

surrounding public discourse. Whether broadcasting town emergencies and other vital information or working with local nonprofit organizations and community groups to communicate their programs and services, Falmouth Community Television is a pillar of the Upper Cape.

Not only does Falmouth Community Television work to represent the people of Falmouth through the media that it broadcasts, but it also encourages members of the community to participate in the media production process. At the Falmouth Community Media Center, a state-of-the-art facility completed in 2019, people of all ages can take a variety of video production workshops and classes. Using the two production studios, as well as a post-production space, animation suite, audio booth, and podcasting and vlogging set, community members can access and utilize the training and technology necessary to bring their media ideas and concepts to realization. Additionally, Falmouth Community Television offers the Youth Producers Club. This after-school program helps students to develop storytelling skills and learn more about media production and literacy. Across all of Falmouth Community Television's offerings, members can learn more about their community, the television production process, and how to be a critical consumer of media.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the 30th anniversary of Falmouth Community Television, and I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the organization for its service and wishing Falmouth Community Television all the best in the years to come.

HONORING MARIE RELOSA FULLWOOD AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Marie Relosa Fullwood as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Marie "Michi" Relosa Fullwood was born in Baguio City, Philippines to Juancho Alfonso Relosa and Marie Chlupp on December 2, 1983. She graduated from Sta. Clara Parrish School in 2001. Upon graduation, she moved to the United States to join her parents.

After she arrived, she spent the next two years exploring the culture and every opportunity that the country would offer her. She worked many jobs to assist in supporting her family. At the age of 20, she joined a small landscape company that only had two employees. Her responsibilities consisted of but were not limited to implementing cost reductions, handling the accounts receivable and accounts payables, and handling all human resources issues. She later became the landscape designer of the company. Michi did not know how to do any of this. She did not attend college of any sort but her husband Eddie taught her everything she needed to know when it came to running the family business. She credits him and God for this amazing, successful journey.

She is now the vice president of No Limit, Inc. and Eddie is the CEO. They employ almost 100 people and support the \$15/per hour minimum wage initiative. That's the starting pay for each and every employee. In 2018 and 2022, No Limit, Inc. was awarded Business Partner of the Year by the Osceola County School District. No Limit, Inc. continues to support Thacker Avenue Elementary by helping create a garden for the 21st-century program and donating garden supplies for students. They also support staff activities which promotes a positive school culture.

Michi feels she is truly living the American Dream. She says it takes dedication, commitment, and hard work, but it can be done.

In addition to being an entrepreneur, Michi is a loving wife, a mother of two, and a great friend to many. Working at No Limit is her livelihood, but her passion is event planning and decorating. Putting a smile on someone's face is and always will be her ultimate goal.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NON-DISCRIMINATION HOME RULE ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Non-Discrimination Home Rule Act of 2023, which would end the unique applicability of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) to the District of Columbia. My bill would protect the District's right to self-government, ensuring the District is treated the same as states, and defend LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights in D.C.

RFRA, which provides more protection for religious exercise than the First Amendment requires, applies to the federal government, the D.C. government and the territorial governments, but not to state governments. As RFRA does not apply to the states, under the principles of home rule, it should likewise not apply to the District.

While RFRA was designed to be a shield to protect religious freedom, it is being used, as evidenced by the Supreme Court's 2014 Hobby Lobby decision, as a sword to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community and women. Members of Congress have used RFRA as a justification for trying—but failing—to overturn D.C. non-discrimination laws. House Republicans have repeatedly tried since 2015 to nullify or block the District's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act, which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees and their families based on reproductive health decisions, claiming, in part, that it violates RFRA.

My bill would ensure that District residents are treated the same as residents of the states under RFRA. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on May 30, 2023, I was unable to be present for

the recorded votes on Roll Call No. 238, 239, and 240. Had I been present, I would have voted: YES on H.R. 2792, Small Entity Update Act, as amended; YES on H.R. 2795, Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act, as amended; and YES on H.R. 2796, Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act, as amended.

