

resonate, routinely found solace and creativity in Turkey.

Baldwin, who famously stated: “Turkey saved my life!” lived off and on in Istanbul for nearly ten years beginning in 1961. The nation’s rich history, vibrant culture, and diverse society provided Baldwin with the backdrop and inspiration for some of his most profound works. This connection between Turkey and a literary giant like James Baldwin demonstrates the transformative power of cultural exchange and the enduring bonds that can be forged between nations.

As we recognize Turkey’s 100th anniversary, let us not only honor its remarkable journey but also reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the bonds of friendship and cultural understanding between Turkey and the United States. May the jazz that has filled the halls of the Turkish Embassy continue to serve as a powerful reminder of our shared values and aspirations. Especially in these turbulent times, working together for our shared goals of peace, fairness, and justice is more important than ever. May the spirit of democracy, liberty, and cultural exchange continue to flourish between our two great nations in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PROFESSOR AN YIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Professor An Yin, who passed away on July 12, 2023. Mr. Yin was a distinguished Professor of Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences at the University of California, Los Angeles located in my congressional district.

Professor Yin was born on June 24, 1959, in Harbin, China. He was a part of an intellectual family with both of his parents being medical professors. Mr. Yin was inspired by his family to pursue a career in science. He began his academic career at Beijing University where he studied Geomechanics before transferring to the University of Southern California (USC) in 1982 to join their master’s and doctoral degree programs in structural geology.

Professor Yin officially received his doctoral degree from USC in 1988 and was offered a tenure tracked professorship at the University of California, Los Angeles. By 1996, he ascended to full Professor status at UCLA, even earning a title of Distinguished Professor for the year of 1995. During this time, Mr. Yin was sharing a joint appointment with the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics from 1995 to 2011. He made important contributions to the field of geophysics by integrating a range of geological observations into unexplored fields in Earth and planetary science.

Professor Yin was recognized widely for his innovative efforts to help understand how the planetary lithosphere forms and deforms. He was awarded the Young Scientist award and became a fellow of the Geological Society of America in 1994. He was then elected as a fellow of the American Geophysical Union in 2013. Another significant recognition he received was the prestigious Penrose Medal in

2022, which is the highest medal granted at the Geological Society of America.

Professor Yin also kept a continued focus on the geology of China and East Asia. He and his colleagues worked together to construct views of many critical issues in key places throughout the territory, including fault systems in Central Tibet, possible seismic gaps in northern China, and a metamorphic belt in Qiangtang. He was a founding member of the International Professionals for Advancement of Chinese Earth Sciences in 1999, a non-profit organization established to promote earth science research and education in China and international collaborations. Mr. Yin offered lectures and courses to numerous students in China and inspired many young academic professionals to pursue interests in geophysics, geology, and geochemistry.

Professor Yin is remembered for being an excellent advisor to many graduate and undergraduate students at UCLA. He supervised over 40 graduate theses and was considered the backbone of the UCLA field research curriculum for over 30 years. Many of his students have gone on to accept professorships themselves and one of his doctoral graduates is a NASA astronaut. He set a high bar for the scientific community that remains an inspiration to all who studied under him.

An Yin is survived by his wife Sandy and children, Daniel, and Hanah, along with his numerous mentees and academic colleagues who credit him with inspiring their strong work ethic and creative mindsets. May his memory live on in all those he taught and inspired in life.

HONORING PIERRE IVAN ARREOLA AS 2023 VALLEY LUCHADOR FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pierre Ivan Arreola as a Valley Luchador.

Pierre Ivan Arreola aka Pierre Boogie is a proud son of immigrants that grew up in Pacoima.

As he was growing up, he felt a deep connection to the arts through music and dance from his parents.

In high school, Pierre and his friends created The GR818ERS (pronounced ‘GREAT-ONE-EIGHTERS’), a collective that aims to uplift and empower their community through Hip Hop culture.

Today, with the direction of Pierre, the GR818ERS host community events and youth programs throughout the year that highlight Hip-Hop culture as a platform for self expression and social justice.

The GR818ERS founded AWOKE, a non-profit organization inspired by empowerment and the arts.

After a decade of building the movement, they opened the UNITE Cultural Center in Canoga Park—a San Fernando Valley-based hub for youth and community development through creative transformation, civic engagement, and collective healing.

