

Kirby Vacuum Cleaners, and Sayman's Salve. Rev. Lawson retired from the Rapides Parish School District in 1978. Following retirement, he worked for the Rapides Parish Police Jury as a Monitor with the CETA Program for three years. Reverend Lawson was a very active member of his community until he began to experience serious health issues during the last 5 years of his life.

I extend my condolences to the Lawson family and friends as Reverend Lawson was laid to rest on July 15, 2022.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 364.

#### HONORING NORMAN MINETA

#### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Secretary Norman Mineta, who passed away on May 3, 2022, at the age of 90. Norm was a pioneer of Asian American representation in politics and was an exemplary patriot.

Norm was born in San Jose, California on November 12, 1931, to Japanese immigrant parents. In 1942, when he was just ten years old, Norm and his family were forcibly relocated from California to Heart Mountain War Relocation Center in Wyoming, where they were imprisoned at a Japanese internment camp during World War II. After 18 months of incarceration, Norm and his family moved to the Chicago area, where his father, an insurance agent, volunteered to teach Japanese language courses to soldiers in the U.S. Army. Only when Norm was a teenager were he and his family finally able to return to San Jose.

After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1953 with a degree in business administration, Norm served as an intelligence officer for the Army for three years and later took over his father's Mineta Insurance Agency. After serving on the San Jose Human Relations Commission, Norm was asked by San Jose's then-mayor to fill a city council vacancy in 1967. Following four successful years as a city councilmember, Norm was elected to be San Jose's mayor, making him the first Asian American to serve as mayor of a major American city.

With a staunch belief that local officials should have more authority over how federal funding is used to improve roads and railways, Norm decided to run for Congress, promising to address these very issues. And he did just that. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974, Norm went on to serve for ten terms from 1975 to 1995.

In Congress, Norm successfully fought to strengthen civil rights for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. He spearheaded efforts to pass the Civil Liberties

Act of 1988, which granted reparations to Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII or their surviving family members. In 1994, he co-founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to ensure that AAPIs have a voice in Congress and served as the Caucus' first chair. Seeing the need to increase the AAPI public service pipeline in Washington, D.C., Norm also founded the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) in 1994. Since then, APAICS has played a critical role in cultivating future AAPI leaders through internships and fellowships, and many alumni have gone on to such remarkable positions, including within the White House and Capitol Hill.

Following his Congressional tenure, Norm was appointed to serve as Secretary of Commerce for the last six months of President Bill Clinton's term, making him the first Asian American member of a Presidential Cabinet. Then, under President George W. Bush, Norm became the first Cabinet Secretary to switch directly from a Democratic to Republican administration, where he served as Secretary of Transportation. Notably, he was also the only Democrat to serve in President Bush's cabinet, displaying his talents in bipartisan efforts. As Secretary of Transportation, Norm fought for investments in roads and bridges nationwide, and secured billions of dollars in federal funding for highways.

Norm's time as Secretary of Transportation was defined by the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. When the second plane struck the World Trade Center, Norm was moved to a secret bunker under the White House alongside Vice President Dick Cheney. It was here that Norm made the historic call to ground nearly 5,000 planes in U.S. airspace, an unprecedented decision for which protocols had never been established. Following the attacks, Norm regularly worked 100-hour weeks to bolster security at seaports, airports, railways and facilities with oil and gas lines. Furthermore, he spearheaded the effort to establish a new federal agency, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), to successfully increase security at airports and avoid future attacks. In a time when Islamophobia was sharply exacerbated, Norm routinely drew parallels between his experience with Japanese American incarceration and scapegoating of Muslim Americans.

For his extraordinary accomplishments, the San Jose airport was renamed in 2001 to the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport. Additionally, Norm was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor, by President George W. Bush in 2006. Norm is survived by his wife, Deni, his sons David, Stuart, Robert and Mark, and 11 grandchildren. He was truly a trailblazer and defined what it means to be a public servant, paving the way for generations of Asian American elected officials, like myself, to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating this extraordinary individual.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 307, I mistakenly voted Yea when I intended to vote Nay.