HONORING MARIA EDUARDO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Maria Eduardo as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Maria Eduardo has been a clinical laboratory scientist (CLS) and AAPI manager for almost a decade in the Veterans Health System. She is a community leader known for her advocacy work in promoting diversity and inclusion. She has been instrumental in creating and implementing the Asian Pacific Island Heritage program in her community.

Born and raised in the Philippines, Maria Eduardo developed a deep appreciation for her country's rich culture and history. Her passion for cultural awareness led her to pursue her master's degree so she could share her knowledge and experiences with others.

Maria Eduardo's interest in the APIH program was sparked by the lack of representation and recognition for the Asian Pacific Islander community in her workplace. She recognized that many of her colleagues from these communities faced discrimination and marginalization due to the lack of understanding and awareness of their cultures.

In response, Maria Eduardo spearheaded the creation of the APIH program, which aims to promote understanding and appreciation of the contributions and experiences of the Asian Pacific Islander community. The program includes educational activities, cultural events, and community outreach efforts. As the founder of the Philippines Association of Medical Technologists, Florida Chapter, she is focused on their recruitment program helping fellow CLS's find job opportunities in the United States.

Under Maria Eduardo's leadership, the APIH program has made a significant impact on the community. It has helped raise awareness of the rich cultural heritage of Asian Pacific Islanders and has provided a platform for members of these communities to share their stories and experiences.

Maria Eduardo's dedication to promoting cultural diversity and inclusion has earned her numerous awards and recognition. She is a sought-after speaker on topics related to cultural awareness and has inspired many others to follow in her footsteps.

Through her work with the APIH program, Maria Eduardo has demonstrated the power of education and community involvement in creating a more inclusive and understanding society. Her legacy serves as an inspiration to all those who strive to promote cultural awareness and acceptance.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUN BABY RUN 5K

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Run Baby Run 5K in Oxford, Alabama.

On, August 26, 2023, volunteers and participants will gather for the 10th Annual Run Baby Run 5k at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Alabama. This event is sponsored by Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center's (NEARMC) Obstetrical Unit.

This event began in 2013 as a dream of Shelley Parris's, a postpartum nurse at NEARMC. As the only hospital that services pregnant women for east Alabama, she saw a need in her community. Since the first Run Baby Run 5k in 2013, over \$10,000 has been raised to assist families as they prepare for parenthood. Items provided include: Infant stethoscopes, oxygen blenders, prenatal class digital curriculum, Mamaroo Multi-Motion Baby Swings for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Nursery with infant inserts, OB Education Conference, NAS Recliners for parents and cuddlers, and Bereavement Services Moses Baskets. This community project has brought 21st century care to a rural community.

Mrs. Parris is an example of some of the long-time serving nurses that have given their lives to serve those in Calhoun County and in the surrounding areas, and this project is much more than a fun run to these nurses and the families receiving its benefits. Run Baby Run is unlike any other 5k, as all are welcome to participate, from pregnant mothers to fathers pushing strollers and wagons with toddlers to baby-wearing parents, the community has been supportive and involved.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 10th anniversary of this project and congratulating Mrs. Parris on making her vision come to life to help families as they continue to grow and make a significant contribution to the area.

SALUTING OUR SOLDIERS OF TOMORROW

HON. KEITH SELF

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen of tomorrow, the service-bound academy students of the Third District of Texas. This district of Texas is home to some of the best and the brightest young people, and it is always an honor to recommend such fine students to our nation's service academies. I know they are ready to join the premier military force of the world. This year, Texas' Third District is going to send nine students to the United States Military Academy; seven students to the United States Naval Academy; nine students to the United States Air Force Academy; and one student to the

United States Merchant Marine Academy. The 26 appointees and their hometowns are as follows:

