

# 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.

HONORING MS. JENNIFER BLAKE  
AS MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Jennifer Blake as the Moore County Schools Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Blake is a third-grade teacher at Carthage Elementary School. She credits her own student experience as her inspiration for becoming a teacher. Following the example set by her own educators growing up, Ms. Blake works diligently to provide third-grade students with an excellent academic foundation as well as serve as a trusted mentor for students as they develop important life skills. It is imperative that we acknowledge individuals like her who continue to assume the high calling of serving in North Carolina's public schools. As the son of a retired schoolteacher, I have seen the tireless work that educators put into developing our youth for a successful future. I am extremely grateful for her efforts and encouragement which have touched and benefited the lives of so many.

Ms. Blake has led by example throughout her career and has made impactful contributions to our community. Carthage Elementary School is better today because of her passion and hard work. I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation for her dedicated service to our youth and wish her the best as she continues to educate and inspire those in her classroom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Ms. Jennifer Blake for being named Moore County Schools Teacher of the Year.

HONORING ROSALINDA  
TOMIMBANG AS A DISTIN-  
GUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL  
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN  
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERIT-  
AGE 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 Rosalinda Tomimbang as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Rosalinda Tomimbang is a registered nurse with Orlando Health. Her version of the American Dream is unique.

Born in 1956 in the Philippines to a modest family with seven kids, her parents emphasized the value of education. Rightfully so, five of them became nurses. The other two became a doctor and an accounting professional.

Rosalinda received her B.S. in nursing in Manila in 1978. She got married the same year to her high school classmate, Wendell, an electrical engineer.

She gave birth to twin girls in 1980 and another one in 1987. In 1982, along with her twins, she joined her husband in Iraq while he was working with a Kuwaiti company. Iraq was

then at war with Iran. The young family adapted to the war-torn country, braving frequent missile attacks from Iran. Her twins attended the Baghdad International School.

At the end of June 1990, Rosalinda and her daughters came to the United States for vacation. A month later, Iraq invaded Kuwait. Her husband followed, leaving behind everything they had, including several months of pay with his company.

After months of waiting with no end to the situation in sight, her husband started looking for a job. Shortly after, he was offered employment and partnership in a business.

Rosalinda started working in 1991. The first few years were hard for the young couple and Rosalinda took on two jobs. They stressed the value of education to their kids and all of them became successful in their careers. Christi, the elder of the twins, is a civil engineer and project manager. Faye, the other twin, was an aerospace engineer who after more than 10 years with the Space Shuttle Program pursued a career in medicine. May, the youngest, has a degree in engineering and is now an Army warrant officer training as a helicopter pilot.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR JUDY C.  
MINER, ED.D. ON HER RETIRE-  
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**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Judy C. Miner, an extraordinary educator and public servant.

Judy Miner was born in San Francisco to immigrant parents. One of five children, she was the first in her family to attend college. She earned a Bachelor's degree in history and French and a Master's degree in history from Lone Mountain College, and a Doctorate in organization and leadership with a concentration in education law from the University of San Francisco.

Dr. Miner has worked in the California Community Colleges for 35 years, and was President of Foothill College for eight years. In 2015 she was named the seventh permanent Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, a post she held with distinction and honor. She has devoted her life to closing opportunity and achievement gaps and to student equity, and she has taken the District to the highest levels of leadership and accomplishment. Because of her tireless dedication, postsecondary education has become accessible and excellent, and her tenure as Chancellor propelled the District to be one of the best in our nation.

Dr. Miner has always invested in the infrastructure that students need to succeed. She increased faculty pay to attract top talent and developed a partnership with the Krause Center of Innovation to help teachers be more effective with students. She advocated for new degrees and fields of study, such as the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy and the Nanny and Family Studies Program. She made students feel welcome with counseling services, vocational organizations and community building programs.

Dr. Judy Miner's work has gone beyond Foothill-De Anza. She is a global leader for

community colleges, representing our country honorably with the American Council on Education and at the International Conference for Community Colleges. Her legacy will be felt for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Dr. Judy Miner for her exemplary work in education. She has bettered the lives of hundreds of thousands of students, and her work has made us a stronger community and a greater nation. She is truly a national treasure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD  
GOODMAN

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Donald Goodman, who passed away at the age of 83 on April 29, 2023. Don was a pillar of the community who dedicated his life to supporting youth athletics in Cloverdale.

Born in Mendocino County in 1939, Don grew up in Hopland and graduated from Hopland High School. He later attended Napa Valley College where he met his wife of 63 years, Neva Goodman. The couple later moved to Cloverdale, where in 1971, Don began volunteering with the Cloverdale Little League to coach their son's team. He continued to serve the children of the Little League as the administrator for California District 35, a position he held for 40 years. Don also assisted in the Little League World Series every summer. In recognition of his many years of supporting young athletes' success, he earned the W. Howard Hartman Little League Friendship Award in 2018.

Most notably, Don volunteered as the public address announcer for Cloverdale High School for half a century and was considered "the voice of Cloverdale." Don was known to ensure that every student athlete felt special and empowered when announcing for the football, basketball, baseball, and softball teams of Cloverdale High School. Throughout the seasons, hundreds of young athletes have benefited from Don's generosity, work ethic, and dedication to making a positive difference for others.

Beyond student athletics, Don served on the Cloverdale School Board of Trustees where he demonstrated an exemplary commitment to academics and high-quality education. He also served many years on the Board of Directors for Cloverdale's annual Citrus Fair, helping showcase the bounty and talent of the community.

While he will be greatly missed, Don's legacy will live on through the innumerable positive impacts he has had on his community. Don is survived by his wife and children, Doug, Tom, and Nanci, his four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending deep condolences to Don's family and many friends, and in expressing my deep appreciation for his decades of public service in his community.