

at the University of Chicago and McGill University, before spreading knowledge as a professor at Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, and University College London. As a trusted expert on higher education and mental health, he has advised stakeholders in both the public and private sectors throughout his career. His influence can be felt in academia and healthcare across this country and throughout Canada.

President Ono has deep experience working in the higher education sector. Whether serving as chair of the U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities, on the board of directors of the Universities Canada and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, or as past chair of Research Universities of British Columbia, he has constantly sought opportunities to educate and mentor a new generation of aspiring researchers, scientists, and doctors.

Within his first few days at The University of Michigan, President Ono has made a commitment to being available and meeting with students, faculty, and campus unions. President Ono wants to strengthen trust in the University with an emphasis on ethics and transparency. Additionally, President Ono has set out to improve the mental health programs on campus. In honest conversations and TED Talks, President Ono has been open about his mental health experiences and how his personal story guides his commitment to building access to mental health care. With his extensive experience and a strong commitment to students, President Ono will help the University of Michigan continue on the bright path ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the University of Michigan's newest President Santa J. Ono. I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him for the future.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND COMMITMENT OF BARBARA LINCOLN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service and commitment of Barbara Lincoln. Her dedication to our country throughout her lifetime demonstrates the true American spirit of sacrifice for the greater good.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mrs. Barbara Lincoln joined the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. She trained at the Lenox Hill Hospital for two and a half years, graduating in March 1947 as a registered nurse. Mrs. Lincoln then went on to work in several New York hospitals during the rise of polio. Despite already having a registered nurse's license, Barbara Lincoln continued her education, gaining a bachelor's degree in human health services and certifications to become a school nurse, teacher, and nurse practitioner.

In 1949, Barbara Lincoln married Donald Pantke and had three children. Unfortunately, her husband Donald passed away when she was 35, leaving her a single mother. Still, she persevered to provide for her family. In 1967, she eventually remarried to Judson Lincoln, a major in the Air Force. Their blended family had 7 children, larger than the Brady Bunch.

Today, Mrs. Barbara Lincoln is an active member of First Christian Church in Inverness, as well as a retired military group. She still finds time to be active and give back to her community through volunteering at Precious Paws Rescue. Mrs. Lincoln is also a loving grandmother to 15 grandchildren and great-grandmother to 18 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Barbara Lincoln's legacy truly represents the American dream through her marvelous life full of patriotism, courage, and determination.

HONORING MIKE GONZALEZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Mr. Mike Gonzalez.

Mr. Gonzalez is originally from Guadalajara, Jalisco, and immigrated to the United States of America at age 17. After immigrating to the U.S., he began his new life by obtaining a license from the State of California to start his career as a private investigator and bodyguard, eventually starting his own company.

A resident of Santa Ana, California, since 1987, he now owns several businesses, including Santa Ana Security Services, Inc., and employs 250 men and women. Mr. Gonzalez is a community leader and activist in Santa Ana, where he organizes the annual May Day March for immigrant rights, workers' rights, and human rights for all. He also coordinated the historic "2006 March" to protest a law that sought to criminalize those who help undocumented immigrants in the United States.

Mr. Gonzalez is an active member in the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and he serves as the organization's vice president of Immigration Reform. In this role, he participates in historic campaigns such as, but not limited to, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the 2018 VOICES Act, and the 2019 "Keep California Families Together" law.

He was a counselor to the previous four Presidents of Mexico electors at the Consulate of Mexico. In 1995, he actively participated in campaigns that led to an amendment to the Mexican Constitution. In the period of 2005 through 2008, he was a member of the Advisory Council of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (CC-IME). From 2012 through 2015, he was an inventor and coordinator of the Commission of Art, Culture, and Mexican Traditions Abroad.

Mr. Gonzalez is a practicing Catholic and gives thanks to God for his many blessings. He is a man who has made many positive contributions to his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the exceptional achievements and career of Mr. Mike Gonzalez.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL N. COPPOLA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Michael N.

Coppola. He was an outstanding man of character who touched the lives of countless people and contributed to the betterment of the Buffalo community.

