

H.R. 6824, the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competition Act, sponsored by Rep. ELAINE G. LURIA (D-VA).

H.R. 7777, the Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Training Act, sponsored by Rep. ERIC SWALWELL (D-CA).

H.R. 7174, the National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022, sponsored by Rep. ELISSA SLOTKIN (D-MI) and S. 4673, the National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022, sponsored by Sen. CHUCK GRASSLEY (R-IA).

H.R. 5574, the TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act (“TRANSLATE Act”), sponsored by Rep. DINA TITUS (D-NV) and S. 3296, the TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act (“TRANSLATE Act”), sponsored by Sen. JACKY ROSEN (D-NV).

H.R. 4089, the Darren Drake Act, sponsored by Rep. JOSH GOTTHEIMER (D-NJ).

H.R. 370, the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Corrections Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN (D-NJ).

H.R. 408, the Department of Homeland Security Mentor-Protégé Program Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. A. Donald McEachin (D-VA).

Section 7106, to authorize DHS's Chemical Security Analysis Center, sponsored by Rep. ANTHONY G. BROWN (D-MD).

H.R. 8316, the Securing America's Borders Against Fentanyl Act, sponsored by Rep. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER (D-VA) and S. 5052, the Securing America's Borders Against Fentanyl Act sponsored by Sen. MARK KELLY (D-AZ).

H.R. 4094, the One-Stop Pilot Program Act of 2021, sponsored by Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member JOHN KATKO (R-NY).

H.R. 6868, the Cybersecurity Grants for Schools Act of 2022, sponsored by Rep. ANDREW R. GARBARINO (R-NY).

H.R. 4363, the DHS Contract Reporting Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. DIANA HARSHBARGER (R-TN).

H.R. 5658, the DHS Roles and Responsibilities in Cyber Space Act, sponsored by Rep. DON BACON (R-NE).

H.R. 5274, the Prevent Exposure to Narcotics and Toxics (PREVENT) Act, sponsored by Rep. DAVID P. JOYCE (R-OH).

H.R. 4476, the DHS Trade and Economic Security Council Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. PETER MEIJER (R-MI) and S. 4243, the DHS Trade and Economic Security Council Act of 2022, sponsored by Sen. ROB PORTMAN (R-OH).

H.R. 4209, the DHS Illicit Cross-Border Tunnel Defense Act, sponsored by Rep. AUGUST PFLUGER (R-TX) and S. 4339, the DHS Illicit Cross-Border Tunnel Defense Act, sponsored by Sen. JOHN CORNYN (R-TX).

S. 4902, the Invent Here, Make Here for Homeland Security Act, sponsored by Sen. ROB PORTMAN (R-OH).

S. 2540, the CISA Technical Corrections and Improvements Act of 2021, sponsored by Sen. ROB PORTMAN (R-OH).

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF MAYOR RICHA AWASTHI FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF FOSTER CITY

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Richa Awasthi as she leaves public service after four years serving the people of Foster City. In November 2018, Richa Awasthi was elected to the City Council. She ran on a platform of supporting public safety, preserving Foster City's high quality of life, and dealing with traffic and transportation issues.

Foster City is a lagoon-laced community of almost 33,000 resting aside San Francisco Bay. Its residents enjoy a remarkably active life in its fine parks, sports fields, on the bay and lagoon, and throughout the year at various community events. Its schools are superb. During summer evenings in Foster City, the whole family can enjoy a walk along the levee and enjoy sweeping views of San Francisco Bay.

Earlier that year, voters had approved Measure P, a \$90 million bond measure to rebuild the levee to meet FEMA accreditation standards. Richa was a staunch supporter of this project. After joining the council, she was dogged in her insistence that the project remain on budget and that the city be transparent about the project. She and her colleagues grew concerned as estimates of project costs rose through the end of 2019 and early 2020, only to shrink substantially once the bids were opened in the early months of the pandemic. As the project got underway, she insisted that communication with the public be improved.

