

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.

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF KAREN MANGINI

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Karen Mangini.

Karen was born and raised in Concord, California, as a fourth-generation native of Contra Costa County. Throughout her life, Karen dedicated herself to serving the students and families of the East Bay. After earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University at Hayward, she began her 43-year teaching career at St. Michael's Catholic School in Livermore. She later taught at Emma C. Smith School for 15 years in the Livermore School District while earning her California State Teaching Credential, her Master's Degree in education, and her Administrative Services Credential.

Following an accomplished teaching career, Karen began a new role as a school administrator. In 1986, she became the Dean of Students at Presentation High School in Berkeley. She went on to become the Principal of St. Cyril School in Oakland, and in 1990, became the Principal of St. Agnes School in Concord.

After retiring in 2010, Karen continued to serve her community as a devoted supporter of multiple charities, including the Office for Mission Advancement, Operation Smile Train, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and St. Bonaventure Church Food Pantry.

Sadly, Karen passed away at the age of 80 last month. She will be remembered by the community for her outstanding character, and I will personally remember her for being a delightful neighbor. Please join me in recognizing the life and service of Karen Mangini.

IN MEMORY OF QUINCY DARNELL REESE, JR.

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, Quincy Darnell Reese, Jr. was tragically killed by gunfire on Saturday, June 10, 2023. At only 16 years old, Quincy had already distinguished himself in the community. He excelled in his studies, maintaining a 3.4 grade point average. He was also a talented athlete who was recognized as a star basketball player and who had plans to try out for the football team in his senior year. To his closest friends, Quincy was described as a "jokester" who had a welcoming personality.

I include in the RECORD the following remarks I delivered at Quincy's services, and today offer this to him, and his family and friends:

Take some of the sadness from your hearts and gently replace it with the warmth of shared memories and the promise of peace to

come. May you find some measure of comfort in knowing that extended family, friends, teachers, fellow students, and the community humbly join you in honoring Quincy as a loving son, a cherished brother, and beloved grandson, who represented his family and community with honor as a young African American man. He will be remembered as an exceptional student athlete, dedicated to his family, church, community and Crenshaw High. My son, Ed, who coached Quincy at Crenshaw, described him as a very gifted, hardworking, admired, and respected student who was senselessly taken from us much too soon. Quincy will be deeply missed by all who love him.

May God bless you, give you strength, and keep you in His care always.

With sympathy,
Maxine Waters

TRIBUTE TO ISABEL OMERO—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, Isabel Omero of Burbank, California.

Isabel has lived in or around the City of Burbank for over four decades and has been a proud homeowner in Burbank for the past 28 years. An out and proud transgender woman for the last four years, Isabel chose to call Burbank home, because it reminded her of her small-town birthplace in Ohio.

Long before her transition, Isabel attended the University of Cincinnati. She then had a 40-year career as a television script supervisor for music and comedy series, including all seven seasons of "The Golden Girls." Isabel also produced and hosted music, art, dance, and fashion events. Her volunteer productions for the non-profit organization, Downtown Los Angeles Art Walk, led her to curate live performances for Art Walk's block at Los Angeles's "Night on Broadway."

An avid supporter of non-profit organizations, Isabel was part of the founding advisory board for Trans Can Work, which is dedicated to advancing workplace inclusion through workforce development training strategies, where she also wrote material to help transgender employees and educate employers about workplace policies. She also wrote public service messages for The Trevor Project, an organization committed to ending suicide among LGBTQ youth. Isabel has been a speaker at the Burbank Community YMCA Social Impact Center, which offers a wide range of LGBTQIA+ programs and services, and has volunteered at multicultural events for Elevate Burbank, an organization which promotes the appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity through events and partnerships with the community.

Last year, Isabel spearheaded "Family Pride in the Park," Burbank's first ever LGBTQIA+ celebration, where people gathered in a powerful display of support for the city's

LGBTQIA+ community. In addition to being its sponsorship chair, Isabel worked with law enforcement, city government, and businesses to help create a safe and meaningful experience.

Isabel is a lifelong baseball fan and enjoys traveling the world and exploring the neighborhoods of Southern California with her partner, Susan.

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

RECOGNIZING STEVIE WILCOX ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Stevie Wilcox's retirement from the Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Agency, family, friends, and colleagues gathered on Friday, July 21, 2023, to recognize his dedication, commitment, and professionalism in the defense of a grateful Nation.

Stevie Wilcox's service in the U.S. Air Force ended in 2005 as a senior non-commissioned officer (E-7 MSgt). He served the first 10 years at Andrews Air Force Base until he transferred to Okinawa, Japan from 1994 to 1998.

He was later transferred to Bitburg, Germany, where he served from 1998–2002. Stevie's dedication to the armed services began early, as he grew up as a military dependent. Prior to his service, he moved to Camps Springs, Maryland in the summer of 1976 and graduated from Central High School in 1979.

After retiring from military service, Stevie Wilcox decided to work at TSA because he experienced 9–11 in real time while on Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

Stevie Wilcox embodied the agency motto, "The Work of a Nation. The Center of Intelligence." Because of his efforts, lives were preserved—missions accomplished—hope restored. And I thank him for his service to the United States of America.

Stevie Wilcox was recruited to the TSA Travel Protocol Office to help establish assistance for the wounded warriors who traveled through the Nation's airports along with the Military One Source.

Stevie Wilcox Worked for TSA from 2005 to 2023 during which time he distinguished himself as a person of merit, intellect, diplomacy, and professionalism in all matters under his responsibility.

I would like to commend him for taking this path to government service. As President Kennedy once said, "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender or submission."

On behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in recognizing Stevie Wilcox on his retirement, for his commitment and dedication to serving the citizens of the United States, and he is most deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the United States Congress.