

renowned member of our community who has been chosen to receive the prestigious American Dream Award for California's Fourth Congressional District. This award honors people who come to the United States and have excelled professionally, through entrepreneurship and innovation, in the arts and culture, or through community service.

Mr. Rangel grew up in his family's home in Guadalajara, Mexico. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree business entrepreneurship. He is married to Janeth Perez, with whom he has 4 children. Mr. Rangel's life has been a constant migration between California and Mexico, during which he has made significant contributions to his communities.

Mr. Rangel began his career in San Joaquin County in migrant student educational services before being appointed by the Office of Governor Schwarzenegger to aid in the development of AmeriCorps in California. He continued his work under Governor Brown and was then recruited by the Lake County Office of Education to implement a local AmeriCorps program. Mr. Rangel provided support to emergency services and translations for the Spanish speaking community during the wildfires between 2015 and 2020. In 2022, he joined Lake County Tribal Health to implement health education programs.

Mr. Rangel serves as a Board Member for the Kelseyville Unified School District and as an advisor to the Middletown Arts Center. Mr. Rangel founded his company, Equilingual, in 2021 with the mission of achieving equity through language and supporting communications between local organizations and the Spanish speaking community. Mr. Rangel's connection to both the United States and Mexico has given him a unique perspective that has enabled him to have a positive impact in communities across California.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize Mr. Gilbert Rangel, Jr. for his achievements and for enriching our community. He has demonstrated resolve in his ability to reacclimate throughout his life, channeling the experience of living between Mexico and the United States into a central aspect of his identity. It is fitting and proper that we honor him here today with the American Dream Award.

#### HONORING STEPHANIE UVIOVO

##### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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

An FIU student with Nigerian origins, Stephanie came to my office ready to impact the international relations system. While in my office, Stephanie has pushed my agendas to great lengths—from drafting memos, to organizing information, to researching data.

In our time together, I have recognized that Stephanie is a force in international relations. Her passion has been powerful over the semester as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to justice has led Stephanie to volunteer at RESULTS where she advo-

cates for policies to champion affordable housing for all Americans. Stephanie has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on public 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 Stephanie Uvovo for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

#### RECOGNIZING RICHARD MICKA'S SERVICE TO THE WILDLIFE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

##### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Micka, Chairman of the Board for the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, on the occasion of his retirement. The contributions he has made and the stewardship he has shown for the International Wildlife Refuge in Trenton, Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Richard was born, raised, and still to this day resides in Monroe, Michigan. A graduate from the University of Detroit, Richard has always appreciated all the natural beauty that this region has to offer. The only time he has spent away was for the seven years he spent in the Medical Corps of our United States Air Force, where he was a Captain. When he returned from the service, he spent 36 years working at La-Z-Boy's Monroe Headquarters.

While at home, Richard's hobby is caring for the outdoor spaces in Monroe County. He has spent time on the Commission on the Environment and Water Quality, the River Raisin Public Advisory Council, as well as the Monroe County Drain Commission. In 1974, he earned the Conservationist of the Year Award from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs for his work on restoring the Point Mouillee State Game Area.

For the last 14 years, Richard has served as the Chairman of the Board for the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance. The Alliance is essential to coordinating the private and public partnerships that allow the DRIWR to be an incredible habitat for our region's wildlife as well as a destination for people of all ages to come and appreciate our world's natural beauty. Richard has been there since the beginning, and his fingerprints are everywhere you look. Under his leadership, many new plots of land and educational programs have been added to the Refuge. His tenure also saw the opening of the Refuge Gateway and the John D. Dingell, Jr. Visitor Center, a project that was well over a decade in the making. Today, the DRIWR stands as a beacon for all those anglers, dog walkers, mushroom hunters, or people who just want to catch a beautiful sunset from the pier.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Richard Micka has accomplished. Since his earliest days, he was shown a passion for our wild places that few could match. Both John Dingell and I always valued his partnership, energy and wisdom, and though we will miss him as the Chairman of the IWRA, I am sure that we will continue to find him out in the

wild, educating our youth and making sure everyone appreciates the beauty that surrounds them. I thank Richard.

