

marginalized students. Under his leadership, Head Start became one of our most successful and effective programs to address poverty and combat systemic racial injustice.

Professor Gordon has held appointments at several of our nation's leading universities, including the City University of New York, Columbia, Harvard, Howard, Stanford, Yale, and Yeshiva Universities. He served as the founding director of Teachers College at Columbia's Institute for Urban and Minority Education, which was recently renamed in Dr. Gordon's honor to recognize his impactful scholarship and service.

As a long-time member and former president of the Spring Valley NAACP, Dr. Gordon has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to eliminating race-based discrimination, including in his, and my, home community. In 2000, Professor Gordon and his wife, Dr. Susan Gitt Gordon, founded the CEJES Institute and Library in Pomona, New York. The Institute, which sits on route NY-45 in Rockland County, is dedicated to improving the educational and social conditions of marginalized communities, especially the Black community, through providing resources for supplementary education, including community-based activities and learning experiences for students and their families.

Dr. Gordon has been widely applauded for his contributions as a preeminent scholar in African American Studies and child development. He has been elected as a fellow to several prestigious organizations, including the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Educational Testing Service established the Edmund W. Gordon Chair for Evaluation and Research in his honor. He has also received countless awards recognizing his service from organizations and publications including the American Educational Research Association, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine, and the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, as well as honorary degrees from Bank Street, Brown, Howard, Mount Holyoke, Columbia, Yale, and Yeshiva Universities. These accolades recognize Dr. Gordon's lasting contributions to developments in supplementary and compensatory education, child development, and school desegregation.

As someone who has known and admired Dr. Gordon since I was a young boy, I can personally attest to his contributions to our Rockland County community, and to my own trajectory to the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and legacy of Dr. Gordon. A trailblazer, he has been a lifelong advocate for the Black community and an early champion of psychological and innovative techniques to improve the academic outcomes for historically marginalized communities. Professor Edmund Wyatt Gordon's seven decades of selfless contributions through scholarship, research, teaching, and mentorship are unparalleled and will continue to advance equity in education.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL ENOMOTO

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Enomoto, FAIA upon his 50th anniversary at Gruen Associates in Los Angeles.

A native Angeleno and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo alumnus, Michael Enomoto's career at Gruen Associates, a well-respected architecture and planning firm, has grown exponentially as he has established himself as a key voice in Southern California architectural design.

Mr. Enomoto joined Gruen Associates as Head of the Construction Administration Department, working his way up to Vice President, then Managing Partner—a role he has served in since 2009. Michael has made a tangible impact on the greater Los Angeles area and its architecture. Over his five decades with the firm, he has successfully managed a wide range of public and private projects including courthouses, embassies, shopping centers, schools, high rise offices, and performing arts centers. Michael has served as a leader in the architecture field, managing dozens of collaborative teams.

At Los Angeles' most critical moments, Mr. Enomoto was called upon as a trusted expert. Following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, he was a leader in analyzing and estimating the damage and repair cost of dozens of municipal building and bridges. When city officials began to develop Downtown Los Angeles, Mayor Richard Riordan personally requested that Michael plan an arena that would one day become Staples Center (now Crypto.com Arena) and LA Live. Mr. Enomoto has also served as Commissioner of the City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission.

One of Michael's most valuable skills is his ability to develop creative solutions for entities with diverse interests. On governmental projects, where the needs of various entities often differ, he has proven more than capable in balancing complex administrative, technical, and managerial challenges. Mr. Enomoto's tireless work has been recognized by the American Institute of Architects (AIA)—of which he has been a fellow for 15 years. In 2018 Michael was the deserving recipient of the AIA/LA Presidential Honoree Gold Medal, adding to his long list of awards from the organization and its state-wide chapter.

Beyond his work with Gruen Associates, Mr. Enomoto is deeply involved in serving the larger community. Despite his busy schedule, he continues to mentor new architecture professionals and leads the way towards new standards of innovation. Michael is especially impactful within the Asian American community as a very active, influential board member of the Asian American Architects/Engineers Association's Southern California Chapter.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Michael Enomoto for half a century of exceptional leadership, serving greater Los Angeles community, and trailblazing in his field.

