

power of collective action. Motivated by a desire to effect meaningful change, he immersed himself in electoral and issue-based campaigns, channeling his energy into making a difference.

In late 2015, William found his calling when he joined the Florida AFL-CIO, a formidable force representing over 70,000 unionized workers in the region, as a field representative. In this role, he has tirelessly fought for the rights of working-class individuals, championing their cause in the political arena. Working closely with unions and grassroots organizations, William has dedicated himself to developing strategic campaign plans, aiming to elect pro-union candidates who prioritize the well-being of working families at every level of public office.

William has made his presence felt in Tallahassee, annually lobbying against legislation that threatens the rights and livelihoods of workers that often favor corporate interests. These efforts have been instrumental in safeguarding the well-being of countless individuals and ensuring a fair and just work environment.

Beyond his political endeavors, William has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to immigrant communities. Through his involvement in an immigration program, he has assisted hundreds of legal permanent residents in Central Florida to navigate the path to citizenship in the United States, providing them with opportunities for a better future.

In collaboration with numerous unions in the area, William has spearheaded various organizing projects, representing the voices of teachers, custodians, electricians, painters, cooks, housekeepers, and many other vital workers. Through these initiatives, he has been instrumental in promoting fair wages, safe working conditions, and equitable treatment for those who form the backbone of our communities.

**RE-INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO RECOGNIZE THE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF EID AL-ADHA AND WISH MUSLIM AMERICANS AND MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD A PROSPEROUS HOLIDAY**

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize Eid Al-Adha and wish Muslims around the world an Eid Mubarak.

I am honored to partner with my colleagues, Rep. RASHIDA TLAIB, Rep. ILHAN OMAR, and Rep. DEBBIE DINGELL to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Adha is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.8 million Muslims globally. This resolution helps highlight the significance of this Islamic holiday and to recognize the contributions of Muslims across the world. American Muslims are part of every industry and space in the United States since the founding of our country.

Eid Al-Adha commemorates Abraham's symbolic sacrifice of his son to God, as ref-

erenced in the Quran, Old Testament, and New Testament. The holiday is a three-day celebration filled with prayers, charity, and the annual pilgrimage, for those who are able. I congratulate the 1 million Muslims that are participating in the annual pilgrimage, Hajj, this year. May God bless them always.

I thank the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), Islamic Relief USA, Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS), and the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) for their support on this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the religious significance of Eid al-Adha and wishing Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous holiday by signing on to this important legislation.

**HONORING OLIVIA MORALES**

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Olivia Morales, my fellow who is transitioning from my office to continue her mission.

A Florida native, Olivia came to my office ready to change the American educational system. While in my office, Olivia has pushed my education agenda to great lengths—from drafting legislation, to conducting research, to writing education policy pieces.

In our time together, I have recognized that Olivia is a force in education policy. Her passion has been powerful over the last year as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to educational equality has led Olivia to complete her undergraduate degree in Public Policy at Duke University and spend a year working as a College Adviser with the Duke College Advising Corps. After her service with the Corps, she began her doctoral studies in the University of Florida's Higher Education Administration and Policy program. Her research uses critical quantitative methods to evaluate higher education policies and student outcomes. Olivia has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on education policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Olivia Morales for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

**HONORING STEPHANIE BECHARA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Stephanie Bechara calls Osceola County home and is proud to work for the City of Kissimmee as their communications and public affairs officer. Stephanie serves as a liaison between the city, the community, and the media.

Before working for the City of Kissimmee, Stephanie was a multimedia journalist and worked in television news for more than a decade. As a former reporter, she's enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people and put herself in the shoes of others daily. "For it is storytelling that moves people," she says.

Stephanie received her master's degree from the University of Florida. Having grown up in a Hispanic household, Stephanie is fluent in both English and Spanish. Stephanie's exposure to diverse people with unique backdrops is what ignites her spark for communicating.