#### RECOGNIZING JULIA ANDREWS ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

##### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a devoted wife, dedicated mother, and outstanding public servant, Mrs. Julia Andrews. An event celebrating her 95th birthday was held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. Andrews is a native of Dougherty County, Georgia and she has given her life's work in service to her country. She dedicated 34 years working to support America's national security as a civilian employee at the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base. While she was providing outstanding service at the base, she did not do so alone; when Mrs. Andrews began her tenure in 1954, she joined her husband, Goliath Andrews, in service there who began his own 35-year career at the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base in 1952. Truly, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews exemplified patriotism and a sense of service to which all Americans aspire.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Andrews has paid her rent and she has paid it well. Her commitment to service is evident both in her career and in her retirement when she continued to seek out ways to serve her community and her country. A lifetime voting Democrat, Mrs. Andrews has been an endearing and familiar face to the residents of Dougherty County during election season. Year after year, Mrs. Andrews happily served as an election volunteer, working to help the citizens of Dougherty County successfully execute their civic duty. While exercising that civic duty, Mrs. Andrews' fellow citizens enjoyed and benefited from her warmth, kindness, and zeal. Undoubtedly, those qualities of hers have touched the lives of many whom she has volunteered to assist and has strengthened our democracy in a multitude of quiet but powerful and important ways.

Mrs. Andrews is a woman after God's own heart. She is a member of the Greater Third Kiokee Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. She has been and continues to be a stalwart of that Church, having become a member 82 years ago in 1941. The model of Christian virtue that she demonstrates by the way she lives her life has surely touched the lives of so many people and has been an inspiration to generations of fellow members of the Greater Third Kiokee Baptist Church. She truly embodies the words of Acts 9:36: "She was abounding in good deeds and acts of charity."

Mrs. Andrews has accomplished many things in her life, but none of these would have been possible without her faith, the love and support of her husband, Goliath Andrews, and their 4 children, Vincent Andrews, Cynthia Buckley, Janice Thomas, and the late Larry Andrews.

Mrs. Andrews is the proud matriarch of a loving and growing family that now spans

across several generations. Many members of that family lovingly came to Arlington, Virginia on June 17, 2023, to celebrate her. I have no doubt that they would not have missed the chance to celebrate her for the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and I along with the more than 765,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mrs. Julia Andrews on her 95th Birthday and for her phenomenal service to God and Humankind. May God continue to bless her and her family.

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HONORING LINSEY GALLAGHER

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**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Linsey Gallagher, who was named the 2023 Friend of Agriculture by the Napa County Farm Bureau. Ms. Gallagher is being honored for her substantial contribution to Napa Valley agriculture through fostering meaningful partnerships with agriculture and Napa's tourism and hospitality sectors that have produced tangible benefits for the Napa Valley agricultural community.

Ms. Gallagher was born and raised in a rural agricultural community in Vermont. She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Vermont and went on to earn her master's degree in business administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

In addition to Ms. Gallagher's role as the President and CEO of Visit Napa Valley, she also serves in several leadership positions across the Napa Valley community. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Napa Valley Vine Trail, Napa Green, the California Travel Association, Visit California and the Children's Museum of Napa Valley. Ms. Gallagher was also a graduate of the Leadership Napa Valley program, which has been operating for the last 35 years.

As a natural collaborator, Ms. Gallagher partnered with wine and agriculture industries to accelerate tourism recovery and contribute to residents' quality of life and the Napa Valley community's economic resilience. She took the lead on hospitality industry recovery in Napa Valley after the pandemic and devastating wildfires.

When she is not working in the community, Ms. Gallagher enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband Lon and their 2 children, Harlow and Logan.

