

large numbers of migrant workers who speak neither English nor Spanish. Dr. Do-Reynoso came to ensure that these residents received quality services.

In 2020, when the pandemic hit, Dr. Do-Reynoso rose to the challenge, leading the department response to a once-in-a-century global pandemic. She did far more than just ensure that the County responded to the need for education and services; she spearheaded the creation of the Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force, which ultimately pulled together over 100 governmental and non-profit agencies to address health inequities and reach the most at-risk and endangered residents of the region.

She quickly came to be the face of equitable public health on the Central Coast. Dr. Do-Reynoso recently moved over to CenCal, to serve as Chief Customer Experience Officer. Given her openness to others, her collaborative work style, and her commitment to inclusivity, her sendoff at the last Board of Supervisors was a tribute to the love and respect that all feel for her as a leader, colleague, and friend.

I am honored to recognize Dr. Van Do-Reynoso, for her exemplary leadership during a global pandemic and ensuring the resources and information was available to everyone in the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Dr. Van Do-Reynoso, for her incredible service to her community.

RECOGNIZING MR. KELLY RICHERS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kelly Richers for his 35 years of service to the California education system and to congratulate him on his retirement as the Superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District. Mr. Richers' long-standing career as an educator and administrator in the Wasco Union Elementary School District began in 1986 at Norris Middle School in Bakersfield, where he taught Science. Over the next two decades, Mr. Richers was Vice Principal and Principal at various schools across the district, first as the Vice Principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, then as the Vice Principal and later Principal of Palm Avenue Elementary School, and lastly returning to Thomas Jefferson as the Principal in 2007. During his tenure, student outcomes across all schools improved immensely. In 2009, Mr. Richers became the Director of Categorical Programs and Special Projects for the school district. In this role, he coordinated a Migrant Resource Teacher program, implemented Parent Notification Letters, and established several community partnerships for the district's families. Throughout his four years as Director, Mr. Richers was focused on providing students and families of the district with the programs they needed to be successful. Mr. Richers was promoted to district Superintendent in 2014, where he oversaw a student body of more than 3,500 students, 500 personnel, and a yearly budget that exceeded \$50 million. He supervised the passage of

bonds totaling \$36 million, the construction and renovation of several new school buildings, and the addition of special education buses and school nursing staff. As Superintendent, he has routinely demonstrated his commitment to Wasco Union Elementary School District's mission of excellence for all. Throughout his career, Mr. Richers has received many accolades for his leadership across the district. He was named Administrator of the Year by the Association of School Administrators and in 2009, was selected as the California Middle Grades Principal of the Year. Mr. Richers' immense contributions to the school district will have a lasting impact on the Wasco community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Kelly Richers' service as an educator in the Central Valley. I wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ELIGIBILITY TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to provide the District of Columbia comprehensive eligibility for funding under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program. The program is authorized under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act.

The program was intended to provide grants to both states and municipalities to ensure the comprehensive management of post-consumer wastes and plastics and to prevent the continued contamination of our nation's waters by these materials. In its implementation of the program, the EPA created two separate grants—one for states and one for municipalities. The EPA made D.C. eligible for the state program, as required by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, but not the municipality program, even though it should have been eligible for the municipality program, too. The EPA has misinterpreted the definition of municipality in the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and is depriving D.C. of funds to which it is entitled.

Making D.C. eligible for both grants—both as a state and as a municipality—is consistent with the overall intent of the program and would enable D.C. to utilize funding both for the development of a comprehensive strategy to improve post-consumer materials management and recycling, and for implementation of specific collection and treatment measures to remove these wastes from the wastewater stream.

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act defines the terms "state" and "municipality" for the purposes of the program. Section 2 of the Act defines the term "state" as specifically including D.C. Section 302(c) of the Act utilizes the definition for "municipality" in section 502 of the Clean Water Act, which includes "a city, town,

borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body . . . having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes." D.C. falls under the definitions of both terms and therefore should be eligible for both grants under the program.

Given that D.C. operates as the functional equivalent of a joint city, county and state, D.C. is analogous to a municipality that has jurisdiction over publicly owned treatment works under section 302(c) of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, as well as being explicitly defined under section 2 of the Act as a state. Exclusion of D.C. from either portion of the program is inconsistent with the comprehensive nature of post-consumer waste management under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and would leave D.C. poorly positioned to address the challenges of post-consumer wastes in our Nation's waters.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EL VALOR

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of El Valor, a multicultural non-profit organization whose mission is to support children, people with disabilities, and their young families to achieve excellence and participate fully in life throughout the Chicagoland area and Cook County, Illinois.

