

Mahender also brought the first mobile mammography and MRI services to Eastern Kentucky to ensure all patients had access to adequate imaging and screening services.

Dr. Jayalakshmi Pampati, born in Chennai, India, daughter of Mr. G.C. Krishnamoorthy and Mrs. G.Y. Thilakam, led a successful and patient forward career as the region's only rheumatologist. As one of few female physicians of her generation, she continuously broke barriers throughout her career, from medical school to her practice. She started her own rheumatology practice in Hazard, Kentucky shortly after moving there. Jayalakshmi was the only rheumatologist within a 60-mile radius for her entire career, serving a significant portion of Eastern Kentucky. Jayalakshmi diagnosed and treated several debilitating autoimmune diseases for the first time in the region and treated many of these patients for many decades. Jayalakshmi treated all patients, both insured and uninsured, guaranteeing all patients would be treated and advised on the most cost-effective and quality treatment plan.

Together they broke many firsts. Most significantly, they opened the first after hours clinic in the region in 1996, the Mountain After Hours Clinic (MAHC). MAHC provided a range of care, from primary care services to pediatrics to mental healthcare services. This groundbreaking clinic brought access to healthcare for the many patients who were unable to take off work to receive care during the workday and accepted patients whether they were insured or not.

Dr. Mahender Pampati received his medical degree from Magadh Medical College in 1979, and completed his radiology residency at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1987 with a fellowship in neuroradiology from Stony Brook University in New York. Dr. Jayalakshmi Pampati received her medical degree from Madras Medical College in 1981, and completed her residency in internal medicine at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, New York in 1988 with a fellowship in rheumatology from Stony Brook University in New York.

Dr. Mahender and Jayalakshmi Pampati have dedicated their lives and careers to providing specialized, quality, accessible, and affordable healthcare to the people of Eastern Kentucky, and their work has critically improved the healthcare landscape in an under-resourced and underserved part of our state. Mahender and Jayalakshmi Pampati will continue to be stewards of public service through their work with community organizations in Kentucky, the Bluegrass Indo American Civic Society and the Bharatiya Temple and Cultural Center. What a wonderful vocation for a truly special couple. I know their patients, fellow healthcare workers, and colleagues in Eastern Kentucky will miss their service. I wish them all the best in retirement and hope they enjoy time with their children, daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. I ask that my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives join me in thanking Dr. Jayalakshmi and Mahender Pampati for their lifelong commitment to serving Kentucky families and communities in need and congratulating them on their well-deserved retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, on December 11, 2023, I was unable to be in attendance for votes on the House floor due to official Congressional travel. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 707, YEA on rollcall No. 708, and YEA on rollcall No. 709.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF NEIL T. FREEMAN

#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neil Thomas Freeman, an Army Veteran and resident of Tilton, New Hampshire, who passed away in November. Neil was a beloved husband, son, and brother, who proudly dedicated his life to public service both in the United States Army and as a civilian federal employee.

Born in Somerville, MA, Neil enlisted in the United States Army shortly after graduating from high school in 1984. Following his military service, Neil was a proud member of the DAV, VFW, and AMVETS. Neil continued to serve his country as a civil servant for over 30 years, working for the United States Postal Service, Veterans Affairs, and United States Customs and Immigration. Most recently, he was a Congressional Liaison in the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service's Manchester Field Office.

Neil was known by his coworkers, friends, and family for being incredibly selfless, patient, and kind. He will be fondly remembered by the communities he touched and those he loved for years to come. His legacy of service, connection, and family will continue to inspire others.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences with the Freeman family, including Neil's loving wife, Lisa his son, Cole, and his many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. I would once again like to extend my condolences to the Freeman family and wish them all the very best in this time of grieving.

### JAMES DURAN

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Duran for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

James has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like James, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them

for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to James's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate James Duran on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

### TRIBUTE TO BISHOP SEDGWICK DANIELS

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise once again with a heavy heart to extend my condolences to the family and community mourning the passing of the esteemed Bishop Sedgwick Daniels. Bishop Daniels passed away on November 12, 2023, at the age of 64. Having been friends with Bishop Daniels and his family for decades, I personally admired and appreciated his unwavering commitment to both congregation and the greater community.

Bishop Daniels was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin into the loving union of John and Kathleen Daniels. He was not only a spiritual leader but also an authentic advocate for empowerment, leaving an indelible mark on the Milwaukee area, both physically and spiritually. His dedication to fostering positive change extended beyond the confines of the Church, impacting our community, and reaching global proportions.

As the Pastor and Establishmentarian of the Holy Redeemer Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Bishop Daniels played a pivotal role in our region's spiritual and community development. His visional leadership transformed Holy Redeemer COGIC into a thriving institution, addressing educational and social service needs with a multi-million-dollar impact.

His commitment to youth success manifested through the establishment of educational institutions like Holy Redeemer Christian Academy, Young Coggs William Preparatory Academy, and Katherine T. Daniels University Preparatory Academy. Initiatives such as Trained Pulpit and Trained Pew underscored his dedication to shaping the future of the Milwaukee community.