IN MEMORY OF MAMIE KING-CHALMERS

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of civil rights trailblazer Mamie King-Chalmers, a longtime resident of Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as we honor her memory.

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Mamie King-Chalmers witnessed and experienced violence at the forefront of the civil rights movement. Unable to bear the injustice of life in the Jim Crow era southern United States, Ms. King-Chalmers was moved to fight racism for a better future for all. The images of snarling dogs and fire hoses aimed at non-violent protesters are the symbols of the vitriol of that time, and it was an all too real experience for Ms. King-Chalmers. Her image was captured in an iconic photo depicting her as one of three Black people forced to brace themselves against a building while being blasted with water from a firehose in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963. The photo appeared in *Life* magazine.

Eventually, Mamie King-Chalmers, along with her husband Reverend Raymond Gill, moved and settled with their family in Detroit. She always shared the unvarnished truth of her life during that violent time. As a civil rights advocate, she spoke out about the need for change. She was courageous and unwavering in her commitment.

Please join me in recognizing Mamie King-Chalmers' advocacy in the fight for justice as we honor her legacy. May she rest in power.

HONORING LORETTA CHARBONNEAU, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, Loretta Charbonneau, an amazing wife, mother, friend, campaign volunteer and my congressional district director for 20 years, has passed away.

My wife Marie and I knew her as a gifted and compassionate leader since we began working together in the prolife movement beginning in the early 1970s.

Family and friends celebrated her life at a memorial Mass at St. Raphaels Catholic Church in Hamilton, New Jersey.

Loretta loved her beloved husband George so much and always talked about him and her kids.

One of her three children, Mary Roldan, gave a beautiful eulogy and said:

"You knew her greatness, her kindness, her strength, her sense of humor, her positivity, her creativity, her ever-encouraging way and most of all you knew her enduring LOVE."

I'm not sure that there are words that can truly express the depth and breadth of our mom, Loretta Charbonneau. It is an incredibly difficult task to try and sum up an entire life in the allotted time given here today of 3 to 5 minutes.

But thank God all of you here today knew her. You knew her greatness, her kindness, her strength, her sense of humor, her positivity, her creativity, her ever-encouraging way, and most of all you knew her enduring LOVE. Her love came with no strings attached. She loved you simply because you were you. That quiet acceptance was like being wrapped in a warm blanket. The love that our mother gave was felt deep to your core. She knew that giving that love away to someone else would never take anything away from her but make her stronger.

Since our mom's passing, I have had so many people make comments to me about how much our mother impacted their lives by not only the love that she so freely shared but also by her encouraging way. She had such self-love that she always looked to raise up someone else and knew that doing this would not detract from her but add to her. She shared her love and wisdom so freely. Her goal was always to life up the life of another.

One of our dear friends from our growing up years said to me your mother was my inspiration growing up. She was amazing and we connected. That just makes me pause and say wow how awesome is that, that someone outside of our family unit could feel that same love we did.

Our mother would always say let's lift one another up and make a difference. Well mom you did just that. You succeeded. You lifted up so many, many people. You will be sorely missed on this physical earth, but you are always with us. Your strength of spirit and love will never die. You have led by example and have passed that love on to the next generation so that we to can make a difference. The mantle has been passed and we accept the challenge.

On a personal note, in this experience of losing my mother, I don't think it is sorrow that I feel, but such a complete sense of gratitude toward Life for granting me such a blessing. So, to Life I'd like to say thank you, thank you, thank you.

To conclude, my mother's favorite prayer was the prayer of St. Francis. She lived this prayer on the daily. It sums her up in a nutshell. In honor of her, I'd like to say it now.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy. O' Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Mom, you did all of those things. You led by example. You will live on in us and our children forever. To a life well lived. We love you and you will be missed."

For all of us, Madam Speaker, we remember Loretta's extraordinary kindness and compassion and her deep and abiding faith in the Lord.

When we were expecting our first child, Melissa, in 1978 Loretta hosted a baby shower and boy did we need it.

Loretta had an amazing ability to work hard and effectively. She was a doer even for the most difficult tasks and was a great asset in my campaigns for Congress.

