

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF EDWARD PANGELINAN

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of the Honorable Edward De Leon Guerrero Pangelinan, a founding father of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, who passed away on February 3.

Mr. Pangelinan was the very first Chamorro from the Northern Marianas to graduate from law school and, so, became the natural leader of our islands in seeking to end the post-World War II United Nations Trusteeship and to become part of the United States. As Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission, Mr. Pangelinan with his fellow Commissioners successfully negotiated the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, which was approved by plebiscite in 1975 and codified in federal law the following year.

His work as reflected in the Covenant agreement then led to United States citizenship for the people of the Marianas during the Administration of President Ronald Reagan and, ultimately, to their representation here in the United States Congress.

Edward Pangelinan's work on behalf of the Marianas did not end with the Covenant. In 1978, he was elected to be our first Resident Representative to the United States, a position that advocated for and foreshadowed representation in Congress. In 1985, President Ronald Reagan appointed Mr. Pangelinan to the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws, where he helped identify areas of the law that should be amended in light of the inclusion of the Marianas into the United States. Later he served as legal counsel and special advisor to Resident Representative Juan N. Babauta and then as advisor to Resident Representative Pete A. Tenorio before retiring from public service in 2009.

Throughout his life, Edward Pangelinan worked tirelessly to bring respect and equity to the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian communities of the Marianas. In addition to the successes he achieved for his people, Mr. Pangelinan will also be remembered for his unfalteringly optimistic approach to public service. No matter how long the days, or difficult the fights, Mr. Pangelinan by his example will always remind us that change—slow or even impossible though it may seem—can and will happen through perseverance.

Few people use their lives to make as enduring and beneficial an impact on the lives of others as did the Honorable Edward De Leon Guerrero Pangelinan. Please join me in recognizing Mr. Pangelinan's outstanding contributions to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands as we honor his memory.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY
BOSWORTH

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harry Bosworth in celebration of his extraordinary life and longstanding community involvement.

Born in Geyserville, California in 1938, Mr. Bosworth graduated from Geyserville High School in 1956. He enlisted in the United States Army and was trained in electronics. Following his service in the Army, Mr. Bosworth moved back to Geyserville, married his wife, Karen Bosworth, and opened a hardware store.

When his father passed away in the 1980s, Mr. Bosworth merged his hardware store with his parents' historic Bosworth and Son store, which was opened in 1911. Over the years, the store served many purposes and has become a local institution. Currently it provides hats, apparel and gifts, and appropriately, it houses the Geyserville Historical Society Museum.

Like the store and his family, Harry Bosworth became a fixture in the community, and Sonoma County has benefited greatly from his extensive community involvement. Mr. Bosworth, in fact, was often referred to as the "unofficial mayor" of Geyserville. He served on the Geyserville School Board, the Geyserville Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Odd Fellows, the Geyserville Community Foundation, the Geyserville Historical Society, and the board of the Geyserville Fire Protection District (now the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District).

Mr. Bosworth also served as President of Friends of Lake Sonoma from 2013 through 2015, where his extensive community relationships and passion for local advocacy were instrumental in the completion of an on-site fish weir. He is known locally by his friends and peers for his endless energy and passion for the community. He is survived by his wife, Karen, brother, Charles Beers, his 2 daughters, Rachel and Gretchen, and granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bosworth's enduring and positive impact throughout Sonoma County and decades of public service are worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his legacy and express our deep condolences to his family and friends on his passing.

RECOGNIZING 115 YEARS OF THE
TIMES LEADER

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor The Times Leader, a 7 day newspaper covering Northeastern Pennsylvania, on its 115th anniversary. The flagship of the Times Leader Media group, it is a collection of print and digital mediums covering the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre metropolitan area.

In 1907, Fred C. Kirkendall of The Wilkes-Barre Times and Colonel Ernest G. Smith of The Times Leader combined their newspapers. This new paper operated as The Times Leader until a major strike in 1939 forced the paper to merge with the Wilkes-Barre Record and Evening News. Together, these 3 papers formed The Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. Col. Smith, John A. Hourigan, Dr. Frederick Johnson and Harrison Smith all contributed to running the successful news company, producing 2 highly read, competing papers: the morning-circulated Wilkes-Barre Record and The Times Leader Evening News.