Shortly after she was sworn in, the council agenda contained an item approving the purchase of 22 units of affordable housing in a new development. The price was \$7 million. Richa voted to approve the purchase and therefore secured these units for working families. She has always been a strong supporter of affordable housing. For example, during her time in office, Richa supported a council action offering relocation assistance to 74 low-income households, many of them elderly, at Foster's Landing.

In 2021, Richa and one other councilmember supported raising the minimum wage in Foster City to \$15.50 per hour and then, beginning in 2022, to \$16 per hour with an annual escalator based upon the regional consumer price index. The measure failed passage at the 2021 council meeting, but a revised measure was passed in 2022. In supporting these proposals, Richa indicated that the council needed to consider all community stakeholders including workers, employees, consumers and staff. She noted that, in her view, the city had the power to protect the most vulnerable.

In her initial comments as Mayor, Richa noted the decline in the city's retail and restaurant businesses. She and her colleagues committed themselves to encouraging economic development and to strengthening ties with large businesses in the city.

As COVID and other demands took their toll on city staff, Richa supported securing the services of the current city manager. Mayor

Awasthi stated, “Experience is one of the most important things for us. Having that experience, not just in theory, but actually demonstrating it as a manager . . . that was the number one thing.” The current city manager has worked hard to recruit needed employees to the city and to keep major public works projects, such as the levee and rebuilding of the recreation center, on target.

Foster City was developed in the 1970's and it owns quite a lot of infrastructure, including numerous bridges, a large lagoon system, pumps, and numerous parks that require a lot of maintenance. The recreation center was built in 1974 and is near the end of its useful life. Earlier this year, Mayor Awasthi was appointed by her colleagues to a three-person task force to select a construction firm for final approval by the council. Their recommendation, from amongst seven applicants, will set in motion the eventual construction of a new \$55 million facility, dreamed about since 2016.

Madam Speaker, as Richa Awasthi leaves public service, she has many things of which she may be proud. The city is thriving, and its finances are generally on a sound footing. Its parks remain outstanding, and the city sustained momentum on its levee project. Public services survived the pandemic, and the city made accommodations to its practices to support businesses. Responsible growth and provision for multiple income levels through the creation of affordable housing are widely held community values, and ones that Richa upheld during her council service.

I hope that Richa will remain engaged in her community. We are all strengthened when the voice of experience is lent to resolving public issues. Whether from the dais or the audience, Richa will have that experience and the ability to influence Foster City's future for the better. I wish her all the best in the years ahead.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN KEVIN BRADY OF TEXAS

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Congressman KEVIN BRADY upon his retirement after 13 terms in the House of Representatives.

There are two kinds of people in Congress: workhorses and show ponies. Anyone who has spent time with Congressman BRADY knows that he is a member of the former group. We may be members of different parties, but I always knew that Congressman BRADY did what he thought was best for the working families and seniors of the Lone Star State.

This was true when we served together in the Texas House of Representatives, and it was true during our time in Congress.

Congressman BRADY is just the third Texan to ever chair the House Ways and Means Committee. Among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in passing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and restoring the federal sales tax deduction. He helped secure emergency federal relief for Texas communities struck by natural disasters, and he is a staunch advocate of rare disease research.

After 26 years in the House, Congressman BRADY has earned the right to step away and spend more time with his family—his wife Cathy and his two sons, Will and Sean. It has been an honor to call him not only a colleague, but also a friend—or as Robert Puente would say, amigo. Once again, I would like to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

**HONORING STAFF SERGEANT IDALIZ ALICEA UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Staff Sergeant Idaliz Alicea of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for her service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. She exemplifies the best of America, and her tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Staff Sergeant Idaliz Alicea epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Staff Sergeant Idaliz Alicea of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for her sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

**HONORING JESSE JACKSON**

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Jesse Lewis Jackson, Sr. for his historic accomplishments and contributions to our nation's history, for receiving the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom and Justice Award, and for his induction into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Jesse Jackson has been called the Conscience of the Nation and the Great Unifier. He is a former candidate for President, Civil Rights champion, and Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient, the nation's highest honor.