Loretta officially joined our congressional office in 1982 and it was clear right from the start that she had a remarkable empathy for people, especially those in need and assumed the position of district director in 1985, until she retired in 2005.

Twenty years of awesome leadership.

Loretta was a tough competitor and thrived on the challenges of political campaigns. Lo-

retta was a problem solver and set a tremendous example of what hard work and leaving no stone unturned looks like.

I was always amazed how diplomatically but firmly she would question people seeking our help.

She wanted the facts, the truth with no hyperbole.

America's national program for assisting persons with Autism started in 1997 in my Whiting office with a meeting put together by Loretta that included the parents of two children with autism from Brick.

After a three-hour first meeting followed by many others, we mapped out a strategy and legislation that became law.

Like so many initiatives, it took years for our initiative to bear fruit.

Loretta was never a quitter.

When Navy Lakehurst was put on a DOD list for closure, Loretta put together a meeting of dozens of elected officials just two days after the bad news broke, and together we began the arduous task of saving the base, and against all odds, we succeeded.

Loretta is deeply missed, but is remembered with enormous respect, joy and love.

HONORING THE ENDURING CAREER OF ALANNA KABEL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career in public service of Alanna Kabel of Bridgeport, Connecticut. A housing policy guru, Alanna retires from a career that spans 44 years, eight of the last with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, on December 31, 2022.

Alanna's service in government goes much further than her time with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1978, after completing a degree in History from Immaculata University, Alanna began her career with the City of Bridgeport, first as a Relocation Assistant. Though she transitioned between public-service roles over the decades, working for other institutions, including the nearby City of Norwalk and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, Alanna possessed an unending degree of loyalty to her home community, Bridgeport. Her loyalty was reflected through her continual return to Bridgeport City Hall, including as the City's Assistant Chief Administrative Officer between 2011 and 2014. In this capacity, Alanna coordinated daily business operations for an organization of more than 45 departments, supporting efficient services for the largest city in the state.

Alanna joined the U.S. Department of Housing in 2014. As the Community Planning and Development Director in the Hartford Field Office, she has overseen a period of growth for a team that more than doubled under her watch—directly expanding the field office's ability to advance U.S. HUD initiatives. Under her leadership, the Community Planning and Development office administered roughly \$118 million in annual—and \$91 million in pandemic specific—funding to scores of municipalities, nonprofits and the state government. In doing so, Alanna has worked to support the viability of urban Connecticut life, revitalization of neighborhoods, enable opportunities for affordable housing development and implement homelessness mitigation strategies.

In her time with U.S. HUD, Alanna has been responsible for a wide array of priorities. She has overseen the Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery Program, Rebuild by Design Program, National Disaster Resilience grants, and two Youth Homeless Demonstration Program grants in Connecticut. One of Alanna's proudest accomplishments has been her leadership on a team of 18 staff to audit and streamline the Department's Consolidated Annual Action Plan and field training processes. This administrative overhaul enabled the department's ability, particularly during the pandemic, to efficiently receive, review, and distribute funding to grant requests.

Madam Speaker, my office learned firsthand about Alanna's stellar work ethic in 2015 when a little understood crisis began affecting residential foundations across the state. Homeowners found themselves grappling with the untimely and unpreventable crumbling of their concrete foundations. With no assistance from insurance providers, every homeowner impacted by a crumbling foundations faced the difficult predicament of securing the financial means to make the costly repairs. As my office worked with federal partners to identify resources for homeowners, Alanna's role as the Community Planning and Development Director was pivotal in those efforts. HUD was the first agency to identify a means of assistance for homeowners using an already existing federal program, the Community Development Block Grant. With HUD's guidance, federal and state stakeholders began to formulate avenues of assistance that continue to benefit impacted constituents.

Madam Speaker, I can personally attest to the tremendous support Alanna has been to my office, and by translation, constituents of the Second District of Connecticut, for which this representational body ought to be eternally grateful. There will certainly be large shoes to fill in her place as dedication as she transitions into retirement with her husband, William, to spend more time with their beloved four children and four grandchildren. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing and thanking Alanna Kabel for her decades of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unexpectedly delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 513 (H.R. 8404).

HONORING THE CAREER OF CLOTILDE PEREZ-BODE DEDECKER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize Clotilde