

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.

HONORING REVEREND DR.
GREGORY A. SUTTON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding mentor, dedicated servant leader, faithful servant of God and dear friend of longstanding, the Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton. Dr. Sutton was honored for his 53 years of faithful service at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 10:30 am.

Dr. Sutton was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He was raised among great educators, philosophers, and theologians. Dr. Sutton was always concerned about the welfare of others and used his voice to speak out on pressing issues of the day. He began to preach the Gospel at the young age of 16. This would lay the foundation for his ministry and his destiny—the boy, the preacher, the man and the visionary.

Dr. Sutton began preaching the Gospel while he was still in high school and accepted the calling to pastor a growing church called Jackson Memorial at the age of 18, where he has labored for 53 years. Through his leadership, the church has continued to expand its membership and physical footprint. Dr. Sutton has seen the expansion of the church's membership to over 6,000 members and he has overseen the construction of two new edifices for the church. Dr. Sutton's ministry is indeed a global ministry and reaches people where they are across the world.

The scripture tells us in Proverbs that "Where there is no vision the people perish . . ." Dr. Sutton is indeed a visionary and has used his ministry to reach people beyond the church walls. He has dedicated himself to the awareness, protection, and spiritual development of youth. Dr. Sutton was the originator of the phrase, "Stop the Violence, Save the Youth." Cementing his commitment to young people and their spiritual futures, Pastor Sutton was the first pastor in the Atlanta area to open his church to students for prayer before school. He also reaches out and incorporates the needs of his elderly parishioners in his ministry. Dr. Sutton has a complete ministry that attempts to reach many different groups for Christ to include those that are in prison, the homebound, the homeless, the low income and the disenfranchised. He uses his weekly television broadcast, "Now Is The Time," to reach those who would not otherwise be reachable.

Dr. George Washington Carver once said that "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young; compassionate with the aged; sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong, because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Dr. Sutton is acutely aware that for the Kingdom of God to be manifested in this world, it is imperative that people from all walks of life be brought into the fold and be made to feel that they matter and that Jesus Loves them. Dr. Sutton's ministry is truly a Matthew 25 ministry.

Even amid his various ministerial duties, Dr. Sutton finds time to serve his community at large. It has been said that "Service is the rent

that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Dr. Sutton has paid his rent and he has paid it well. He serves on the board of directors of many social and civic organizations to include the Board of Ministers of Morehouse College.

Reverend Dr. Gregory Sutton has achieved much in life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of his wife, First Lady Gail Sutton; his children, Theresa, Tony, Keisha and LaQuay; his three grandchildren and other family members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the people of Georgia and this nation in honoring and commending the Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton for 53 years of dedicated service to his God, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church and humankind. Moreover, we pray God's continued blessings upon him, his ministry, and his family in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA
MONDERINE-WILLIAMS—30TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

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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, Barbara Monderine-Williams of the Atwater Village neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Barbara was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, raised in La Mirada, California, and has been living in Los Angeles since attending the University of California, Los Angeles, from which she graduated in 1987. After years of working in the music industry, including for Virgin Records and Warner Records, Barbara decided that her hobby as a self-taught home baker could possibly be turned into a full-time profession. With her mother's recipes coupled with her dream of having a bakery, she and her husband, Richard Williams, opened The Village Bakery and Café, where Barbara is the co-owner and head baker.

Over the years, The Village Bakery and Café has grown into a flourishing neighborhood mainstay serving breakfast, lunch, pastries, and freshly baked bread. During the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Village Bakery and Café changed gears and provided the community with provisions that were difficult to source, including eggs, flour, sugar, and yeast, and turned into a family meal delivery location overnight, serving up to 300 meals every day during the height of the pandemic.

Barbara has made a tremendous impact in her community and beyond through her "One Cookie At A Time" bakery drives, raising thousands of dollars throughout the years for the Santé D'Or Foundation, an animal adoption and rescue center in Los Angeles, American Civil Liberties Union, Black Voters Matter, and most recently, CARE's Ukraine Crisis Fund.

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

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN JACK WALTER, A LOCAL WAR HERO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Jack Walter, a remarkable Vietnam Veteran whose dedication to serving our country deserves our recognition.

As a forward observer and artillery specialist, Captain Jack Walter played a crucial role in ensuring the accuracy of military operations. His responsibility to relay enemy coordinates during calls for fire and confirm the impacts of artillery rounds demonstrated his skill, precision, and commitment to the mission at hand. Today, we celebrate Captain Jack Walter's life and express our gratitude for his selflessness and bravery. May his memory serve as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by our veterans and the importance of honoring their service.

Lieutenant Jack Walter served with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army. His actions during an intense battle in the Vietnamese bunker complex in early 1970 highlighted his bravery and dedication to his duties. Despite being under constant enemy fire, he ensured the safety of his fellow soldiers. His courageous actions did not go unnoticed, and he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a "V" device for valor. Lieutenant Jack Walter humbly expressed surprise at receiving the recognition, stating that he believed he was simply doing his job. Due to his exceptional leadership and skills, Lieutenant Jack Walter was later promoted to the important role of Artillery Liaison, a position typically held by a Captain. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating fire support for an entire infantry battalion comprising nearly one thousand soldiers.

In June of 1970, Lieutenant Jack Walter bravely took part in a daring rescue mission to save a group of soldiers who were stranded, injured, and surrounded by enemy forces. Lieutenant Jack Walter, understanding the importance of reassuring the troops that they had not been abandoned, personally flew multiple resupply missions to aid them. The enemy fire was so intense that he had to switch helicopters three times. This close encounter with death and his unwavering determination to complete the mission led to Lieutenant Jack Walter being awarded the Silver Star Medal, one of the nation's highest honors for bravery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering and appreciating Captain Jack Walter's courageous service to our country during the Vietnam War. It is through the dedication and sacrifice of individuals like him that we are able to enjoy the freedom and security we have today. May their service continue to inspire and remind us of the values we hold dear as Americans.