

HONORING HENRY TAMARIN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Henry Tamarin, an extraordinary labor leader and organizer. He was a special mentor and friend to me. Henry passed away peacefully at his home in New York City on August 26, 2022, at the age of 77. He was surrounded by his loved ones at the time of his passing.

Henry Tamarin was born in New York City, and became an organizer, union leader, and union president. He was best known for his activism and leadership in Chicago's labor movement. Tamarin, a former member of the Chicago Federation of Labor Executive Board, came to Chicago in 1999 and was elected president of UNITE HERE Local 1 in 2001. He served in this role until 2013 when he stepped aside and transitioned the local to the next generation of leaders. Before arriving in Chicago, Tamarin led UNITE HERE Local 217 in Connecticut, and UNITE HERE Local 100 in New York City.

The labor and social justice activism that he dedicated his entire life to was evident in his youth. On August 28, 1963, Tamarin and his father were witness to history as they watched Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington. Henry's son Nate said his father called it one of proudest moments of his life.

Tamarin attended Earlham College, and later the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received his degree. Tamarin organized, marched, and sat-in for peace and civil rights. After college, Tamarin lived in San Francisco's Haight Ashbury district with a member of the Grateful Dead. That bit of trivia followed Tamarin throughout his career and earned him a new level of respect and admiration from generation after generation of union staff.

Tamarin's activism and passion for working people (and his friend John Wilhelm) led him to get arrested at a demonstration in support of unionized workers at Yale University, which led to a lifetime of union work, service and activism at UNITE HERE. Subsequently, Tamarin became UNITE HERE's trouble-shooter, with the union sending him to help struggling UNITE HERE locals in New England, New Jersey, New York, and Chicago.

When he arrived in Chicago, Tamarin faced his biggest challenge and found his greatest success when he transformed and revitalized UNITE HERE Local 1 by organizing a member-driven and worker-led 2002 contract fight with 7,000 hotel workers that raised the wages of housekeepers from \$8.83 to \$10.17.

Throughout his career, Tamarin mentored dozens of future labor leaders and activists, including Roushaunda Williams, vice president of the Illinois AFL-CIO Executive Board; Karen Kent, UNITE HERE Local 1's president and Tamarin's successor; and Jose Maldonado, president of UNITE HERE Local 100 in New York City. Henry was indeed a "Street Fighting Man" as David Moberg referred to him in his cover article published in the Chicago Tribune Magazine on February 16, 2003. Tamarin led his local unions and membership through several strikes, including

the Congress Hotel strike in Chicago, and the Box Tree Restaurant strike in New York City—two of the longest strikes in labor history.

Henry's passion for the struggle for workers' rights was contagious, and his love and respect for union members authentic. He patiently taught union members the power of strikes, how to defend their contracts, and the importance of keeping free speech alive. Tamarin was always ready to take the struggle to the next level. He was bold and tough, and a smart, colorful, and tenacious negotiator.

When he stepped aside from union service in 2015, he stepped into a full life with family, friends and travel. He spent time with his grandchildren, and continued to organize the annual summer trip to Cape Cod with his family. He enjoyed deep sea fishing, fly fishing, and dining out in his hometown. Henry was passionate about travel overseas and only this summer had traveled to the south of France.

Henry leaves behind son Nate and his wife Elizabeth; son Nick and his wife Rhea; grandchildren Nicholas, Henry, and Elena; a sister, Jean Tamarin and thousands of UNITE HERE members, staff, and leaders, whose lives were made better because of his life's work.

Henry Tamarin will live forever in the hearts of his family, friends, and in the hearts of UNITE HERE Local 1 & UNITE HERE Local 100, in UNITE HERE, and in the labor movement.

HONORING THE 2022 WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2022 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in California's 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women are recognized for the integral and crucial roles they play in improving the lives of everyone in their communities. This year marks the 102nd anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed and protected women's constitutional right to vote. In securing the right to vote, suffragists broke through a seemingly impenetrable barrier to women's full and equal citizenship in our country, signaling a new era of equality. Yet, even today, women still face significant barriers to their rights and liberties from pay discrimination to criminalizing women's reproductive rights. I take heart that each of this year's honorees will be a vital part of the work left to be done to realize women's full equality and rights.