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Ronald De Madet—Frisco. Brian Dyer—Plano, Jaden Fabiani—Plano, Christopher Newton—Richardson, Andrew Nguyen—Murphy, Andrew Smith—Plano, Caleb Smith—Richardson, Prachet Upadrashta—Frisco, Brian Yun—Plano

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Tanner Call—McKinney, Ajay Goluguri—McKinney, Daniel Gurevich—Frisco, Chelan McNear—Frisco, Riley Perumal—Prosper, JeaShe Sherpell—Prosper, David Walker Jr.—McKinney

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Samuel Adler—Allen, Kailey Blackmon—Plano, Alexander Baum—Murphy, Sophie Kent—Frisco, Kyle Kermes—Anna, Yumin Kim—Frisco, Kim Kyugmin—Plano, William Steen—Plano, Kai Tiede—Frisco

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Aidan Graham—Allen

God bless these 26 appointees. God bless America. I salute them.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Jeff Hurt, whose longtime service to Texas and the U.S. Service Academies is to be commended, Jeff exemplifies the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership, which in turn have enabled him to assist in seeking out our next generation of servant leaders to lead our Nation as military officers in training. We commend Jeff for his dedication to our next generation of student military leaders.

HONORING MELISSA TRAN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Melissa Tran as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Melissa Tran is a marriage and family therapist and obtained her Master of Arts in 2008. Ms. Tran relocated to Florida from Washington in 2011 when she began serving the Central Florida community as a therapist at the Department of Veteran Affairs. Her early federal career included serving as the region's Asian American Pacific Islander representative with the Vet Center. She also served in various roles for the Florida Family Therapy Alliance from 2014 to 2021, such as in the diversity committee and leadership development team.

Ms. Tran is also the military sexual trauma coordinator and leads initiatives advancing perinatal services at the Orlando VA Health Care System. In 2020, she founded Perinatal Reproductive Education Planning and Resources (PREPARE), which provides comprehensive, accessible, and equitable perinatal care to Veterans. Her contributions to perinatal care for Veterans and their families are trans-

formative, setting a new standard of care and support for some of the most vulnerable populations in Central Florida.

Ms. Tran has received multiple achievements and recognition for her work, some of which include the 2021 Under Secretary for Health's Dr. Robert L. Jesse Award for Excellence in Innovation and the 2023 FedHealthIT Disruptive Tech Change Agent Award. She was also a 2022 Federal Asian Pacific American Council Civilian Awards nominee and was named one of Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Emerging Leaders in 2023.

Ms. Tran is the daughter of Vietnamese immigrants. Her faith and heritage are woven into her identity and practice with the deep need to focus on care for marginalized communities. As a Vietnamese American, wife, and mother of two children, her values are rooted in compassionate kindness as a provider, advocate, and role model for other people of color.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC INSPECTORS FOR SAFE INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I introduced the "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act" (H.R. 3785) with U.S. Representatives JULIA BROWNLEY (D-CA) and SHEILA JACKSON LEE (D-TX). Our bill builds upon the "Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act of 2019," introduced by former Congressman Jose E. Serrano (D-NY).

The "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act" would require construction inspections for federally funded highways to be conducted by public employees. Our bill would allow State or local transportation departments lacking sufficient inspectors to contract privately employed inspectors temporarily. Our bill ensures public safety by requiring that all federally funded bridges, tunnels, and roadways are inspected objectively and thoroughly under the highest safety standards. This work can and should be done by skilled, qualified inspectors employed by state and local departments of transportation.

From the delays in building the carpool bridge connecting the San Diego (405) and Costa Mesa (55) freeways to the series of issues that delayed the Bay Bridge, there are numerous examples where outsourcing inspection work to private contractors has undermined public safety, delayed projects, and contributed to cost overruns. Our bill seeks to avoid these potential conflicts of interest, while also mandating public disclosure of any private inspection contracts used by state and local transportation departments when public inspectors are unavailable.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members to join us in cosponsoring the "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act." As a senior Democratic member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I filed this bill as amendments to the House's 2015, 2020, and 2021 Highway Bills.