

and hazardous waste permitting requirements, and rob Americans of much of their ability to make their voices heard against projects with serious environmental consequences for their communities.

This legislation would risk America's clean air, water, and public lands to line the pockets of big polluters who are already making record profits. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 182.

COMMENDING THE JOHN K. AND KATHERINE JOHNSON AUXILIARY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the John K. and Katherine Johnson Auxiliary serving the Regional One Health Medical Center, the Memphis-based acute care hospital for the Mid-South region. On November 8, 1972, 54 women of what is now the Presbytery of the Mid-South met to discuss how they might best address the health care needs of women in our community, touring medical facilities to assess the situation. On April 9, 1973, 39 people gathered at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis to sign the charter forming the John K. and Katherine Johnson Auxiliary, named after Idlewild's late pastor, a hospital chaplain, and his wife. Its mission was ministering to the needs of patients, assisting staff, promoting community health and welfare, and providing a bond of understanding and service for people of all races and creeds. Starting off with just a cart of snacks and magazines for hospital patients, the auxiliary grew to provide volunteers in the pediatric clinic, offer CPR classes, provide teen pregnancy counseling, and assist sickle cell patients. Over time, the auxiliary supported purchase of neo-natal equipment, orthopedic clinic waiting rooms, and staff education and training. In 1978, the auxiliary created the Mary Love Clothes Closet for the families of patients who arrive in Memphis with only the clothes on their backs. In 1983, the auxiliary created a gift shop which has generated more than \$557,000 for various Regional One projects. One of the early initiatives of the auxiliary was a 1973 request to create a chapel for prayer and meditation. Eight years later, in 1981, the Alice H. Davies Chapel, named for one of the early founders of the auxiliary, was dedicated. I want to commend the generations of supporters of the John K. and Katherine Johnson Auxiliary for their selfless commitment to meeting both the critical needs and the incalculable hopes of patients and their loved ones. I also want to congratulate all associated with the auxiliary and its mission on this anniversary milestone.

HONORING FRAN LEMOS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fran Lemos whom I have

named the 2023 Woman of the Year for Napa County because of her service to our community in the region. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in Vallejo, California, Ms. Lemos moved to American Canyon in 1948, back when it was known as Napa Junction. She has devoted her life since to building, transforming, and bettering the lives of American Canyon families. She did this first as director of the American Canyon Fire Board until 1992 and then as a board member of impactful nonprofits such as Boys and Girls Club and American Canyon Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Lemos also was an active volunteer for the Napa Valley Wine Auction and the Sutter Solano Thrift Shop.

Known as the "unofficial historian" and "matriarch" of American Canyon, Ms. Lemos' role in her community cannot be understated. She holds an extensive knowledge of the area, which she passes on to visitors during tours of the city. She also attends every city meeting and community event and has served in multiple American Canyon committees since before American Canyon was even a city.

Ms. Lemos has become a staple of American Canyon through her community service. Her work in starting the American Canyon Chamber of Commerce has helped local businesses get off the ground and thrive by providing support networks for them. She also helped reinvigorate the outdoor landscape of the city through her work in the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation.

Ms. Lemos' work has had a tremendous impact in helping American Canyon grow from a small unincorporated part of Napa County, into the emerging city it is now. In doing so, she has helped the community and visitors learn more about the city and the history behind it.

Mr. Speaker, Fran Lemos has been a dedicated public servant in our community for decades. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Napa County's 2023 Woman of the Year.

REMEMBERING DOUG HARRIS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressmembers GREG PENCE and VICTORIA SPARTZ, in remembrance of Doug Harris, who passed away on March 19 after a battle with brain cancer.

Doug was born in 1960 in Muncie, Indiana, and attended Ball State University where he received his BS and his MBA. Doug then graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin—Madison and received the Credit Union Executive Society CEO institute training at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business while simultaneously advancing his career.

Doug began his career at First Merchants Bank in Muncie and married the love of his life, Jan Harris. The family then moved to Columbus, Indiana, where Doug filled the roles of Senior VP and CFO at Centra Credit Union

before being promoted to President. He later served as President & CEO of Land of Lincoln Credit Union before moving East to Maryland where he finished his career as Senior VP and CFO for Tower Federal Credit Union.

In addition to his impressive career, Doug was a true friend and mentor to all who had the pleasure of working with him. Doug's passion for financial literacy and responsibility was also passed onto his family.

Outside of work, Doug could often be found wearing one of his several iconic tracksuits, planning family game nights, listening to his extensive iTunes library, or setting up trick-shot basketball contests. As one of the founders of the Muncie Baseball and Softball Association, Doug had a real passion for sports. He enjoyed competition whether it was a friendly game in the church softball league, playing in a tennis tournament, or spending hours on the course and at the range perfecting his golf swing. All of his children have also followed in his passion for sports.

Doug was a thoughtful and loving husband to his wife, Jan, whom he married on August 10, 1991; a loving father, and a dear friend and will be missed deeply by his family. He was a role model for Jan's three sons, Joseph, Malachi, and Zach, and their two children, Chase and MacKenzie. He is also survived by four loving grandchildren, Liam, Reese, Harrison, and AJ Greiner; and sisters DeAnn and Dana.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JAMES C. FLOYD

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of veteran James C. Floyd, known best as Clarence, who has been inducted into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame and has been a pillar of the southern Kentucky veterans' community for decades.

