

and continued to grow and flourish. Nick loved Prospect Heights. He was always eager to participate in the ribbon cuttings and festivals and grand openings. When a 2018 fire displaced hundreds of Prospect Heights residents, Nick was in the thick of it, ensuring that displaced families received the assistance they so desperately needed. I am proud to have worked alongside him.

In many ways, Nick Helmer's life is an example of the "American Dream" that so many of us strive to achieve. He was born in 1942 in the former Yugoslavia and moved to the United States at the age of ten. Nick married his high school sweetheart, Gail, and raised a family here. He was an Army veteran, spending time stationed in France where he worked as a newspaper reporter, a photographer, and a radio broadcaster.

Nick was recognized as a leader at whatever he dedicated his time to. He worked as a licensed real estate broker and a certified property manager and rose to prominence in both fields. Nick spent time as the Director of the Chicago Board of Realtors and spent two terms as President of the Institute of Real Estate Management's Chicago Chapter, winning "CPM of the Year" during his service. He served as both the President of Inland Residential Sales Corporation and the Chairman of Inland Bank. Nick spent time working as an Asset Manager for the Chicago Executive Airport and ended up serving fourteen years on the Airport's Board of Directors. Nick spent thirty-five years coaching basketball at St. Viator High School, where he also served on the Distinguished Alumni Committee. The pattern here is obvious: when Nick Helmer did something, he did it well.

Nick Helmer may have been soft spoken, but there was never any question whether he was a leader. We are all worse off with his passing. On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Mayor Helmer, for all his hard work on behalf of others. We will miss him.

RECOGNIZING JAIDEN, KEANU,
AND MILAAN SEELIGER AS MY
CONSTITUENTS OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the Seeliger brothers, Jaiden, Keanu, and Milaan, for their creative and inspiring nonprofit, Tech-Angels, where they collect gently used cell phones, iPads and tablets to give to elderly people in nursing homes so they can stay connected with their loved ones.

The coronavirus pandemic brought unprecedented changes to our lives, especially to older generations who are most susceptible to the virus. Inspired after their 97-year-old great-grandmother broke her leg and had to move to a nursing home in New York, the boys realized how fortunate they were to be able to see and speak with her on FaceTime on a regular basis.

Knowing others may not have the same opportunity, they decided to find a way for others in similar circumstances to see their friends and family with the help of technology, creating their non-profit, Tech-Angels. The three

brothers soon realized that although their great grandmother knew how to use her devices, many other seniors in nursing homes did not.

With Tech-Angels, participants not only receive a device to contact their loved ones, but also instructions on how to do it. The brothers also focused their efforts on the veteran community, feeling that veterans have done so much for our country and communities, that this access and service was the least they could do for them.

For their ingenuity, kindness, and big hearts, I'm proud to honor Jaiden, Keanu, and Milaan as my January Constituents of the Month. Having young people in the district so encouraged to help their neighbors and those in need are the perfect example of how California's 49th Congressional District is so incredibly special. I am grateful for their generosity and bright smiles that ensure our community grows stronger every day.

HONORING THE 50TH ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER TER-
RENCE KERNER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Terrence "Terry" David Kerner on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination. His significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Father Kerner was born on October 3, 1945 to La Verne and Imelda Kerner in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The middle child of the Kerner family, he has two siblings, older brother Torn and younger sister Diane. He knew from a young age that the church was his calling, and his family proudly supported his wishes. Father Kerner studied at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth Township, and at the University of Detroit. He was granted the John Farrell Award which allowed him to study Theology in Rome. He was ordained on February 4, 1972, at his home parish, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti. Since then, he has served at various churches in Michigan.