He was born at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, New York on August 25, 1948. He was the oldest of 10 children of Angela Coppola and Dr. Joseph R. Coppola. He attended Christ the King School in Snyder, New York, moving on to Canisius for high school. He continued to attend Canisius through college, where he earned a degree in Business Administration and Management. He was honored as an Outstanding Graduate by Canisius College in 2016.

At the age of 16, Michael Coppola began working as a stock boy for Tops Markets. Over the next 33 years, he climbed the ranks within the company, eventually earned the title of Executive Vice President of Marketing. He was considered an innovator in the supermarket industry, even opening up the first Tops International Store in order to meet the demands of the diverse cultures living within the City of Buffalo and the metropolitan area.

Michael Coppola was regarded as a dear friend, mentor, teacher, and inspiration both within and outside of the Tops company. It gave him great joy to guide and mentor others throughout his life and career; his lifelong motto was "Choose Love." Before his passing, he was able to organize a reunion with his former Tops colleagues, further strengthening his local community. His leadership and dedication to God, family, and community will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Michael Coppola passed into the arms of the Lord on August 21, 2022. On the day of Michael Coppola's funeral, Byron W. Brown, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, proclaimed October 29, 2022, as "Michael N. Coppola Day" in the City of Buffalo and joined his family and friends in celebration of his life and selfless legacy.

Michael Coppola leaves behind to cherish his children Jennifer, Jill, Michelle, the late Joseph, and Jeffrey; his grandchildren the late Angelina, Serena and Arabella, Ryan and Miranda, Zach, Hailee and Addison; his siblings Leonard, Joe, Jack, the late Mary, Peter, Paul, Robert, Richard, and Donna—and a host of other family members and loving friends.

REDUCE EXACERBATED INFLATION NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE NATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 347) to require the Executive Office of the President to provide an inflation estimate with respect to Executive orders with a significant effect on the annual gross budget, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 347, the REIN IN Act.

House Republicans are claiming this bill will require the administration to publish the inflationary impact of executive actions before enacting them, but if Republicans had taken the

time to hold a hearing on this bill, they would have discovered that the bill merely requires the President to “prepare and consider” the inflationary impact—not publish it. This is yet another misleading political stunt from the new Republican majority.

For two years, House Republicans blamed President Biden and Congressional Democrats for inflation and promised they would fix it. Yet, they passed on the opportunity to work with Democrats to fight inflation by passing the Inflation Reduction Act to rebuild American manufacturing and lower the costs of prescription drugs, health care, energy, and other goods and services.

Since 2020, inflation has risen worldwide, exacerbated by supply chain delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the outbreak of the pandemic, Democrats worked swiftly to pass relief packages, helping American families and businesses survive while preventing economic collapse. Recent figures have shown that these programs worked: inflation is lower in the U.S. than in the U.K., Canada, and 20 European Union member states. Today, while Republicans offer this thoughtless bill, 432,000 Minnesotans and millions of other Americans who have benefited from the emergency SNAP funding are seeing their extra benefits run out. This bill does nothing to reduce everyday costs for these and other Americans.

Madam Chair, H.R. 347 is yet more proof that Republicans would rather blame President Biden and Democrats for inflation than take steps to address it.

It should be rejected.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF JOSEFINA ORTEGA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Josefina Ortega.

Josefina was born February 10, 1923, in Contla, Jalisco, Mexico. She migrated to the United States in 1961, starting a new life in the City of Pomona. For 18 years she worked as a seamstress at Betty Oden Dresses in Walnut, California—famous for their vintage ruffle lace tulle and church dresses. In 2015, she became a proud naturalized citizen of the United States.

On behalf of the 35th Congressional District, I congratulate Josefina on this incredible milestone. It is my honor to represent courageous people like her. I am grateful for her 62 years of residency in my district. I was honored to join her and hear her sing at her 100th Birthday celebration. I hope that she enjoys much happiness in the coming year.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. MARTIN HARMON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of

Mr. Martin Harmon, president and founder of the Western Care Construction Company. Mr. Harmon leaves behind an indelible legacy of over 50 years of service in the senior care and construction industries.

