

the 2021 Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Teacher of the Year, and further recognize him for continuing his reign as the 2022 GDOE Teacher of the Year. Dr. Santiago is an exemplary teacher whose commitment to service and devotion to community have and continue to inspire our youth, foster great leadership, and expand opportunities for our island students to lead successful lives.

The Teacher of the Year Program is the oldest and most prestigious national honors program focused on recognizing excellence in teaching. Providing a platform for highlighting both the extraordinary work and dedication of educators across the country and the importance of quality education in the futures of our youth, island, and nation, this program has uniquely directed community accolades to outstanding teachers in Guam since 1969. Following a rigorous nomination, evaluation, and observation process, Dr. Santiago was awarded the honor from among six finalists.

Dr. Santiago first discovered his passion for teaching when he took on roles as an instructor at cultural dance academies and a local fitness organization. Embracing his calling to help others on their personal paths of achievement, he navigated an extensive teaching career that has resulted in what is now 27 years with GDOE. In 1993, Dr. Santiago earned his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of Guam. He then went on to earn his master's and doctoral degrees in education and educational leadership from the University of Portland and Argosy university respectively. Today, Dr. Santiago celebrates over 15 years of service to students and colleagues as a cultural dance and journalism teacher at Agueda I. Johnston Middle School.

As demonstrated by his countless achievements, Dr. Santiago has consistently gone above and beyond his duties within the school system. In addition to collaborative curriculum and intervention development for holistic student success, Dr. Santiago has served as an in-house mentor for new teachers, coordinated cultural events for his school community, and successfully trained a school choir to earn 3 gold medals in a CHamoru language competition. Further, he is a trailblazing force that has created curricula for Cultural Arts and Dance for all secondary grade levels, introduced a new method to simultaneously teach cultural dance to both face-to-face and online learners amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and developed a new CHamoru language program with support from local government agencies. Most impressive, however, is his personal undertaking to establish deeper understanding and awareness of cultural concepts as an inherent part of Guam's public education.

On behalf of the People of Guam, I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to Dr. Benjamin Santiago. His combined approach to advocate for both students and culture both challenges the traditional definitions of learning and success within the four walls of a classroom and better equips our youth to pursue any endeavor they dare to dream. Dr. Santiago's perseverance, ingenuity, and zeal to secure the best for our students encapsulates the limitless potential available to communities that work together in service of each other, and I wish him the best on the rest of his professional journey.

MARVIN RANDLE RETIREMENT

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marvin Randle, the former mayor of Irving. Marvin lives every day, from his time as Mayor to serving Oak View Baptist Church for over 65 years, wanting to make this city better. He is always looking for ways to get more involved and lend a hand. Marvin's Irving legacy, beyond dedicated service, is one filled with smiles, kindness, and generosity. He is beloved for his fish fries for Irving Heritage Society and hamburger cook-outs to support Irving Police Department.

As one of Irving's proudest champions, he has spent his life in the city he loves, growing his family business here, and raising his children to live their lives with the same sense of community and dedication to public service.

Under his leadership, the Irving Arts Board was established, giving young artists in our city the support they need. He also saw the beauty in our city and during his tenure started the Tourist and Convention Bureau, making Irving a destination city to millions.

Marvin is a proud small business owner, founding Irving Counter Top in 1962 and creating over 1,200 jobs for North Texans. Irving Counter Top's success has enabled Marvin to support and sponsor numerous sports teams and charity organizations. While serving as President of Irving Homebuilders Association, Chairman of Irving Centennial Committee, President of Dallas Area Homebuilders, and a Member of the Texas Municipal League, many groups benefit from Marvin's leadership across our community.

Marvin and his wife, Bobbie are longtime friends and mentors. It is an honor to help celebrate such a full and impactful career and legacy, as Marvin retires this month. I thank Marvin for his great contributions to our local government and the impact he has made, as he helps shape our community.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR KAREN ALEXANDER

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Karen Alexander of Salisbury, North Carolina, for her leadership to both the City of Salisbury and the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

For over a century, the North Carolina League of Municipalities has worked tirelessly to advance the interests of member cities and towns across the state. This past year, the League tasked Mayor Alexander with leading its 35-member Board of Directors as their President.