The 2022 Women of the Year are:

Claire Arano is a positive force in her community who has a passion for helping others. For the past 20 years, she has served on the Orland Planning Commission, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to her region. In her role, Claire successfully helped streamline the processes for business and license permits and helped promote economic growth by recruiting new businesses and industries to the Orland area. As a volunteer in the community, Claire works with one goal in mind: shaping the best possible environment for her community. She has served as President of the

Orland Chamber of Commerce, the Orland Rotary Club, and the Glenn Chorale. In each of these positions, she stood out as a leader and role model. As a Rotarian, Claire championed scholarships for needy students, guided them to college, and helped many in securing their first jobs. As President of the Glenn Chorale, she established a college scholarship program for students who enrolled in a music course. Claire continually leads by example and puts the needs of others ahead of her own. She has a charitable heart and a compassionate disposition; she is a tremendous asset to the community.

Jerrylean Baker is a dedicated community leader, strong advocate, and shining example of a true public servant. She is a proud senior citizen and lifelong member of the NAACP who advocates for civic engagement, addressing health and education disparities, and monitoring equal opportunity. Envisioning a society where all individuals enjoy life, she serves her community with unmatched passion and dedication. She consistently displays compassion and grace when volunteering in her community and you will often find her organizing clothing and coat drives, packing sandwiches for the homeless, and preparing holiday meals. She is an incredible advocate on issues critical to seniors, fighting for better housing and reliable transportation. As a fierce advocate for education, Jerrylean devotes herself with unparalleled enthusiasm to students who have a desire to attend college. Through her work with the NAACP, she has been instrumental in raising funds for scholarships. Jerrylean's hard work and dedication have enriched the lives of countless residents throughout her community. Jerrylean is an inspiration to her family and her community, and she exemplifies the qualities of a tremendous woman of compassion, courage, and faith.

As co-founder of Sunrise Special Services Foundation, Annie Barnes has dedicated the past twenty years of her life to improving the quality of life for those in underserved communities. Her incredible journey began thirty years ago, having faced her own hardships while raising her young children, promising herself to one day give back by helping those in need. Pursuing her dream, she completed her college education and became an accomplished grant writer while developing programs for California Tribes and rural communities. Annie secured a position with the Office of Rural Health Policy as a Rural Fellow where she was recognized by UCLA as a national Healthcare Leader. Upon receiving her master's in clinical psychology from UCSF, she became an advocate for integrating western medical models with traditional healing practices for Tribal, Latino, and other communities of color. Annie's accomplishments include securing funding for the Inter-Tribal Council of California to train communities in violence prevention models and developing programs for the prevention of diabetes II complications for the Lake County Tribal Health Consortium. Annie's commitment to overcoming challenges, her positive impact on countless lives in her community, and her unwavering advocacy for those in need make her an inspiration to all who know her.

Diane Barney has made an extraordinary difference in her community through her extensive career in journalism and healthcare as well as her involvement in civic clubs and public service. She has had an outstanding career

first as a journalist and then as Editor of the Vacaville Reporter, serving the northern Solano Community from 1984–2009. During her tenure, she focused on every facet of the community, reporting on schools, health, government, and social events as well as working to balance the role of a local newspaper in informing the public and telling the stories of regular people living regular lives. She is now the editor of Wellspring, a free health education publication that is delivered to 70,000 Solano residents. Diane has also had direct involvement with a host of public initiatives, including publicizing free immunization clinics through news releases, contributing health columns to local publications, and as a founding member of the Solano Public Information Network, was instrumental in educating the public on the pandemic's progression. As a community advocate, Diane has been a tireless volunteer for Soroptimist International of Vacaville and has served on multiple committees promoting their accomplishments. She served on the Solano County Library Advisory Council and sits on the Board of Directors of the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee. Diane always finds a way to balance her work life, community service, and her role as a wife and mother. She has a heart for public service and advocacy and is a tremendous asset to her community.

