

the former ConAgra site into a bustling Amazon fulfillment center, further solidifying Garner's role in the economic prosperity of our region.

Beyond his civic leadership, Mayor Marshburn has exhibited a life of dedication to public service, retiring as the Chief of U.S. Pretrial Services for the Eastern District of North Carolina, after a laudable 26-year career. He and his wife, the equally esteemed Ms. Faye Marshburn, who served the Wake County Public School System, have been pillars of the Garner community for over three decades.

It's impossible to miss the philanthropic spirit of the Marshburns. Both Mayor Marshburn and Mrs. Marshburn have been steadfast volunteers with Meals on Wheels of Wake County as well as active members of Garner First Baptist Church.

Furthermore, Mayor Marshburn's passion for education and youth empowerment is evident from his fourteen-year service as guardian ad litem for Wake County, his fifteen-year tenure as a reading tutor in Garner schools, and his unwavering commitment to the Garner Morning Rotary Club for nearly two decades.

Mayor Marshburn's leadership has steered Garner towards a positive and prosperous future. His commitment to fiscal responsibility has laid a solid foundation for the town's growth, attracting new businesses that enrich our economic diversity. His legacy is one of leadership, service, and unwavering dedication to our community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Mayor Ken Marshburn for his unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions to Garner and extending our best wishes to him and his family as they embark on this well-deserved retirement.

Our community is undeniably richer and brighter due to his leadership and service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DIANNE FEINSTEIN LAKE TAHOE RESTORATION ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a bill cosponsored by every California Democrat and the entire Nevada delegation renaming the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–506) in honor of the late U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D–CA). We recognize her legacy and leadership spanning more than three decades to Keep Tahoe Blue.

Among her many accomplishments, Senator Feinstein secured more than \$715 million in authorized federal funding under this landmark 2000 law to conserve Lake Tahoe and the surrounding basin for future generations. Senator Feinstein's 2016 amendments to this law provided new authorities for the U.S. Forest Service to combat wildfires across the Tahoe Basin. These authorities were first employed in combating the devastating Caldor Fire in 2021 and in the recovery since.

Nobody in government has done more to Keep Tahoe Blue than Senator Feinstein. She organized the first annual Tahoe Summit in 1997, while I served as Deputy Secretary of

the Interior during the Clinton Administration. The California and Nevada Senators have since rotated hosting the Tahoe Summit annually, which I have been honored to attend over the years.

In 1999, Senator Feinstein sponsored the original Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, the companion of which by then-Congressman John T. Doolittle (R–CA) was enacted into law in the year 2000. In the 114th Congress, I was honored to sponsor the companion to Senator Feinstein's "Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2015" with then-U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R–NV), which was enacted into law the following year.

Under the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Division AA of Public Law 116–260), she worked with Congresswoman DIANA TITUS (D–NV), U.S. Senator ALEX PADILLA (D–CA), and me to authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers new invasive species in alpine lakes pilot project to safeguard Lake Tahoe. Under the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (Title LXXXI of Public Law 117–263), she worked again with us to secure an additional \$25 million in federal funding for restoration efforts across the Lake Tahoe Basin, such as restoration of the Upper Truckee River and Marsh.

This past March, Senator Feinstein sponsored the "Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act of 2023" with the entire Nevada delegation to provide an additional \$415 million in federal funding until 2034. I can think of no better tribute to Senator Feinstein's decades of leadership to help conserve Lake Tahoe than passing this bipartisan reauthorization into law. I am deeply saddened by the passing of this amazing public servant, longtime friend, and treasured colleague. Senator Feinstein will be missed dearly, but her legacy will endure through the lives of the countless Californians she improved during her storied life and career.

My colleagues and I from the California and Nevada delegations are honored to recognize Senator Feinstein's tireless advocacy for our public lands by sponsoring this bill to rename the landmark Lake Tahoe Restoration Act in her honor. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all members to join us in cosponsoring this bill.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on October 29, 2023, the Republic of Türkiye celebrates the 100th anniversary of its founding, and I congratulate the People of Türkiye and Turkish Americans on this 100th commemoration.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.–Türkiye Relations and Turkish Americans and the only Member of Congress of Turkish descent, I recognize the vast reforms that were undertaken by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his vision for a reformed, modernized, and democratic Turkish Republic. Today, Turkish Americans represent a vital thread of the American fabric, and with rich culture and history, they serve as the best ambassadors for strong relations between our two countries.

