

For her decades of leadership and service, I am honored to recognize and commend Lyn for her many significant contributions to the Conroe community and the great state of Texas.

MR. DARIO ESTRADA MOTA—CELEBRA GRAPEVINE HISPANIC HERITAGE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dario Estrada Mota for receiving the Celebra Grapevine Hispanic Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sports has always been central in Mr. Dario Estrada Mota's life, especially baseball and soccer since he left his hometown of Sabinas, Coahuila, in 1971 to make North Texas his new home. For over 50 years, he, his wife, Mrs. Carmen Beltran Mota, and their children have called Grapevine home.

In 1987, Mr. Mota recognized the need for adult soccer within the Latino community when his children Tomas and Dario Jr. aged out of the City of Grapevine's youth soccer program. It was from that need that Grapevine Metropolitan Soccer League, also known as GMSL, was born. Over the past 35 years, GMSL's central mission has been to serve the Latino community within the 817-area code and beyond. With Mrs. Mota co-leading, and his right-hand man, Mr. Mario Bonilla, and his children, the league has grown to over 40 teams, serving 800 active players and members. GMSL now serves Latino soccer leagues whose origins are from Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, and El Salvador, among many other South and Central American countries. Throughout the years, the league has grown and has expanded its reach to include soccer leagues from Nepal, Colombia, and Africa. On any given Sunday, GMSL welcomes over 1700 people to enjoy sports, build relationships, and enjoy our delightful community.

The impacts of these 35 years and efforts are immeasurable. We've seen his individual and multi-generation impact on thousands of individuals throughout DFW and beyond, a ripple effect of the mentorship, sportsmanship, and teamwork learned on the soccer fields of Grapevine. Over the years, he has found opportunities for young players to reach international stardom and organized international championships at the Dallas Cowboys stadium. It has been a visible, passionate, tireless dedication and advocacy for and to serve the Latino community of Grapevine.

CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS YEAR'S RIGHT DIRECTION AWARDS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of this year's Right Direction Awards.

The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia established the Right Direction Awards in 2015 in an effort to uplift and celebrate D.C. youth. Since then, over 150 inspirational young people in D.C. have received this award.

The Right Direction Awards honor D.C. youth who demonstrate tenacity and resilience in the face of significant challenges, including experiencing isolation, homelessness, loss of loved ones and acclimating to a new country.

Congratulations to this year's recipients: Darrell Anderson, Dineia Jones, Kaitlyn Arbertha, Dieudonne Kazzembe, Mylan Barnes, Maleek Loggins, Eric Curry, III, Jymeen McGrier, Robert Edwards, Osman Milla, Arno Fonkoue, Daja Mitchell, Isabella Getahun, Ariyah Nash, Antwon Gibson, Ashanti Paylor, Shaniya Gibson, Derren Richardson, Christy Hill, Eric Wade, Jr., Dellvon Hughes and Jamarri Kane-White.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring this year's recipients of the Right Direction Awards for persevering through major life challenges to have a positive effect on their community.

CONGRATULATING THE WORLD DOG ALLIANCE

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the World Dog Alliance.

Over 30 million dogs are slaughtered for food every year, among which 70 percent are stolen pets. The World Dog Alliance (WDA), an international animal welfare organization dedicated to promoting an explicit ban on dog and cat meat, has campaigned for a groundbreaking "Dog and Cat Diplomacy". The WDA is working with governments around the world to eradicate this horrific practice through legislation and international cooperation.

The WDA was founded in 2014 by Genlin. His philosophy is to "change human society, save dogs and cats". To achieve his vision, Genlin is working hard to set up the international agreement to prohibit the eating of dog and cat meat. His efforts have led to international attention to the dog and cat meat issue. Since the domestic dog and cat meat ban was passed in the 2018 Farm Bill (H.R. 2, Sec. 12515), Congress has called on the administration to initiate the International Agreement to Prohibit the Eating of Dogs and Cats proposed by the WDA. I am hopeful that we can get this done.

I thank Genlin and the World Dog Alliance for all the hard work they put in daily. Know that it is recognized and greatly appreciated.

