

run these events at no cost to any of the attendees. The families, children, and the seniors from the local nursing homes and the Veterans home in my district gather to spend the day fishing from a well stocked local pond.

They enjoy free food and refreshments; they are furnished with complimentary fishing gear so they can enjoy a day outdoors with their friends and families. Mike Stachel and David Windholz ask nothing for themselves and provide a joyous and wholesome experience that creates memories that last forever. They have been doing this selflessly for over four decades.

We commend them for their community spirit and their commitment to the families, the children, the disabled, and the seniors of my district. We are proud to salute their efforts to continue to provide these wonderful events for so many generations of my district's residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEATRE
WEST'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Theatre West in Los Angeles, California, upon its sixtieth anniversary.

Theatre West, a non-profit arts organization, is one of the oldest continually running theater companies in Los Angeles. Since its establishment in 1962 with a small group of actors, it has grown to include over one-hundred-sixty-five actors, producers, stage managers, directors and writers. With its mission to entertain, enlighten and educate, Theatre West has given artists the opportunity to develop their talents and skills by providing public performances and workshops, and to serve the community with their educational programs. Through these programs, the theater provides quality performances for younger audiences and presents upbeat and inspiring programs that meet California Visual and Performing Arts standards. The theater also hosts benefits for local schools and organizations, including Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. In addition, Storybook Theatre, a children's interactive theatrical experience, has been an integral part of Theatre West for nearly four decades.

Throughout the past sixty years, some of Theatre West's plays have transferred to Broadway: *Anthology*, *Spoon River* and *Aesop* in Central Park. Theatre West's productions have toured throughout the United States in Atlanta, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle, and also overseas in Dublin, Ireland and Edinburgh, Scotland.

Theatre West has been home to many of Hollywood's most creative artists, including Lee Meriwether, Richard Dreyfuss, Betty Garrett, Bridget Hanley, Beau Bridges, Harold Gould, Martin Landau, Carroll O'Connor and Philip Abbott.

Theatre West is a recipient of numerous prestigious honors such as the Obie Award, Tony Award, Valley Theatre Award, nine Los Angeles Drama Critics Awards, Ovation Award nominations, seven NAACP Image Awards and over one-hundred-thirty Drama-Logue Awards. The theater has also been recognized locally by the Hollywood Arts Council, and

internationally at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland.

It is my pleasure to recognize Theatre West for six decades of outstanding theater and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Theatre West upon its sixtieth anniversary.

HONORING DEZIE WOODS-JONES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Ms. Dezie Woods-Jones on her 2022, "Spirit of Faithful Leadership" Fannie Lou Hamer Award. She is a Trail Blazer in the Central Valley and works selflessly to help others.

Dezie was born in Ruston, Louisiana and later moved to California. She was raised in Fresno and Oakland. At California State University, Hayward, Dezie earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. In her early years, Dezie was involved in groups such as the Black Conference Planning Committee and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to name a few. In 1968, Dezie worked at the Peralta Community College district until 2002. She held many positions and retired as Assistant Chancellor of External Affairs.

In 1991, Dezie served on the Oakland City Council, then as City Vice Mayor, and later became the first woman to run for Mayor for Oakland. Her influence in the community did not go unnoticed. Many well-known Civil Rights leaders acknowledged her leadership abilities. She has worked along side people such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Julian Bond, United States Representatives such as Maxine Waters, Dianne Watson, and Barbara Lee.

Former Governor Jerry Brown appointed Dezie to the California Commission on Crime Control & Violence Prevention, and Former Governor Gray Davis appointed her as a member of the California Postsecondary Education. She was a member of many organizations such as the Oakland Education Cabinet, and Executive Committee of East Bay Regional Board of Directors for the American Heart Association. Dezie's voice was heard on Bay Area radio and television, podcasts, South Korea, South America, West Africa, and Mexico.

One of her accomplishments in life has been her stance on advocacy in the community. Dezie is the founding member of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA). For over 50 years, she has held her position as president in the state of California. This is the oldest organization in California and her leadership helps many. Dezie is also the president and CEO of DWJ & Associates consulting firm. They specialize in public affairs, leadership training, civic engagement, event planning, and governmental relations. Her firm has helped many organizations such as the National Black Caucus Foundation, Ramsay Group, Fresno Unified School District, and more.