Father Kerner began his career in faith as associate pastor of Presentation in Detroit and then St. Raymond's in Detroit, and later St. Lawrence's in Utica. He became pastor of St. Christopher's in 1982 and moved to Monroe, Michigan to become pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in 1986. In Monroe, he served as vicar of the Monroe Vicariate and as administrator of St. Michael's. In 2003, he became pastor at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. Father Kerner has been pastor of St. Martha and St. Joseph in Dearborn—now St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, since 2006. Father Kerner is a trusted leader in our state and has used his ministry to uplift and support others, no matter where his vocation has taken him. From providing the invocation in the Michigan House of Representatives to being an ever-present member of our community, all who know him know his kindness and generosity. He resides in Dearborn and is a proud uncle to three nephews, one niece, one great nephew and one great niece.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Father Terrence Kerner on this special day. He is a man of true faith who knows the importance of loving your neighbor as yourself. We are grateful for his work in Dearborn and throughout Southeastern Michigan and join with his friends, family, and congregation at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church in wishing him nothing but the best in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
MARTHA ANN SEGARS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Martha Ann Segars who passed on January 19. I join her family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Born on September 16, 1931 to Due and Ruby Nabers Thompson in Red Bay, Alabama, she graduated from Red Bay High School in 1949 and enrolled at the University of Alabama. She proved to be a talented seamstress in her fashion design classes, though she was a dietetics major. In 1952, she married Kelly Segars, her high school sweetheart. In 1953 she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Institutional Management and accepted an internship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Her husband was soon called to serve in the Korean War.

When her husband returned in 1955, she finished her internship and he worked as a pharmacist to prepare for Medical School. Their first son was born at Vanderbilt Hospital, and soon after Kelly was accepted into the University of Mississippi Medical School. Martha became a dietician at the VA medical center in Jackson. They soon settled in luka with their two sons and daughter. She continued to sew, work as a dietician, and manage the family farm.

Martha was dedicated to the Tishomingo County community and served in a variety of roles: she has served on the boards of the Yellow Creek Port Authority, Yellow Creek Watershed Authority, Tishomingo County Economic Development, Tishomingo County Tourism Council, and dozens more. She has also served as the President of the luka Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Arts and Historical Committee. She spearheaded the 'Trash and Treasures along the Tenn-Tom,' and served as a tour guide for the Eagle Watch Cruises and the Fall Foliage Cruises on Pickwick Lake.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Scott, Mark, and Leigh; grandchildren Tyler, Jackson, Thompson, Annie and James; nieces, nephews, and countless community members whose lives she impacted.

Martha Ann Segars was a selfless community leader and an outstanding Mississippian. My thoughts and condolences are with those who knew and loved her.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
JAMES “J” BOBO

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of James “J” Bobo. James is a senior at Indian Land High School and currently serves as the President of the South Carolina Society of the Children of the American Revolution, the oldest patriotic youth organization in the Nation.

Children of the American Revolution was founded in 1895 and trains civic-minded citizens, develops strong leaders, and promotes a love of our great Nation. As part of his role in the society, James participates in community service projects and learns about his American heritage. He also organized a state project called “Finding Fields of Freedom” which supports learning about lesser-known battles and conflicts that took place in South Carolina during the American Revolutionary War.

Many of these lesser-known battles rallied support for the Patriot cause and served as important steppingstones to the Patriot victories that secured our Nation’s independence. The courageous men who fought in these battles deserve to be remembered and recognized. In addition to sharing and preserving these important stories, James is also raising funds to erect historical markers at some of these American Revolution battlefields such as Rugeley’s Mill and Fort Galphin. He is on track to raise enough funds to erect at least three historical markers.

James’ leadership in the Children of the American Revolution organization and his dedication to this project has taught countless others about our rich history and the role South Carolina played in the American Revolution. He rightly believes one of the best ways we can maintain our freedom is by telling the stories of the conflicts, skirmishes, and battles in which our brave patriots first fought for independence. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize James for his outstanding leadership and service to our state. I wish him the best of luck throughout his future endeavors, as I know he will continue to find great success in all that he does.

REMEMBERING DR. SYED
LATAFAT HUSAIN HAMZAVI

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Dr. S. L. Husain Hamzavi, an influential resident of Michigan who passed away on January 15th. Dr. Hamzavi was proud to be the devoted husband of Aquela and loving father of Iftefat, Fasahat, and Asra. He will also be remembered by many as a caring healthcare provider, passionate academic, and noble servant to the community.

Syed Latafat Husain Hamzavi was born in Aurangabad, India in 1940. After earning a de-

gree from Nizam College, Syed Hamzavi attended Liaquat Medical School in Hyderabad, Pakistan, and then continued his education at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. At the University of Glasgow, Dr. Hamzavi earned his PhD, researching the usage of Zinc for the treatment of leg ulcers, and was trained in dermatology. He fondly recalled his time in Glasgow, sharing memories of how the British dermatology community embraced him despite the prevailing ethnic biases of the time.

