

experiencing poverty and other vulnerable populations. She fought for justice through her years of work at NETWORK, a Catholic Social Justice Lobby, the McAuley Institute, the Children's Defense Fund, and the Coalition on Human Needs. As the founder and leader of the SAVE for All Campaign (Strengthening America's Values and Economy for All), Sister Richelle has been a driving force for better public policy and an essential educator for Members on human needs programs, which is key in promoting and enacting good public policy.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with Sister Richelle Friedman on programs of mutual interest and concern. She has been a tireless champion of meeting human needs through investments in housing and programs to reduce poverty and hunger. She has been a strong voice of conscience, urging Congress towards equity, demanding that the rich and corporate interests pay their fair share of taxes and do not profit unfairly from government contracts. Sister Richelle has unfailingly conveyed reliable evidence that increasing tax credits for low- and moderate-income families, expanding access to food assistance and health insurance, ensuring justice for immigrants, and building economic opportunity for all are investments that help our nation move forward, leaving no one behind.

Through her decades of advocacy, she has helped members of Congress understand that increased wages, family supports such as childcare and paid leave, adequate retirement benefits and civil rights protections are the goals we must reach, no matter how long it takes. As a stalwart defender of the needs of those experiencing poverty, Sister Richelle has earned the praise of fellow advocacy organizations, the respect of ideological opponents, and the friendship of many of us on Capitol Hill.

I am honored to have this opportunity to stand today and pay tribute to Sister Richelle Friedman for her hard work and thank her for her commitment to social justice. She has left an indelible mark and set a standard of compassion, service, and advocacy to which we should all strive.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for votes so that I could attend the funeral of the late Congressman Tom Sawyer of Ohio. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 292, NAY on Roll Call No. 293, and NAY on Roll Call No. 294.

HONORING ANGELA MUND

HON. NANCY MACE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Angela Mund, DNP, CRNA. Dr. Mund will soon complete her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anes-

thesiology (AANA). I am proud that Dr. Mund was elected as the 2022–2023 president of this prestigious healthcare organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer more than 50 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals.

CRNAs have full practice authority in the Army, Navy, and Air Force and are the predominant provider of anesthesia on forward surgical teams and in combat support hospitals.

As a member of the AANA for 27 years, Dr. Mund has contributed greatly to the healthcare community in the Mount Pleasant area and nationwide. Dr. Mund's career spans 19 years with roles at the University of Minnesota as well as the Medical University of South Carolina. Providing the diverse and interrelated perspectives of a leader, educator, advocate, and clinician, she has testified before state legislative bodies as well as the U.S. House of Representatives on the important role CRNAs play in providing safe, quality anesthesia care.

Honorably discharged as captain from the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corps, Dr. Mund was previously the executive director of the Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists as well as its president.

Dr. Mund earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice, Master of Science, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She completed her nurse anesthesia training at the Minneapolis Veteran's Affairs Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia.

During her AANA presidency, Dr. Mund has been a prominent advocate for the patients and practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. She has worked tirelessly to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system, especially at a time when that healthcare system has been hit hard by the COVID–19 pandemic. Dr. Mund has advocated to eliminate burdensome regulations for CRNAs, to have CRNAs recognized as full practice providers in the Veterans Health Administration, and to address underlying causes of surprise billing such as provider discrimination.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Mund today on a job well done. Her service to AANA and to her patients, and her commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Mund's notable career and outstanding achievements.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE AMERICAN FOOD FOR AMERICAN SCHOOLS ACT OF 2023

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce the "American Food for American Schools Act." I thank Rep. DOUG LAMALFA (R–CA) for his support as the original cosponsor and U.S. Senators, MIKE BRAUN (R–IN), and SHERROD BROWN (D–OH), for sponsoring the companion.

This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would strengthen enforcement of the existing "Buy American" requirements under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) in-school meal programs. Current law requires school districts to purchase domestically sourced food products for all federally funded in-school meals and afterschool snacks under the National School Lunch Program. However, even in agricultural communities like California's Central Valley, school districts continue to misuse taxpayer dollars to buy imported foods, unnecessarily, without informing parents. In numerous cases, these same imported foods have been recalled due to safety concerns and outbreaks of foodborne diseases. This is especially troubling as those same foods could have been sourced locally in the first place as required by federal law.

That is why our bipartisan bill would increase public transparency by allowing parents to know from where the food served to their children in school comes. School districts would be required to obtain a waiver from USDA to use federal taxpayer dollars to purchase foreign-sourced food products, when unavailable domestically. By requiring USDA to post on line all waivers granted for purchases of foreign-sourced foods served to students, our bill would provide American farmers the opportunity to seek out school districts in need of affordable, domestically grown foods.

In the 115th Congress, we included a "Buy American" enforcement provision for the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Program in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–334), commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill. We also clarified the seafood caught by Untied States-flag vessels or within our Exclusive Economic Zone at sea are domestically sourced foods for the USDA in-school meal programs. This was a first step in addressing this critical issue for American farmers and parents with school-age children. Now, Congress needs to finish the job by passing our "American Food for American Schools Act" into law.

Mr. Speaker, I hope all Members will join us in cosponsoring the "American Food for American Schools Act." Our Nation's schoolchildren should be served nutritious, American-grown foods produced under the strictest food safety standards in the world, as required by federal law. That is exactly what our bill would accomplish. I look forward to working with the Committee on Education and Labor to ensure that our bipartisan bill is included in any future Child Nutrition Reauthorization or the upcoming Farm Bill.

HONORING DAWN HELMS STEGALL

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Union County Public Schools teacher, Dawn Helms Stegall, on her retirement after 48 years of serving Union County's students and families. Dawn graduated from Piedmont High School in the class of 1972 before attending both Wingate University for a degree in history, and Meredith College for a degree in social studies and secondary education.

