SAN ANTONIO'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 50th anniversary of UT Health San Antonio's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS). For decades, GSBS has led our nation in educating future biomedical professionals. Please join me in recognizing its extraordinary achievements.

Since October 21, 1972, GSBS has produced more than 4,000 graduates who are working worldwide in academia, the sciences, and other key industries. The school offers 21 academic programs and serves students from across the nation, with a particular focus on students from underrepresented backgrounds and economically-disadvantaged groups. GSBS programs are designed to provide a foundation of knowledge and scientific inquiry in the pursuit of educating students in contemporary areas of the biomedical sciences.

GSBS faculty work on cutting-edge research in areas such as cancer, heart disease, and

neurogenerative disorders. GSBS is one of only 11 institutions with National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded Doctor of Dental Surgery/Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy combined degrees.

Madam Speaker, UT Health San Antonio's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) is a pillar of our extraordinary community. GSBS will continue to remain at the forefront of scientific exploration. I congratulate GSBS on their 50th anniversary year. I look forward to seeing the many great things GSBS and its students will accomplish in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT BARRY DUNN

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor President Barry Dunn of South Dakota State University for winning the Harold W. McGraw Jr. Prize in Education. This award is a testament to the progress President Dunn has made during his tenure to improve academic access and success in Indian Country through the Wokini Initiative and the New Beginnings Initiative. Education is an undisputed path to better career prospects and is vital to those in Indian Country facing staggering unemployment rates.

Investing in recruitment, retention, and graduation of Tribal students is a critical step to helping them participate in the American economy and the American Dream. I am proud that I, along with my colleagues, have been able to successfully secure Federal funding for the New Beginnings Initiative during my time in Congress.

Madam Speaker, the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education is one of the most competitive and prestigious awards in education. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating President Barry Dunn for this remarkable achievement.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF AMIGOS BLOCK WATCH

HON. RUBEN GALLEGOS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2022

Mr. GALLEGOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amigos Block Watch, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary this month.

Amigos Block Watch was formed by a group of community members in Phoenix who work together to minimize crime in their neighborhoods. For 25 years, Amigos Block Watch has hosted community meetings where individuals can voice their concerns or questions, helping provide resources from community action officers and keeping the Phoenix City Council informed. Amigos Block Watch also hosts events that bring the community together, building a more inclusive city. They are also active in using their social media to promote educational and work opportunities for residents, while continuing to encourage those in

the area to get involved and stay updated on impactful safety issues.

For so many years, Amigos Block Watch has been ensuring everybody feels safe in their community. They have lived up to their message of "One Neighborhood, One Family". Their community efforts continue to provide free resources and support to those in need, and they continue to advocate for the members of the community while never backing down from the fight to create neighborhoods where all feel safe.

I would like to again congratulate Amigos Block Watch on their 25th anniversary. I hope Phoenix has this incredible organization for decades to come.

HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLLEGE

HON. CONNIE CONWAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2022

Ms. CONWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize San Joaquin Valley College for its 45 years of service in the State of California.

San Joaquin Valley College (SJVC) was established in 1977 by Shirley and Robert Perry. Shirley earned medical assistance certifications despite training programs being unavailable, while Robert worked in a tire factory. Their early struggles, which were similar to those of many San Joaquin Valley families, inspired the Perrys to address the regional need for local, quality career training.

SJVC first opened in the City of Visalia, California, offering a medical assisting class. When only three students attended, Shirley went to work building relationships with community stakeholders and doing publicity, even putting fliers on cars at grocery stores. This commitment eventually paid off, as SJVC expanded rapidly in the succeeding decades.

Today, SJVC serves thousands of students on seventeen campuses and online. Its reach has expanded outside the Central Valley, with locations in both Northern and Southern California. SJVC's programs have grown far beyond the initial medical assisting certification, offering more than twenty accelerated certificate and Associate of Science degree programs in the medical, business, and technical fields. Its emphasis on balancing hands-on training and academic instruction has been fruitful—as of 2021, SJVC has awarded more than seventy-two thousand certificates and degrees.

SJVC has maintained its heart for community service amid its expansion. Since 1998, the college has provided more than \$7 million in free dental services to more than twenty-thousand patients in underserved communities.

While SJVC earns many accolades and awards, it is most proud of its identity as a second-generation, family run institution. Shirley and Robert's sons, Mark and Mike, took over operations in 1995 and today lead the college as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer/President, respectively.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending San Joaquin Valley

College for 45 years of service to the Valley community and for many more decades of growth and success to come.