In 1969, Dr. Hamzavi married Aquela. In 1977, the family moved to Detroit as one of the first South Asian and Muslim physicians to become an American Board of Dermatology-certified physician, working with Dr. Herman Pinkus to develop the Contact Dermatitis Unit. Dr. Hamzavi began his full-time academic practice at Wayne State University in 1980, and his commitment to the education of aspiring medical professionals persisted for decades thereafter. He and his wife were also the founders of Hamzavi Dermatology, growing the practice to include dozens of healthcare providers, across many locations in Southeast Michigan over the course of their careers and inspiring their children to pursue a career in the medical field. Those who knew him say that he cared deeply about his patients and staff alike, following his beloved Aquela’s lead in treating his staff like family.

Beyond the many significant contributions that Dr. Hamzavi made to the medical profession, he was also an active philanthropist and organization leader. His passion for education was further evidenced by his generous support of the Pinkus Chair and the Aronson lectureship at Wayne State University, The Henry Lim research Chair at Henry Ford Hospital, and multiple student scholarships at The University of Michigan, in addition to leading the weekend Islamic school activities at the IAGD mosque in Rochester, Michigan. Proud of his Indian and Pakistani heritage, Dr. Hamzavi served on the board of various cultural organizations such as APPNA, the Pakistani American Association, and was a member of the Indian medical group, AAPI. Dr. Hamzavi was a man of deep religious conviction who believed in an inclusive world. Leading by example, he was generous to all and always sought to improve himself.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Syed Latafat Husain Hamzavi will be truly missed by his family and all who knew him and benefitted from his many contributions to the community. His incredible legacy will continue to improve the lives of others for a long time to come, and we are truly grateful.

CONGRATULATING THE CALI-
FORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH MOOT COURT PRO-
GRAM ON ITS NATIONAL CHAM-
PIONSHIP

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the California State University Long Beach (CSULB) Moot Court Program, which for the fifth time and second straight year has produced a national cham-

This year, over the January 21–23 weekend, CSULB Seniors Vaishalee Chaudhary and Marco Romero won the American Moot Court Association’s (AMCA) Oral Advocacy National Championship. This also makes CSULB one of just four public universities to win a national title for oral advocacy in AMCA’s 22-year history. This is CSULB’s second national championship in oral advocacy, putting the CSULB team in rarified company with only one other school having won more. CSULB is the only public university to advance to the national finals more than once and the only public university to win the national title for oral advocacy more than once. CSULB has been the national finals three times (third all-time) and to the national semifinals four times.

The competition, which was held on Zoom, featured 100 teams from schools in the United States and Canada. Chaudhary and Romero, the only team in AMCA history to win three regional tournaments, won five of five competitions in 2021–22 and went undefeated on the season. In addition to winning the national title for oral advocacy they finished 4th in the Nation in respondent written advocacy. They graduate as the most winning team in the CSULB Moot Court Program’s history.

During their run at the national championship, Chaudhary and Romero won eight rounds, including one against 12-time champion Patrick Henry College and three rounds against teams from the runners-up—the University of Chicago. Two other CSULB teams qualified for the national quarterfinals, giving CSULB three of the top eight teams in the Nation. The other quarterfinalists from the team were Aleece Hanson, Celeste Sanchez, Kelton Munch and Georgina Tierney.

In addition to the national win by Chaudhary and Romero this year, CSULB won a national oral advocacy title in 2003 and three written advocacy national titles in 2004, 2014, and 2021.

The tremendous success of the CSULB Moot Court Program in these competitions speaks volumes about the quality and leadership of the CSULB instructors, led by head coach Lewis Ringel, as well as the dedication and determination of the students in the program. Go Beach.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND MEMORY OF BOBBY
CONTRERAS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to commemorate the life of Bobby Contreras and to pay tribute to his lasting legacy in Kansas City, Missouri. The world that Bobby Contreras has left is brighter, kinder, and more joyful because of the sixty-seven years of life that he shared with us. I am grateful to God for giving Bobby to his family and friends, and I am grateful to them for sharing Bobby with us.

Father. Grandfather. Union member. “DJ Bobby C.” Bobby Contreras was a man who seemed to be everywhere, both physically and spiritually. Somehow, all at one time, Bobby managed to be truly present—as an outgoing