In 1972, as the region was recovering from the effects of the Agnes Flood, the newspapers faced yet another merger, forming a new publication under the name The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader/The Evening News/Wilkes-Barre Record. This long and cumbersome name only lasted until 1978 when Capital Cities Corporation purchased the paper, and once again, it was to be called The Times Leader.

The late 20th century saw significant growth and changes for The Times Leader. In 1987, they began circulating a highly successful Sunday edition, and in 1989, they acquired Greater Pittston's Sunday Dispatch. In 1997, the paper purchased a state-of-the-art printing press that offered the latest printing technologies. By the end of 2000, the Times Leader had also acquired The Dallas Post and The Abington Journal.

Today, The Times Leader, under the direction of publisher Kerry Miscavage and executive editor Joe Soprano, continues to uphold its impressive reputation as an award-winning source of local and regional news. Offering essential news coverage and thoughtful, incisive reporting, the paper has a robust and loyal readership in the region. I wish the entire team at The Times Leader all the best as they celebrate 115 years of outstanding journalism.

CELEBRATING GEORGE
HEKOWCZYK'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of heroic American veteran, George Hekowczyk. On February 18th, Mr. Hekowczyk will turn 100 years old. It is my distinct privilege to wish him a happy 100th birthday, especially because it is rare that I find someone older than myself.

Mr. Hekowczyk served in the United States Navy as a Boatswain's Mate Second Class from 1942 through 1946. During his tenure, he served as a deep-sea diver. Mr. Hekowczyk would regularly disable torpedoes on the ocean floor that had failed to detonate. Mr. Hekowczyk's courageous service warrants tremendous praise and recognition; the entire Nation is indebted to him and his generation's commitment to freedom over tyranny.

Our Nation's men and women in uniform are America's greatest assets, and Mr. Hekowczyk's value to this Nation is priceless. That's why, Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege as the United States Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the

honor, courage, and sacrifice of Boatswain's Mate Second Class George Hekowczyk. I wish him the happiest of birthdays and thank him for his dedication and Service to this Nation.

HONORING JESSICA SHAPIRO FOR EXEMPLARY WORK FOR THE HOUSE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with the Honorable FRANK PALLONE of New Jersey, to include in the RECORD a letter to recognize and express our sincere appreciation for Ms. Jessica Shapiro's nearly two decades of exemplary work for the House Office of the Legislative Counsel.

FEBRUARY 7, 2023.

JESSICA SHAPIRO,
Senior Counsel, House Office of the Legislative Counsel, Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. SHAPIRO: Over the last two decades, you have played a vital role drafting the words of thousands of health policies—many of which have become transformative laws—and you have done so with integrity, professionalism, and meticulousness.

When you began your career in the U.S. House of Representatives, America still had gaping holes in its health insurance system. The words you drafted as part of the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-10), and No Surprises Act (P.L. 116-260)—just to name a few—have become the cornerstone for a more equitable health system that has guaranteed access to health services and provided a more robust safety net for millions of Americans. Most recently, the work you did on Medicare drug pricing reform, originally part of the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, formed a key component or President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-169). Your equanimity, vast knowledge of the intricacies of the Social Security Act (P.L. 74-271), and methodical approach to drafting policy were vital to the success of that process, which required hundreds of hours of drafting, problem-solving, and redrafting. Nearly 70 million Americans will benefit from your unwavering commitment to this work.

Few realize the number of hours of refinement, modification, and revision that go into making a law operational, particularly in the health space. And for every high-profile public law, there are also countless bills and amendments that do not succeed. All of this work requires sacrifices—time away from family and friends as a result of weekend and after-hour intrusions—that often go unacknowledged.

The U.S. health system is in a better place today because of the sacrifices you made during your time at the House Office of the Legislative Counsel, and we thank you and your family for your dedication. Your commitment to public service will live on for decades in the words you have written in the U.S. Code.