Born on October 8, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina, Jesse Jackson graduated from the public schools in Greenville and enrolled in the University of Illinois. He later transferred to North Carolina A&T State University and graduated in 1964. He has received more than 40 honorary doctorate degrees.

During the 116th Congress, Jesse Jackson endorsed the passing of an historic, bipartisan piece of legislation that created the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, and I was proud to honor him at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast.

Jackson has championed civil and human rights for many years, pressing for broader employment opportunities for African-Americans and negotiating the release of international hostages and prisoners. It is an honor and a joy to call our Conscience of the Nation and the Great Unifier a dear friend.

**RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF THE HONORABLE SANJAY GEHANI FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF FOSTER CITY**

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sanjay Gehani as he concludes his service on the city council of Foster City. Sanjay was elected in 2018 and is the first Mayor of Indian descent in the city's history. When elected, he likely never imagined that a global pandemic as well as federal and state law would profoundly shape his time in office.

Sanjay is a true child of the Midpeninsula. He was raised in Belmont and moved to Foster City as a child where he fondly remembers playing Little League on Foster City's wonderful sports fields. He and his family have always had a home in the city, although in recent years his parents maintain their primary residence across the bay. As a resident since childhood, he is invested in this community and its traditions.

In his candidate statement, Sanjay listed three top priorities as, "Take a break from housing production, enable traffic management solutions, improve relationships with the school district." During his four-year term, the city created a traffic mitigation measure along Hillsdale Boulevard and Foster City worked closely with a state legislator to change state law to allow cities to access state housing funds to preserve existing affordable housing. Sanjay supported both measures as well as efforts to assist residents of Fosters Landing when they were faced with skyrocketing rents at the end of their guaranteed decades of affordability. While state law made pausing housing construction unlikely, Sanjay expressed his concerns about the law but ultimately worked with colleagues to ensure that Foster City submitted a housing element to the state that the council and staff believed would pass muster.

As COVID continued to rage in 2021, Sanjay Gehani was Mayor. He voted to assist Foster City small businesses and to help families by creating family-friendly events during a time of isolation. For example, he supported the Rubber Ducky Races which returned to Foster City after a 30-year hiatus. As vaccination rates rose, he supported creating hybrid city council meetings where residents could participate through Zoom or in person. He launched the Mayoral Minute video series, offering residents concise updates about city affairs. He supported the creation of a sister city relationship with Inagi City, Japan.

The largest single public works project in the history of the city is the upgrade of the Foster City levee. As a councilmember in 2020, shortly after the pandemic came to Foster City, and amidst all of the uncertainty, Sanjay and his colleagues unanimously voted to accept the bid that commenced construction. At the time of its final permit approval, the Foster City levee was the largest single project in the modern history of the permitting agency. It set several precedents and it is a credit to Sanjay and his colleagues that they were able to get this needed improvement under construction and to keep it on track despite the pandemic impacting nearly all other public works projects. Sanjay and his colleagues also worked very hard to keep a large upgrade to the wastewater treatment system on track and on budget.

Sanjay represents the city as a liaison to, or member of, several regional boards and commissions. These include but are not limited to the Airport Land Use Committee, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the City/County Association of Governments, the League of California Cities, the Foster City Chamber of Commerce, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, the San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District, and the South Bayside Waste Management Authority.

Professionally, Sanjay spent 15 years at high technology companies before co-founding a preschool franchising company that is one of the largest in the nation. He is proud to help franchisees become financially independent. His commitment to children goes beyond establishing preschools as he coaches Foster City Little League and serves on the board of directors. He holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Davis and an MBA in Marketing and Leading Organizations from the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University.

As Foster City says goodbye to its former Mayor and Councilmember, it will remember his efforts to help better the community. Democracy needs people who are willing to step up and to accept the responsibilities of public office. Sanjay Gehani was willing to serve so that others could concentrate on their private and business lives. He will now rejoin his neighbors in those same roles, and his wife Sweetu and son Veer will now have more time with Sanjay for important family matters. The people of Foster City will no longer have the benefit of that time, but they will always owe a debt to their neighbor who accepted the role of leadership, with all of its blessings and challenges, during one of the most trying times in modern history.