

Whether it be hosting events in honor of community members who have inspired Floridians all around or running a yearly campaign for cancer awareness at their shops, Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz understand the importance of giving back to the community and ensuring that those who are less fortunate are met with the assistance they need.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating Mojo Donuts' newest location. I congratulate Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz on this grand achievement. This new location will allow and accommodate residents from all of Florida and around the world. Small businesses such as this one are the backbone of this great nation and are the economic engine of America. I look forward to their continued success and prosperity in the future.

#### HONORING THE STERLING CAREER AND SERVICE OF CATHY IINO

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tenure of a distinguished public servant in my district, Cathy Iino, of Killingworth, Connecticut. As First Selectwoman for the Town of Killingworth, Cathy chose to not seek re-election in 2021, marking a capstone to almost 20 years in service to her local community. Leading a tight-knit community of more than 6,300 residents, Cathy has consistently gone above and beyond in working with her constituency to promote the advancement of Killingworth while preserving its small-town charm. Her approach to leadership—a prime representation of eastern Connecticut values—stressed the importance of cooperation, respect, and humility.

Cathy studied Humanities at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1973. After having already moved to the nearby city of New Haven, Cathy and her husband, Paul, were in search of a place to call home, moving to Killingworth in 1996. While working as both a writer and editor, Cathy continually came across new opportunities for her community to grow, prompting her to depart from her line of work and enter the world of politics. First serving on the Board of Finance, then she found success in 2007 winning her bid to serve on the Board of Selectman—the first woman since 1993 to sit on the Board. In 2009, she elevated her leadership in the town when she was elected First Selectwoman.

During her tenure as First Selectwoman, Cathy prioritized being present and available for her residents. In 2015, for example, Cathy implemented “Coffee with the First Selectwoman,” to increase transparency and citizen participation in their town government. She would make herself routinely available for residents to talk to, whether it was outside town hall or at a local business. Though there are countless examples that demonstrate Cathy's guiding philosophy of bottom-up governing, perhaps the most successful was her ability to seek out and nurture volunteers to push forward the issues that mattered to them.

Cathy truly appreciated the difference that volunteers make in small-town communities,

embodying the spirit of volunteerism through her unwavering support of resident leaders. Being a smaller town, Killingworth has always had to put its resources to good use and has been best suited to rely on the voices of many rather than one. Frequently, Cathy encouraged residents to advocate for projects that they were passionate about, at which point she would lend her support and experience. This style of leadership is one of many traits that defined her time as First Selectwoman, and it reaped great rewards. One notable result of her support of volunteers is the restoration of Parmelee Farm, a historical site in Killingworth which had long been in a state of disrepair. Purely through volunteer efforts aided by Cathy's guiding hand, the farm has since become a vibrant area that connects the community together by way of recreation, education, preservation, and the arts.

During her time in office, Cathy was paramount to addressing the quality of Killingworth's capital assets—most notably of which would be the town's surface infrastructure. Under her leadership, a two-year study was conducted on Killingworth's roads, and the most deficient in town have since been rehabilitated.

Madam Speaker, as the congressman who represents Killingworth, I had a chance to observe up close Cathy's fine work, whether it was dealing with natural disasters, such as Hurricane Sandy or the Covid pandemic and she always performed superbly. She was extremely knowledgeable about the interaction of local, state, and federal programs which was invaluable to her town.

Madam Speaker, it is an incredible honor to represent and work with constituents as industrious and progress-oriented as Cathy Iino. Throughout her 12 years in service, Cathy has capably understood that leadership is about visualizing the connections that may exist within one's own community and then uplifting those connections in order to amplify the heartbeat of the town. Cathy is dedicating her well-deserved retirement to her family—her husband, two daughters, and one granddaughter. Even upon entering retirement, Cathy has remained civically minded, thinking about those issues which both our nation and the State of Connecticut face. Her diligent professionalism, caring nature, and honest, down-to-earth style of leadership will be impossible to replace, so we must find gratitude in that her impact on Killingworth will certainly last for generations to come. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Cathy Iino, a steward to her community and model citizen.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MONICA LYDEN MULLIN

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Monica Lyden Mullin, a selfless, committed public servant who has dedicated over forty years to service to the people of Massachusetts.

