

away on June 22nd of this year. Frank was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and husband who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Frank will long be remembered for the many meaningful contributions he made to his business and community. He successfully ran the Suite-Kote Corporation for many years while also serving on the Homer School Board and many other Homer-based community programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Frank Suits. While we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life and the legacy he leaves behind. May his life and memory always be a blessing.

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#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JUNE CATALANO

##### HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of June Catalano as she retires from the City of Pleasant Hill.

Throughout her career, most recently as City Manager in the City of Pleasant Hill, California, June has been dedicated to her community and to improving the lives of Bay Area residents. Prior to her work with the City of Pleasant Hill, June served as City Manager of Martinez from 2001 to 2006. Additionally, she served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Milpitas from 1998 to 2001. She also was the Director of Development Services with the City of San Leandro, Director of Planning and Building for the City of Santa Ana, and Community Development Director for the City of Laguna Beach.

June's leadership has been instrumental to the expansion and growth of Pleasant Hill. During her tenure with the City, June worked to foster a vibrant community within Pleasant Hill and to provide public spaces for community members to gather and enjoy. She played a key role in the redevelopment of the Crossroads Shopping Center and the newly renovated Pleasant Hill Library. June also led efforts to coordinate the Concerts by the Lake, Community Service Day, National Night Out, and more. Additionally, June guided the City through the Great Recession and through the COVID-19 pandemic where her leadership and dedication were critical in prioritizing community safety and health. June has worked tirelessly throughout her career to bring community members together and to improve quality of life for all residents of Pleasant Hill.

Please join me in congratulating June Catalano on her well-deserved retirement after 17 years of outstanding public service to our community.

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#### REMEMBERING DR. DENNIS CARLTON WOODS

##### HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Dennis Carlton

Woods, an inspiring and influential member of the Southeast Michigan community who passed away on May 26th of 2023. As Dr. Woods' family reflected upon their loved one's magnificent life, they affectionately recalled him as a persistent, creative, and intelligent father and community member. While Dr. Woods will be deeply missed by the many people he impacted, there is no doubt that these qualities have been passed on to his family and friends and will continue to positively influence his community.

On December 3, 1943, Dr. Dennis Carlton Woods was born in Detroit, MI, to Flavia Bell Taylor and Meldon Hubert Woods. Welcomed into a large, loving family, he was the third of seven dedicated and energetic children. After losing his father, Meldon, early in life, Dr. Woods sought new opportunities for himself and was determined to fulfill his intellectual curiosity. This determined spirit led him to Tennessee State University as a student athlete studying biochemistry with the intention of going to medical school. As a true Michigander, he still managed to return to Detroit during his summers to work at the Ford Motor Company foundry. Working hard to support himself and explore any opportunities that came his way, he sincerely believed that hard work is what is required to make something out of your talent. These values took Dr. Woods to Meharry Medical College in 1967, where he was incredibly involved in his campus community and pursued his medical degree, specializing in ophthalmology.

Outside of his academic career, Dr. Woods tried as many different activities as he could while at Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College. During his undergraduate career, he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. While in medical school, he was Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, the *Meharrian*, Class Treasurer, Pre-Alumni Association Treasurer, captain of the Meharry basketball team, and member of the Urology Club. His time as a student was also when he developed a passion for civil rights.

His drive to try new things didn't stop when he came back home to Detroit. Even when he co-founded a private practice, the Detroit Medical Group, he continued to lead an adventurous and well-rounded life. Dr. Woods became politically active in the area, hosting multiple political fundraisers at his home for multiple candidates, including the first African American mayor of Detroit, Mayor Coleman Young. These acts of social service included volunteering regularly at Plymouth United Church of Christ. Throughout his lifetime, he enjoyed fine art, photography, gardening, genealogy, travel, and more. His hobbies allowed him to bring his community of family and friends together to enjoy the activities as a group.

Above all, Dr. Woods was a family man. He was a loving father to his three children—Delisa Chimene, Dennis Jr., Krystle Charon—and was married to his wife—Polly Ann—for almost 55 years before his passing. He was heavily involved in his children's upbringing and encouraged them to pursue several opportunities and find their passions early in life. He spread his life experience, kindness, and zest for life to his children throughout their upbringing by showing them what they could achieve and supporting them in their individual pursuits. He remained close to his family and was even fortunate enough to spend time with

his nine grandchildren. Dr. Woods had an impact on everyone around him—he took photos of families at every community gathering, participated in shared gardens, spread his scientific teachings, and connected people across his lifetime.