A lifelong Californian, Mr. Harmon demonstrated his persevering and industrious spirit from a young age, working from the age of nine to support his family during the difficult times of World War II. As an adolescent, Mr. Harmon went on to open his own market and meat-packing company, beginning what would become a long career of entrepreneurial ventures.

At the age of 27, inspired by his mother's selfless service in caring for the elderly, Mr. Harmon purchased his first nursing home in Auburn, California, discovering his passion for supporting his community through construction projects. Driven by his spirit of service, Mr. Harmon became a licensed general contractor, enabling him to create new senior living facilities and other community structures from the ground up.

Mr. Harmon's innovation and diligence left a lasting impact on the senior care and construction industries. After obtaining his Nursing Home Administrator's license, he founded Western Care Construction Company, dedicated to developing senior living and care residencies that prioritize dignity and quality of life. Under Mr. Harmon's patient leadership, Western Care has established itself as a company that does not merely create facilities, but also communities that enrich residents' lives and provide spaces to promote connections between residents.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Harmon founded multiple companies, including Horizon West Healthcare and Platinum Living Services, which spearheaded community development projects around California. His involvement in multiple industries—from construction to real estate development to senior care—allowed him to develop long-term, collaborative relationships with a wide array of individuals, extending the reach of his community influence. Mr. Harmon's critical leadership, strong work ethic, and creativity permanently changed the landscape of the senior care industry, ensuring future generations of aging Americans will be treated with dignity and compassion.

Mr. Harmon will be remembered not only for his decades of service to California seniors, but also for his genuine spirit of kindness and compassion. He impacted the lives of so many and his steadfast leadership, constant smile, and patient mentorship have left a lasting legacy on communities across California.

Mr. Harmon's enduring spirit will live on in the communities he impacted. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Harmon's loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of California, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING ERC; COUNSELORS
AND CONSULTANTS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of ERC:

Counselors and Consultants. Founded in 1992, this thriving Employee Assistance Program based in Green Bay partners with organizations throughout Wisconsin and the Nation with the goal of enhancing the mental health of employees, improving business performance, and strengthening communities. While ERC remains focused on the Midwest, the company has a national footprint through their network of counselors.

Steve and Allyson Baue purchased ERC in 2014. Their strong leadership and passion for helping others led ERC to experience record growth in 2022 as companies sought better benefits for their employees. Today, ERC has more than 100,000 employees covered by their Employee Assistance Program, and they have more than 400 partnerships with customers throughout Wisconsin and the United States. ERC has an outstanding reputation for helping lift the mental health burdens that hold employees back. I commend Steve and Allyson for the hard work and dedication they have displayed towards helping companies improve employee mental health.

ERC is positively changing the workplace by embodying Northeast Wisconsin values in all that they do. It is exciting to hear of ERC's plans to continue promoting quality mental health benefits while expanding their footprint in underserved areas. They are a true benefit to the Green Bay area and all of Northeast Wisconsin. I am grateful to Steve and Allyson, ERC's counselors, and the entire ERC team for their continued support and dedication to helping individuals address mental health challenges with easy access to quality counseling services.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate ERC: Counselors and Consultants on its 30th year in advancing the mental health of employees. I wish this company many more years of continued growth and success.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE AND LEGACY OF AMBAS-
SADOR JAMES A. JOSEPH

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Ambassador James A. Joseph, who passed away on February 17, 2023, at the age of 87. Although originally from Louisiana, Ambassador Joseph had ties to Tuscaloosa, where he helped lead local civil rights efforts in the 1960s.

Ambassador Joseph served with distinction in under several Presidents, including as Under Secretary of Interior under President Carter and as our Ambassador to South Africa for three years during the Clinton Administration. The only U.S. Ambassador to present his credentials to President Nelson Mandela, he was awarded the Order of Good Hope by the Republic of South Africa in 1999, the highest honor bestowed on a citizen of another country.

Under President Clinton, Ambassador Joseph also served as the founding chair of the Commission on National and Community Service that established AmeriCorps. Reflecting the high regard in which he was held, Ambassador Joseph served under President Ronald Reagan on the Advisory Committee for the