Public service and leadership are nothing new to Mayor Alexander. Ever since she was elected a Salisbury City Councilwoman in 2013, she has been a pervasive force in her hometown's municipal government. In her roles on the city council, Mayor Alexander has responsibly pursued revitalization efforts to

prepare the historic town for future challenges while simultaneously leaning into its rich heritage. Her efforts to attract new businesses, restore downtown building facades, and incentivize urban revitalization have fostered a renaissance of local pride and community cohesion throughout the city. I personally have had the immense pleasure of working alongside Mayor Alexander. In witnessing her work, I have been impressed by her sharp mind, perceptive instincts, and enormous heart.

During her tenure as League President, Mayor Alexander has been instrumental in developing new and creative ways for the League to advocate for North Carolina's cities and towns. Under her direction during the height of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the League has witnessed record-high event attendance thanks to Mayor Alexander's leadership in rolling out expanded online tools and webinars. Other contributions Mayor Alexander has made to the League are more tangible. As an architect by trade, Mayor Alexander was uniquely positioned to play a pivotal role in rebuilding the League's office space. Following a devastating fire in 2017 that consumed their longtime office buildings in Raleigh, the League tapped Mayor Alexander to serve on their building committee. Under her guidance as President, plans are being set in motion to develop a new facility to ensure North Carolina's cities and towns have a permanent home for extraordinary advocacy.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Mayor Karen Alexander for her generous spirit and invaluable management. Both the City of Salisbury and the North Carolina League of Municipalities have benefited immensely from her years of impactful service. I am sure they both will be blessed by the fruits of her leadership for years to come.

HONORING MIKE MURASE

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mike Murase for his outstanding service on behalf of people of color, women, young people, seniors, and other disadvantaged members of society. Later today, the Little Tokyo Service Center in downtown Los Angeles will honor Mike Murase upon his retirement.

Mike Murase has been an activist leader in the Japanese American national civil rights movement for more than 50 years.

Mr. Murase moved from Japan to Los Angeles when he was just 9 years old after multiple visits to Hiroshima with his parents to witness the destruction of the world's first atomic bomb; visits which had a profound effect upon his social activism for the rest of his life. Mr. Murase was an early opponent of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam conflict and was a leader in Asian American opposition to the war.

He co-founded *Gidra*, a landmark Japanese American Movement publication, when he was an undergraduate at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), where he also helped create the Asian American Studies Center.

Mr. Murase graduated from the Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California (USC) and taught some of the early ethnic studies classes at UCLA, USC, and California State University Long Beach.

Mr. Murase was a member and leader of such seminal organizations as Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament, the Little Tokyo Peoples Rights Organization, the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, Unity Los Angeles, and the California Rainbow Coalition. He was Rev. Jesse Jackson's deputy field coordinator and the California Asian American Coordinator in Rev. Jackson's 1984 presidential run; and the California Campaign director for Rev. Jackson's 1988 effort.

Mike Murase was the District Director of my Congressional office for 13 years where he worked tirelessly with countless community service organizations, improving their interaction with the Federal government. He was a highly skilled manager who was also an extremely talented graphics designer, writer, public speaker, and organizer, who, utilizing all of his skill set, led and trained my staff magnificently. He knew my district well and was able to meet challenges of every type, creating positive outcomes on many levels.

Mr. Murase was instrumental in organizing the California Rainbow Coalition after serving on the Rainbow Coalition's national board. He was chair of the Los Angeles Free South Africa Movement from 1986 to 1988, helped Quincy Jones and myself produce the city-wide welcoming reception for Nelson Mandela attended by 79,000 people at the Los Angeles Coliseum in 1990, and was an observer to the African National Congress conference in South Africa in 1991.

Mike Murase is retiring after 16 years on the Executive Staff of the Little Tokyo Service Center, a vital social service and community economic development agency serving the Japanese American community throughout Los Angeles. It is a highly respected organization, which he helped found in 1979. He also served as Board President for its first five years.

Amongst his other duties as the Director of Service Programs for the Center, Mr. Murase was the Terasaki Budokan Campaign Director and successfully opened a significant community athletic center in Little Tokyo.