Camille Benner is an exceptional leader and advocate for Yuba and Sutter Counties. Camille volunteers for SayLove, a group that mobilizes people and resources to promote positive impacts and change within the community. She is also a member of LEADership, where she works on fundraising to establish clothes closets in elementary schools and raise money for the local Shady Creek Foundation to send kids to camp. She is extremely engaged in her community and is always willing to lend a helping hand from MCing events to helping organize fundraisers around town. Camille currently works for Habitat for Humanity where her giving spirit and the endless energy she puts into projects serve as an inspiration to both her colleagues and the Yuba-Sutter community at large. Camille has an amazingly positive attitude, but she also does not shy away from discussing life's struggles, and by sharing her own stories and success in overcoming adversity, her authenticity and resilience inspire others to do the same. Camille treats everyone she meets with compassion and creates lasting connections with those she helps. Camille is the proud mother of three sons who have learned to share her same passion and dedication for community service.

Barbara Bulkley is an active member of the Dixon community whose positive impact has been felt by many. Barbara has been an integral member of the Soroptimist International of Dixon for 31 years. She is a woman who works tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly and successfully. She can be found cooking, handling event registration, setting or cleaning up events, and personally selling more than half of the Soroptimist raffle tickets herself. She is known throughout her community for her endless generosity, for years she has provided a Christmas tree lighting in the Dixon downtown area for the entire community. When the Dixon Soroptimists had exhausted their emergency budget in helping a community member pay rent while they cared for their terminally ill

child, Barbara stepped in to assist the woman with an additional three months of rent. When fires ravaged her county, she stepped up and donated bottled water to assist the firefighters and displaced families. All of these generous contributions were made behind the scenes while being an active owner of Bulkley Ranch with her late husband Bob. All who know Barbara can attest to how much she loves her town and cares about helping others. There are countless women whose lives have been changed as a direct result of Barbara's generosity. Her service to others and her community is a shining example to everyone she meets.

Dr. Debapriya Chakraborty is a dedicated public servant who puts her expertise to work creating sustainable and equitable public policy in her community. Since earning her Ph.D. in Economics from UC Irvine, Debapriya has led the policy team at the Plug-In Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Research Center at UC Davis. Her research focuses on policy issues related to electric vehicles, charging behavior, charging infrastructure integration, and the effects of transportation electrification policy on the energy market. Debapriya has an invaluable skill for bringing together aspects of her research into actionable outcomes for policymakers. Through her passion and expertise, she has been leading the fight against climate change by working to make transportation sustainable, affordable, and easily available to everyone. Inspired by her upbringing in a large Indian city with extensive transportation challenges, she strives to ensure that all communities have equitable access to electric vehicles. Debapriya also serves as a commissioner of the Davis Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission and has advised the Davis City Council on transportation policy, road safety, and transportation infrastructure maintenance. Debapriya is also an active member of the Women's Transportation Seminar International, where she has been mentoring students on closing the gender workforce gap and promoting career opportunities for early-career professionals interested in pursuing a career in transportation. She has a passion for creating equity and sustainability through public policy and is committed to finding a solution to one of the world's most critical challenges.

Sally Christie has a demonstrated passion and commitment to preserving the culture, history, and agricultural lands of the rich Delta community she lives in. Sally is on the advisory committee of the Delta Education Vineyard, an educational readiness program that works to cultivate the next generation of community leaders and agricultural professionals and secure the legacy of the Sacramento Delta region. Taking on many leadership roles in her community, Sally is also a member of the Walnut Grove Community Church where she is known as a spiritual leader with a passion for providing parishioners with leadership in the areas of stewardship, worship, and mission outreach. Sally is known throughout the Delta region for her generosity and caring nature. The work she has done educating future leaders will leave a lasting legacy, preserving and enhancing the spirit of this Delta community.