HONORING THE OPENING OF VICTORY GARDENS

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2022

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of Victory Gardens in French Camp, California. Upon its opening, Victory Gardens will deliver housing and access to crucial resources for over forty homeless veterans in our community, thus providing a stable foundation that our local heroes deserve.

Veteran homelessness is an issue that impacts every corner of this country, and our community is not immune to this problem. No one who fought for our freedom should ever have to spend a night on the streets. Victory Gardens works towards solving this problem, as it has 48 units earmarked specifically for veterans struggling to find permanent housing. Victory Gardens will do more than provide housing, as the development is focused on helping our veterans with their mental and physical health as well. In line with this goal, the community will include a garden, common, computer room, and is located near San Joaquin General Hospital.

This life changing project has been made a reality thanks to the hard work, collaboration, and genuine care of so many in our community. Advocacy for this development came from the federal, state, and local levels in the form of letters, official applications, and lobbying. The funding comes from organizations and agencies like the State Veteran Housing and Homelessness Prevention fund, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and much more. Finally, DFA Development and the Housing Authority of San Joaquin County worked together and saw this project through to completion. Though the problem of veteran homelessness persists, Victory Gardens is a major step towards our collective goal of ensuring that each and every veteran has a secure place to live.

Our way of life is only made possible thanks to the immense sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. It is our obligation to be there when they need us, and that is exactly what Victory Gardens does. I am grateful for the work done by those in our community to make this project a reality, and immensely proud to honor the opening of Victory Gardens.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO WILLIAM LEUCHTENBURG, EMINENT HISTORIAN

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2022

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of Professor William (Bill) Leuchtenburg, who celebrated his 100th birthday on September

28 and will be feted by his friends in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the hometown we share, this weekend. Bill is a distinguished scholar, devoted educator, and friend and counselor to many, including myself.

In fact, reading Bill's "The Perils of Prosperity, 1914–32" as an undergraduate 62 years ago helped attract me to completing a history major at UNC-Chapel Hill. In the 1980s, I assigned successive editions of "In the Shadow of FDR" to my classes in American Political Thought. In the meantime, I had gotten to know Bill personally through his fellowships at the National Humanities Center and his assumption—after a distinguished 30-year career at Columbia University—of a Kenan professorship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Bill won the Bancroft Prize and the Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians for "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1932–1940," with Samuel Eliott Morrison and Henry Steele Commager, he took the two-volume "The Growth of the American Republic" through two editions. He dealt with key aspects of the Roosevelt era in "The Supreme Court Reborn: The Constitutional Revolution in the Age of Roosevelt" and "The FDR Years: On Roosevelt and His Legacy." His published articles range from "The Needless War with Spain" to "Court Packing Plans," "Jimmy Carter and the Post-New Deal Presidency," and "The Boston Red Sox, 1901–1946."

Bill's long, varied, and impactful bibliography earned him his first Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. Prize for distinguished writing in American history of enduring public significance, awarded by the Society of American Historians. But the printed record only begins to reveal Bill Leuchtenburg's impact on America's self-understanding and public life. By virtue of his effervescent personality, boundless energy, and strong ethic of civic engagement, Bill's range of activities and their impact are remarkable even for a 100-year life span. His political engagements go back to the 1940s, when he was a state director for the Americans for Democratic Action, field staff for the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and an organizer for Richard Bolling's first campaign for the U.S. House. In 1987, he joined Walter Dellinger and John Hope Franklin in testifying against Robert Bork's appointment to the Supreme Court. He served over many years as an election analyst and commentator on presidential inaugurations for national networks. He has advised and appeared in many of Ken Burns' acclaimed documentaries on topics including the Civil War, the Roosevelts, the Vietnam War, National Parks, baseball and country music.

When Bill's international colleagues honored him at Cambridge University upon the 30th anniversary of "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal," they entitled the session "In the Shadow of Leuchtenburg," a takeoff on the title of the book on FDR's impact that he took through six editions. Indeed, Bill casts a long shadow with works translated into multiple languages, a teaching and lecture circuit that includes most of the U.S. and Western Europe, Russia, Israel, and South Africa, and a huge worldwide network of students, colleagues, collaborators, and admirers.

I am privileged to count myself in that circle of colleagues and friends, and North Carolina is exceedingly grateful and proud that this pre-eminent scholar and exemplary citizen has