

of the prominent and highly trafficked Miller Avenue. Beyond his architectural profession, Chris made notable contributions to the town as a Planning Commissioner. After 2 years, he served on the Mill Valley City Council from 1996 to 2007, including as its mayor.

Chris also served as president of the American Institute of Architects San Francisco chapter and board president of the Corinthian Yacht Club. In his free time, he was active in the performing arts and enjoyed skiing, swimming, and time spent as a soccer coach.

Chris was known by his colleagues on the Planning Commission and City Council for his direct and open-minded approach to difficult issues and great sense of humor. He was a respected mentor to many. He is survived by his daughter Bianca Raker, wife Donna Raker, brother Edmond Raker, and 3 nephews.

Mr. Speaker, Christopher Raker was a dedicated public servant and active community member who was committed to improving the quality of life for Mill Valley residents. I respectfully ask that my colleagues join me in extending condolences to Chris's family and friends and in expressing my appreciation for his decades of good work.

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#### HONORING CARLOS GRAUPERA

#### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and offer my thanks to Carlos Graupera, of Lancaster, for his 50 years of service and leadership. Mr. Graupera retired this year as the Chief Executive Officer of the Spanish American Civic Association (SACA), an organization he founded in 1973 to serve Lancaster's growing Latino community.

In 1961, Mr. Graupera emigrated to the United States with his family from Cuba. He would attend Saint Joseph's College and work in community development, before founding SACA and beginning his tenure as the organization's first CEO.

In 50 years, SACA has grown substantially to support and improve the lives of Lancaster County residents. SACA operates a senior center, behavior and health services, a community radio station called Radio Centro, supports economic development through SACA Development, and operates a network of workforce development training programs called Tec Centro. I've been fortunate to see the good work that they do first-hand.

Mr. Graupera is now assuming the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Tec Centro Workforce Network, which operates workforce development programs in Lancaster, York, Lebanon, and Reading.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graupera's 50 years of service as CEO of SACA have made a deep and lasting impact on the community and in countless lives of those who have benefited from good works of SACA.

As he steps into a new role, we wish him continued success and thank him for his life of leadership and service to our community.

SALUTING MS. EDNA PEMBERTON,  
A TRUE LIVING LEGEND

#### HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special constituent, Ms. Edna Pemberton. Ms. Pemberton is a well-respected community leader whose tireless efforts have led to creating a better and safer way of life for those around her. As a servant leader, Ms. Pemberton has been at the forefront of several initiatives such as, the City of Dallas' Teen Curfew Ordinance and the Cielo Ranch Apartment Crime Prevention Outreach program.

These programs are just a small part of the expansive work that Ms. Pemberton has produced in the Dallas community. Ms. Pemberton's faith in the power of community service has led her to work relentlessly across the city of Dallas to reach communities in need and to never back down from doing what's right. She's won numerous awards from various organizations recognizing her community service—all of which is a testament to her commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors across Dallas and abroad. In addition to her efforts around community service, Ms. Pemberton has another special gift which includes seeking out the issues that are most pressing our communities and putting action behind them. From organizing food drives to moderating conversations between members of the community and local police, she always puts herself at the heart of several impactful issues. In an environment where social justice is needed now more than ever, acknowledging the impact that relationships between local community members and law enforcement have, Ms. Pemberton eased tensions by creating a foundation of communication between the groups. Equipped with the knowledge, patience and compassion of her community, Ms. Edna Pemberton has continued to enrich the lives of others.

She is an outstanding example of the underappreciated heroes that we have all across our City, State, and Country. I am confident that because of her impact and service that our communities are a better place.

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#### HONORING MARCUS MASON

#### HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation recognizing Marcus Mason.

Whereas, Marcus Mason, at the age of 21, worked on a winning Congressional campaign, before beginning his tenure as the youngest Chief of Staff on Capitol Hill. He served the people of California's 37th Congressional District, fighting to save the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and secured federal funding to repair Compton Creek, saving nearby communities from damaging floods.