#### RECOGNIZING JUNE AS NATIONAL FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH

#### HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as National Reunification Month, and to honor the tremendous reunifications efforts of individuals across the country who work tirelessly to ensure that safe, timely, and healthy reunification continues to be prioritized for the 400,000 youth in the U.S. foster care system. Each June, states and jurisdictions celebrate these efforts and extend their commitments to working to strengthen pathways to ensuring thriving, supportive families, and communities.

Federal initiatives including Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, the Family First Prevention Services Act, Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization of 2018 and the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, have improved services and reunification for children and families in the foster care system, but there is more to be done.

Since 2020, four National partners of the U.S. Children's Bureau, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse America, Casey Family Programs and now recently the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have joined the Thriving Families, Safer Children Movement within the child welfare community to bring a first-of-its-kind national, multiyear effort that spans the public, private and philanthropic sectors. It will create and enhance networks of community-based programming while also aligning government resources to offer a full continuum of prevention supports and services. Beyond building stronger families and communities, the movement seeks to end the harmful practice of family separation in child welfare systems. This work involves closely collaborating with children and families within the child welfare system and leveraging resources to create a more just, equitable, and humane well-being system. Twenty-two states and jurisdictions have committed to moving this work forward, including Arizona.

With that in mind, I want to thank all those involved for making this much-needed investment into our youth and families' futures including: biological and kinship parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, court appointed special advocates (CASAs), advocates, public child welfare professionals and the greater child welfare community at large.

And when honoring National Reunification Month, we must push to further assist migrant families that were separated at our southern border due to cruel and inhumane border policies denying them their right to seek asylum. I commend the Biden-Harris administration for fully repealing the Trump-era "zero tolerance" policy and establishing the President's Inter-agency Task Force on the Reunification of Families aimed at bringing families back together. Thousands of children were cruelly separated from their families, and I applaud the work of the President's Taskforce who is working to reunite hundreds of children that remain separated from their families to this day. More must be done to ensure all migrant families are reunited and no more families are

separated at the southern border. Their safety, well-being and reunification must be an uttermost urgency for the Biden-Harris administration and its officials.

It is time as a Nation to commit to providing the resources and programs necessary for the reunification of families, both for children in our domestic foster care system and for those who entered our country for refuge.

VICKY LEA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Representative JASON CROW to recognize Vicky Lea for her contributions to the Denver Metro region and State of Colorado as Director of Aerospace and Aviation for the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation.

For more than a decade, Vicky has worked to bolster Colorado's aerospace and aviation industries by building partnerships among industry professionals, organizing education efforts, and implementing strategic recruitment initiatives. Vicky's relentless advocacy on behalf of Colorado's aerospace community has been instrumental in establishing Colorado as the number one state in the nation for aerospace jobs per capita.

In this role, Vicky's passion and hard work have also been essential to Colorado's overall economic growth. Vicky's tenure with the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation has directly correlated with increasing opportunities for innovation and growth for small and large aerospace businesses across the state that provide tens of thousands of high-paying jobs for Coloradans.

Congratulations again to Vicky Lea on her noteworthy career and contributions during her time at the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation. We are thankful for her service and commitment to the great State of Colorado and wish her all the best as she moves to the next stage of her career.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE BICYCLES FOR RURAL AFRICAN TRANSPORT ACT

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Bicycles for Rural African Transport Act. Transportation access in the developing world is limited. In sub-Saharan Africa, more than seventy percent of people rely on walking as their primary mode of transportation. For these individuals access to a bicycle is revolutionary.

Bicycles can be impactful tools for effective foreign aid and international economic development.

Low-cost, high-impact investments in bicycles will allow us to use existing foreign aid more effectively. Many developing-world rural populations suffer from time poverty, which limits opportunities to access education,

healthcare, employment and job training opportunities, and markets. By reducing time poverty, bicycle access significantly improves school attendance for rural girls. In one trial, girls with bicycles were 19 percent less likely to drop out of school.

In recent years, USAID has conducted a small rural mobility program to study the bicycle's development impacts. In Tanzania in 2019, USAID donated 2,160 bicycles to health care workers as part of AIDS treatment efforts, allowing the workers to reach more patients and reducing AIDS transmission in the area. In Malawi in 2020, USAID established a revolving loan fund to finance bicycles for workers on a sugar cane cooperative, reducing their commute times and increasing productivity.

