

where she received her MFA in 1975. She also studied Communications at the Pennsylvania State University's College of Communications.

During her 16 years at Dillard University, Mrs. Rochon chaired the Department of Mass Communications. She later held a faculty appointment at the College of Communications at Purdue University. Mrs. Rochon was also an Emmy Award winning television news producer. She produced an array of television shows, which included, *Fast Track*, *Fast Track Te Informa*, *Primetime* and the New England Regional Emmy Award winning "Best Target Audience Series" *Urban Update* and *Black News*.

Mrs. Rochon is survived by her husband, Gilbert Rochon III, PhD, MPH; their daughter, Hildred Sarah Rochon, MD, MPH, MBA; their son, Emile Saul Rochon, MD; daughter-in-law, Jalelah Sophia Ahmed, MIA; son-in-law, Lillard Royal Lewis, Jr., MBA; grandson's Jayden Royal Lewis and Jameson Ramon Lewis; sisters, Anna Lois Saul Harrison and Margaret Ethel Saul Bordenave; brother, Herman James Saul, Jr.; brothers-in-law, Richard David Harrison; RADM Stephen Wayne Rochon, (RET.), Gregory Paul Rochon, Brandon Pierre Rochon; sisters-in-law, Sheryl Saul, Shirley Rochon and Janet Oliver Rochon; cousins Dr. Claudia Phillips Joplin, Dr. Michele Louise Phillips Pointer, Myra E. Phillips, JD and a host of beloved nephews, nieces and cousins!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman James Saul, Sr. and Louise Phillips Saul; Aunts, Magnettie Saul Perrault, Beulah Saul, Malcolm Saul, Florence Saul, Edith Saul; Uncles, Wallace Saul, Godfrey Saul, Dr. George Martin Phillips, Aunt Wimberly Ruth Phillips; Cousins George Martin Phillips Jr., Dr. Deborah Phillips Theado; sisters-in-law, Alexis Rochon, Dr. Melanie Rochon Bush; brothers-in-law Christopher Joseph Bordenave, III, Evan Ashley Rochon; grandmothers; Sarah Anna Merritt, Claudia Ethel Gates Phillips Tunnage and Marguerite Toyé Saul; grandfathers, Joseph Saul and Thomas Phillips.

Patricia will forever be remembered as a devoted and loving wife and mother; a strong champion for the societal benefits of higher education; an advocate who served to advance the opportunities of students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and a fighter who believed in equitable health care access and equal opportunities for ethnic minorities and women. May she rest in peace and may God's perpetual light shine upon her.

HONORING THE WORK OF
AMBASSADOR JAVLON VAKHABOV

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the work of Mr. Javlon Vakhobov, who is retiring from his role as Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United States, Canada, and Brazil. Javlon was born August 7, 1980, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, which was at the time the capital of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic.

In 2001, Javlon earned his bachelor's degree in International Law from the University

of World Economy and Diplomacy. Subsequently, he graduated in 2003 from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy with his master's degree in International Law.

Javlon joined the Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001, serving early career assignments as an attaché, 3rd secretary, and chief of division. In 2006, President Islam Karimov appointed Javlon to the Uzbek National Security Council, serving as leading consultant and as head consultant until 2011, when he was promoted to deputy secretary of the Council. For most of 2013, Javlon served as director of the Institute for Strategic and Inter-Regional Research, a government-funded think tank in Tashkent. In November of 2013, Javlon became one of the leadership team at the Foreign Ministry, as one of four deputy ministers of foreign affairs. On July 29, 2015, he was promoted to first deputy minister of foreign affairs, the title he held when he was appointed ambassador to the United States.

He has served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United States of America since late 2017. Since late 2018, he has served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Uzbekistan to Canada with residence in Washington, D.C.

I thank him for his leadership and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MARCH 27TH TO
MARCH 31ST AS NATIONAL AREA
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS
(AHEC) WEEK

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize March 27th to March 31st as National Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Week.