El Valor was founded in 1973, when Guadalupe Reyes could not find quality care for her son with mental and physical disabilities. It was this need for a place that was welcoming and supportive for the most marginalized members of our community that led to the inception of El Valor.

Over the past five decades, El Valor has been a home and place of belonging. From early childhood education programs in English and Spanish to adult programs for individuals of all abilities, and professional development opportunities for rising community leaders, El Valor supports people in achieving their full potential.

I am honored to commemorate El Valor on their 50th Anniversary. Congratulations (!Felicidades!).

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN MINCK—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Kathleen Minck of Arroyo Grande, California. A retired teacher who has dedicated her life to service. Kathleen has been a leader

and advocate for several outstanding causes affecting those in her community, as well as those affected by hardship around the world.

Following a 32-year career as an educator within the Lucia Mar School District, where she promoted tolerance and diversity among her students, Kathleen traveled overseas to help build schools in Thailand and Kenya, while serving as a Human Rights Observer in Cuba and Venezuela. This work earned Kathleen the Peace & Justice Human Rights Award from the California Teachers Association in 2013.

Since its inception in 2017, Kathleen has served on the board of the Diversity Coalition of SLO County, an organization focused on building diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community through advocacy and education. As Education Chair, Kathleen has spotlighted such issues as the Holocaust, immigration, Japanese internment, civil rights, and other important topics, through programs specifically aimed for children.

Through Kathleen's work with Diversity Coalition of SLO County, she strives to educate people about human rights at a young age, before their belief systems are fully formed. Kathleen has used her years of experience in childhood education to plan and execute over 30 school speaking events with the coalition, introducing students and teachers to speakers whose lives have been perniciously affected by hate and bias.

Kathleen is also a board member of SLO4Home, a non-profit group devoted to helping refugees from Ukraine, Syria, and Afghanistan relocate to the Central Coast. Through SLO4Home, Kathleen has been directly involved with helping two Afghan families transition their lives to California.

Providing dignity and compassion during difficult times is an attribute that Kathleen possesses through her work as a volunteer at Wilshire Hospice. Losing her twin sister to brain cancer at the age of 7 has left a special spot in her heart for pediatric cancer patients. Prior to the pandemic, Kathleen made weekly trips to Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara to read to children with cancer and bring them gifts as a personal passion-project of hers.

I am honored to recognize Kathleen for her continued commitment to fostering acceptance and empathy among our Central Coast youth and for her continued efforts in aiding those in need. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Kathleen Minck, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Fairfield's Travis Air Force Base upon celebrating 80 years of diligent service to the United States military and the American public. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the vital role that Travis Air Force Base plays in the critical duties of the United States Air Force and the immense presence it has in the Solano community.

Originally founded on May 11, 1943, as Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, the Base began as only a single airstrip and a few temporary buildings. Despite its small footprint, the Base spearheaded the essential mission of servicing and ferrying tactical aircraft from California to active war zones across the Pacific.

Travis Air Force Base quickly became integral to the crucial missions of the United States military and became the West Coast's largest aerial port by 1945. During World War II, Travis Air Force Base met a challenge of colossal scale, directly facilitating the mission of airlifting troops to Asia and then supporting the return of war-weary servicemembers.

Today, Travis Air Force Base is widely known as the "Gateway to the Pacific," as it handles more cargo and passengers through its aerial port than any other military air terminal in the United States. The Base continues to support humanitarian airlift efforts around the world and played a critical role in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in history, Operation Allies Refuge, which ultimately saved over 124,000 lives. I have listened to countless stories from the valiant servicemembers of Travis Air Force Base that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated in the United States Air Force.

The critical role that Travis Air Force Base has in the greater Solano County community does not go unnoticed. Currently, the Travis team includes over 15,000 active-duty servicemembers, civilians, and reservists, every one of whom is a vital and valued member of the Solano community. Travis Air Force Base's dedication to the United States military and Americans around the world is not only impressive, but essential to the safety of families across the country.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Travis Air Force Base upon its 80th anniversary and extend my sincere gratitude for the Base's sacrifices and contributions in the defense of this great country.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
To hold hearings to examine enhancing American competitiveness through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

SD-138

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act by the Federal Highway Administration.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine anti-poverty and family support provisions in the tax code.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To receive a closed briefing on the national security implications of the Compacts of Free Association.

SVC-217

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1868, to require an interagency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, S. 820, to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS interagency working group, S. 1886, to establish a Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Best Practices for Nonprofit Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, and Houses of Worship within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1871, to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, S. 1858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance, S. 1798, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1822, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, S. 1253, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure,