

working as a nurse educator, advisor, and counselor for the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she continued for over 3 decades.

In addition to her nursing educator career, Ms. Shine Kerr was a fashion model for decades, and has been featured on the runways for shows in New York, Los Angeles, and Dallas. Delores and her husband, Ben are currently models for Everybody World. An accomplished singer and performer, Delores has appeared on television, radio, and in magazines, billboards, and newspapers numerous times, whether as a co-host, a singer, or with the 1984 Olympics Organizing Committee.

Delores' humanitarian efforts over the decades have been nothing short of amazing. She has founded many significant organizations, including Mentors for Youth and Adults Worldwide, a rubella clinic, AMVI International Humanitarian Development, and the People for Family Planning support organization. Other non-profit organizations she has held leadership positions in include the California Science Center, Afro-Americans for LA Opera, the Music Center of LA County, the Opera League, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, the Los Angeles Tuskegee Alumni Association, and McCarty Memorial Christian Church. Ms. Shine Kerr has received numerous awards and recognition in her lifetime including from the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, California State Assembly, NAACP, and President Ronald Reagan.

Delores and her husband, Ben Oliver Kerr, have 2 children, Mark Steven Kerr and Karen Benae Kerr, and a granddaughter, Jade James.

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

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE OF
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 12 Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio who are celebrating their Jubilees in Christ's service. The Sisters and community came together in celebration of the 12 extraordinary milestones of faithful service on June 24, 2023.

True to the Mission of the Sisters of St. Francis, the Sisters are "Called like St. Francis of Assisi to live the Gospel in joyful servanthood among all people, the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio, as messengers of peace, commit themselves to works that reverence human dignity, embrace the poor and marginalized, and respect the gift of all creation." The Sisters of St. Francis live always the message of Jesus Christ as recorded in Matthew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

In all things, daily life, prayer, word and deed, the Sisters of St. Francis emulate the life and love, the call for peace, giving instead of receiving, extending hope and imbued in the joys of nature that defined the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Through more than a cen-

tury, they have cared for our community through "graced encounters." Their unselfish, life-giving commitments have educated, healed and inspired generations of our citizenry to noble callings in building families, community and tending our Earth. These Jubilarians set an ethical standard that permeates our way of life.

Celebrating Jubilees in 2023 are:

75th Jubilee:

Sister Geraldine Paluszak

60th Jubilee:

Sister Brenda Rose Szegedy

Sister Carol Ann Grace

Sister Carol Hoffman

Sister Geraldine Nowak

Sister Janet Snyder

Sister M. Jeremias Stinson

Sister Josephine Dybza

Sister M. Josina Antolak

Sister Mary Thill

Sister Patricia Zielinski

50th Jubilee:

Sister Patricia Gardner

These Sisters' ministries have guided them to serve as administrators, educators, healers, professionals, master gardeners, pastoral associates and more. They have held the hands of the poor and marginalized, the sick and fragile on difficult journeys. They have shown through charisma God's glory. Through decades of caring service these Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio have demonstrated goodness and courage, passion and commitment, faith and grace. We offer them our heartfelt thanks and warmest congratulations upon achieving such milestones in ministry. May all blessing continue to attend to their precious lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on H.R. 4470. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 366.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR
CHRISTOPHER MATTHAI

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Major Christopher Matthai for his dedicated service to the American Samoa and all the Pacific Islands as a U.S. Army Liaison in the Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison.

In American Samoa, our men and women of the Armed Forces are very important to us. The people of our islands take great pride in being patriotic Americans and our people are known for a high rate of service in our military. In particular, our U.S. Army recruiting center ranks number one in the nation in enlistment rate.

To that end I would like to recognize all the work MAJ Matthai has done to serve our

country throughout his career, so far. He enlisted in 1999 and was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2009 he earned a direct commission through the Army Reserve.

He has an extensive list of military awards and decorations including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters. He was awarded the Mark and Debbie Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom award and the Dean of the Business School Merit award. He is a graduate from the University of Baltimore, receiving a Master of Business Administration from there and receiving another Master's in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

In congratulating this outstanding officer today, we also express our deep appreciation to all who serve, including the many in uniform from American Samoa serving with distinction all over the world.

I thank Christopher for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to our Soldiers, American Samoa, and our great Nation. Best wishes to him and his family as they depart Washington, D.C., for Indiana and his next duty assignment. I thank him for his service and his time dedicated to our beautiful island.

God bless you on your journey (Fa'amanuia le Atua i ou ala. Soifua.)

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CHARLES STRICKFADEN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with Speaker Emerita NANCY PELOSI, and Congressman KEVIN MULLIN, to commemorate Charles (Charlie) Strickfaden upon his retirement from the National Park Service after 39 years of extraordinary public service.

Charlie began his career with the National Park Service (NPS) as a seasonal interpretive ranger at Lava Beds National Monument in northern California. Over the years, he worked in 27 different park units across the United States including Biscayne, the Grand Canyon, the Great Smoky Mountains, and Denali, in a variety of roles including law enforcement, fire management, education and living history, and resource management.

In each of his leadership roles, Charlie has demonstrated a commitment to improving the public's experience with the national park system. This was evident in his work as Chief Ranger of the Flagstaff Area Monuments, which includes the Wupatki, Sunset Crater Volcano, and Walnut Canyon National Monuments in northern Arizona, and the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore, Maryland. At Fort McHenry, he contributed to the NPS response to 9/11, organized multiple presidential visits, and oversaw a large park and military events program.

As Superintendent of Fort Union National Monument in New Mexico, Charlie created the park's first youth preservation team, increased and prioritized the inclusion of Jicarilla Apache and other indigenous peoples in interpretive activities and performances, and introduced the park's living history program to the State

Legislature. During his time in New Mexico, Charlie also served as Acting Superintendent of 2 new National Park Service units: the Manhattan Project National Historical Park and the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

In 2018, Charlie joined the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, where he has served as the Chief of the Division of Communications, External Affairs, and Special Park Uses. His management of communications and relationships throughout the Bay Area has kept elected officials, their staff, and the public well-informed during difficult events such as visitor fatalities, the COVID-19 pandemic, and park closures. His professionalism has positively contributed to the reputation of NPS across the country. We and our staff have personally worked with Charlie as an ambassador for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and value his partnership, knowledge, and skills.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie Strickfaden is a dedicated public servant who is committed to improving the accessibility, inclusivity, and quality of our national parks. I respectfully ask that we join in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Charlie upon his retirement from the National Park Service and in expressing appreciation for his decades of good work.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA MELTZER—
30TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 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 Meltzer of West Hollywood, California.

Barbara Meltzer has had an illustrious career, which began in her hometown of New York City, where she worked on NBC-TV's *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* for a decade as Assistant to the Producer. She went on to serve as Associate Producer of several ABC-TV comedy specials, and later moved to Los Angeles to rejoin *The Tonight Show* for a brief period, before becoming Director of NBC-TV's Creative Services Department, where she oversaw major corporate and affiliated station special activities and events. Barbara went on to open her own public relations and marketing agency, specializing in non-profit organizations and aging related projects and programs, and joined the Los Angeles Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, where she served as vice president of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Meltzer is passionate about serving and advocating for people who are 50 years of age and older. She is a longstanding member of Life Planning Network, an organization committed to shaping the future of aging through information, dialogue, and expertise. In 2007, she was appointed as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults, where she serves to this day, and has been honored several times for her outstanding volunteer service for Los Angeles County's older adult population. Most recently,

Barbara was appointed to serve on the American Society on Aging's Ageism & Culture Advisory Council. Based upon Barbara's suggestion, the Council launched the nation's first Ageism Awareness Day, which was on October 7, 2022, and the Council is currently making plans for Ageism Awareness Day for October 7, 2023.

Over the years, Barbara has selflessly dedicated her time to serving West Hollywood in several capacities. In 2010, she produced a half-day symposium for the city, titled *Paths to Positive Aging: Creating Communities for a Lifetime*. In 2013, Barbara was appointed to the Human Services Commission, where she currently serves as chair. In addition to overseeing the city's provided services and programs, the Commission at that time was given the lead in the planning and implementation of the West Hollywood Aging in Place/Aging in Community Initiative, to support the quality of life, well-being, and health of older adults. Devoted to raising awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, Ms. Meltzer was instrumental in creating a West Hollywood community event titled *Matters of the Mind: A Community Forum on Understanding and Responding to Alzheimer's and Other Types of Dementia*. She also serves as Vice President of the Friends of the West Hollywood Library's Board of Directors.

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

RECOGNIZING CPL. DELBERT L.
WHITE FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE
U.S. ARMY DURING THE KOREAN
WAR

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of U.S. Army Cpl. Delbert White—an Ottumwa native who made the ultimate sacrifice as a prisoner of war (POW) during the Korean War.

Cpl. White was only 20 years old on December 1, 1950, when he and other members of the 2nd Infantry Division were captured by Chinese Communist Forces near the border of North Korea and China. Tragically, after several grueling months in a POW camp, Cpl. White passed away due to malnutrition.

For over 70 years, Cpl. White's remains had gone unidentified. However, thanks to scientific advancements, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency was able to identify Cpl. White's remains in September of 2022. At long last, Cpl. Delbert White was returned home to Ottumwa for a proper service and burial on June 16, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cpl. White for his service to this country.

May we find inspiration in his story and forever remember his sacrifice.

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST
LEADERSHIP IN
AMERICAN
AVIATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chair, Congress should invest in supporting an aviation sector that puts people first to enhance passenger experience, bolster the aviation workforce, and promote safety for all. I am concerned that several meaningful measures proposed as amendments and supported in principle on both sides of the aisle, were not given fair consideration or debate on the floor. Although I will be voting in favor of this legislation, I urge the Senate to make improvements to the bill, including to maintain the current retirement age for pilots at age 65.

Raising pilot's retirement age would put the U.S. in conflict with international standards, which require pilots to retire at 65. Commercial pilots aged 65 or older will be ineligible to fly internationally. Junior pilots, who have endured financially burdensome trainings, will be displaced by their more senior colleagues, and have to return to a backlog of pilot training to requalify for new roles. These complications will likely result in higher costs to airlines and increased ticket prices to consumers.

Our Nation's premier aviation package should also include protections for the traveling public. The Biden Administration led the way in proposing measures to combat junk fees from airlines. These include banning family seating junk fees, requiring transparency in add-on fees, and generating automatic refunds for flight cancellations and delays within an airline's control. Taxes and fees can pad as much as 40 percent of a ticket's cost, and the administration's proposals would help reduce flight costs for travelers. Instead of building off those protections, this bill would interrupt the administration's work towards establishing these important protections. It also erases transparency protections that have been in place for more than a decade regarding disclosing taxes, fees, and surcharges.

America needs the stable, long-term funding provided by this reauthorization. It also needs reforms for safety, transparency, and workers which were excluded from the bill. I urge the Senate to address these shortcomings as this bill moves forward.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE
SELBYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the centennial anniversary of