USAID's work on this program has clearly demonstrated the value of bicycles for rural transportation in developing nations. This legislation authorizes a permanent rural mobility program at USAID which will promote rural, sub-Saharan communities' access to services and opportunities through affordable, fit-for-purpose bicycles. This more systematic approach will allow USAID to maximize the potential impact of bicycle projects and ensure the United States continues utilizing this simple, revolutionary development tool.

### SUPPORT FOR FINLAND AND SWEDEN TO JOIN NATO

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the democratic nations of Finland and Sweden in their bid to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

For more than seven decades, NATO has served as an Allied bulwark of free nations in defense of Liberty against those seeking to reignite the brutal horrors of the 20th century's world wars. Powerful nations cannot willfully invade sovereign territories of other nations at will.

With Putin now choosing murder and violence in an attempt to resurrect the fallen pride of the former Soviet Union, it is essential for free nations to band together for the preservation and fortification of Liberty on the continent of Europe.

Russia has unambiguously demonstrated its outlaw status on the world stage. The only defense to further escalation is strong Alliance between nations devoted to upholding the rule of law. Finland and Sweden did not choose this path—Putin and his warmongers forced their hands.

The survival of global freedom is very much on the line. The time to admit Sweden and Finland into this sacred Alliance has arrived, NATO's member nations must do so without delay.

### HONORING MR. RUSTON HENRY AND MR. TROY HENRY ON THE UNVEILING OF THE HENRY TRIBUTE MURAL CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE

### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two of my dear friends and constituents, Mr. Ruston Henry, Sr., RPH and Mr. Troy Henry, on the occasion of a Mural Unveiling Celebrating Black Excellence. This mural recognizes the accomplishments of two of New Orleans' native sons located at 1667 Tchoupitoulas Street near New Orleans' port access road along the Mississippi River, "Clarence Henry Truckway", coincidentally named after their grandfather, the late Clarence "Chink" Henry, Sr., a legendary labor leader and civil rights activist, also known as a Louisiana AFL-CIO Labor Hall of Fame Honoree.

They are the proud sons of Mrs. Elvira Day Henry and the late Mr. Sterling Henry, Sr., a pioneer black pharmacist, responsible for integrating the workforce of the historic Tremé's Circle Food Store, a key local business located in New Orleans' Seventh Ward, mentoring, and providing internships to many Xavier University of Louisiana pharmacy students beginning in the early 1960's. Their parents instilled in their children the importance of supporting underprivileged families, and helping ensure no one in need was left behind.

Mr. Ruston Henry, Sr., RPh, a 1985 graduate of Xavier University's College of Pharmacy, following his parents through their alma mater, is a highly qualified pharmacist with more than 32 years of pharmacy experience in the management, administration, construction and operation of retail pharmacies. Mr. Henry is a Licensed Pharmacist in Louisiana and Mississippi who excels at teamwork, conflict resolution and sound decision-making under pressure. A second-generation pharmacist, he is the current owner and operator of H & W Drug Store, Inc. This store was co-founded by his late father in three retail locations, New Orleans East, the Westbank of Jefferson Parish, and inside the historic Tremé' Circle Food Store. In 1999, Mr. Sterling J. Henry, Sr. retired and his son, Mr. Ruston Henry, Sr. took over the business, and now serves as the current owner and Chief Pharmacist.

In 2017, Mr. Ruston Henry began pursuing alternative treatments involving medical cannabis. In 2018, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy (LBP) selected the H & W Drug Store, Inc. to operate the first Medical Marijuana Pharmacy in the Metropolitan Region of Louisiana. H & W's services Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes. H & W Drug Store Dispensary opened in August of 2019 and is currently located at 1667 Tchoupitoulas Street. H & W's primary focus was and always is to provide our patients with the best pharmaceutical healthcare available.

Mr. Troy Henry, graduate of Stanford University, then Carnegie Mellon University, is the Managing Partner and principal fiduciary of Henry Consulting (HC). He is responsible for all 3 lines of business of HC: management consulting services, business services and equity ventures. Troy has over 30 years of management experience, with concentrations in