

Federation. Earl was an accomplished woodworker—making and gifting regulation chess boards.

As we celebrate his 100 years of life, we are incredibly grateful for the many positive impacts he has made, and we heartily wish Earl continued joy and blessings.

HONORING THE CALIFORNIA
RANGELAND TRUST'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the California Rangeland Trust, upon celebrating its 25th anniversary serving the land, people, and wildlife of California. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the critical work the California Rangeland Trust has accomplished to preserve rangeland, support hardworking ranchers, and protect our environment for future generations.

Originally founded in 1998, by a group of innovative ranchers from the California Cattleman's Association, the California Rangeland Trust is dedicated to conserving working ranches and protecting the wide range of natural resources inherent to rangeland. The Trust has helped permanently protect 371,504 acres of privately-owned rangeland, working with California ranching families to preserve our state's wildlife habitat, local food supplies, and air and water quality.

The California Rangeland Trust has a rich history of working alongside state, regional, and national leaders to prioritize environmental conservation. In 2004, the Trust played a vital role in establishing the Partnership of Rangeland Trusts, an association of agricultural-focused land conservation organizations. The Trust was also a founding member of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition, a partnership of over 100 leaders in the agricultural community, committed to preserving California's working landscapes.

Since its founding, the California Rangeland Trust has been a trailblazer in environmental stewardship and has consistently advocated for family ranchers. Rangeland is critical to California's ecosystem and the California Rangeland Trust is a consistent leader in protecting rangeland and the diverse natural life and resources it sustains.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the California Rangeland Trust upon its 25th anniversary and extend my sincere gratitude for its generations of service and environmental stewardship to the California community.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
KIM HOSEN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and work of Kim Hosen.

Kim was a dedicated environmentalist who made significant contributions to the protection and preservation of the natural habitats in Prince William County, Virginia.

Kim was the founding Executive Director of the Prince William Conservation Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the natural resources of the region. Kim's tireless efforts led to the protection of approximately 300 acres of land, creating the Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area, and establishing the Bluebell Festival, which celebrates the acquisition of this area, which now attracts nearly 1,000 people annually. Additionally, Kim initiated the Wildlife Garden, which showcases what is possible for backyard habitats, and launched the Merrimac Farm VA Master Naturalist Chapter. I was proud to partner with her to fight for an environmentally just solution to coal ash pollution at Possum Point.

Kim was instrumental in establishing 40 miles of scenic by-ways all located in the Rural Crescent. She also led the effort to rewrite the Environment and the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Chapter of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, further demonstrating her unwavering commitment to protecting the unique habitats and quality of life for all residents of Prince William County.

Her consistent, reliable, and knowledgeable voice for the environment and healthy communities made her an invaluable resource for Prince William County Planning Commissioners, the Board of County Supervisors, and residents who sought her expertise on how to best protect the natural resources of the area.

Kim's contributions were recognized throughout her career. These include the Conservation and Environmental Education for Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2004, Conservationist of the Year from Ducks Unlimited in 2006 and 2015, Influential Women Award from Prince William Living in 2015, Native Plant Champion from Plant NoVA Natives in 2016, and the Certificate of Appreciation from the Committee of 100 in 2022.

Kim's legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched and the natural habitats she helped protect. Her commitment to preserving the environment and educating future generations will continue to inspire others to follow in her footsteps. Kim will always be remembered as a remarkable environmentalist who made a lasting impact on the world around her. She is survived by her two sons, Eli and Jake. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends and our entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the life of Kim Hosen and in sending her family our sincere condolences.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL LOUISE
KOENIG

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a most dear and loved Carol Louise Koenig, who passed away on April 9, 2023. While our hearts are heavy in her absence, knowing she is reunited with her

parents and all her siblings brings great peace.

Carol was a pillar in my life and in the lives of so many others. She was one of my first supporters—both professionally and personally. I came to think of her as another mother because her guidance and wisdom helped lay the groundwork for where I am today.