In 2001, Bishop Daniels was appointed Bishop by Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson and the COGIC General Board, a recognition of his exceptional spiritual leadership. Overseeing the growth of his jurisdiction from 39 congregations to more than 100 churches in Wisconsin and northern Illinois, Bishop Daniels became a beacon of inspiration in steering the spiritual course of the Church. His passing marks the end of an era, and we collectively grieve the loss of a visionary leader and spiritual guide. His leadership was impactful, and his absence will be deeply felt in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels was a revered member of Milwaukee, the 4th Congressional District, and the entire State of Wisconsin. I commend and sincerely appreciate his contributions as a public servant and am honored to pay tribute to the late Bishop Sedgwick Daniels.

REMEMBERING ISIDORO, SHIRLEY,  
AND JEFFREY GREENBLUM

### HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of several members of the Greenblum family of South Texas. Over the past 14 months, South Texas lost three members of this beloved family, all who made a deep impact on our community. Isidoro Irving Greenblum, Shirley Jean Katz Greenblum, and Jeffrey Lee Greenblum will all be greatly missed.

Isidoro Irving "Pancho" Greenblum lived life by one of his favorite dichos—"Que mala hiebra nunca muere"—"A tough weed always survives." He was born in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and later raised in Laredo, Texas, and he was proud to be a citizen of "Los Dos Laredos." He worked for his family's successful furniture business in Nuevo Laredo while also serving as a member of the International Bank of Commerce's Board of Director for 40 years. His command of both Spanish and English and his tendency to treat everyone he met like family made him an invaluable member of the board, and he traveled extensively to Mexico and throughout Texas to form relationships with customers.

Shirley Jeannne Katz Greenblum was known for the warmth she radiated in everything she did and was dedicated to her family and community. As the mother of four sons, she undoubtedly had her hands full, but she built a home that was nurturing and open to all, with her children having fond memories of their mother hosting their friends for refreshments almost daily.

Shirley and Isidoro were loving life partners, sharing 72 years of marriage after meeting while in school at the University of Texas. Together in Laredo, they raised their sons, Jeff, Gary, Brad, and Robbie. They were also proud and adoring grandparents and great-grandparents.

Shirley and Isidoro shared a passion for charity and volunteering. Isidoro was the Founding Board Member and served as the first President of the Laredo Area Community Foundation, with the goal of making local charitable giving easy. He served on the board of several other charitable organizations, including for the Jewish community he was dedicated to, and created a scholarship at his high school alma mater for immigrant students attending college. Although Shirley was born and raised in Dallas, she made Laredo her home and gave back to the community through several organizations like the Laredo Art League, the Laredo Children's Museum, and more.

Jeffrey Lee Greenblum, known as Jeff, was a proud son and brother, and a proud father himself to his son William "Billy" Greenblum. He graduated from his parents' alma mater and went on to get a law degree from Southern Methodist University. Jeff found success in both business and public service, serving as a senior executive for an oil and gas company, a mining company, and a natural resource consultancy and serving his country during the George H.W. Bush Administration at the Departments of Energy and Commerce.

Isidoro, Shirley, and Jeff leave behind a lasting legacy in South Texas, and the love

they had for each other, and their family will never be forgotten.

### HONORING LISA GOODMAN

### HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Minneapolis's longest serving City Council Member, Lisa Goodman. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Goodman has been dedicated to improving the lives of those who call Ward 7 home—her constituents in the Bryn Mawr, Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, Elliot Park, Kenwood, Loring Park, Lowry Hill, and Steven's Square-Loring Heights neighborhoods, as well as parts of downtown.

Prior to being elected to the City Council in 1997, Ms. Goodman was the Executive Director of Minnesota NARAL where she was a champion of reproductive freedom and women's rights. Since taking office, she has invested in our community by supporting her constituents through driving development and fighting for her strongly held beliefs.

Of her seven terms in office, one of Council Member Goodman's lasting legacies will be her commitment to growing the arts and entertainment district along Minneapolis's Hennepin Avenue. She was instrumental in supporting the stabilization of the Orpheum Theater, the State and Pantages Theaters, and the Cowles Center for Dance & Performing Arts. She also helped move forward the design and construction of the Downtown Library and promoted sidewalk cafes and food trucks.

During Ms. Goodman's 25 years on the City Council, the residential population of downtown more than doubled and she has played an important role in the development of an affordable housing trust fund, which has invested more than \$250 million in the community and has garnered over \$1 billion in public financing.

To address access to food for downtown residents, Ms. Goodman helped bring two Lunds & Byerly's grocery stores to her Ward and more recently Whole Foods and Trader Joe's. She was also an early champion for improved environmental sustainability, advocating for the addition of green roofs at Target Center and City Hall.

In her career spanning four decades, Ms. Goodman prioritized building long-lasting relationships with policymakers of the Minnesota Legislature and her constituents through monthly "Lunch with Lisa" events, neighborhood meetings, ice cream socials, and community gatherings. The strength of her convictions has served her well over the years. She has been a strong advocate for her community and we are grateful for her years of public service.

### VALERIA HOLGUIN

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Valeria Holguin for earning the

Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Valeria has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Valeria, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Valeria's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Valeria Holguin on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, December 11, 2023, I was not able to be recorded on Roll Call Numbers 707, 708, and 709.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 707; YEA on Roll Call No. 708; and YEA on Roll Call No. 709.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, December 11, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 707; YEA on Roll Call No. 708; and YEA on Roll Call No. 709.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Monday December 11, 2023, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on three roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 707, YES on Roll Call No. 708, and YES on Roll Call No. 709.

### CORINNE JAMES BOWDEN

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corinne James Bowden for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Corinne has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Corinne, who strive to make the most of their education develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them