

Finally, the 2021 TFP substantially impacts the rights of non-agency parties because it has an effect on qualifying families by granting increased benefit allotments designed for them to obtain a more nutritious diet.

USDA contends the 2021 TFP meets the good cause exception under the CRA, and, therefore, USDA was not required to follow the CRA's submission requirements. Response Letter, at 7-8. In its response USDA stated that good cause existed to issue the 2021 TFP with an effective date in August 2021. Id. at 8. USDA further stated that this exception from carrying out formal CRA notice before the effective date. Id. While CRA does not provide an emergency exception from its procedural requirements to submit rules for congressional review, CRA and APA address an agency's need to take emergency action without delay. Agencies can waive the required delay in effective date requirement when an agency for "good cause" finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons in the rule issued) that notice and public procedure are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." 5 U.S.C. §§ 553(b), 808(2). Therefore, an agency can provide for a rule to take effect immediately while still complying with the agency's statutory obligation to submit the rule to Congress for review. Asserting a good cause exception does not serve to waive the CRA's submission requirements all together. Notably, the 2021 TFP did not incorporate a finding or statement of the reasons why there is good cause for an exception to the CRA's procedural rules to submit the 2021 TFP for congressional review, nor did the 2021 TFP include an immediate effective date. Therefore, USDA did not properly apply the good cause exception.

Thus, we conclude that none of the three exceptions that would exclude the rule from CRA coverage, or the good cause exception apply, and the 2021 TFP is subject to the submission requirement of CRA.

CONCLUSION

The 2021 TFP is a rule for purposes of CRA because it meets the APA definition of a rule and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, even if exempt from the APA notice-and-comment requirements, the 2021 TFP is subject to the CRA requirement that it be submitted to Congress before it can take effect.

EDDA EMMANUELL PEREZ,
General Counsel.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) on their 50th Anniversary. The Illinois Corn Growers Association is a vital organization in our state that works to support the agricultural economy and advocate public policies that help promote success and sustainability for farmers across Illinois.

Illinois farmers are leaders in the production of corn. The ICGA has united farm families since 1972 to increase market opportunities for corn domestically and around the world. The ICGA provides a voice for farmers in Illinois to help promote best practices in the industry and foster stewardship of the land. The

association also educates the public and coordinates policies that advance the biofuels industry and drives innovation in how we produce and use corn throughout the world.

I extend my sincere congratulations to ICGA members for their achievements over the years. Agriculture is the number one industry in Illinois. Advocacy groups like ICGA have helped shape the industry into what it is today and will help lead the industry into the future. I wish the organization many more years of success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANDREW "ANDY" TENORIO LAGUAÑA

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Andrew "Andy" Tenorio Lagaña. Andy was an esteemed architect, preservationist, and advocate who uniquely elevated the stories of our people while physically raising and transforming countless spaces in our community. We will fondly remember him as a talented visionary whose ideas, work, and art have meaningfully shaped the face and future of our island.

Andy was a pioneering force of CHamoru architecture, engineering, design, construction, conception, site planning, and historic preservation. After graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1968, he went on to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture from Iowa State University and the University of California Berkeley respectively, later emerging as part of the first generation of island-born architects from Guam. Establishing a respected career and professional record over the years, Andy registered as an architect in both California and Guam, obtained certification from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and navigated many professional opportunities at the culmination of his formal education. From 1975 to 1989, Andy assumed roles as Senior Project Designer and Vice President of Hellmuth, Obata, Kassabaum Architects in San Francisco. He then returned home to serve as Principal and Partner of Martin, Cristobal, Lagaña Architects then Architects Lagaña & Cristobal, LLC, and finally, as Principal and Owner of Architects Lagaña from 2009 until the date of his passing on July 14, 2022.

With over 45 years of experience, Andy's creativity and contributions reached far and wide—spanning the entirety of our island and region, and impacting populations across the Pacific. Over the decades, his demonstrated focus on large-scale government, office, and commercial building projects catalyzed the realization of remarkable architectural achievements including the new construction, renovation, and revitalization of John F. Kennedy High School, the Southern Regional Community Health Center, Saint Fidelis Friary, the GWA Compliance Laboratory, Farmers' Cooperative Facility and relocation of the Flea Market, our capital city of Hagåtña, Cathedral, University of Guam, and the prominent Guam Museum. His leadership informed and defines our island's building environment through

years of hands-on guidance to other professionals in his field, advocacy to update Guam's Building Code and adopt the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) International Code, and tireless commitment to honoring unique aspects of our indigenous culture. More specifically, Andy played a key role in both the preservation of endangered sites and promotion of ethnography and oral history projects.

A longstanding pillar in our community, Andy further served in numerous organizational capacities as chairman of the Guam Preservation Trust and Guam Historic Preservation Review Board, member and chairman of the Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors (PEALS) Board, member of the University of Guam Board of Regents, representative of the National Architectural Accrediting Board Accreditation Team, and board member of the Young Men's League (YML) of Guam. His invaluable personal and professional accomplishments have also earned him several prestigious awards and recognitions ranging from being the first recipient of the AIA Guam and Micronesia Chapter's Scholarship to attend the UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design to obtaining the Most Outstanding Cultural Tourism Project Award from the Guam Visitors Bureau, Winning Finn of Design Competition for the Guam Museum, YML 2008 Member of the Year Award, 2010 PEALS Board Golden Jubilee Achievement, 2010 Guam Chamber of Commerce Na' La' Bonita Guam Award, a Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards laudatory resolution, and the Governor's Award.