The youngest of four children, Carol was born on July 12, 1936, in Houston, Texas. After graduating from Jeff Davis High School, Carol attended the University of Houston, where she met and married the love of her life, my dear friend, H.W. "Buddy" Koenig. Together, Carol and Buddy lived a fulfilling life and welcomed four boys into the world, whom they cherish dearly.

Carol was a lady of great faith, strength, and wisdom. Her genuine love was felt by all those who were blessed to be around her, including myself. It was always a priority of mine to visit her when I traveled back home to Austin. From the beginning of my career to now, she has continued to be a source of inspiration. I am grateful for Carol's influence in my life, and pray her love continues to be felt as we honor her memory.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EAST WEST BANK AND
HONORING CEO DOMINIC NG

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of East West Bank, and to honor the achievements of its CEO Mr. Dominic Ng.

Since they opened in Los Angeles in 1973, East West Bank has served the banking needs of people throughout the United States and across the world. When many banks closed their doors to the Chinese American community due to bigotry and discrimination, East West Bank stepped in to provide access to important financial services.

For five decades, East West Bank has been building bridges of opportunity. In 1994, East West Bank enhanced ATM services to offer the first trilingual language services (English, Chinese, and Spanish) in the country. East West also expanded services to offer trilingual, 24-hour automatic phone banking services. In 2000, East West Bank launched the first bilingual (English/Chinese) website and Online Banking Services in the U.S. to support clients seeking new paths to success.

In 1992, Dominic Ng was appointed President and CEO of East West Bank. Mr. Ng has been a resident of Southern California for over 30 years. As CEO, Mr. Ng transformed East West Bank from a small savings institution into a global full-service commercial bank with over \$64 billion in assets.

In 2022, President Biden recognized Mr. Ng's leadership in the business world and substantial contributions to America by naming him Chair of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council. In this role he advises APEC leaders on issues affecting the continued growth of the Asia-Pacific economy. Mr. Ng continues to work to bring economic prosperity to our immigrant communities. His efforts today fulfill East

West's mission, and the promise of the American Dream, by helping communities in Los Angeles and around the world. Mr. Ng is a patriotic American who epitomizes what it means to be an American.

Today, East West Bank is the largest independent bank headquartered in Southern California and is celebrating its 50th anniversary. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to East West Bank on this important milestone, and to Dominic Ng for his long and successful tenure as CEO.

RECOGNIZING THE PITTSSTON KIWANIS CLUB ON ITS 100TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Pittston Kiwanis Club on its 100th anniversary. For a century, this organization has been an integral part of the Pittston community, dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through service projects and leadership programs.

The Pittston Kiwanis Club was chartered in 1923, and since then its members have served as beacons of hope and positivity for the people of Pittston. Kiwanians are known for their generosity, creativity, and passion for making a difference. They supported community causes through their events such as golf tournaments, purse bingos, and more, all to support numerous service projects.

The Pittston Kiwanis Club's service projects are varied, but all are focused on making a difference in the community. The Pittston Kiwanis Club supports the Pittston Library, YMCA youth programs, Care and Concern ministries, and NEPA Inclusive. The organization provides holiday parties for residents of Heavenly Manor Personal Care Home and replaces flags and holders on the graves of 1,200 veterans each year for Memorial Day. The club has also been picking up litter from Oak Street in Pittston Township several times each year for the past 30 years. Additionally, it has participated in Kiwanis International Projects such as Iodine Deficiency Disorder and Maternal Neonatal Health.

One of the most significant contributions of the Pittston Kiwanis Club to the community is its Service Leadership Programs. These programs, which includes the Pittston Area Key Club for high school students, K-Kids for elementary students in the Pittston Area, and Builders Club for students ages 12–14 at Martin Mattei, give children and young adults the opportunity to serve their schools and communities, and develop lifelong leadership skills.

For 100 years, the Pittston Kiwanis Club has been improving the world one child and one community at a time. Its commitment to service, leadership, and community has been an inspiration to all. I am honored to recognize the Pittston Kiwanis Club's many achievements and would like to congratulate its members on this important milestone.