Whereas, Marcus Mason served as Legislative Director for the late Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald and to this day con-

tinues to serve as a trusted advisor and confidant to elected officials from California, from Sacramento to Los Angeles, and all the way to Washington, D.C.

Whereas, Marcus Mason led the government affairs office for Amtrak and helped shepherd the company through the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Whereas, Marcus Mason became a senior equity partner at the Madison Group in 2007, where he dedicated his free time to mentoring and growing Black talent in the areas of government policy.

Whereas, as immediate past president of WGRG, he founded the Tin Cup Awards, which recognize the contributions of Black public policy and government affairs professionals.

Whereas, he has mentored countless colleagues over the years and provided advice and guidance to new and seasoned professionals alike.

Whereas, in addition to his mentorship work, he has fundraised and secured millions of dollars in support of Black non-profit organizations, including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and the Congressional Black Caucus Institute.

Whereas, Marcus Mason served as an advisor to the campaigns of President Barack Obama and the Obama-Biden White House.

Whereas, Marcus Mason served as Chairman of President Biden's African American Leadership Finance Council and serves as a Senior Advisor to the campaign's Co-Chairman and senior leadership team.

And whereas, President Biden appointed Marcus Mason to serve as a member of the Democratic National Committee, where he continues to advocate for Black staff.

Now, therefore, I, STEVEN HORSFORD, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and Representative of the 4th District of Nevada, do hereby proclaim this official recognition of Marcus Mason for his tremendous work and contributions to government affairs, policy and public service.

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#### CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1288 ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the American Legion Post 1288 on their 50th Anniversary.

The American Legion Post 1288 is part of the National American Legion—the world's largest veteran's organization. Chartered in Bolingbrook on January 17, 1972. The Post 1288 has been serving area veterans and the Bolingbrook community for over 50 years. Post 1288 is active and participates in numerous activities and events such as: local parades and ceremonies; fundraisers to support area veterans; visits to area veterans in hospitals or long-term care facilities; support for youth activities such as Scouting, Boys State, and Baseball; and providing the Honor Guard detail at veterans' funerals or memorials.

Members include veterans from all branches of service who have proudly served their country and continue to serve through participation in the American Legion.

The American Legion proudly recognizes the contributions veterans have made to our country and shares their stories about their time in service. Post 1288 is an active participant in various activities including "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave", Poppy Days, Veterans in The Classroom, Blue Star Service Banners, among many others. These services provide invaluable support to veterans and the local youth while unifying the community behind the cause of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commemorate the American Legion Post 1288 and proud to represent the communities it serves. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this milestone with best wishes for many more to come.

#### HONORING MR. MICHAEL ROBBINS

#### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Robbins for his bravery and service as a U.S. merchant mariner during World War II. Serving from July of 1943 to May of 1946, Mr. Robbins sailed with the U.S. Merchant Marine aboard the SS *Olney*, the SS *Pendleton*, the SS *O. Henry*, and the SS *Hoke Smith*.

During World War II, nearly 250,000 civilian merchant mariners were activated to serve as part of the U.S. military and to delivered troops and supplies by ship to foreign countries engulfed in the war. They faced treacherous conditions along their routes. Between 1939 and 1945, 9,521 U.S. merchant mariners gave their lives—a higher proportion than those killed than in any military branch—in defense of our nation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt called their mission the most difficult and dangerous transportation job ever undertaken.

Hailing from Atlantic City, New Jersey, Mr. Robbins enlisted in the U.S. Merchant Marine at only 15 years old. He began his wartime efforts as an ordinary seaman, chipping away rust and old paint from the ship.

While aboard SS *O. Henry* and transporting supplies in the Mediterranean Sea, his convoy was attacked by air. Mr. Robbins, still a teenager, acted to defend his ship by delivering 20mm ammunition to the ship's crew. Mr. Robbins would go on to serve in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Pacific theaters.