As the Executive Director of AWOKE, Pierre manages development efforts, administers

funding contracts, and oversees a team of 15 cultural ambassadors. One of the locations I would like to highlight is Sheldon Skate Park where the GR818ERS are bringing vital resources and programming to the youth and skaters.

Pierre was a first-generation college student and received his bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Brown University.

Pierre has always been dedicated to his community and was recognized as the City of Los Angeles Impact Maker to Watch in 2016. Pierre has used his positions to continue to uplift vulnerable communities, spread hope, and advocate for justice.

Currently Pierre serves as a commissioner on the City of Los Angeles’ Human Relations Commission.

He was appointed to the City of Los Angeles’ Executive Task Force on Youth Development to help craft the blueprint for the City of Los Angeles’ inaugural Youth Development Department.

Pierre also serves as a board member of two academic centers at Cal State University, Northridge: The Center for Southern California Studies and the Center for the Interdisciplinary Pursuit of Hip Hop Elevation & Research.

In 2022, Pierre received the Mentorship Award from the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats.

I thank Pierre. It is my honor to recognize him as a distinguished leader and luchador during Hispanic Heritage Month.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF BISHOP MARC ANDRUS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with overwhelming joy that I rise today to pay tribute to Bishop Marc Andrus, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California: a spiritual luminary and moral leader whose more than three decades of service has been nothing short of exceptional. Bishop Marc embodies the creed of the City of St. Francis: ‘Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.’ Indeed, as an instrument of peace, he has played a beautiful symphony: honoring our sacred responsibility to care for those in need, to defend the dignity of all God’s children and to preserve our precious planet.

Whether in the pulpit or in our communities, the magnificent ministry of Bishop Marc has made a direct, and extraordinary, impact. He has held the position of Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California since 2006. As such, he leads a flock of 27,000 Episcopalians across 75 congregations in Northern California: walking with them down the path toward salvation and social justice. At the same time, his support for the Episcopal Impact Fund and a capital campaign to support Bay Area congregations has only amplified his impact—empowering more people of faith to perform good works in their communities. And his leadership on the San Francisco Interfaith Council helps bring our City together to work for housing and health care, education and environmental impact, justice and peace.

When St. Luke’s Hospital was on the verge of closure, Bishop Marc stepped forward to

help marshal an effort to rescue this pillar of health, healing and history in San Francisco's Mission neighborhood. The Blue Ribbon Panel that he co-chaired—which brought together community members, labor leaders, local officials, health professionals and industry stakeholders—quickly assembled a plan of action to rebuild the hospital so that it could continue to provide outstanding medical care. And when COVID struck, he was an invaluable resource for helping his diocese—and our City—navigate the chaos and uncertainty, convening experts twice a week to coordinate on policy decisions and public outreach.

Bishop Marc's clarion call for marriage equality was consequential in moving the nationwide fight forward. At a time when the Episcopal Church had not approved of rites for same-sex marriage, Bishop Marc publicly urged all couples—gay or straight—to be married in a civil ceremony with a blessing to be performed by the clergy. He went on to lead efforts within the Episcopal Church to win official marriage rites for same-sex couples, and he supported two amici curiae briefs bolstering marriage equality in the courts. And he brought great pride to our City when, as the very first person that he ordained as Bishop, he ordained the first transgender member of the Diocese of California clergy.

Growing up among the rolling hills and mighty rivers of eastern Tennessee, Bishop Marc could hear the Lord's call to be good stewards of His Creation. As an influential voice across the Episcopal Church, and co-chair of its Environmental Task Force, he has helped formulate climate policy recommendations and design initiatives to mobilize for climate action. In 2021, Bishop Marc led an Episcopal delegation to COP26—not only to reaffirm our moral duty to care for God's Creation, but also our obligation to advance eco-justice for communities hit hardest by the climate crisis. Thanks to his efforts, the Episcopal Church gained official observer status, giving it a platform to engage more directly with negotiators on all areas of the convention to address the climate crisis. At COP27, speaking at a panel that I appeared on, he offered striking moral clarity on the need to rescue our planet for future generations.

