

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 inventive 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 TÜRKIYE

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 Atatürk. 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.

Established as a nonprofit in 1922, the YMCA of Glendale is dedicated to strengthening community by fostering social responsibility, healthy living, and youth development. Over the last century, the YMCA of Glendale has focused special attention to meeting the needs of underserved populations. Its caring staff and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that people from all backgrounds, incomes and abilities can grow, learn, and thrive together.

The YMCA of Glendale is also a strong advocate for healthy living. In addition to hosting in-person classes—including tai chi, swimming, dance, and yoga—it has also expanded their online wellness resources, making fitness, nutrition, and mindfulness tools even more accessible.

The YMCA includes thousands of members and provides programs across the age spectrum, from childcare for infants to its Silver Sneakers program for active older adults. The YMCA has focused on youth programs and since its inception, has been one of the leading nonprofit agencies providing youth services in Glendale. In addition to educational and athletic services for young members, they also host two summer camps in the greater Los Angeles area, serving over 1,500 campers. By promoting leadership and establishing the four core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, children and teenagers are equipped with skills that will last them a lifetime.

The YMCA of Glendale has also been a leader in creating international bonds. Recently, the organization established an official “Sister YMCA relationship” with the Artsakh YMCA—the first of its kind for both chapters. Together they hope to provide technical assistance and training, promote cross-cultural understanding, and effect positive change in shared communities.

I am proud to recognize the YMCA's immense contribution to the community and sustained efforts to build healthy bodies, minds, and spirits. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the YMCA of Glendale upon its centennial anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the 31st anniversary of the Day of Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan on October 18th.

It has been 31 years since Azerbaijan restored the country's independence on October 18, 1991, with the Constitutional Act of State Independence of Azerbaijan—an event that ended more than seven decades of Soviet rule.

Azerbaijan is a key global security partner for the United States, cooperating on multiple fronts from fighting against terrorism and drug trafficking, to preventing nuclear proliferation, to working towards stabilization in the region. It is also worth noting that Azerbaijani troops

were among the last partner militaries to leave Kabul airport, facilitating the evacuation until the very end. Azerbaijan has also been a key player in providing global energy security in the wake of Russian aggression against Ukraine and continues to be a major energy supplier for our mutual ally, Israel.

Furthermore, as the world watches the Russian invasion of Ukraine, it is worth noting that Azerbaijan has provided significant humanitarian aid to Ukraine, an exception among former Soviet non-NATO countries that led Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to publicly thank the President of Azerbaijan for this courageous step.

As a co-chair of Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on the Day of Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan. I believe we will continue to work with them to advance our partnership which benefits both the U.S. and Azerbaijan. I look forward to further collaboration between our two nations.

HOMETOWN HERO—NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two students from Texas' 24th District who recently participated in Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra (NYO) program, a significant achievement for young musicians.

After being accepted to this extremely competitive program, Diego Pena of Southlake, Texas and Neha Bharadwaj of Irving, Texas convened with some of the brightest young instrumentalists in the country for intensive training in New York.

They then joined their respective ensembles on tours to some of the great musical capitals around the world, serving as cultural ambassadors and promoting peaceful relations through music.

On behalf of our entire community, I'd like to thank Diego and Neha for representing North Texas across the world. Through their unmatched talent, they brought incredible music around the globe and made our community immensely proud.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VIRGINIA S. EATON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Virginia Eaton, an esteemed doctor, a beloved wife and mother, and a cherished community member of the Central Valley.

Virginia was born on April 23, 1923, to Dorothy and Walter Stammer. Born and raised in Fresno, CA, she was an accomplished pianist during her childhood and eventually attended Fresno High School. Upon her graduation, Virginia decided to leave the Central Valley to attend the prestigious Stanford University

where she graduated with honors, earning a degree in biology in just three years. Virginia then continued her academic journey at USC Medical School in 1943, which she graduated from at the age of 23 as the only woman in her class. Upon completion of medical school, Virginia kickstarted her career in pediatrics by completing an internship and residency at Los Angeles Children's Hospital before returning to Fresno.

Back home, she worked as a pediatrician in private practice and met Lewis S. Eaton whom she married in 1950. Following the birth of their first son, William, Virginia moved her practice to the Fresno County Public Health Department where she traveled to various rural farm and Native American communities that lacked access to resident pediatricians. She worked tirelessly for these communities until her two youngest children, Joan and John, went off to college, prompting Virginia to begin working for the Central Valley Regional Center in 1974. Here, Virginia was a pioneer in using genetics to help diagnose and assist children with developmental disabilities and continued her good work at the Central Valley Regional Center until her retirement at the age of 78.

Virginia's passion for medicine never wavered and she often shared her sage expertise with loved ones far beyond her career; however, she also possessed many other talents and interests. Sharing a fascination of the arts with her husband Lewis, the couple collected many paintings, sculptures, and poetry, supported and befriended several local Fresno artists, and were instrumental in the founding of the Fresno Metropolitan Museum. Virginia was also very influential within the River Parkway Trust which established the Lewis S. Eaton Trail following his passing in 1992. Virginia served on the Fresno County Planning Commission as well where she carried out her commitment to improve her community. Appropriately, her efforts and generosity were recognized with Fresno State's highest non-degree award, the President's Medal of Distinction.

In addition to these accomplishments, Virginia will be remembered for her love of reading, gardening, collecting antiques, raising desert tortoises, and attending San Joaquin Valley Town Hall and Fresno Philharmonic. She is survived by her three children and their spouses, her six grandchildren, her siblings Joan Diehl and Walter Stammer, and will be remembered forever by the countless patients and community members whose lives she touched.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Virginia Eaton. Mrs. Eaton lived an exceptional life and used her talents and passions to make her community a better place. May we continue to be inspired by her story.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF JERRY BROOKS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Clemmons Fire Chief Jerry Brooks on his upcoming retirement from an incredible career protecting the residents of Clemmons, North Carolina.