Dennis Carlton Woods was truly a unique man—he was driven, brave, intelligent, curious, and above all, he was kind. His loss is one that leaves a community not only with irreplaceable memories, but also with valuable life lessons and love that will never leave them. He was a loving husband, father, and community leader who never failed to teach those around him. His legacy of hard work, dedication, and belief in his peers to succeed will live on for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the life of Dr. Dennis Carlton Woods today, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his remarkable impact on his community.

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#### HONORING SARAH HARRIS

##### HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Harris, a standout public servant and local leader who recently retired from her role as Puyallup's Parks and Recreation Director after a 35-year career with the City.

After graduating from Arkansas College, Sarah spent several years working for the military with a focus on recreational sports and fitness. When she moved to Washington state, she applied her love of sports and recreation to her first job with the City of Puyallup as a part-time Recreation Supervisor in 1988. Sarah eventually shifted to her most recent role with the City as their Parks and Recreation Director, working to grow the City's parks and beautify its public spaces for South Sound communities.

During her decade-long tenure as Director, Sarah oversaw several community projects, including the creation of Van Lierop Park and the installation of Puyallup's first-ever Spray Park in Pioneer Park. Thanks to Sarah's skilled leadership and sustained commitment to the City's development, Puyallup has one of the best Parks and Recreation systems in Washington.

I commend Sarah for her tireless service to the people of Puyallup and the state of Washington and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

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#### CONGRATULATING DR. CHRISTOPHER COLLIVER

##### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 2023*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Christopher Colliver, a recipient of the coveted Presidential Rank Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the Federal career civil service.

Dr. Colliver is one of a small percentage of career members of the Senior Executive Service to be chosen by the President for exceptional performance in their field over an extended period of time. He began his career at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC) in 1988, where he helped revolutionize digital intelligence analysis, production, and modeling and simulation architectures.

Since 2012, Dr. Colliver has served as Technical Advisor for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, and Acquisition Intelligence at the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He advises the AFLCMC Commander, Engineering Director, Intelligence Director, and Program Executive Officers, to deliver superior war-winning capabilities on time and on cost.

Dr. Colliver has distinguished himself through sustained extraordinary service to the Department of Defense and the United States of America. His visionary threat predictions and engineering solutions drove the acceleration of a \$10 billion modernization program to defend all Department weapon systems.

Dr. Colliver led a multi-agency team responding to new terrorist tactics and provided solutions for warfighting operations, which drove enemy effectiveness to zero. He conceived and led novel experimentation resulting in a reprioritization of \$1 billion to implement enhanced flight security and safety.

Dr. Colliver's guidance mitigated critical technology threats to an advanced program, enabling an early \$2 billion decision with 20-year risk and threat reductions. He assured accurate global threat warning for ballistic missile launches by improving data fidelity and timeliness by 75 percent with \$10 million in savings.

Throughout his career, Dr. Colliver has been awarded numerous honors for his outstanding contributions to the Department of Defense and our Nation, including the Director of Central Intelligence Exceptional Analyst of the Year Award (2000); the Air Force Civilian Achievement Award (2002, 2003, 2005); and the Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award (2012, 2021).

I want to personally thank Dr. Colliver for his 35 years of service at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and the significant contributions he has made in a life and career dedicated to our national security. His accomplishments bring great credit upon himself, the United States Air Force, and the Department of Defense. I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

## HONORING DISTINGUISHED LEADERS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor distinguished leaders in Central Florida for Pride Month: Kimberly A. Holdridge, Andrea Montanez, Billy Looper and Tom Christ, Jessica Beers, Jorge Lanza, Joseph "Joey" Knoll, Svetlana "Lana" Dunn, and Tatiana Quiroga.

KIMBERLY A. HOLDRIDGE

Kimberly A. Holdridge is a labor leader with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage

Employees Local 631 in Orlando, Florida. In 1993, Kim became the financial secretary of the Local and remained in that role for two decades. In June of 2020, Kim was elected to serve as a business representative for the same group and has just begun her second term in this prestigious role. During her career, she has served on the Florida AFL-CIO Executive Board where she currently serves as chairman of the Finance Committee and as executive vice president of the Central Florida AFL-CIO. In addition to the elected position of the local union, she was elected by acclamation to the role of district secretary/treasurer of the IATSE District 14 in 2006, representing thousands of theater and film craftspeople in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2006, Kimberly was selected by the Central Florida LGBTQ community as Female Role Model of the Year and by the AFL-CIO as a Rising Star within the labor movement. In 2009, she received the IATSE International Presidents Award. Within the greater Central Florida community, Kim received many appointments to city and county boards. She is also chair of the Public Art Board, chair of the city and county Municipal Planning Board, and a member of the nominating board for the City of Orlando. Additionally, she serves as Chairman of the Board for the Mental Health Association of Central Florida.

