

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.

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HONORING DR. NALO JOHNSON AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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.

HONORING THE 2022 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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 still 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:

Robin Tully is an accomplished businesswoman and dedicated community leader. She is the President and Owner of the Tully Consulting Group, where she brings her civil engineering expertise to bear throughout Northern California. Robin offers valuable knowledge of storm water hydrology, LEED sustainable site design, and environmental protection planning. Robin also serves as the Chair of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Her involvement in the community stretches wide, from hosting holiday food drives for Dixon Family Services to participating in Toys for Tots and providing an annual STEM scholarship. Robin is an advocate and supporter of youth extracurricular activities for the community, sponsoring multiple Dixon sporting teams and the Special Olympics event, and is herself a black belt in Karate. Robin is known throughout her community for her outstanding career accomplishments and dedication to serving the people of Dixon.

Linda Van Loben Sels is a lifelong resident of the Sacramento River Delta community of Walnut Grove, a place filled with history, cultural richness, and diversity. She is a passionate and dedicated member of the community who serves on several boards, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to preserving the essence of life on the Delta. Following in her mother's footsteps, Linda serves on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society, working to educate the public on the importance of the Sacramento River Delta's history. Linda also serves as Treasurer of the North Delta Conservancy, an organization dedicated to conserving, sustaining, and enhancing the cultural, agricultural, recreational, wildlife, and natural habitat resources of the region. She is a member of the Walnut Grove Community Church where she is known as a person of spiritual character, honest reputation, and sound judgment, and serves as a Deacon,

providing leadership in areas of stewardship and mission outreach. Linda is known throughout the Delta region for the positive impacts she's made, and Walnut Grove wouldn't be the cherished community it is today without the contributions of her and her family.

Chief Master Sergeant Jennifer Wampler entered the Air Force in 1993 and now serves as the Senior Enlisted Leader at David Grant Medical Center on Travis Airforce Base. She has served on bases across the country and South Korea and deployed in support of Joint Task Force Bravo, Operation New Dawn, and contingency operations in response to Hurricane Maria. In her current position, she is the principal advisor to the commander on all matters impacting the more than 2,500 personnel assigned to David Grant Medical Center. She provides operational guidance to the squadrons delivering medical care and services to over 500,000 active-duty members, retirees, veterans, and their families. Her work is critical to ensuring David Grant provides safe and reliable care to 60th Air Mobility Wing personnel and their families. During the COVID-19 Omicron surge, her operational direction was critical to combating the crisis. She also played a pivotal role in coordinating Travis AFB's participation in the FEMA COVID-19 response, supporting seven hospitals in California and across the nation, treating hundreds of patients, and contributing to the national pandemic response. An exceptional leader, Chief Wampler strives to inspire others through mentorship and advocacy. She fosters a climate of empowerment through knowledge by hosting leadership discussions, providing guidance to enlisted leaders on mission concerns and career development opportunities, serving as a guest speaker for the First Tenn Airman's course, and leading the Senior Enlisted Leader Panel at the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Enhancement Seminar. Chief Wampler serves her country with honor and distinction, and her major awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

Janice Wiseman is an active member of the Sacramento Delta region's vibrant community. She has served her community in several different capacities, including as a Member of the Board for the Dr. Paul Barnes Community

Park and the Jean Harvie Community Center as well as a volunteer with Delta Home Tours and countless other local organizations. Janice also served for over 30 years as a council member for her local Parks and Recreation department. While raising three children, she became actively involved with the school PTA and Boosters Club and through her local Rotary Club, Janice opened her home to five foreign exchange students, providing them with tremendous opportunities to experience the culture of American life. Janice is a valued member of her community who continues to serve with dedication and enthusiasm.

Kelly Zimmerman is a community advocate who goes above and beyond what is asked of her. In 2019, Kelly introduced and facilitated the newly chartered Soroptimist International of South Yuba whose mission is to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment, and enabling opportunities. Kelly also facilitates several drives for the Hope Program, which engages businesses to provide pajamas, socks, and shoes to families in need throughout Yuba County. She also uses her exceptional community organizing skills to bring about popular events such as the renaissance foundation, school fundraisers, the annual shred event, and many more. She also designs and runs the community calendar and puts together an annual Women in Real Estate event, bringing together over 100 women for a day of inspiration, awards, and relationship-building. This past year, when Kelly became aware of a community member whose home had a collapsing roof and unlivable conditions, she rallied people together to help their neighbor get back in good health and moved into a new apartment with furnishings donated by the community. This is just one example of the way Kelly combines her compassion and drive to bring about positive outcomes. Kelly continuously demonstrates an outstanding commitment to empowering women and serving those in need.

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