Born in East Weymouth, Massachusetts, Monica and her seven siblings are the children of a labor leader and longtime member of

MassPort's Board of Directors. Early on, she realized that she had an affinity for public service and a commitment to helping others. Her start in government came in 1979 when she worked for then-Governor Edward J. King in the Appointments Office. Working directly with members of the House and Senate, she quickly developed the skills and relationships that would support her work throughout her career. What set Monica apart was the fact that she cared more about people than politics. For Monica, it didn't matter what the person's party affiliation was. It only mattered that they needed help and Monica could do something to make their situation a little better.

After four years at the State House and three years at Mass Housing, Monica decided to put her career on hold to raise Sean, William, and Brendan, the three boys she had with her husband, Sean. However, the call to public service was inexorable, and she joined State Senator Therese Murray's district staff working directly on constituent matters. Monica engrossed herself in district issues and never lost sight of the true aim of government—to help the constituents we serve. Whether it was base realignment efforts in 2005 that impacted Joint Base Cape Cod or planning for the Plymouth 400 commemoration. Monica honorably represented the Senator and the residents of the Plymouth and Barnstable District.

Her invaluable work was recognized throughout state government. When Senate President Murray, a Democrat, stepped down from her seat, the Republican who succeeded her asked Monica to continue as his District Director. Monica once again saw people, not politics, as the foundation of her work. She gladly stayed on and has continued to serve the people of the Plymouth and Barnstable District under Senator Viriato deMacedo and his successor, Senator Susan Moran. More recently, families, neighbors, and businesses faced upheaval as COVID-19 swept the globe. Monica's decades-long experience and deep understanding of government made an immeasurable difference for scores of constituents. She has always taken great satisfaction in helping and advocating for people, especially during the COVID crisis.

Monica's illustrious career in public service is deserving of recognition and her dedication, selflessness, and commitment to the people of Massachusetts is worthy of distinction. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Monica Mullin on her retirement and recognizing her for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BECKY STEVENS

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Becky Stevens as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Award.

This honor is awarded to individuals who continually strive for the epitome of professional development, and in turn, can excel in their career but also in our Blair County community. Becky embodies the power and wisdom of the Greek's mythological Athena

through the educational workshops she holds for our community's women, and her incredible efforts as a Divorce Financial Analyst. It is not an understatement to say that Becky is a champion for our women.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their work to create an environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Becky for their tireless work.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID JOSEPH BORCKY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Dave Borcky, who passed away on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

A native of McFarland, California, Mr. Borcky served our country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. After his return, Dave worked tirelessly in the community to ensure veterans receive the recognition they deserve through the McFarland Veterans Community Center.

Mr. Borcky was an active member of many organizations in the Central Valley. He was a member of the Lions Club and American Legion Post, participated in Boys and Girls State activities, and coached students from McFarland High School in the LEOS Club. He organized local food drives, back to school drives, and many other activities that improved the lives of the McFarland residents. In December 2011, Mr. Borcky was named Grand Marshall for the McFarland Christmas Parade.

Mr. Borcky was a key player in McFarland's community for several years. It is with great pride that I recognize him for his service and leadership to his country and his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Dave Borcky. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

IN MEMORY OF ZENOBIA VIOLA HARRIS BIVENS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart, to remember the life of a special young woman, and to celebrate a life interrupted too soon.

Zenobia Viola Harris Bivens, 40, of Houston, Texas, passed away on January 8, 2022 after a sudden and unexpected case of meningitis.

Zenobia was a mother, wife, sister, daughter, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was born on September 15, 1981, in Goldsboro, North Carolina at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to Johnny Harris Jr. and Major Regina V. Harris. She is preceded in death by her father, Johnny Harris Jr. and is survived by her husband, Darvell Bivens; son, Dean Roque Harris Bivens; mother, Regina V. Harris; sister,

LaGina R. Harris; and brother, Johnny B. Harris III and his wife, Jessica M. Saulter Harris.

Zenobia's greatest impact was sharing her heart and time with those that knew and loved her, especially Darvell, her college sweetheart and best friend for over 20 years. Together they gathered a 'Village' of educators, friends and family to create a loving, fun, and nurturing environment for their son Dean. Zenobia based her actions on her family values of 'God, Family, and Education'.