CELEBRATING EAST BAY MUNI- CIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the East Bay Municipal Utility District, hereinafter EBMUD or "The District", which celebrate 100 years of operation on Monday, May 8, 2023.

EBMUD was initiated on May 8, 1923, by seven cities in the East Bay Area under the California Municipal Utility District Act to build, operate, and manage the infrastructure providing the region with a reliable water supply from the Sierra Mountains. The District built the Pardee Dam and the Moeklurnne Aqueduct in 1929 and began delivering drinking water to its 460,000 customers.

In 1944, EBMUD expanded its services to include wastewater treatment, establishing Special District One to protect public health and the San Francisco Bay. EBMUD continued to expand its infrastructure, building two additional aqueducts and three reservoirs in the 1950s and 1960s.

Working to create regional solutions to water supply security, EBMUD partnered with the Sacramento County Water Agency to create the Freeport Regional Water Project to meet the water needs of a growing Sacramento and as a supplemental water source for the East Bay community in dry years. The District remains a leading advocate for water safety by removing all known lead services from its systems in the 1990s, well before the issue was garnering national attention. Recognizing the detrimental impacts of lead, EBMUD sponsored California's "Get Lead Out" legislation which became state law in 2006 and advocated for the "Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act," which became law in 2011.

Today, EBMUD serves 1.4 million customers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The District operates and maintains the Pardee and Camanche Reservoirs, 4,200 miles of pipelines from the Sierra Foothills, five East Bay reservoirs, and hundreds of operating facilities. The District remains committed to sustainable water use, water recycling, renewable energy, and establishing watershed master plans that take into account biodiversity and recreational use. EBMUD was also the first wastewater agency in North America to produce more renewable energy than it uses through methane gas capture from waste treatment processing.

For 100 years, EBMUD has provided a vital service to East Bay residents. I join EBMUD, its customers, and the greater San Francisco Bay Area in celebrating its centennial celebration and wish it many more productive years to come.

RECOGNIZING LORI RICHERT'S SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lori Richert, a native of Ypsilanti,

Michigan who has been named Michigan Department of Education's 2023–2024 Regional Teacher of the Year. Her hard work and dedication to the 2nd and 3rd graders at Childs Elementary are worthy of commendation.

Lori grew up in the Ypsilanti area before graduating from Lincoln High School in 1994. A true homebody, Lori attended our great Eastern Michigan University and did her student teaching in Saline, right down the road. She began her teaching career in the same place that she spent her time as a student, in the Lincoln Consolidated School District in 2001. She has been teaching at Childs Elementary since 2011.

Over the last 22 years, Lori has made quite an impact on the children in her classroom. Her knowledge of the curriculum as well as her understanding of the challenges an 8-year-old may face makes her an exceptional teacher. Particularly with the struggles of learning in a pandemic and post-pandemic world, her investment in her students gives her the ability to help them not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. According to her principal, "It's not uncommon for children to make great strides behaviorally in her classroom." Lori is also well involved in student leadership within the building, as well as after-school events.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Lori Richert, an incredible mentor for our youth in Ypsilanti, Michigan. As one of ten Regional Teacher's of the Year, Lori is in the running to be selected as the Michigan Teacher of the Year, a prospect we wholeheartedly support. We thank her for her dedication and her service to our youth.

INTRODUCTION OF THE POSTAL FACILITIES SECURITY CAMERA ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Postal Facilities Security Camera Act, which would require that, subject to appropriations, the United States Postal Service (USPS) install security cameras at each postal facility to protect USPS employees, customers and property.

Last year, I asked USPS to expand the use of security cameras at postal facilities in the District of Columbia and across the country after learning that a D.C. resident had recently been robbed in the parking lot of a post office in D.C. The parking lot was not monitored by a security camera. USPS responded that it was not financially feasible to install and maintain security cameras at every postal facility. This bill authorizes appropriations for security cameras at postal facilities.

USPS should have security cameras monitoring postal facilities—both inside and outside—to protect employees, customers and property. Security cameras can deter crime and assist in arrests and prosecutions.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.