

and inclusive process with countless members of our own community. As the Amherst Police Department keeps an eye to the future, its residents can look back at the last 100 years of selfless service as a testament to the devoted men and women who serve their neighbors every day.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA ASHJIAN
GARABEDIAN—30TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women during Women's History Month. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my congressional district. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Christina Ashjian Garabedian of Glendale, California.

Born in Hollywood, California, Dr. Christina Ashjian Garabedian attended Mekhitarist Fathers Armenian School and later, Providence High School in Burbank, California. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of the Pacific, completed her post-graduate residency at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, and then began her career at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center as a clinical pharmacist. After several years of practice, Dr. Ashjian Garabedian became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, a certification held by a small percentage of pharmacists, and became Providence Holy Cross Medical Center's Medication Safety Officer, working with the executives and leadership of the hospital to ensure safe medication practices.

Dr. Ashjian Garabedian's extraordinary efforts extend beyond her career as a pharmacist. From a very young age, she has been passionate about volunteering to make a positive impact in the community and throughout her time in school volunteered at local hospitals, pharmacies, and health fairs.

Over a decade ago, Dr. Ashjian Garabedian began volunteering for the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR), a nonprofit organization which helps individuals survive blood-related illnesses by recruiting and matching donors to those who require bone marrow stem cell transplants. She joined ABMDR's Board of Directors in 2016, became the organization's Walkathon Committee Chair, leading successful walkathons, and is part of the donor recruitment team and outreach committee.

In addition to her selfless dedication to ABMDR, Dr. Ashjian Garabedian strives to make a positive impact on future generations by participating as a judge for local high school science fairs, serving on the Board of Regents at Providence High School, her alma mater, and serving as a member of the Nerouj committee, a program under the leadership of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church of North America.

Dr. Ashjian Garabedian currently resides in Glendale, California with her husband, Hovig

Garabedian. The newlyweds enjoy traveling and hosting family and friends in their new home.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 30th Congressional District, Dr. Christina Ashjian Garabedian.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN
TOM WIMBERLY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of retired Navy veteran and fighter pilot Captain Tommy Charles Wimberly, who passed away on July 1, 2023, at the age of 92. For 31 years, Captain Wimberly dedicated his life to serving our country in the Navy as a fighter pilot, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy of patriotism and duty.

Captain Wimberly was born on November 16, 1930, in Coushatta, Louisiana. In 1951, he earned his degree from Northwestern State College of Louisiana and enlisted in the Navy. His college education allowed him to go to Officer Candidate School and earn a commission as Ensign, USNR. He went to flight training in Pensacola and received his Naval Aviator wings of gold in Kingsville. Tom flew 7 different aircrafts and operated off 10 different aircraft carriers.

Throughout his 31-year career, Tom was held in extremely high regards to everyone who knew him. He was a decorated pilot, earning the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and other awards for his extraordinary efforts. He served our country honorably in the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam War. Tom retired in July 1982 with the rank of Navy Captain and finished his active service in DynCorp, a diversified services contractor specializing in aircraft maintenance, in Corpus Christi.

He stayed in Corpus Christi after retiring, living in the same house for the last 45 years. He was extremely active in many non-profit organizations and was a founding member of Landing Force 16, a group of businessmen who brought the USS *Lexington* to Corpus Christi in 1992.

Captain Wimberly was highly decorated and dedicated his life to serving our country, and it is my honor to recognize his remarkable service and dedication to this country. His distinguished service record stands as a testament to his dedication to our country and the legacy he leaves. Our Nation is forever in the debt of his many years of service to our country.

HONORING CATESBY WOODFORD
CLAY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an exceptional man, Catesby

Woodford Clay, of Paris, Kentucky, who today is celebrating his 100th birthday and a lifetime of leadership in the fields of natural resources and Thoroughbred racehorses. A staunch philanthropist, Mr. Clay has devoutly practiced his Catholic faith with his wife, Elizabeth "Biz" Clay, while raising 8 children and shepherding 15 grandchildren into the future.