Zenobia graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 1999 and went on to attend college at West Texas A&M where she won a National Title in Speech and Debate was named University Woman of the Year, was featured in Glamour Magazine, and met the love of her life—Darvell Bivens. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication—Broadcasting.

She received the Future Faculty Fellowship (full scholarship to receive master's degree and doctorate) to attend the University of Alabama. While at the University, Zenobia was the co-founder of the Coalition for Change (organization dedicated to identifying and preserving historic Civil Rights sites including discovering unmarked graves of the enslaved on the campus grounds).

She graduated summa cum laude with a Master of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Alabama. Zenobia then attended Northwestern University—Pritzker Law School where she was a legal extern to former Senator Barack Obama and graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

In her profession, Zenobia's achievements are numerous and impressive. Zenobia served as clerk for the Honorable Carl E. Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and the Honorable Justice Dale Wainwright (ret.) of the Texas Supreme Court. She was a renowned trial and appellate lawyer.

She served as counsel in cases involving NASA, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development among many. Her cases were featured in Forbes, The New York Times, and The Houston Chronicle.

Zenobia successfully argued a case before the United States Supreme Court. At the time of her death, Zenobia was a Managing Partner for the Frost, Brown & Todd Law Firm.

She was relentless in her pursuit for justice, and this was evident in her pro bono advocacy work as she was particularly passionate about helping those who had been denied justice by the legal system that she so cherished.

Zenobia was truly a force of nature. She commanded attention and respect in any space she entered, be it a family room, courtroom, a garden, or even a podium for one of her epic speeches.

Anyone meeting Zenobia for the first time might have been intimidated by the sheer power of her presence. Those who knew Zenobia realized that one of her most significant impacts was in the one-on-one discussions, when her questions or advice could provide new confidence or reveal a new strength in those she loved.

Zenobia did not get the quantity of time on Earth she deserved or that we wanted; what she lacked in quantity, she more than made up for with quality. Zenobia once mentioned that the greatest people in history made their biggest impacts early in their lives.

She was taken physically from this world much too soon, but Zenobia leaves it, and us, better.

As Zenobia walked ahead of us, she set the bar high and built upon the foundation her predecessors laid. She walked beside us, as a companion on our own journeys of growth. She supported and sustained us when we fell. As a result of having known her, we are invigorated and stronger.

Zenobia did her work to change the world now, we must honor her by continuing ours.

HONORING THE MUNSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I take this time to recognize the Munster Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates its 66th Annual Gala. This year, the Chamber will honor Damian Rico with the Volunteer of the Year award, and the Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Wendy Mis. To commemorate this special occasion, the Munster Chamber will host a celebratory event on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Damian Rico is this year's recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. Mr. Rico gives of his time and efforts to numerous charitable organizations throughout the region including the Salvation Army, the Crystal Talieffo Journey with the Arts Foundation, Schererville Shock Travel Baseball, and the Munster Chamber of Commerce, to name a few. As Community Relations Director at Hospice of the Calumet Area, Mr. Rico has touched the lives of countless individuals. He believes that his career at Hospice is a calling, and I admire Damian's ability to provide support to patients and their families during such difficult times. Mr. Rico's compassion and generosity of spirit make him a perfect fit for this role. For his many contributions to the Northwest Indiana community, Damian is worthy of our highest praise.

The Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Munster. Throughout her career, Mrs. Mis has served the community of Munster and Northwest Indiana in numerous capacities. In 2010, she became the Executive Director for the Munster Chamber of Commerce, a position she held for many years. Mrs. Mis was also active in the Munster School Corporation and served as a past PTO President. In addition, she has given of her time and expertise to many organizations and boards including the Munster Education Foundation, the Munster Booster Club, Friends of Hospice, the Rotary Club of Munster, and the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, to name a few. For her outstanding and constant dedication to the community of Munster and beyond, Wendy is worthy of the highest commendation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Munster Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates its 66th Annual Gala and in honoring Damian Rico as Volunteer of the Year and Wendy Mis as Citizen of