A longtime resident of my hometown of Somerset, Kentucky, Clarence spent 8 months fighting in the Korean War, and then spent another 7 months rebuilding what we now know as the De-militarized zone between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea.

Upon returning to the United States, Clarence became involved with American Legion Post 38 in Somerset, where he performs Chaplain duties. As Chaplain, Clarence serves as Post 38's spiritual leader, guiding veterans through tough times as needed. Clarence takes pride in using his position to help honor the lives and careers of veterans who have passed, ensuring their service and sacrifice are not forgotten.

Clarence has been involved in many laudable efforts through his work at the American Legion, including ensuring veterans fully access their benefits and creating designated parking spaces for veterans across Pulaski County, as well as my own Congressional office in Somerset. In fact, Clarence is responsible for every designated veteran parking spot at Lowes stores nationwide.

Indeed, Clarence's continuous service to the veteran community certainly justifies his induction into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame,

and I am proud to honor him today for his lifetime of service to our country, our veterans, and our hometown of Somerset, Kentucky.

HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY,
AND SERVICE OF MR. KIRK MEYERS-HILL

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend and community champion, Kirk Meyers-Hill, who passed away on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Mr. Meyers-Hill was a true servant leader across the South Dallas community who made it his mission to uplift the needs of others. He'll be remembered for his dedicated service to the LGBTQ+ community and his strides in strengthening our neighborhoods across Dallas. It is the passion and love for people that made him the outstanding leader he was.

In 2005, Mr. Meyers-Hill founded Abounding Prosperity, Inc., an organization that remains a beacon of hope and resource throughout the community. Through AP, he remained diligent in being a tireless advocate for the health and wellness of the Black family, particularly Black LGBTQ+ neighbors in Dallas. Specifically, he and his organization served as a hub for providing much-needed services such as HIV/STI testing & screening, HEP C screening, pREP education, and much more. During the recent Monkeypox outbreak, Mr. Meyers-Hill and his team quickly sprang into action by providing education and serving as one of the main centers for vaccinations.

In addition to his service with Abounding Prosperity, Inc., Mr. Meyers-Hill served as President of Dallas Southern Pride which is an annual celebration and outlet for Black

LGBTQ+ neighbors to celebrate who they are. This annual event has only grown under the leadership of Kirk and as a result, has become one of the premier events for Black LGBTQ+ neighbors across the country. Outside of the celebration, Dallas Southern Pride embraces the strong impact our LGBTQ+ neighbors have had on history locally in Dallas, nationally, and internationally.

Mr. Meyers-Hill was not only a great non-profit leader, but unequivocally known as an advocate for our community in every situation. He continuously kept a smile on his face and strived to make a difference in the lives of others. His generous and warm spirit is what I believe will keep us strong as a community, especially for those who had the pleasure of knowing him. I am confident in the fact that our LGBTQ+ community in Dallas is where it is today only because of Kirk Meyers-Hill and his trailblazing work.

These remarks stand as a testament to the life, legacy, and service of Kirk, who so profoundly touched the lives of so many people. My thoughts and prayers are with his husband, Ricky, and his entire family and community of loved ones whom he impacted through his work. The Bible reminds us in Psalms 30:5 that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Today, and in the days to come, I pray that God will comfort his family and friends with the peace that passes, knowing that despite our time of sadness, Kirk Meyers-Hill lived a purposeful life of service and changed countless lives for the better.

HONORING JOSE FRIAS RAMIREZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jose Frias Ramirez, for

his dedicated service to the Guadalupanos de Iglesia Santo Rosario and his reception of Guadalupanos de Iglesia Santo Rosario's Unsung Hero Award.

Mr. Frias Ramirez credits his commitment to service and work ethic to his personal background and upbringing. Born in Mesquita de Oro, Zacatecas, Mexico, on April 10, 1930, Mr. Frias Ramirez was unable to complete his education after the 4th grade because he had to drop out of school to help care for his family.

Mr. Frias Ramirez has been married to his wife, Roselia Ramos, since 1953. They were wed in Venecia, Tamaulipas, Mexico. The couple welcomed six children: Juana, Mariana, Jose Manuel, Graciela, Martin, and Arturo into their lives. When he and his family moved to California, Jose learned English and earned an equivalent to a high school diploma in 1972.

Mr. Frias Ramirez served Guadalupanos de Iglesia Santo Rosario in several roles including as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Chairman. Mr. Frias Ramirez was also instrumental to the success of Mission of Mercy Surgical and dental missions in Mexico and Philippines, which were missions led by Cora P. Ramirez.

For 25 years, Mr. Frias Ramirez led a year-round Sunday Fundraising Menudo sale for the Guadalupanos Society and oversaw the production of 30,000 tacos during the four-day Yolo County Fair. Known to be a very generous and hard-working person, Mr. Frias Ramirez also donates his two-week vacation time every year to assist with fundraising efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Frias Ramirez has been an indispensable and dedicated member of Guadalupanos de Iglesia Santo Rosario and our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.