The love of her life, Reverend Carl Jones who pastors the St. Paul Pixley AME Church has been by her side. They raised a beautiful son, Robert, who recently went home to Heaven, and have two grandchildren that they love and adore. The contributions and leadership

Dezie carries has reached many people all throughout her life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dezie Woods-Jones. The passion and love she has to stand up for others is evident from student sit-ins to national marches for the struggle for social justice and roles in leadership. May her joy to help others continue to impact more lives, and her story be a role model to many.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT
ASHTON CARUTHERS, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Robert Ashton Caruthers, Jr. in honor of his 60th birthday on November 3, 2022, and his service for the Bowling Green Fire Department.

Robert, or Robby, is a native of Hanover County, Virginia, but has lived in Caroline County, Virginia, since 2000.

Robby is a dedicated husband and father. He and his wife, Dr. Ada Caruthers, have two children, Katie and Ashton. He is a beloved member of his family and community, and they are grateful for his unwavering contributions and selfless service.

Robby is a diligent farmer who is the second largest sweet corn producer in Virginia. He farms 1,100 acres of grain and 400 acres of vegetables. He is on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Farm Bureau and the Agricultural Advisory Board for the Caroline County Agricultural Fair. And he donates to the Virginia State Fair and advocates for "Farm Use" license plates and non-insurable crops policies.

Robby is a leader of his community. He is an honorary member of the Bowling Green Fire Department because he helps raise \$60,000 annually for the department through the Sportsman's Dinner Auction. He avidly supports the Future Farmers of America and the Caroline County Little League. He helped start some food banks in Caroline County, and donated produce to local churches. He helped write the Virginia Bottle Bill to reduce litter on Virginia's roads, and he volunteers to clear snow off the roads during the winter.

Robby is also passionate about preserving local history. He is a lifelong contributor to the Port Royal Historical Society and is a Hanover Tavern Foundation Sponsor. Furthermore, he maintains two historic properties in Caroline County.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and 60th birthday of Mr. Robert Ashton Caruthers, Jr. A U.S. flag has been flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor. May God bless him and his family.

RECOGNIZING URBAN UPBOUND

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Urban

Upbound for eighteen years of dedicated service to the Queens community. Urban Upbound is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Queens public housing residents with economic mobility and increased self-sufficiency.

Urban Upbound was founded in 2004 by Bishop Mitchell G. Taylor and Debra-Ellen Glickstein to serve the residents of public housing across many areas of Queens, including Astoria, Woodside, and Far Rockaway. Urban Upbound serves the community through a variety of programs designed to provide low-income residents the tools they need to succeed. Its financial counseling program helps people tackle debt, budget incomes, and save money.

The organization founded the Urban Upbound Federal Credit Union, the first credit union founded in Queens in the last 30 years. By offering low fees, rates, and flexible loan policies, Urban Upbound Federal Credit Union has saved its members hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of all, the credit union encourages NYCHA residents to open bank accounts in a community where many do not have access to mainstream banks and face additional hurdles to securing a bank account. Urban Upbound has also helped over 25,000 residents prepare their taxes and file returns, helping them secure more than \$25 million in tax refunds. Through this work, Urban Upbound promotes long-term asset building and provides economic mobility to the community.

Urban Upbound's efforts extend beyond financial aid. The organization provides college counseling through SAT prep courses and advising, which has led to a 95 percent college placement rate for residents enrolled in the pre-college program. The heavy emphasis Urban Upbound places on the importance of education signals its commitment to the generational growth and success of its neighborhoods.

Urban Upbound also provides employment services, helps create and polish resumes, conducts mock interviews, and provides career counseling, which has helped approximately 1,800 clients secure employment. When it comes to helping residents achieve their goals of a better life, Urban Upbound truly is a champion for the residents of public housing.

Urban Upbound is hosting a gala to honor its eighteen years of service with the appropriate theme "Celebrating Success." This year's festivities mark a return to in-person celebrations following the COVID-19 Pandemic, during which Urban Upbound provided the community with resource assistance. As a partner in New York City's COVID-19 Take Care Initiative, Urban Upbound helped individuals throughout the Queens NYCHA community find recovery care, practice quarantine protocols, and secure basic needs such as food, medicine, and laundry. This year's gala celebrates in the triumphant resilience of Urban Upbound and the community it proudly serves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of Urban Upbound. For eighteen years, Urban Upbound has worked to help break the cycle of poverty and create a positive impact on low-income communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S.
JUDGE STERLING JOHNSON

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Judge Sterling Johnson who passed away on October 17, 2022. Judge Johnson will be remembered as a devoted family man, advocate for individuals suffering from AIDS, dedicated jurist, special drug prosecutor, member of the New York City Police Department, U.S. Marine veteran and mentor to the next generation of young attorneys.