Rose Conroy spent her career as a firefighter and has served as a role model for women beginning their careers as first responders and public servants. Rose first joined the Davis Fire Department in 1979, ris-

ing through the ranks to become Fire Chief in 1994. At the time of her appointment, Rose became the first woman to lead a professional municipal fire department in the State of California. She led the Davis Fire Department for the next 16 years, maintaining the highest standards of the profession and instituting innovations such as the customer service immediate feedback reporting system after each call. As a highly visible woman in an occupation still dominated by men, her drive and determination led her to break the glass ceiling almost 30 years ago. Although Rose retired in 2010, her legacy lives on in the recent elevation of another female Davis Fire Department firefighter who, in February, was promoted to the position of Battalion Chief. Rose's early trailblazing role and her 30 years of service are memorialized in the California Firefighters Memorial statue in Capital Park, Sacramento, where her likeness is the only woman among the four firefighters depicted. Rose continues her unselfish community service, serving as Board Vice President for Communicare Health Centers, providing health services to tens of thousands of low income Yolo County residents. She embraced her role as Fire Chief with passion and professionalism and continues to have a positive impact through her volunteer work.

Roberta D'Arcy has dedicated her life to caring for others through her career as a nurse, leading various county health programs, and through her involvement in the community. Her nursing career began in the 1960s when, at 23 years of age, she became Director of Nursing for Yuba County Hospital. She later spent seven years at Fremont Hospital in Labor and Delivery while running various prenatal classes for expecting parents. Roberta later became the Detox Program Manager in Marysville from 1975 to 1979 and in 1980 was presented with the opportunity to become jail nurse for the Yuba County Jail. It was there that she recognized the severity of addiction and how it affected entire families. Roberta was instrumental in developing the First Steps program in Yuba City, which provides intensive day treatment services to substance-abusing mothers. She was also instrumental in co-founding the Fathers First program in Yuba County, which remains a vital tool for fathers who are in recovery, newly out of incarceration, or simply in need of support in fathering skills. After retiring in 1999, Roberta began work at Harmony Health Family Resource Center in Marysville and in later years worked in Homeless Services. Her work of assisting her community's most vulnerable members has directly changed the lives of countless individuals and has made her an indispensable part of the community.

Anne Davis East has given her time volunteering for countless organizations in Yolo County and has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for those in her community and beyond. As an original member of the Board of Directors for Dinner on Main, Anne was instrumental in organizing the very first Farm to Fork dinner event in Woodland, highlighting the beauty, heritage, and agriculture of Yolo County. Additionally, Anne volunteers for the chamber of commerce where she's served as a judge for the Holiday Parade and provided pro bono consulting services to re-establish the Woodland Downtown Group. As an integral member of the community, she also participated in the Woodland Redistricting Advisory group. Anne has worked tirelessly to

bring community events to Woodland that engage families, helping organize the Big Day of Giving which benefited a local girls' fast pitch softball team, working with her church and the Woodland Public Library to provide books to children, and arranging to have blankets distributed during the church's Monday food program. Anne's selflessness is an inspiration to many within her community. She is a positive role model for children and adults alike, demonstrating what it means to be a generous, caring, and passionate member of the community.

Erin Donley Marineau is a passionate leader in our community having served five years as the Executive Director of Tree Davis. A devoted environmentalist, Erin has dedicated herself to growing Yolo County's urban forest and supporting the community. She largely accomplished her successes by engaging local volunteers, partnering with local municipalities, and securing the funding necessary to grow the urban forest throughout Yolo County. During her five years, Erin and her team of volunteers planted thousands of trees and logged in tens of thousands of hours of work. Some of her many accomplishments include spearheading the development of California's first climate-ready landscape tree planting effort. This effort included identifying and adopting a palette of climate-resilient species of trees. To help ensure the adoption's longevity, Erin collaborated with leadership to develop a new Climate-Ready Urban Forestry Education Program for high school students throughout Yolo County that would promote healthier and better-suited trees that could withstand the changing climate. When Erin found out this new program created a supply issue, she negotiated with horticultural nurseries throughout multiple western states to help ensure a steady supply of appropriate species and quantities for the coming planting season. Her knowledge, enthusiasm, and passion for the environment have made a lasting impact that will be felt in Yolo County and communities across the western United States for many years.