Mike Murase is a published author and an accomplished photographer, speaks fluent Japanese, and is a favorite interview subject of young Asian American activists. His importance to numerous cultural and political movements in our country cannot be overstated. I congratulate Mike upon his retirement from the Little Tokyo Service Center and look forward to his next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB ON THEIR SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE AT THE FLORIDA STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Drama Club at Christopher Columbus High School, my alma mater. On

March 16–19 of 2022, the Columbus Drama Club participated in the Florida State Thespian Festival in Tampa. Their performance was exceptional—the CCHS Drama Club scored six Superiors.

In the first Festival since the beginning of the COVID–19 pandemic, the Explorers achieved a Superior grade in each of the six presentations they submitted. This remarkable feat is only the second time in Columbus High School's history that the Drama Club won a Superior in all its presentations, and the first time in eight years.

I would like specifically to congratulate Christian Wilson, David Figueredo, Tobias Reyes, Joaquim Carvalho, Michael Remy, Miguel Ramirez, Christopher Ramos, Nicholas Sutton, Gabriel Vergara, Matthew Gory, Austin Garcia-Hall, Alexander Valcarcel, Victor Barreda and Sebastian Arana. The Drama Club was led by Ms. Erin McGrath, who deserves a hearty commendation for their success.

Acting brings so much joy to our lives. No doubt these talented and hard-working Explorers-Thespians will go far in their artistic endeavors. I also congratulate the CCHS student body, staff, and especially the parents of the Drama Club students, for their part in this distinguished achievement. I look forward to continuing to witness our school make history. Forward (adelante).

EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY U.S.A.

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, today we recognize national Education and Sharing Day U.S.A., a day in which we recognize the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson's global campaign to educate young people about our responsibility to be a just and compassionate society.

On April 12, 2022, we celebrated the 120th birthday of the Rebbe, one of the most influential Jewish leaders of the 20th century. Under his leadership, he was committed to inculcate young people with deep ethical and moral values, promote compassion, and celebrate our diversity to create a healthy society. His transformational vision has left lasting contributions of acts of goodness and kindness—even a positive act of an individual can make a major impact in the world.

In El Paso, the Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) Giving Project provides school children with small giving boxes in the shape of an ark. They are encouraged to fill them every day with small amounts of money and donate the collected money to a worthy cause. This is a profound lesson in education. The County of El Paso have also launched a similar campaign with all their employees, in the spirit of leading by example, thereby nurturing a more compassionate society by turning Acts of Random Kindness into Acts of Routine Kindness.

Madam Speaker, please join me in calling people for a better, brighter, and hopeful future for all by nurturing our inherent goodness.

HONORING BECKY ZASECK FOR HER SERVICE TO HOOSIERS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable service of Becky Zaseck as she retires after dedicating 36 years to REAL Services. In nearly four decades, Becky touched the lives of countless Hoosiers across our region.

Based in South Bend, REAL Services provides programs that promote nutrition, self-sufficiency, education, and protection for 30,000 people in northern Indiana each year. As President and CEO of REAL Services since 2007, Becky has been instrumental in leading this robust organization as it administers more than 25 programs and serves 12 counties across northern Indiana.

Before taking the helm of REAL Services, Becky directed the agency's work to serve older Hoosiers for 17 years. In 1986, she first began her career at REAL Services as a program consultant with the state of Indiana helping to establish the organization's family development program, which helps families become financially self-sufficient.

Becky is truly a leader in her field and has served as a role model for so many in Indiana and beyond. Her legacy of compassionate service and expertise is widespread. In past years, Becky was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging, and she served as a member of the Indiana Commission on Autism.

In recognition of her amazing accomplishments, Becky has received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Governor O'Bannon, the Trailblazer Award by the Indiana Commission on Women, the YWCA's Woman of the Year, the Hoosier of Distinction Award from Governor Daniels, the Athena Award from the Chamber of Commerce, and Distinguished Alumnus from Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka, among many other recognitions.

Becky is a cherished community leader who has dedicated her life to serving the vulnerable. As she looks ahead to the next chapter, I thank Becky for her servant leadership and for her steadfast commitment to our neighbors. On behalf of Indiana's Second Congressional District, it is my privilege to honor Becky Zaseck for her vast contributions to our region and wish her all the best in the years ahead.

PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM BIG OIL PRICE GOUGING

HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter from Professor Andru Volinsky, on behalf of students in the Sociology Law and Public course at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. These students highlight why Congress should pass the Big Oil Windfall Profits Tax Act, my bill with Senator SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, to protect consumers from price gouging from giant oil companies.