Stephanie usually wears multiple hats while working with cross-functional teams including marketing and social media. But what she looks forward to every single day is the community engagement aspect of it all. Stephanie serves as a two way street fostering goodwill among residents, businesses, and non-profits, all in hopes of making Kissimmee thrive.

Stephanie is resourceful and creative when it comes to planning, enterprising, and delivering storytelling. She has received several awards from the Florida Associated Press, one of them highlighting her as Best Mobile Journalist. Stephanie was also nominated for an Emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for the Suncoast Chapter. Additionally, Stephanie was recognized for her work on immigrant-related stories by the Central Florida chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Stephanie has fallen in love with Osceola County and is honored to work in the place she calls home. Stephanie lives in Poinciana with her husband Ray and is the proud mother of their baby, Zion, and little girl, Starlett.

**RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF PAT FRISCH**

**HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the service of Pat Frisch, Program Director and Director of Content for Central Montana Radio Stations in Great Falls, Montana.

Pat has a broadcasting career that has lasted over 40 years and has taken him from Cary, Illinois to Great Falls, Montana with stops in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, Prescott, Arizona, Lake Tahoe, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pat holds a spot in the Nevada Broadcaster Hall of Fame.

Pat has announced his retirement from broadcasting due to health issues. He will be missed for his early morning humor and his ability to get to the bottom line of a story. Pat is a go to resource for breaking news for Great Falls and the many Agricultural communities that 560 KMON serves. Pat's passion for his family, friends, and especially his three dogs (Chica, Lucky, and Feefs) is evident when he shares his stories.

Community members and listeners have often said they appreciate the questions and interviews Pat does with the elected official representing the state of Montana. Regardless of their political affiliation, Pat is always open and welcoming to politicians and remains fair and balanced in his questioning during interviews. This type of reporting has become lost

in the United States, and Pat is truly one of a kind.

Pat Frisch's story is that of a man coming from a small community 50 miles north of Chicago and growing his brand and reputation through hard work to become a trusted public figure to thousands of listeners throughout all of the markets he has worked in. I'm proud to acknowledge Pat Frisch for his service, and it is a privilege to honor him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**RECOGNIZING JUNE CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH JERI NICOLAS**

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Jeri Nicolas as my June Constituent of the Month. As an employee of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center in Oceanside, Jeri embodies the Center's mission by advocating for resources and promoting educational programs to assist members of the LGBTQ+ community and create a more equitable and safer region.

Jeri has more than two decades of experience doing this work. Jeri also uses her background as a native Hawaiian to promote the preservation of Hawaiian culture and conduct outreach to LGBTQ+ individuals in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. I have no doubt she will continue to make a difference in my district and across our greater region.

During Pride Month, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional efforts of individuals like Jeri Nicolas who spend their time helping others and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm so grateful for CA-19 residents who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our residents and community, and I'm proud to honor Jeri Nicolas as my June Constituent of the Month.

**HONORING NELSON LEANDRO SEPULVEDA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Nelson Leandro Sepulveda was born on September 6, 1978, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He is a dedicated education professional and community advocate known for his unwavering commitment to education and his students.

His educational achievements include an associate degree from Valencia College, a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in marketing from the University of Central Florida, and a master's degree in strategic leadership from Mountain State University. Throughout his college years, Nelson faced numerous challenges. These experiences shaped his character and fueled his passion for supporting college students during their transformative years.

He held various roles within the college, including working in Enrollment Services, College Transitions, and Student Development. Currently, Nelson serves as the director of the Osceola Prosper program. This life-changing initiative has already had a profound impact on the Osceola County community in just a couple of years by providing all Osceola County graduates with free tuition for Valencia College or a technical school so they may pursue their dreams without limitations.

His motto in life, inspired by the film "Gladiator," is "What we do in life . . . echoes in eternity," reflecting his deep belief in the lasting impact of his work. Additionally, he embraces the mantra, "Everything you want is on the other side of fear," encouraging others, especially students, to overcome their barriers and pursue their dreams.