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH RESOLUTION

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, each year our country recognizes October as Filipino Amer-

ican History Month, a time for all Americans to celebrate the incredible past, present and future of our fellow citizens whose heritage lies in the great country of the Philippines.

I am especially humbled to do so as the Representative of Hawai'i's First Congressional District, where some 190,000 Filipino Americans live, more than any other of our 435 districts throughout the country. With Hawai'i's Second Congressional District that has the second largest Filipino Americans population at about 180,000, our Fil-Am community in Hawai'i stands at 370,000. In total, fully a quarter of all Hawai'i residents are Filipino Americans, by far the largest percentage of any state or territory.

We observe Filipino American History Month in October because the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the continental United States took place on October 18, 1587, when the "Luzones Indios" came ashore from the Manila-built galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza in Morro Bay, California. Today, across the country Filipino Americans have a population of approximately 4,400,000 and are the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States.

Many of the early Filipino immigrants were young men who came to the United States seeking a better life. Most found work in Hawai'i, California, Washington, and Alaska. This first generation of Filipino immigrants are commonly referred to as the Manong generation (Ilocano for first-born male). They worked mostly physically demanding jobs in tough conditions for very little pay. Over the years, they fought against discrimination, found a way forward and made a better future for themselves and their future generations. They became respected members of communities throughout our nation.

The history of the Fil-Am community in Hawai'i is particularly rich and echoes the national story. In 1906, the first fifteen sakada contract laborers arrived in Honolulu from the Philippines aboard the SS *Doric*, marking the first sustained immigration into our country and the humble beginnings of Fil-Ams in Hawai'i. These first immigrants, those that followed and the subsequent generations eventually became trailblazers in politics and government, the military, business and entrepreneurship, journalism, popular culture, music and the arts and more.

1. Domingo Los Banos was Hawai'i's first Filipino American school principal and a loyal veteran of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment that fought in the Philippines during World War II.

2. Carolina Dizon Wong broke a glass ceiling when she obtained an M.D. degree and became the first Filipino American to start a medical practice in Hawai'i in 1952.

3. Peter Aduja became the first Fil-Am elected to public office in the United States when he was elected to the Hawai'i Territorial House of Representatives in 1954.

4. Ines Cayaban was the first Filipino American graduate of the School of Public Health, Nursing and Social Work at the University of Hawai'i. She received the prestigious Jefferson Award in 1986 for her service.

5. In 1994, Ben Cayetano was elected the Governor of Hawai'i, becoming the first Filipino American governor of a state in our union.

6. In 2019, Roy Macaraeg became the first Fil-Am to become a general officer in the history of Hawai'i's citizen soldier ranks.

In Hawai‘i, we also regularly honor the over 250,000 Filipinos who answered the call to protect and defend America and the Philippines in the Pacific theater. In 2016, President Obama signed into law the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act to bestow Congress’s highest honor upon those veterans. With my colleagues in the House, I have introduced our Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act, which seeks to reunite World War II Filipino soldiers with their children, so that we can honor those living in our community who fought to protect the free and open Indo-Pacific that we have today.

Each and all of these lives of achievement are but a small sampling of a broader community that has achieved so much and contributed so much to the rich fabric of our country. And the story of Filipino Americans is still in its early chapters.

This is why it is important that we take the time to recognize groups like Filipino Americans. The story of Filipino Americans, and to an extent, the stories of all of our various ethnic groups, is the story of America. From very humble beginnings, they have risen through hard work, sacrifice, commitment to advancing the next generations and mutual support to achieve so much already. That well describes Filipino Americans overall—embracing the responsibilities and opportunities of America while honoring and treasuring the rich heritage of their ancestral homeland.

All of this is why I joined my friends and colleagues Congresswoman YOUNG KIM, Congressman BOBBY SCOTT, Congresswoman MICHELLE STEEL and others in introducing this bipartisan resolution to express support for the designation of October as Filipino American History Month. We urge our colleagues’ support to promote an ongoing appreciation of the contributions of Filipino Americans to our country and the rich diversity of our Nation.

To Fil-Ams everywhere, “Maraming Salamat Po” and “Dios ti Agngina”—congratulations. I truly look forward to partnering with them on their next proud chapters.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the New Jersey Institute of Technology for its incredible work, expertise, and assistance in creating and transporting a temporary medical care unit to Astoria Houses for COVID-19 vaccinations and tests.

The New Jersey Institute of Technology has always been a hub for innovation, and this was made even more clear during the COVID-19 pandemic. In July 2020, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the University Hospital in Newark, and The Tuchman Foundation collaborated to develop temporary medical care facilities to be placed in areas with COVID-19 outbreaks and other disasters as well as regions without adequate health care infrastructure.

These containers are 32 by 40 feet long and were made from recycled shipping containers. When I heard about this incredible creation, I

reached out to see if we could work together to bring one of these units to Astoria Houses in New York’s Twelfth Congressional District, which I have the privilege to represent.

At the time, there were no vaccination sites within half a mile of Astoria Houses, and of the vaccination sites within a mile of Astoria Houses, none of them had vaccines in stock. With limited public transportation options to reach the existing vaccination sites, residents were forced to walk, which was not a practical option for many of the senior residents, who account for a large percentage of the development population.

But the New Jersey Institute of Technology came to the rescue and agreed to donate one of their units. Donating the unit was one thing but getting it from New Jersey to New York City was another whole process, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology was instrumental in coordinating logistics, including a truck and a crane.

Health care is and should always be a human right, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology helped to make that a reality for so many New Yorkers by creating and providing this health care unit to the people of Astoria Houses.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing work being done by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and look forward to seeing what innovative projects they come up with next.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF SACRAMENTO VALLEY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley (ACC) as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the hardworking staff, volunteers, and supporters of ACC, who have ensured that this valued organization has continued to provide valuable senior health and social services to Sacramento’s seniors.

When the formation of the Asian Community Center originally began in 1972, it was known as the Japanese Community Center. In 1980, ACC decided to rely on community support to establish a facility that could properly care for their families with the support of countless key community members, including my late husband Robert Matsui, Jimmie Yee, Phil Isenberg, and many more. These incredible efforts led to the opening of the first ACC facility in 1987, called the Asian Nursing Home. Now, with four amazing facilities, ACC continues to offer an array of services and programs dedicated to improving the lives of Sacramento’s seniors and their families.

Since 2010, ACC continues to operate Sacramento County’s Meals on Wheels program. Not only do they provide meal delivery, but they have partnered with local restaurants and food trucks throughout the years to make diverse meals more accessible to seniors in our community, serving 2,000 home-bound seniors and older adults each week.

In 2021, ACC established a senior escort program, available five days a week, in re-

sponse to the rising anti-Asian hate crimes. They offer their services to all seniors in the Sacramento community, to make them feel comfortable in public when going to appointments, grocery stores, and even leisurely strolls.

Madam Speaker, today we honor ACC on its 50th Anniversary for their long-lasting commitment and contributions to the community and their continued tradition of supporting Sacramento’s seniors and vulnerable citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize the 99th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Türkiye. For nearly a century, Türkiye and the Turkish people have served as a beacon of cooperation, democratic ideals, and good citizenship.

Over the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to travel to Turkey, meet with Turkish leaders, and get to know the Turkish-American community in Michigan. Turkish Republic Day is an annual milestone and has been celebrated with great pride and joy since the republic’s founding on October 29, 1923, by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. By replacing an aging empire with a vibrant democratic republic, Türkiye facilitated its own modernization and established itself on the national stage, including by being an important member of NATO for 70 years. Today, Türkiye remains a vital ally—from our work together against terrorist organizations, to countering international adversaries like Russia.

In Michigan, the Turkish diaspora community and those of Turkish descent have had a lasting impact on our state’s culture, economic development, and education system, and have personified Michigan’s ideal citizen. This especially includes the Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan, which has worked to promote Turkish culture and support programs benefitting the welfare of citizens throughout the state. The impact of their work on the people and communities of Michigan cannot be understated.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Turkish Republic Day and the 99th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Türkiye. I join with my constituents in celebration with the Turkish people, and wish them the best as they venture into the future.

RECOGNIZING THE YMCA OF GLENDALE’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the YMCA of Glendale.