Although known by friends for his mischievous levity and penchant for boldly-colored clothes, Mr. Clay has been a most serious achiever. For over 73 years, he served Kentucky River Coal Corp, and its successor, Kentucky River Properties, in many roles, including president and board chairman. Kentucky River Properties has risen as a major regional operation with extensive coal reserves and more than 140,000 acres of Appalachian hardwood forests.

Yet it is the welfare of people that has always been a top priority for Mr. Clay. He championed corporate charitable efforts that resulted in millions of dollars in contributions and scholarships for Kentucky colleges and public school systems, in addition to the establishment of an endowment fund for nursing scholarships and funding for drug addiction treatment.

As the scion of a prominent family whose roots extend throughout the annals of Kentucky, he was the third generation to run historic Runnymede Farm, birthplace of 4 Kentucky Derby winners including this year's victor Mage. Mr. Clay bred top racehorses over 7 decades that won major races in Europe and Asia in addition to North America.

Beyond forging an international reputation for elite horses, Mr. Clay served as a member of the Kentucky Racing Commission and as a 45-year stalwart on Churchill Downs' board of directors. He was feted as the 2009 Honored Guest by the Thoroughbred Club of America.

A graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Clay has generously supported Catholic missions from Kentucky to Africa and Asia. His son, Catesby "Chris" Jr., followed his spiritual path to become an ordained priest.

Thus, I am honored to recognize Catesby Woodford Clay on his 100th birthday for his gentlemanly stewardship of a unique family heritage, his devotion to charitable causes, and his lifetime of success while committed to faith and family.

TRIBUTE TO MARIA HERRERA—
30TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during Women's History Month. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Maria Herrera of the Elysian Valley neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Born in 1965 in Jalisco, Mexico, Maria moved to the United States in the mid-1990's, settling in the Los Angeles neighborhood of

Elysian Valley, and since that time, she has spent many years building and improving her community.

Ms. Herrera's first civic engagement began while her three children attended Allesandro Elementary School, where she joined the Parent Council Board, which granted a space for guardians and parents to raise concerns directly with the school's administration. The council also attended to the needs of the community along with being a place of learning, and for Spanish speaking parents like herself, the council offered the opportunity to be involved with their children's education. This was extremely important to Maria—having only finished middle school in Mexico, she was adamant that her children and their classmates receive the high-quality education that she was denied.

Because of her work on the Parent Council Board, Ms. Herrera became aware of other like-minded justice and educational inclusion organizations, one of which was the Coalition for Educational Justice (CEJ), now Students Deserve. In conjunction with a coalition of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) students, parents, teachers and other stakeholders, Maria was one of the parent organizers that developed grassroots strategies to improve LAUSD for students from underserved backgrounds through actions such as canvassing, telephone banking, meetings with LAUSD officials and school board members, walkouts, and protests. As a CEJ leader, Maria was often seen pushing her children in a stroller while holding up a picket sign during a protest. The organization achieved many victories in making student learning more inclusive and equitable, including increases in funding for the most marginalized of LAUSD students and schools.

After Maria's children grew up, she began volunteering at the Northeast LA (NELA) Mercadito, a food bank that was created because of community members' need for fresh produce during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the last few years, Ms. Herrera has assisted in the distribution of healthy produce to over 200 residents. Selfless, kind-hearted, and generous, Maria takes care of her elderly neighbors by checking in on them, preparing and making food, finding and delivering necessary resources—even physically cleaning up their yards if needed. She also enjoys beautifying her entire block by planting flowers, plants, and cacti along the sidewalks.

Maria and her husband, Armando, have 3 children, Dario, Mariana, and Armando, and two grandchildren, Sophia and Ruben.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 30th Congressional District, Maria Herrera.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR KATHLEEN KING ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathleen King who is retiring as CEO of the Healthier Kids Foundation, a non-profit foundation focused on the health needs of underserved children and youth in Silicon Valley.

She served the Foundation and the children of Santa Clara County for 15 highly productive years.