The AHEC program was originally authorized in 1971 to enhance the workforce of health professionals who staff brick-and-mortar Community Health Centers. Today, Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) offer hands-on and innovative health career curriculums for pre-college level students, and are committed to continuing education, clinical training of health professionals and responding to community health needs. The nation's 300 AHECs are in nearly every state and in multiple U.S. territories. Administered by the HRSA, AHECs are federally funded, and many are also supported by state governments, foundations, or other partners.

AHEC clinical training placements put health professional students in a variety of real-world settings, such as migrant, urban, and rural community health clinics and health departments that provide healthcare to rural and underserved populations, Connecting students to community populations helps facilitate future engagement and help build network alliances for health career students who wish to remain in their clinical practice regions and continue providing more sustainable healthcare in rural and underserved areas following their training.

AHECs are also responsive to community priorities. They are dedicated to collaboratively developing community health education curriculums, for both online and face-to-face train-

ing programs, through unique partnerships that meet the broader range of public health needs of diverse and severely rural and underserved populations.

The need to strengthen the healthcare workforce, particularly for underserved communities, has become far more acute over the past several years. According to new Association of American Medical Colleges, the U.S. could see a shortage of up to 124,000 physicians by 2034, and the American Hospital Association says more than 200,000 new registered nurses are needed each year to meet increasing health care needs and to replace nurses entering retirement. AHECs continue to be committed to addressing shortage areas and expanding the healthcare workforce, while maximizing diversity and facilitating distribution, especially in rural and underserved communities.

In the past 5 years, the AHEC program has trained 2 million healthcare professionals, who are prepared to deliver culturally appropriate, high-quality, team-based care, with an emphasis on primary care for rural and underserved populations.

I have developed a close relationship with and am proud to support the Nevada AHEC program. I have previously led efforts to increase funding for the national AHEC program in recent fiscal years. As highlighted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Nevada's health workforce needs to be prepared to meet their communities' needs now more than ever. The Nevada AHEC program is one way we will be able to continue to make a significant and sustainable impact in improving healthcare services for the rural and most underserved areas of our state. By having programs that are responsive to local and community needs, and by connecting health students and professionals early on in their careers to the most vulnerable communities, the Nevada AHEC program continues to create a culturally and structurally competent health workforce to tackle the unique challenges our state faces.

On behalf of my constituents, the Nevada AHEC program and the national AHEC program more broadly, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing March 27th to March 31st as National AHEC Week.

PATHWAY LA'S 45TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Pathways LA on 45 years of service to the district.

Pathways LA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen low-income and vulnerable working families, promote high quality early care and education services for children of all abilities, develop knowledgeable early care providers and promote economically resilient communities. Since its founding Pathways LA has been committed to the healthy development and school readiness of young children from disadvantaged communities.

With a staff of more than 60 individuals who reflect the linguistic and cultural composition of the families they serve, Pathways LA assists thousands of families and children every year,

while continuing to support and train more than 950 childcare providers.

Driven by data and innovation, Pathways LA's experts support the continuum of care that includes parents, childcare providers, community partners and policymakers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 45th anniversary of Pathways LA.

IN MEMORY OF SUPREME COURT
CHIEF JUSTICE JACK HOLT, JR.

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Arkansas Supreme Court Chief Justice, Jack Holt, Jr., who passed away on March 5, 2023.

Former Chief Justice Holt began his career in the United States Air Force, where he achieved the rank of Colonel.

He then went on to work in Arkansas as a deputy prosecutor, chief assistant attorney general, and ultimately served as our Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court for 10 years, from 1985 to 1995.

Jack Holt will be remembered for his significant contributions to the modern justice system that exists in Arkansas, including the creation of our juvenile courts.

Justice Holt is accredited with setting up the essential parts of our court systems.

His advancement of the education requirement for attorneys and creation of more staff positions to help circuit court judges has greatly improved the effectiveness of justice in my state.

I thank Chief Justice Holt for his many years of service and contributions to the state of Arkansas.

His legacy truly lives on.

My prayers of comfort are with his wife Jane, their family and their friends.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
CHARLES VERNON PARKER

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Charles Vernon Parker of Austin, Texas. Charlie, to his friends and family. Over the last three decades, Charlie Parker has been a leader in the business community, in construction, real estate, and many other areas. Charlie's companies have completed massive projects across the United States, providing jobs and opportunities to dozens of Americans.