I take pride in the contributions and cultural richness brought by Turkish-Americans to the United States. Our heritage is a tapestry woven into the diverse fabric of this nation, and we remain committed to fostering understanding and collaboration between Türkiye and the United States.

I congratulate the Turkish people and Turkish Americans on this centennial milestone and look forward to strengthening U.S. Türkiye relations.

HONORING VICTOR GARZA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Victor Garza. He is a longtime community advocate and Latino leader in San Jose, CA.

Victor Garza was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, and moved to California in 1960. He enlisted in the United States Navy and when he left the Navy, he realized there were limited services for veterans in the community. He observed that Latinos were struggling to gain a political voice and recognized that two key areas that needed to be addressed were educational attainment of Latinos and increasing their political participation and increasing services to people in need throughout the community. He was active in one of the most important veterans' groups in the nation, the American GI Forum.

Victor became the first Manager of the Santa Clara County Office of Veterans Services. He has received numerous commendations and awards for his long history of political activism and community involvement including proclamations from the U.S. Congress, State Legislature, County of Santa Clara, and the City of San Jose. He was awarded "Outstanding Young Man of America" by the U.S. Jaycees, recognized by the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission for outstanding service and dedication to the community, and was an Olympic Cross Country Torch Relay Participant in 1996. The Victor Garza Community Center in Austin, Texas bears his name, as does the Victor Garza Educational Center at Evergreen Valley College.

He founded the La Raza Roundtable in 1988, Santa Clara County's largest coalition of Latino and Mexican American organizations, and spent the last 4 decades fighting for his community. In 1998, Victor was invited by the White House to participate in President Clinton's Initiative on Race and Poverty.

Victor has been a strong voice for equitable education, social and health services, immigration issues, employment and promotional issues that impact the Latino workforce, as well as veterans affairs. He is truly the best our community has to offer, and it has been my privilege to work alongside him and I am proud to call him my friend.

HONORING FABIAN ALOMAR 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 Fabian Aiomar as a Valley Luchador.

Fabian is a professional skateboarder and actor. He stated his career in the '90s, and since then he has involved himself in community advocacy. He most recently appeared in FLAMIN' HOT, an ode to the invention of Hot Cheetos—a beloved snack.

A former resident of Panorama City, Fabian balances acting with his love for skateboarding. He supports the sport and kids interested in it by donating skateboards so they can get involved in and improve at skateboarding.

Over four years ago, Fabian became involved with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition as a formerly incarcerated individual. The ARC empowers formerly and currently incarcerated people to thrive by providing a support network, comprehensive reentry services, and opportunities to advocate for policy changes that will help others caught in cycles of incarceration.

Today, Fabian uses his platform to share the mission of ARC to help others who are formerly incarcerated integrate back into society.

Fabian, like me, is the son of immigrants and came from a lineage of farmers.

He told one of our local newspapers, the San Fernando Sun, that he recently reconnected with his campesino roots and is expanding his advocacy efforts to include agricultural workers.

His advocacy, energy, and compassion are limitless, and we are proud to call him a Valley native.

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

Penny, along with her family, grew up in Fountain Chapel A.M.E. Church in Tallahassee where she participated in the Youth Choir and the YPD'ers (Young People and Children's Division).

Under Episcopal Supervisor Penny Hartsfield White's leadership, the members of the Women's Missionary Society have grown in their mission focus. Episcopal Supervisor Penny is intentional about ensuring the missionaries bless organizations that serve "the least of these." Donations of diapers, clothing, socks, coats, toiletries, toys, and funds are just a sampling of the ways the missionaries have an impact.

Penny's service to her community is rich and extensive, including serving: with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami; as Chair and Co-Chair of United Way Campaigns: as a Co-Chair for multiple March of Dimes sub-committees; on Committees within the American Cancer Society; as Treasurer for the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce Trustee Council; with the Chamber as they travelled to Brazil and South Africa to foster working relationships between countries; and as an officer of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Penny currently serves as a Board Member of the Black Women's Agenda, Inc.