Kathleen King is a native Californian. She attended public schools in San Jose and graduated from West Valley College and Santa Clara University. She is married to Mark Stark and has 5 children: Marie, Allyssa, Nick, Matthew, and Robert.

Kathleen worked for nearly 20 years at Applied Materials and was a member of the Saratoga City Council and twice the City's Mayor. She is also a member of several other state and community boards including the Valley Medical Center Foundation, Lincoln Law School Silicon Valley and the California State Dental Board. She also served on the Housing Trust Board and is a member of the American Leadership Forum. She was a founding member of Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative. She was described by Mark Pearl, M.D., a professor at Stanford University and former CEO of The Permanente Medical Group, as dynamic, visionary and highly effective.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Kathleen King on her retirement from the Healthier Kids Foundation and in thanking her for her extraordinary service to the children of our community. She is a national treasure.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cape Cod Baseball League's 100th anniversary.

Now 1 of the country's top collegiate summer baseball leagues, the Cape Cod Baseball League was founded in 1923. At its inception, the league consisted of 4 teams: Chatham, Falmouth, Hyannis, and Osterville. During the early years, teams were not limited to only playing other teams within the league. Falmouth even played the major league Boston Braves, who later became the Atlanta Braves, in 1929 and lost by only 1 point in the exhibition game.

Recovering from the Great Depression and with World War II on the horizon, the Cape League shutdown in 1940. However, when the league reopened in 1946, fans and players quickly came back. The league continued to grow and was divided into the Upper Cape and Lower Cape divisions. When the Cape Cod Baseball League returned after the war, the league also implemented a new rule that teams could no longer hire professional or semi-professional baseball players who received a salary. Previously, teams consisted of a mix of local, semipro, and college players, but as the Cape Cod Baseball League grew in popularity, teams like the Sagamore Clouters began to recruit college baseball players. This strategy helped the Clouters to secure 4 championship titles in the 1950s. With more college players being recruited, the Cape Cod Baseball League was sanctioned by the NCAA as a summer collegiate league on March 9, 1965.

Today, the Cape Cod Baseball League is an elite collegiate baseball league made up of 10

teams: the Bourne Braves, Brewster Whitecaps, Chatham Anglers, Cotuit Kettleers, Falmouth Commodores, Harwich Mariners, Hyannis Harbor Hawks, Orleans Firebirds, Wareham Gatemen, and Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox. The Cape Cod Baseball League has more than 350 alumni playing in the major leagues each year. Since the league's inception in 1923, over 1,600 Cape Cod Baseball League players have gone on to play in the major leagues.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the Cape Cod Baseball League. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing the league continued success and all the best in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOANNA CHIKWE—30TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during Women's History Month. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Joanna Chikwe of the Hollywood Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

After studying art for two years in Italy, Dr. Chikwe studied medicine at Oxford University and completed her cardiac surgery residency in the United Kingdom, where she was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons. She was the recipient of the 2006 Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons Cardiac Scholarship, to assume a fellowship in mitral and aortic surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, where she then joined the faculty until 2019.

Just prior to the pandemic, Dr. Chikwe moved west, and is currently the Irina and George Schaeffer Distinguished Chair in Cardiac Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Cardiac Surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Chikwe is also Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Department of Surgery for the David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles. She is Editor-in-Chief of The Annals of Thoracic Surgery, editor of Annals of Thoracic Surgery Short Reports, co-Chair of the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, and an editorial board member of Journals of the American College of Cardiology and the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

Dr. Chikwe's clinical focus is robotic mitral repair. She leads a cardiac surgery program that is rated among the top three on a national scale by U.S. News and World Report, and she also directs three affiliate cardiac surgery programs within the Cedars-Sinai Health System. The robotic cardiac surgery program, the heart and lung transplant programs, and the structural heart program are among the largest in the country. In terms of research, Dr. Chikwe concentrates on therapies for valvular heart disease, with more than 250 peer reviewed publications including contributions in the Journal of the American Medical Association and the New England Journal of Medicine.