Sincerely,

Hon. RICHARD E. NEAL.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CHARLES "CHUCK" POLAND, JR.

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Charles "Chuck" Poland, Jr., who sadly passed away on January 29, 2013, at the age of 66 while performing a heroic act while driving his school bus in Midland City, Alabama.

On January 29, 2013, Charles selflessly defended the lives of the young children on board of his Dale County school bus. What began as a normal winter day in southeastern Alabama for Charles' afternoon route, quickly turned into a senseless attack resulting in the hostage situation and release of a then 5-year-old boy.

Mr. Poland was born July 16, 1946, in Payette, Idaho. As a resident of Newton, Alabama, his courage touched and influenced the lives of many, not only in Alabama's Second Congressional District, but across our great Nation. He was a selfless man whose life exemplified the Lord he served and made the ultimate sacrifice by saving the lives of the children he loved. On the 10th anniversary of his passing, may his sacrifice be remembered as a brave hero who did not flinch in the face of adversity.

In 2013, the Charles "Chuck" Poland, Jr. Act was passed and signed into law. This important law gives appropriate consequences to unauthorized persons who trespass on an Alabama school bus and commit actions that compromise the safety of our Alabama students. Not only is his devotion and strength to our Nation remembered with his incredible service. He is known by protecting the lives of all Alabama students.

Charles dedicated his life to bringing joy to his friends, family, and everybody else around him. He was a loving son, husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Mary Janice Poland, 2 children, Lydia and Aaron, and extended members of family.

As we remember Charles, may we remember his kindness and selflessness. As he laid down his life to protect the children, may we recognize his sacrifice on the 10th anniversary and every moment forward.

Charles Poland was a joyous and loved resident of Alabama's Second Congressional District that has left lifelong impressions on many. He is deeply missed, but faithfully remembered by many friends, family members, and all those he made smile.

COMMEMORATING CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent, Hayden West, and his family. Hayden was prenatally diagnosed with congenital heart disease, which is the most prevalent birth defect in the United States, affecting one in every 100 births. In

honor of Hayden and the more than 40,000 babies born each year with congenital heart disease, I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize February 7 through 14 as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week.

Congenital heart disease, sometimes called congenital heart defects, broadly refers to problems with the heart's structure that are present from birth. Current estimates suggest that more than 1 million children and 1.4 million adults in the United States are living with congenital heart disease. There is no known cure for congenital heart disease, as it is a lifelong disease that requires ongoing specialized care, and can impact individuals in a variety of ways, including the development of additional health conditions, such as arrhythmia, pulmonary hypertension, and heart failure. Thanks to the advancement of science and medicine, 85 percent of individuals born with congenital heart disease now live past the age of 18.

It is crucial that individuals planning a family, fetal clinicians, obstetric physicians, pediatricians, and all those in the medical field have a greater understanding of the potential for congenital heart disease in the prenatal term. Continued medical research can provide more identifiable means of the origins and symptoms of congenital heart disease. Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week provides the opportunity for patients and families affected by congenital heart disease to share their experiences and knowledge so that the general public may be aware of how this defect affects our lives.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank the West family for bringing awareness to this condition and hope my fellow Americans will join me in recognizing Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week.

CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF MATIN GORJI

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the Iranian government to immediately release Matin Gorji. On January 8, 2023, Iranian authorities searched Mr. Gorji's home and arrested him simply because he is a member of the Baha'i faith. According to Mr. Gorji's family, the authorities who searched his home physically abused him and, upon arrest, refused to allow him to take his medication for his liver condition with him. His mother was told he faces a sentence of at least 2 years, yet the specific nature of his charges is unknown.

Sadly, Mr. Gorji is just one of many members of the Baha'i community subjected to harsh persecution in Iran. Since 1979, Iranian authorities have killed or executed more than 200 Baha'i leaders, thousands more have been arrested and interrogated, and more than 10,000 have been dismissed from government and university jobs. In its most recent report, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom reported that Iran continues to persecute people of the Baha'i faith, closing their businesses, denying them access to an education, demolishing their