During her tenure, Episcopal Supervisor Penny Hartsfield White spearheaded the project to build a home for a pastor in Africa when she learned he needed a place to live. She led the construction of a commercial kitchen in the public library in Pembroke, Illinois, to ensure the community had a suitable gathering place. She also coordinated the purchase of sewing machines for widowed women in India so they could make items to sell to support their families.

I join with members of the 4th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the global community to thank Mrs. Penny Hartsfield White for her exceptional service to the church and our nation. I wish her health and happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING MRS. PENNY
HARTSFIELD WHITE ON HER RE-
TIREMENT AS SUPERVISOR OF
THE 4TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional service of Mrs. Penny Hartsfield White, 4th Episcopal District Supervisor of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The 4th Episcopal District is headquartered in the 7th Congressional District of Illinois.

Penny is a native of Tallahassee, Florida, and the fifth of nine siblings, six girls and three boys. Her father, the late Richard Allen Hartsfield, Sr., was the Assistant County Agent, and her mother, the late Mrs. Mamie S. Hartsfield, was an elementary educator and a staff member of Florida A. & M. University.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARY ELLEN
RIVERS SMITH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a committed educator, devout Christian, and dedicated public servant, Mrs. Mary Ellen Rivers Smith. Ms. Smith transitioned from this life on October 14, 2023. She was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on February 13, 1931, the third of four children born to Addell and Mitchell Rivers.

Ms. Smith was a proud graduate of the Charleston School System, having attended Simonton Elementary School, where I began my professional career, and the historic Avery Institute, the first accredited secondary school for African Americans in Charleston. The Avery Institute had a special place in her heart. Decades after graduation, Mrs. Smith donated several artifacts from her school days to what has become the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture.

Ms. Smith matriculated at North Carolina Central University, then North Carolina Col-

lege, in Durham, North Carolina, in 1952 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education with a minor in Education. An avid and talented singer, Mrs. Smith earned the nickname "Songbird" as a soloist in the University Choir. After graduation, she returned to Charleston to teach high school and shortly thereafter married Reverend Dr. Charles F. Thomas.

Mrs. Smith was deeply dedicated to uplifting and shaping young minds. Over her six-decades-long career as an educator, she taught in elementary and middle schools in South Carolina; Biloxi, Mississippi; Lanon, Philippine Islands; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Omaha, Nebraska. After residing in Omaha for many years, she moved with her family to Huntsville, Alabama.

In Huntsville, Mrs. Smith became Education Director for the Comprehensive Childcare program. She retired from teaching in 1999 but continued her commitment to educating the next generation of young minds as a substitute elementary school teacher. Additionally, during this time, she met and married Frank C. Smith of Charleston. Her dedication to education and community service served as an inspiration to her five children, all of whom served as educators in various capacities.

Mrs. Smith accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church. Her love for the Lord would follow her throughout the entirety of her life. A longtime devoted parishioner of Morris Street Baptist Church in Charleston, Mrs. Smith was involved in the Senior Choir, Hour of Power Choir, Educational Ministry, Newsletter Ministry, Social Butterflies, Senior Ministry, Pastoral Aid, Senior Citizens, and Sunday School.

After relocating to the Washington, D.C. area to live with her daughter Jennifer, Mrs. Smith became a member of the Reid Temple AME Church. There, she participated in the Reid Temple Senior Services Bible study. However, Morris Street Baptist always remained dear to her heart.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the remarkable life of Mrs. Mary Ellen Rivers Smith. She is remembered fondly by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, beloved relatives, church family, and dear friends. Mrs. Smith lived a life full of love, devotion, public service, and grace. She will be sorely missed and well-remembered by all blessed to know her.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
CAMILLE BRANDON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize the life of Camille Brandon, a dedicated public servant and advocate for causes about which she cared deeply. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have worked with her will recall the kindness, the decency and the warmth that she brought to all of her governmental, political and civic efforts.

Camille was the Deputy Erie County Clerk under elected clerks of both major parties, was a trusted advisor in the administration of