Debbie Egidio is the president and CEO of the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce and serves as chairman of the chamber's Educational Foundation. Her leadership has been responsible for developing and enhancing the success of the 450 businesses in Vacaville while attracting new business to the region. Debbie is also co-founder of DTS Egidio, a local marketing and public relations firm. Before starting her company, Debbie worked as Marketing Director at Triad Communities where she provided marketing and public outreach for several projects, including the Lagoon Valley Project and the rehabilitation of the historic Empress Theatre in downtown Vallejo, a \$3 million redevelopment project that partnered Triad, the City of Vallejo, and the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation. Debbie is a graduate of UC Davis with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Managerial Economics and has put her expertise to use in many community and industry organizations throughout her career. Her outstanding career accomplishments and dedication to serving her community are an inspiration to aspiring leaders.

I congratulate each of them and commend them for their work. I am inspired by them and firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

HONORING DR. NALO JOHNSON AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Nalo Johnson as Iowan of the Week. Dr. Nalo Johnson is a public health expert who works with community-based organizations, public and private entities, and everyday Iowans to improve health outcomes for all Iowans.

While growing up in Des Moines, she learned firsthand how collaboration was key to addressing issues facing her community, and that lesson drives her work to this day.

She got her start in public health while earning her Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, where she focused on learning about the economic, social, and environmental barriers to health. At the same time, her husband attended dental school and shared literature on public health issues that furthered her interest in the topic. After she concluded the program, she knew that her life's mission was to break down those barriers and create healthier communities.

She later joined the Division Director of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention at the Iowa Department of Public Health. There, she worked on the Title V Community-Based Doula Project for African American Families. This project included a collaborative team of Black maternal health experts that had 3 goals—to improve maternal health outcomes and decrease the disparity between Black mothers and white mothers, diversify the prenatal workforce by having doula and lactation certifications, and advocate for a systems change to use the program's data for health insurance reimbursement—including Medicaid—for using doula services. The project is now concluding its first year of work.

She now serves as the President and CEO of the Mid-Iowa Health Foundation, where she partners with leading organizations and stakeholders to view public health challenges through an equity lens and tackle those same challenges in a culturally-competent and effective manner.

Dr. Nalo Johnson says that one of the best parts of her job is building relationships with local leaders, funding partners, and public health systems to bring everyone to the table to address the unique needs of communities and is excited about the new resources available to do just that in her new role.

She is grateful for the support of her family—her husband and two children—for always being supportive and proud of the work she does.

Dr. Nalo Johnson is a stellar example of someone who fights for ALL Iowans, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status. Her work is critical to the well-being of Iowans, and I am so proud to honor Dr. Nalo Johnson as the Iowan of the Week.

HONORING BOB KOVACHICK FOR
HIS TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON
THE CAPITAL REGION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Kovachick for his remarkable career and well-deserved retirement from WNYT. Over his illustrious fifty-year career, Bob had a tremendous impact on all those who watched his meteorology reports across the Capital Region.

In 1971, Bob graduated from Lyndon State College in Vermont where he received his degree in meteorology. He then launched his career at the Universal Weather Service in White Plains. After his time in White Plains, he went on to gain valuable experience at WTEN in Albany and WTAE in Pittsburgh.

In 1988, Bob joined WNYT's First Warning weather team as the chief meteorologist for NewsChannel 13. This was the beginning of a long and rewarding relationship between Bob, WNYT, and the Capital Region. Over the years, Bob has become a familiar face and voice in the homes of many. His weather reports on the nightly news have helped to keep families informed, prepared, and safe for decades.

In addition to serving as WNYT's chief meteorologist, Bob frequently spoke with various organizations on the intricacies of meteorology. Bob prioritized educating and inspiring young students and would spend many days visiting schools in the Capital Region to discuss meteorology. Due to Bob's dedication to producing high quality reports, he received the American Meteorological Society Seal of Approval in Television Weathercasting. He is also a professional member of both the American Meteorological Society and National Weather Association.

Bob is a shining light in the field of meteorology and serves as an inspiration to others in his field. He will be sorely missed on NewsChannel 13 broadcasts. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to congratulate Bob for his monumental career at WNYT and thank him for making a lasting impact on the Capital Region.

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