In 1975, Dawn started her teaching career at UCPS at Sun Valley, where she taught history for 10 years. She accepted a job at her alma mater, Piedmont High School, where she taught history for the next 38 years. She was named UCPS Teacher of the Year for the 1989–1990 academic year and was later named the Region IV Teacher of the Year. Year after year, Dawn's students register among the highest scores for AP U.S. History. Dawn's dedicated leadership in the classroom has inspired several of her students to further study history and return to teach in the UCPS system.

Dawn's years of service to the UCPS community also extends far beyond the classroom. Dawn helped start the Piedmont Barbecue in 1986 and continued every year until 2019. Over these years, the Barbecue has raised more than one hundred thousand dollars for Piedmont High students. It is clear, Dawn is the epitome of servant leadership.

Once again, on behalf of the entire 8th Congressional District of North Carolina, I rise to congratulate Dawn Helms Stegall on a successful career and a well-deserved recognition for her years of dedicated service to Union County.

RECOGNIZING MARI TISERA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life and service of my former intern, Mari Tisera, who passed away on June 6, 2023, at the age of 20. Mari's legacy will be remembered through her passion and dedication for helping marginalized and underserved communities and her kindness to all those she knew.

Mari Tisera was born on July 29, 2002, into a family that emigrated from Argentina to the United States 2 years earlier. Mari's family moved to the United States in order to provide Mari and her 3 older brothers better opportunities and a stronger future. Raised in Front Royal, Virginia, Mari was a standout student at Wakefield Country Day School in Huntly, Virginia, where she excelled in a variety of academic subjects, served her community, and was a fierce athlete. Some of Mari's many accomplishments include being chosen by all the coaches in her volleyball league for the Delany Athletic Conference All-Conference Team and working hard as a leader in student government. A first-generation Argentinian

American, Mari enjoyed volunteering at a local elementary school as a Spanish to English translator for summer school students who were learning English as a second language.

Mari attended George Mason University, where she studied Spanish and Government and was a sweetheart for Zeta Psi, a position that she was very proud of because of the love and goodness that she was contributing to the fraternity. She dreamed of being a lawyer and had always been passionate about the ethics of law and government. Mari's dedication to serving all communities and for standing up for what is right continued in college. She organized marches for women's, LGBTQ, and Black rights, and continually fought for the rights of the unhoused.

It was wonderful having Mari serve in my Capitol Hill office at the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022. She worked hard, was eager to learn, and served my constituents and all visitors with kindness and warmth. I know that Mari has said that all of us in the office had a positive impact on her, but she also had a positive impact on all of us who worked with her that we will never forget. Mari wanted to come back and work in our office after she graduated, and it would have been an honor to have her back on our team.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Mari Tisera and the many hearts that she has touched as a daughter, sister, aunt, friend, leader, and advocate. Her vibrant spirit, enduring determination, and genuine kindness should serve as an example to all of us of what it means to be a good person in this world.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL MATTHEW LUZZATTO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Colonel Matthew W. Luzzatto on his retirement from the United States Army after more than 25 years of service. COL Luzzatto has exemplified honor, integrity, and professionalism throughout his career and his service is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Throughout his decorated career, COL Luzzatto has held various command and officer positions, including Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, and Chief of the Host National Funded Construction for U.S. Forces Japan, Yokota Air Base, and has served the country in deployments to Kosovo and Kirkuk, among others. His experience, knowledge, and initiative have distinguished COL Luzzatto as an outstanding leader who has upheld the core values and mission of the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

As Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, COL Luzzatto has been a valuable partner to my office and the community. Together, we have worked on projects to reduce storm and coastal flood risks to protect residents, properties, and infrastructure. He has overseen vital beach replenishment, dredging, and flood control projects, working in coordination with federal, state, and local entities. It has been an honor to work

with COL Luzzatto to protect our communities, and I thank him for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my sincere honor to pay tribute to Colonel Matthew Luzzatto for his years of service to the United States Army. I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in thanking COL Luzzatto for his honorable service to our great nation.

HONORING JOHN DURM, MARION COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in remembrance of John Durm, Marion County Sheriff Deputy, who died in the line of duty on July 10, 2023, at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife, Ramona, and 4 children.

Deputy Durm was well liked and respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Described by his colleagues and friends as genuine, courteous, and sincere, Deputy Durm always had a smile and joke to brighten someone's day.

A shining example of what it means to serve and protect, Deputy Durm worked in the Marion County Sheriff's department for 38 years, alongside his wife. Inspired by their service, 1 of their sons is currently training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Our community mourns the loss of a brave and selfless man who was dedicated to his family and the community he served. He lived out his values every day. Deputy Durm's legacy of service and friendship will be remembered by family, community members, and his Marion County Sheriff's Office coworkers. Today, I solemnly ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Deputy John Durm and his loved ones.

HONORING BRUCE ROBERT VAUGHN

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Bruce Robert Vaughn, Specialist in Asian Affairs at the Congressional Research Service. Bruce passed away suddenly on Friday, March 17, at the height of a distinguished career serving Congress.

Bruce served Congress in several roles, including in the Senate Treaty Review Support Office and on the staff of the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition. Beginning in 2003, he served for 20 years as an Analyst and then Specialist in Asian Affairs at the Congressional Research Service, bringing his considerable expertise in the Indo-Pacific region to bear on vital national security issues important for Congress. Bruce was a passionate and dedicated public servant who believed deeply in CRS's mission to provide Congress with authoritative, non-partisan and intelligent analysis.

Bruce brought deep historical understanding of the region. He advised Congress on the