Mr. Speaker, Linsey Gallagher is deeply appreciated for her dedication to promoting tourism in the Napa community and advocating for local agriculture. There is no doubt that Ms. Gallagher has been a dedicated leader in Napa County and beyond. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING ALEXIA COSMAN

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**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

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

A Florida native with Canadian origins, Alexia came to my office ready to change the American environmental system. While in my office, Alexia has pushed my transportation and infrastructure agenda to great lengths—from drafting memos, to organizing information, to researching environmental data.

In our time together, I have recognized that Alexia is a force in environmental policy. Her passion has been powerful over the semester as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to environmental justice has led Alexia to spearhead a study examining the diversity and density of microbes, and she later presented her findings at an American Society of Microbiology research symposium. Alexia has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on environmental 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 Alexia Cosman for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

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RECOGNIZING THE SOUTHERN MISSOURI COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Southern Missouri Community Health Center, of West Plains, Missouri, on celebrating its 20th anniversary of service to the Greater West Plains Community and surrounding areas.

Since receiving its first patient in February 2003, the Southern Missouri Community Health Center has provided access to excellent quality, affordable medical, dental and mental healthcare to all individuals in need in Howell, Oregon and Ripley counties and the surrounding area.

With more than 65 employees, including physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, dental hygienists, and licensed clinical social workers, SMCHC provides service to approximately 9,000 individuals annually. The Southern Missouri Community Health Center is a critical element of the local healthcare system that improves healthcare outcomes by allowing individuals to overcome barriers to healthcare access, and by acting as a front-line response to unexpected crises, such as natural disasters, and emerging healthcare crises. Governed by a patient majority board, the SMCHC ensures that each of its patients are the top priority.

The impact of the Southern Missouri Community Health Center stretches far beyond

healthcare, as the Center makes a long-lasting positive mark on lives of the members of its community.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Southern Missouri Community Health Center and applaud its hard work and commitment to providing excellent, accessible services to its community.

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HONORING RONALDO HERRERA, RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AWARD

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**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ronaldo Herrera, a renowned member of our community who has been chosen to receive the prestigious American Dream Award for California's 4th Congressional District. This award honors immigrants who have excelled professionally, through entrepreneurship and innovation, in the arts and culture, or through community service. Mr. Herrera is a very deserving recipient of this honor.

Mr. Herrera was born in El Llano, Mexico and moved to St. Helena in 1972 along with his family. After briefly returning to Mexico when his father retired, Mr. Herrera returned to St. Helena at the age of 15 where he started working as a dishwasher at Auberge du Soleil at night while also going to high school full time. Following graduation, he started as a harvest laborer at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and over the next 10 years he worked his way up to cellar master for respected winemaker Warren Winiarski. Mr. Herrera then began holding significant positions at other nearby wineries including assistant winemaker at Chateau Potelle, winemaker at Vine Cliff Winery and director of winemaking at Paul Hobbs Consulting.

In 1997, Ronaldo made 200 cases of Chardonnay as a "side project" and Mi Sueño (Spanish for 'My Dream') was born. Over the next 26 years, Mr. Herrera and his wife, Lorena Herrera, have come to be recognized as one of the great independently owned and operated wine producers in California with the tremendous honor of having 3 of Mi Sueño's wines served at the White House by President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama.

Mr. Herrera has been a role model for his community. He has generously contributed his time and resources to a number of community organizations in the Napa Valley, including the Napa Valley Vintners, and is a founding member of the Mexican American Vintners Association.

Mr. Herrera's outstanding accomplishments go beyond his work. Mr. Herrera is a loving husband and father who has the highest standards of ethics. Mr. Herrera's love for winemaking and dedication to his communities have made him a priceless addition to the Napa Valley and an inspiration to all.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize Mr. Ronaldo Herrera for his achievements and for enriching our community. We honor him here today with the American Dream Award, as his accomplishments and service to our community are a testament to the American Dream.