Andrew "Andy" Tenorio Lagaña is an icon of service and ingenuity who continues to inspire generations of rising architects, local community leaders, and global citizens altogether. He did not simply make history as the first CHamoru to be elevated to the status of Fellow by the American Institute of Architects and first Guam architect to chair Region 6 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, he left a lasting mark on it by quite literally cementing identity and culture into the projects he pursued. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for Andy; his wife, Joanne; their daughters, Jerusa and Drew Ann; and the rest of their family and friends, and I join the people of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of directing one's knowledge, skills, and passions toward uplifting and responding to the needs of their community. Andy will be dearly missed, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the people of Guam.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLANO COURTYARD THEATRE

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Plano Arts Coalition as they celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Plano Courtyard Theatre. One of the oldest public buildings in Plano, the Courtyard Theatre serves as a center of cultural enrichment and exemplifies the social heritage of our community.

Located in downtown Plano, the Courtyard Theatre was originally constructed in 1938 as the gymnasium for Plano Independent School District's Cox High School as a Works Progress Administration Project. After years of vacancy, in 1999 the structure was restored and transformed into a state-of-the-art performance hall as part of then-Assistant City Manager Frank Turner's vision to revitalize the city's downtown area. During this same period, members of the community expressed a desire for a theatre to hold community and regional events, ultimately contributing to the selection of the multi-functional Cox Gymnasium.

Upon completion, the newly renovated Courtyard Theatre was capable of housing musical performances, theater productions, choirs, dance troupes, and other community events. As a historic and architectural landmark, the Theatre provides its patrons with a unique perspective that lends itself to a more intimate connection with audience members. Community engagement and continued investment from the city resulted in the project's ultimate success and in the City of Plano earning the prestigious "Downtown Arts Designation" by the State of Texas Cultural Arts Commission.

As we reflect on the rich history of this treasured institution, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Plano Courtyard Theatre and its team on their milestone anniversary and wish them continued success as they continue to ensure the city remains one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOX VALLEY UNITED WAY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2022

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fox Valley United Way. Since 1922, United Way's numerous grants and programs have provided invaluable resources to our community, acting as the backbone of many different social services programs.

Throughout their 100 years, Fox Valley United Way has been inspiring hope for a brighter future, first in Aurora, and today in 23 communities throughout Kane and Kendall counties. They have continually invested in the

health, education, and financial stability of the families in these communities, laying the foundation for each community to grow and thrive into the future.

United Way's programs provide assistance and support at many different stages of a family's development. For example, the SPARK early childhood program gives students entering kindergarten the tools they need to succeed. Kane County 211 has filled a crucial gap in social services resources by providing referrals to services for those with nowhere else to turn. Through these, and many other valuable programs, United Way has proved their commitment to aiding the communities they serve in whatever way possible.

Fox Valley United Way is a vital resource to this community. Not only have they created an incredible wealth of resources of their own, they have supported and continue to support other local social services and programs to maximize the good they put out into their community. Their investments in the health, education, and financial stability of local families are commendable, and I am grateful to join in the celebration of this organization and its prolific contributions to the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing United Way all the best for another 100 years of service.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE FLYNN'S RETIREMENT

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, for over 30 years, Mike Flynn has served as the District Attorney General for Tennessee's Fifth Judicial District. Today, it's my honor to recognize his distinguished career and congratulate him on his retirement.

Mike grew up in Maryville, Tennessee, and attended the University of Tennessee for his undergraduate and law degrees. He has a love for East Tennessee and, in 1990, chose to run for the District Attorney General position in his home county where he has served ever since.

Mike has a real heart for crime victims, and he fights to make the justice system work for them. Once, when he was asked why he ran for the position, he said, "I ran for District Attorney General because I felt that the voices of my victims were often overlooked. Throughout my career, I have attempted to listen to victims and make them a part of the criminal

justice system." That kind of mentality greatly benefits our American system of justice.

Mike also played an active role in starting a Recovery Court program in Blount County. These recovery courts put individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders in treatment programs so they can recover and make better lives for themselves instead of relapsing once they finish serving their time.

I'm pleased to congratulate Mike on his retirement after 32 years of service to the Blount County community. I wish him all the best as he enters the next chapter of his life.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF AGNES LOUISE WINDSOR

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2022

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the life of Agnes Louise Windsor, who sadly passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the age of 89.

Agnes Louise Windsor impacted thousands of young lives through her time as an educator and local historian of Slocomb, Alabama. She was a tireless volunteer who served on local, county, state, and national boards for service projects during her career, which spanned sixty-eight years.

Mrs. Windsor's drive to make a difference in her community led her to dedicating her life to volunteerism and serving others. She has received recognition for her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing and raising awareness about issues to include hunger, literacy, GED classes, senior concerns and welfare, children's educational issues, political concerns and voter education and registration.

Because of her efforts, Mrs. Windsor earned numerous awards and has the gratitude of those she served, her church family, community, and her peers. Her achievements include numerous teacher of the year and volunteerism awards, notably the Volunteer Action Award presented by President George H.W. Bush in 1990, as well as the NAACP Image Award in 2016.

Agnes Louise Windsor was an upstanding and respected citizen of Alabama's 2nd District who left lifelong impressions on many students and community members. She will be sorely missed by many friends, family members, and all those she taught.