

Dating back to the pub's opening on November 3, 1972, the ownership realized that the Red Parka could serve as more than a family-style restaurant and took an active role in the community by promoting numerous causes and hosting fundraisers meant to give back to the state of New Hampshire. Today, that spirit of service lives on in the Red Parka Pub Challenge Cup, considered to be one of the longest continuously running dual giant slalom races in the country. This race has raised more than \$250,000 for the Eastern Slope Ski Club over its history, including a whopping \$21,000 last year.

The management team have taken an active leadership role in the hospitality industry as well, forming the Valley Originals as a coalition of independently owned restaurants. This coalition annually contributes \$335,000 to the community, and the management team here at Red Parka still serve in the leadership of the coalition to this day.

Under the leadership of General Manager Terry O'Brien and co-owner Jean Melczarek, the Red Parka Pub has established itself as a mainstay in the town of Glen, and I would like to commend them both for their incredible dedication to this storied pub. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate the Red Parka Pub on 50 years of service and wish them another successful 50 years.

#### RECOGNIZING WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

#### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Westlands Water District on their 70th Anniversary.

Located on the west side of Fresno and Kings Counties, the Westlands Water District is home to some of the most fertile and productive farmland on the planet. On September 8, 1952, per the request of farmers on the westside of the San Joaquin Valley, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors officially announced the creation of the Westlands Water District. Initially, the district encompassed approximately 400,000 acres of land. After merging with West Plains Water District in 1965 and purchasing Broadview Water District in 2007, the district reached its current size of approximately 615,000 acres. On average, the district and its farmers provide for over 35,000 jobs and generate over \$4.7 billion in economic activity each year.

One distinct aspect of the Westlands Water District is that it remains one of the only water districts in the world that distributes irrigation water exclusively through a highly efficient system of pressurized pipe. With approximately 1,100 miles of buried pipe throughout the district, they are able to track every drop of surface water delivered in the district—from the moment the water enters the system to the moment it reaches the field. Additionally, the district and its farmers have invested millions of dollars each year in its water infrastructure system so the system can continue serving all of the district's water users for future generations.

For seven decades, even while battling droughts, unpredictable climates, and changing regulations, the farmers within the Westlands Water District have been leaders in implementing cutting-edge water conservation technologies and efficient irrigation practices through their hard work, innovative technologies, and commitment to continuous improvements. The district and its farmers have been, and will continue to be, an essential part of developing a robust water infrastructure throughout the Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the achievements of the Westlands Water District on their 70th Anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING CLEVELAND UNIVERSITY-KANSAS CITY'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Cleveland University-Kansas City. For an entire century, Cleveland University-Kansas City has been recognized as a leader in the chiropractic care field, serving as one of the oldest nonprofit chiropractic colleges in the Nation. This institution prepares thousands of healthcare professionals that prioritize creating a healthier world for our community. It is truly an honor to celebrate the Cleveland University-Kansas City and its 100 years of history.

Since its inception, Cleveland University-Kansas City has been an integral contributor in teaching the next generation of healthcare professionals. Originally named Central College of Chiropractic, the institution enrolled their first class of students in 1922 and celebrated the graduation of its first doctor of chiropractic in 1924. Founded by graduates of the world's first school of chiropractic care, Palmer College of Chiropractic, Dr. C.S. Cleveland Sr., Dr. Ruth R. Cleveland, and Dr. Perl B. Griffin became one of the first established families in chiropractic care in the Nation. After two years of operation, Central College of Chiropractic was renamed to Cleveland Chiropractic College, reflecting the influential contributions of the founding family.

As enrollment at the institution began to grow, it remained centered on creating a tight-knit community amongst students, staff, and faculty to ensure there was an existing support system as students continued their academic and professional journeys. As a result of the institution expanding, Cleveland Chiropractic College acquired the Ratledge System of Chiropractic Schools located in Los Angeles in 1951 and was renamed as Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles in 1955. With roots in Kansas City and Los Angeles, the college became known across the country, attracting students from every corner of the Nation. After Dr. C.S. Cleveland Sr.'s leadership was over, his son, Dr. C.S. Cleveland Jr. served as chancellor of both campuses and saw the establishment of a new bachelor's degree in human biology and a new program focused on pre-professional Health Science. Known as a worldwide chiropractic lecturer,

Dr. C.S. Cleveland Jr. began the process of expanding the college's degrees while keeping chiropractic care as the foundation of the institution.