How fitting that, this Saturday, many from his congregation and his many friends in our City will gather at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco for the 174th Convention of the Diocese of California, where we will celebrate his towering legacy. But more profound than the praise we will offer him at the event will be the impact of prayerful leadership and service, which will be forever etched in the hearts of so many in the Bay Area and beyond.

I thank Bishop Marc for walking with us down the righteous path. May his retirement be filled with the same faith, charity and hope that he has so generously shared with us for so long.

CONGRATULATING “THE VOICE OF THE GRIZ” PETER CHRISTIAN TO HONOR HIS 50 YEARS IN PUBLIC BROADCASTING AND HIS IMPACT ON MISSOULA RADIO AND THE MONTANA GRIZZLIES

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my congratulations to an iconic Montanan and the Voice of the Griz, Peter Christian and celebrate his 50 years in broadcasting. This Montana legend and esteemed member of the community has won 25 first-place ‘Craney’ awards from the Montana Broadcasters Association for his news coverage on KGVO based out of Missoula, Montana. Beloved by thousands of fans across many generations, Peter has also been the Public Address Announcer for the Montana Grizzlies at Washington Grizzly Stadium since 1998.

On behalf of the people of Montana's first Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Peter Christian for his meaningful contributions to our community through public broadcasting.

Bravo Zulu, Peter.

HONORING VIRGINIA STATON DEROSSETT—100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Virginia Staton DeRossett of the First District of Kentucky who is turning 100 years old on November 1st. Ms. DeRossett is a Clinton County resident.

Ms. DeRossett diligently served her country throughout her 20-year tenure at the Pentagon, retiring in 1962. In addition to her civil service during World War II and the Korean war, her three brothers served in our nation's military, further solidifying her sense of duty.

Ms. DeRossett remains an engaged member of the community who continually seeks opportunities to better the lives of her fellow citizens. Ms. DeRossett's patriotic spirit and dedication to her country are rivaled only by her fervent commitment to her family and her conservative ideology.

I join with her family and loved ones, including her daughter and her extended family, in celebrating her lifetime of accomplishments and recognizing her valiant efforts serving our Nation.

HONORING XIOMARA FLORES-HOLGUIN AS 2023 VALLEY LUCHADORA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Xiomara Flores-Holguin as a Valley Luchadora.

Xiomara is famous in Los Angeles County for her work as a social worker and protecting thousands of kids during her amazing career.

She grew up a child of immigrants from Nicaragua. As a first generation American whose first language was Spanish, Xiomara has always understood the importance of inclusion, representation, and protecting those without a voice.

She received her master's degree in social work from the University of Southern California and got her start working with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

During her time posted with the Emergency Response Command, there were many nights when she was the only Spanish-speaking social worker in the entire county available to respond to emergency calls to accompany law enforcement to homes where Spanish-speaking children needed care.

When LAPD units answered calls about gang violence, Xiomara was there. When LAPD busted a human trafficking ring, Xiomara was there. When they raided a house where drugs were being manufactured, Xiomara was there.

Her primary concern was always the innocent children caught up in the violence, usually standing to the side, quiet and frightened while police arrested the adults around them. She made sure they were cared for and reunited with family whenever possible or placed into the foster system.

Xiomara retired after 36 years with the Department of Children and Family Services. She leaves behind a legacy of new policies that protect the welfare of vulnerable children throughout Los Angeles.

She continues to give back to her community by way of teaching part-time at the California State University Northridge Department of Social Work. Xiomara understands the need for compassion and trained, culturally competent crisis professionals to respond to urgent calls, values she passes on to her students.

In addition to her work at CSUN, she remains a tireless worker and advocate for underserved populations and is a major influencing member of the San Fernando Valley Coalition on Gangs.

I thank Xiomara. It is my honor to recognize her as a distinguished community leader and luchadora during this Hispanic Heritage Month.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF MAYOR KEN MARSHBURN

HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and celebrate the exemplary service of Mayor Ken Marshburn, a distinguished leader, and devoted public servant to the Town of Garner. I'm privileged to recognize his remarkable contributions to our community and express our collective gratitude.

Before Ken Marshburn was elected as Garner's mayor in 2019, he served on the Town Council for twelve years. He was also on the board of the Garner Economic Development Corporation, which led the redevelopment of