Throughout his over 24 years of work at Valencia College, Nelson's hard work and dedication have positively influenced countless lives, leaving a lasting legacy in the pursuit of education and community growth. Starting next year, the college's Legacy Award will be renamed to reflect Nelson's impact, making it the Nelson Sepulveda Legacy Award.

Looking ahead, Nelson's goal is to continue serving the community and empower young adults to discover their talents and passions. He envisions building a compassionate and inclusive community that celebrates diversity, respects student choices, and fosters a culture of learning.

**RECOGNIZING THE 59TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1964 MARSHALLS CREEK EXPLOSION**

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a significant milestone in the history of our region. June 26, 2023 marked the 59th anniversary of the Marshalls Creek Explosion in Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

On June 26, 1964, the Marshalls Creek Fire Company responded to a tractor trailer fire on State Route 209. Shortly thereafter, the trailer exploded killing firefighters F. Earl Miller, Leonard Mosier and Edward Hines. Three passersby also died: John Regina, Joseph J. Horvath Jr., and Lillian Paesch. The explosion also injured 10 other people, caused damage to the Regina Hotel, Middle Smithfield Elementary School, and the Pocono Reptile Farm.

After our community endured the chaos of the explosion, it was discovered that the tractor trailer had no identification placard reporting its explosive contents. During numerous Congressional hearings, the Marshalls Creek Explosion served as a catalyst for remarks concerning increased traffic safety measures and inspections. The concerns expressed ultimately became law with the enactment of the Transportation Safety Act of 1974 and further development of the Emergency Response Guidebook, which is widely used as a resource by Fire Responders across North America.

Today, 59 years later, the Middle Smithfield Township community comes together to dedi-

cate a historical marker at Regina Farms, across from where the explosion occurred. The business is owned by Ed Regina, brother of the late John Regina. This marker will help preserve a piece of history of the community and continue to educate future visitors of the site.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 59th anniversary of the 1964 Marshalls Creek Explosion to acknowledge the importance and impact that this event has had on the families of those killed in the explosion, Middle Smithfield Township, and traffic and transportation safety across the Nation.

**HONORING WILLIAM MAXWELL "BILLY" CARROLL**

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a dedicated husband, loving father, extraordinary funeral practitioner, humble community servant and friend of longstanding, Mr. William Maxwell "Billy" Carroll. Sadly, Billy transitioned this life from labor to reward on June 18, 2023. A home going service celebrating his remarkable life was held on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Baconton, Georgia.

William Maxwell Carroll was born in Camilla, Georgia on October 6, 1936, to the union of the late Horace Carroll of Atlanta, Georgia and Thelma Jester Carroll White of Albany, Georgia. He received his early fruits of knowledge in the public-school systems of Atlanta, Camilla and Moultrie, Georgia. Following high school, Billy matriculated at the Agricultural and Technical College of Greensboro, North Carolina where he majored in Business Administration. He then attended Atlanta College of Mortuary Science and upon completion returned to his hometown roots in Camilla to operate a family-owned business.

A licensed funeral director and embalmer, Billy used his stewardship of the Robert Jester Mortuary to serve and comfort thousands of families during their times of bereavement. He and the entire staff did whatever it took to support the needs of those who entrusted Robert Jester Mortuary with the care of their dearly departed loved ones. He was a longtime member of the Georgia Funeral Services Practitioners Association, Inc. where he served as President from 1982 to 1984. He was chosen 4th District Mortician of the Year in 1972 and selected as Mortician of the year in 1988 by Alpha Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, Inc.

It has been said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Billy Carroll paid his rent, and he paid it well! He gave his time, talent and treasure to numerous social and civic organizations to include City of Camilla Zoning Board; Mitchell County Hospital Endowment Board; Camilla Chamber of Commerce; Kiwanis Club of Mitchell County; NAACP; and Boys and Girls Club; to name a few. He was appointed by Gov. George Busbee to serve on the Georgia State Commission on Indian Affairs and by Gov. Joe Frank Harris to serve on the Governor's Education Review Commission. He