To provide students with more hands-on experience and access to advanced technological facilities, a newly developed facility was created in 2008 and by 2011, the Los Angeles campus consolidated operations with the Kansas City campus. Under the leadership of fourth-generation chiropractor and grandson of the founders, Carl S. Cleveland III spearheaded the transition to university status, changing the institution's name to Cleveland University-Kansas City. Under the new name, the university was able to support the addition of multiple degrees such as new associates, bachelors and masters' programs to enhance the opportunities available for students.

As the university continues to evolve to meet changing needs in the health science fields, it remains invested in promoting health, wellness, and vitality, ultimately leading to better healthcare for all.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring Cleveland University-Kansas City for their monumental achievement of 100 years of service and their indelible mark on communities across the Nation. I am certain that this institution will continue to support its students and instill in them a spirit of care as they further develop their personal and professional skills and enter the healthcare field. Let us celebrate this milestone achievement and wish Cleveland University-Kansas City continued prosperity for the next 100 years to come.

#### REMEMBERING ERIC POMEROY

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Eric Michael Pomeroy.

Passing away far too soon at the age of 54, Mr. Pomeroy leaves behind an indelible legacy in the education and wider community in Yuba City.

Mr. Pomeroy was a lifetime resident of the Yuba-Sutter community who served his community with sincere devotion and joy. Mr. Pomeroy devoted 24 years of his life to education including 10 years as a teacher for CTE, Academic, and Alternative Education, and 14 years as an educational administrator. As the Assistant Superintendent of Career and Adult Education for the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Pomeroy oversaw Sutter County One Stop, Tri-County ROP, Sutter County Adult Education, and North Central Counties Consortium. Throughout his career, Mr. Pomeroy worked ceaselessly to create opportunities for students and provide a supportive environment for educators.

Mr. Pomeroy was a lifelong volunteer across the Yuba-Sutter community. He served as a board member of Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way and was a former member of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. His passion for swimming led him to serve as not only the President and Head Coach of Sutter Buttes Swimming, but also a Special Olympics Swim Coach. Mr. Pomeroy also served as a CCA official for Sierra Nevada and officiated for the CCA swim

team in Roseville. In all these endeavors, Mr. Pomeroy believed in finding the joy and humor in life—always searching to do what was right.

Mr. Pomeroy is survived by his wife of 15 years, Daniela, and two loving daughters, Erica and Gianna. His family and the Yuba-Sutter community will dearly miss his joyful and adventurous spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Pomeroy's loved ones. I know that they, along with the entire Yuba-Sutter community, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

#### HONORING NATIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

#### HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize October 15, 2022, as National White Cane Safety Day.

White Cane Safety Day is observed every year to celebrate the accomplishments of people who are blind or visually impaired. The white cane carries special significance because it is a tool that helps visually impaired people be independent. To celebrate this year, the El Paso Council of the Blind is partnering with the El Paso Community College, Center for Students with Disabilities and Diversity and Inclusion Programs to host a community-wide event to bring awareness about issues that blind and visually impaired people have learned to conquer.

The El Paso Council of the Blind has been active in our community for nearly ten years and has welcomed hundreds of members over that time. They provide essential programs like peer support for persons with vision loss and their families, Braille for Badges, sensitivity training for paratransit drivers, guide dog meet and greet sessions, and assistance to older individuals who are blind or visually impaired. They also fight to protect the right to voting privacy and accessibility, and they advocate for the expansion of much-needed training resources in Texas and El Paso.

I am grateful to the El Paso Council of the Blind and our community partners for gathering on this day to raise our consciousness to the plight of the blind and visually impaired and for their tireless work to help those who carry a white cane lead their lives with independence, dignity, and hope.

#### RECOGNIZING PASTOR RONALD K. BENSON

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize Pastor Ronald K. Benson of Greater Haven of Rest Church of God in Christ, in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as he celebrates his fifty years of service in faith.