Mr. Robbins received several decorations during his service, including 3 War Zone medals awarded to Merchant Marines for their service in the Pacific, the Atlantic, and the Mediterranean and Middle East. He also received the World War II Victory Medal for honorable service while on active duty, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Combat Bar, the Honorable Service Button, a Presidential Testimonial Letter, and the Battlin' Pete Patch.

Mr. Robbins and the U.S. merchant mariners of World War II who played crucial roles in the country's war effort were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2020, the highest honor Congress can bestow on civilians. It was an honor to present the medal to Mr. Robbins then, and it is an honor to recognize him here again today.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in

honoring and celebrating the dedicated service of Mr. Michael Robbins for his valor and service in defending our country. May his legacy continue to inspire us for generations to come.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. ARMAND M. MARTINELLI

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the late Armand M. Martinelli, a beloved teacher, veteran, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and community leader from Northeastern Pennsylvania who has left an indelible mark on our community through his profound dedication to education and service.

Armand Martinelli, a devout Roman Catholic born in Olyphant, PA, embodied the values of faith, integrity, and selflessness throughout his 92 years of life. From his humble beginnings at Lafayette School in Scranton and Mother Cabrini School to becoming a member of the first 4-year graduating class at Scranton Preparatory School, Armand's early education laid the foundation for a lifetime of intellectual pursuit and service to others.

Armand Martinelli served his country valiantly during the Korean War. His military journey took him from the 101st Airborne in Breckinridge, Kentucky, to the U.S. Counter Intelligence School at Fort Holabird in Baltimore, Maryland. He displayed unwavering commitment and courage as a special agent with the 704th CIC in Teague and the 308th CIC in Pusan, earning the respect and gratitude of his fellow soldiers.

Upon returning to civilian life, Armand embraced a diverse array of occupations before discovering his true calling as an educator. For over 5 decades, he worked as a self-employed painter, an insurance agent, and a teacher at West Scranton High School. It was within the walls of West Scranton High School that Armand would leave an enduring legacy as an influential and dedicated educator.

For 30 years, Armand taught social studies, Latin, and journalism, molding the minds of countless students who passed through his classrooms. His commitment extended beyond the subject matter; he served as an athletic director for 24 years and provided guidance to numerous clubs and organizations, including the yearbook, school newspaper, and Latin club, among others. His passion for education and genuine care for his students earned him the love and admiration of those he taught, and many kept in touch with him long after graduation.

Outside the classroom, Armand's dedication to public service was equally commendable. He actively sought to improve our community, serving as a member of the Scranton School Board where he championed education initiatives. He also played an integral role in the formation of the Scranton Federation of Teachers.

Devoted to serving his West Scranton community and proud of his Italian heritage, Armand enjoyed spending time at the Victor Alfieri Club where he was an original member of the Cetaiolos bocce team as well as attending weekly get together with friends at the Villa Maria Restaurant.

Above all else, Armand loved his family. He took great pride in his roles as a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He always looked forward to weekly Sunday dinners, where he treated his family to his home-made sauce and meatballs, which he faithfully made right up to the last 2 weeks of his life.

After retiring from his distinguished teaching career, Armand continued to serve our community, working as a Tipstaff for Judge James J. Walsh, and serving on numerous local executive boards, including the Scranton Redevelopment Authority, the Scranton Housing Authority, and the Lackawanna Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service. Armand's commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others knew no bounds.

As we mourn the loss of a true pillar of our community, let us also celebrate the profound impact Armand Martinelli had on the lives of countless individuals. Through his selfless dedication to education, service, and family, he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations. May the memory of Armand M. Martinelli serve as a beacon of hope and goodness in our community, and may we be reminded of the power of a single individual to positively influence the lives of others.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GREG LANDSMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote Number 315, I mistakenly recorded my vote as Aye when I should have voted No.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 19, 2023*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 338 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 57, I would have voted AYE. I thought I had voted but my vote did not register. I could not get back in time to fix this error before the vote closed.

#### 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