At a time when AIDS was still considered a terrifying death sentence, Judge Johnson fought relentlessly for the humane treatment of individuals suffering from AIDS. In 1993, he ordered the government to immediately shut down a Guantánamo Bay detention facility that was full of Haitian refugees who had been found eligible for asylum but were denied entry into the United States solely because they had H.I.V. or AIDS. He likened their living conditions to "an H.I.V. prison camp". In another remarkable case, Judge Johnson ruled that New York City had failed to provide necessities to thousands of residents who were poverty stricken and suffered from AIDS. These necessities included emergency housing, food stamps and Medicaid. He ordered a federal magistrate to make sure that the AIDS stricken population had access to these benefits. In this way he used his power to alleviate the suffering of thousands of society's most vulnerable members.

Prior to his time on the bench, Judge Johnson was a member of the New York City Police Department. While serving in this capacity, he received his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College and graduated in the top ten percent of the Brooklyn Law School Class of 1966. Judge Johnson left the police force the following year to accept an appointment as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York based in Manhattan where he prosecuted more than 7,000 criminal cases. He also served as the City's special narcotics prosecutor and was named executive liaison officer for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Presidential Drug Advisory Council under President Gerald Ford. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Johnson for the United States Court for the Eastern District of New York. During his 30-year tenure on the bench, Judge Johnson ruled in over 500 cases.

Judge Johnson also served as the executive director of the NYPD Civilian Complaint Review Board, investigating allegations of police misconduct and brutality. Judge Johnson was a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement. The New York Chapter of this organization is named in his honor. He was also instrumental in founding the National Black Prosecutors Association. Judge Johnson was also a sought-after guest lecturer and gave speeches at universities around the world.

Despite his demanding career, Judge Johnson always made time to mentor young attorneys. His office was full of young lawyers seeking his wisdom and advice. He instilled the values of duty, dedication, discipline, integrity, and social justice in the next generation of

lawyers. He would often say "If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you are late." He deeply believed that one must be a leader, take initiative, and zealously chase one's ambitions. When Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson started her career, she asked Judge Johnson if she should become a judge. As a result of his guidance and encouragement, she went on to make history as the first black female Supreme Court Justice.

In addition to his distinguished career, Judge Johnson also raised a remarkable family. He was a devoted husband to Barbara Johnson and a loving father to his children Sterling III, Alicia and Jennifer, and daughter-in-law Wendy Johnson. Judge Johnson was especially close to his son-in-law, David Daniels. Judge Johnson was lovingly called G.Pa by his grandchildren Jessica Barnes and F. Attiyya Akinwale; and was a doting great grandfather to his adorable great grand puppies Jibe, Oba, and Enzo. Judge Johnson enjoyed fishing and playing solitaire. We take solace in the thought that Judge Johnson has been reunited in heaven with his daughter Alicia and dog Oba.

I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers to Judge Johnson's family and hope that the knowledge that he is remembered so dearly by his friends and colleagues will bring comfort during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID PAUL
HORAN'S 80 YEARS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE AND LEGAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Key West native Mr. David Paul Horan for his community leadership and notable achievements in admiralty and maritime law.

David Horan has spent almost 50 years serving on various community boards and commissions in the Florida Keys. Since 1973, he has served as a Director of the Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce. Other leadership roles have included serving on the Key West Military Affairs Committee, the Florida Keys National Marine Advisory Sanctuary Counsel, and the Special Environmental Counsel for Monroe County. In 2001, Mr. Horan was inducted into the Key West Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, Key West's highest community service award.

In addition to his work serving the community, David is an accomplished lawyer. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1972, David specializes in complex federal and state litigation. Much of his career has been dedicated to protecting local interests against excessive regulation. One pro-bono case of David's, *Young v. DCA*, was monumental: the Florida Supreme Court's opinion reversed almost twenty years of decisions on the "burden of proof" issue, significantly restricting the state of Florida's authority to overturn local governmental decisions. David has also represented many commercial fishermen in addition to salvors of historic shipwrecks, generally centuries-old Spanish galleons sunk along Florida's coast.

Another of David's notable legal victories came in his successful oral argument in the