Beyond Charlie's vast accomplishments in the business world, he has been one of our Nation's greatest advocates and leaders in drug and alcohol addiction recovery. As a person in long-term recovery, Charlie has been clean and sober since 1984, and in the three decades since, he has traveled the world with his wife and best friend Katie, as one of the most sought-after addiction recovery motivational speakers. Despite hundreds of thou-

sands of CDs of his motivational talks being sold across the world, Charlie never accepted any fees or gratuities, seeing helping people achieve sobriety as God's calling for his life. To date, thousands of men across the world attribute their freedom from addiction to Charlie Parker.

Charlie Parker served on the board of directors of Austin Recovery and was a large benefactor of dozens of charitable organizations and was an active member of his Christian church.

Recently diagnosed with a terminal illness, Mr. Parker is spending his final chapter still actively working with the men he mentors and being a force for God, and a force for good every day in our Nation, as well as spending time with his loved ones, his daughters Sadie and Grace, his grandchildren, and his loving wife, Katie.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful to commemorate the life of Charles Vernon Parker.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR LLOYD
M. ALAIMALO

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major Lloyd M. Alaimalo on his retirement from the United States Army. Major Alaimalo has had an illustrious career lasting over 30 years serving both on active duty and in the reserves. In American Samoa, our men and women of the Armed Forces are very important to us. The people of our islands take great pride in being patriotic Americans and our people are known for a high rate of service in our military. Major Alaimalo serves as a prime example of this type of dedication, and I would like to recognize all the work he has done on behalf of the United States and our people. MAJ Alaimalo was born in Long Beach, California but his home is the village of Vatia, American Samoa. His career began when he enlisted in the Army in June of 1990 as a cannon crewmember. He has had multiple overseas tours and deployments including assignments in Greece, Iraq, and Kuwait. His first duty assignment as an officer was with the 542nd Support Maintenance Company, 80th Ordnance Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. His last assignment before retiring was Assistant Product Manager for Joint Program Protection (JPM-P), Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense (JPEO CBRND) at Stafford, VA. In between those milestones he served his nation well in a variety of leadership roles and was an exemplary soldier. MAJ Alaimalo's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with four campaign stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expedition Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. In congratulating this outstanding officer today, we also express our deep appreciation to all who serve, including the many in uniform from American Samoa serving with distinction all

over the world. I thank MAJ Alaimalo, for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to our Soldiers, American Samoa, and our great Nation. and I thank his wife, Elisapeta Leilani Areta, and their son, Ropeti, for supporting Lloyd while he served his country. "God bless and good health." Fa'amanuia le Atua i ou ala. Soifua.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR TOM REID

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the great Tom Reid, who was recently honored with a post office in my district. Mayor Reid has led a life of service to Pearland, the great state of Texas, and this country.

Tom has an impressive resume. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and worked for NASA's Johnson Space Center.

He also served as the Mayor of Pearland for nearly four decades.

Spending more than 50 years in government, Tom served on the City Council and municipal boards. As one of the longest-serving elected city officials in the area, he was Mayor from 1978 through 1990. In 1993, he successfully ran for re-election and held the position until his recent retirement in 2020.

During his time as Mayor, Tom ensured the city of Pearland had the infrastructure it needed.

Without the passion, grit, and determination that Tom embodies, Pearland would not be where it is today.

There's no doubt that the legacy of Mayor Reid will live on in the city of Pearland for years to come.

I am honored to recognize the dedication of a post office in recognition of his selfless service.

I thank Mr. Reid for his heartfelt contributions to the great city of Pearland. May his service inspire others to do the same for future generations to come.

REMEMBERING SAMUEL S. LIONEL

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman TITUS, in remembrance of Samuel Lionel, who passed away at the age of 103, after a remarkable legal career.

For decades, Sam represented one of the largest law firms in Nevada, fighting for issues critical to the state, including tourism and economic development.

Sam was passionate about law from the start. He studied at St. John's University in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the University and later received honorary doctorate law degrees from St. John's, UNLV, and California Western School of Law. Sam retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and JAG officer in the Army. During World War II he was stationed in North Africa and Italy and taught at West Point