Pastor Ronald K. Benson was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He is the eldest of ten siblings. Pastor Benson is the fourth generation of his family to be raised in the Church of God in Christ. He was called to the ministry

as a young man and member of the Conner Avenue Church of God in Christ. Pastor Benson's mission has been to be a faithful servant of the Lord and the people of his flock. Pastor Benson has served over the years in many capacities; he is the Superintendent of the Progressive District, Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Executive Secretary and Liaison to the late Honorable Bishop P.A. Brooks, Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Finance Committee member and Trustee Board member and Secretary.

Pastor Benson possesses a true passion for community service. He has assisted and coordinated numerous programs and events, including an annual school supplies giveaway, winter coats for children in need program, and a community health screening fair. He also spearheaded the creation of a resource center for adults. The 13th Congressional District is grateful for Pastor Benson's compassion and humble spirit by the many people he has helped on his journey.

Please join me in celebrating Pastor Ronald K. Benson for fifty years of service to Greater Haven of Rest Church of God in Christ and the community of Detroit.

#### HONORING JEFFREY SIEGEL

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a cherished friend, Jeffrey Siegel. For over the past six decades, Jeffrey Siegel has graced concert halls around the globe as a solo pianist for the world's greatest orchestras. As Jeffrey Siegel celebrates his 80th birthday, I wanted to join the huge chorus of grateful music lovers who continue today to be inspired and enthralled by his performances.

Jeffrey grew up in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, as did I. He attended grammar school at Rogers School and graduated from Sullivan High School—as I did, just a couple of years behind him. With home-town pride, we watched Jeffrey advance in the world of classical music. I was more than a little impressed when Marion Block, my neighborhood piano teacher, invited the young Jeffrey to our very modest recital at her home to expose us to the wonders of a truly talented young pianist. I never forgot it.

Jeffrey Siegel is a remarkable communicator as well as performer, bringing music to life in a unique way. For several decades, he has presented "Keyboard Conversations," during which he gives the audience fascinating background about the composers, the world and times they lived in, and the important features of the composition that deserve special attention. Everyone from the newest to the most experienced listeners have a richer musical experience.

Each "Keyboard Conversation" ends with a Q and A and a lively discussion with the audience. Jeffrey presents these well-attended programs on a regular basis throughout the country including at Northwestern University where my husband and I try to never miss a concert, and occasionally spend an evening talking politics and policy over dinner.

Jeffrey Siegel is a remarkable human being and one of America's most esteemed pianists.

"An achievement of the sort seldom heard." The New York Times.

Jeffrey Siegel has everything: massive technique, musical sensitivity and character-wide tonal resonance, immense reserve of power, and ability to communicate." Los Angeles Times.

I wish my dear friend a Happy Birthday.

#### 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF FILVETREP

#### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project's 6th anniversary and all their work to raise awareness and support for Filipino-American World War II soldiers.

FilVetREP is a volunteer initiative with the mission to obtain national recognition for all Filipino-American World War II soldiers for their service in the Philippines from July 1941 to December 1946. The initiative worked to successfully secure legislation that would award the Congressional Gold Medal to soldiers and survivors, which I proudly cosponsored and voted for during my first term in Congress.

After nearly 75 years, Filipino-American soldiers who served finally received their much-deserved recognition with the passage of the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015.

FilVetREP has since conducted over 80 ceremonies across the United States and in the Philippines to award veterans and their families the Congressional Gold Medal.

From a grateful Nation, I thank all of the Filipino-American soldiers for their service, and thank FilVetREP for their work to support and recognize our veterans. I extend my congratulations on the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project's 6th anniversary and wish them many more decades of servant leadership.

#### CELEBRATING THE DAY OF RESTORATION

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our ally, and a friend to our Nation, Azerbaijan, on its Day of Restoration. This day recognizes the emancipation and liberation of Azerbaijan from the authoritarian communist Soviet regime. The scourge of communism and leftist authoritarianism is not just something we face today, but people across Europe were subjected to this evil since the 1920's. Azerbaijan was taken over by leftists aligned with the communist block leading to generations of misery and oppression.

But all that changed.

I wish nothing but peace and prosperity for the Azeris. There has been conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over borders and other issues. It is my fervent prayer that the