The LGBTQ community has seen plenty of Kim in action. She has served as president of the Orlando Gay Chorus and the Rainbow Democratic Club and is the chair of the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee. Currently, she is proud to serve on the International IATSE Pride Committee and as secretary of the Central Florida Pride at Work Chapter. Kim resides in the heart of the City of Orlando with her partner of 30 years, Denise Holdridge, whom she married in 2014 in Providence, Rhode Island before gay marriage became permissible within the state of Florida. Lastly, Kim served in the armed forces of the United States Air Force Reserves in the early 1980s as a sheet metal specialist just prior to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." She is a champion for working families and is doing whatever she can to create opportunities for everyone to thrive and live their best lives.

ANDREA MONTANEZ

Andrea Montanez (she/her/ella) is an openly proud immigrant transgender Latinx woman from Colombia. She serves as the LGBTQ+ immigration organizer lead for Hope Community Center and is a Contigo Fund community board member. Andrea's role is to bring visibility and educate communities on the intersections of being an immigrant and transgender.

A long-standing community builder through volunteerism, Andrea is a board member at Peer Support Space, whose mission is to build and be a local hub for diverse, peer-led recovery communities. In addition, she is the co-director of outreach at Come Out with Pride Orlando, whose focus is to produce an annual Pride event that fosters a sense of community, encourages LGBTQ+ citizens to live openly and with pride, and educates the general public about our shared cultural heritage.

Andrea is also in charge of the "ventanilla de inclusión" at the Consulmex in Orlando. She is also a captain at Equality Florida.

BILLY LOOPER AND TOM CHRIST

With entrepreneurial backgrounds, Billy Looper and Tom Christ began producing large

LGBTQ+ events at Walt Disney World Resorts in 2009. One Magical Weekend has included events at Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Waterpark, Disney Hollywood Studios, Epcot, and the House of Blues at Disney Springs. As one part of one of the longest-running events in our history, Billy and Tom are proud to contribute to Gay Disney and welcome guests from all over the world year after year to Orlando. They are especially proud to host over 250 alumni from Bliss Healthcare's Transformation program over the past three years at Riptide, providing a safe place for their trans friends at TransBeach. In 2018, they co-founded the Kindred Pride Foundation, whose mission is to honor the original Gay and Lesbian Day at Magic Kingdom attendees back in 1991 and continue the RED Shirt Pride Days kickoff to Pride Month, now in its 32nd year. The Kindred Pride Foundation values diversity, inclusion, equality, safe expression, and kindness and contributes to the community by producing the Pride Cup—an LGBTQ+ multi-sport tournament each year. The Diversity in Sports Summit included a forum of eight collegiate and professional athletes telling their inspiring "coming out" stories in front of business and sports leaders in Orlando. They invite you to join them for Santa's Bike Force—an annual tradition since 2003 where they give out "first time" bikes to deserving kids. Their LGBTQ+ marketing company is a Certified LGBT Business Enterprise, and they are proud members of the Pride Chamber and the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

JESSICA BEERS

Jessica Beers currently serves as the executive director of the Kissimmee Sports Commission. In her role, Jessica provides oversight of the administration and management of the Kissimmee Sports Commission. She is also responsible for identifying and pursuing new strategic partnerships on behalf of Experience Kissimmee.

Before her new role, she served as a leader in the sports, entertainment, and transportation industries. Her past employers include Brightline Trains Florida, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Orlando City Soccer Club, and the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Jessica played for and volunteered with the CFSLeague—an amateur softball league for all persons with an emphasis on LGBTQIA+ participation.

She was also a staff member who supported the ownership's decision to install 49 rainbow-colored seats at Exploria Stadium to honor Pulse victims and survivors.

As a sports enthusiast, Jessica also supports the Pride Cup—an annual LGBTQ+ multi-sport competition held the first weekend in June in Osceola and Orange Counties.

Jessica graduated Magna Cum Laude with her Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Concordia University, St. Paul, and currently resides in Central Florida with her wife Gina Lutz.

She serves on the Howard Phillips Center Community Leadership Council and is an active member of the Central Florida WISE Chapter.

JORGE LANZA

Jorge Lanza (he/him) serves as the Kissimmee program manager for the LGBTQ+ Center Orlando, Inc., also known as The Center. His commitment to serving the LGBTQ+ community began the night of the Pulse Nightclub tragedy when he responded to the needs