

Carolyn Ramsay of the Hancock Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Born in Philadelphia, Carolyn is the youngest of 5 children of Jean and Jack Ramsay. She attended the University of Oregon and received a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1981. Carolyn worked as a journalist from 1986 to 2006 including as a magazine writer for Los Angeles Times Magazine, Buzz Magazine, and SELF magazine, correspondent for People Magazine, and staff writer at the Stamford Advocate.

Following her career as a journalist, Ms. Ramsay served as the communications director and deputy chief of staff for the late Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge from 2006 to 2011, thereafter serving as the Los Angeles Program Director for the Trust for Public Land from 2011 to 2012, before returning to work for Councilman LaBonge as Chief of Staff from 2012 to 2014. In 2018, Carolyn went on to serve as the Executive Director for the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. Under her leadership, many parks in Los Angeles were improved and expanded for people to enjoy in the years ahead. After 5 years with the organization, Carolyn recently retired from her position.

In addition to her illustrious career, Ms. Ramsay has always found the time to volunteer and give back to the community. She served on the board of trustees of Temple Israel of Hollywood, board of advisors of Hollywood Wilshire YMCA, and as board president of the Windsor Square Association from 2002 to 2005, where she led the organization during the planting of hundreds of street trees and was instrumental in the efforts for the historic preservation of Windsor Square.

She has received several awards including Windsor Square Hancock Park Historical Society's Leadership Award, Wilshire Community Police Council's Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2023 was named Nonprofit Executive of the Year for a medium sized organization by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

Carolyn is married to her husband, Andy Goodman, who is a public interest consultant. Their son, Daniel Goodman, is a podcast producer for iHeartRadio in Los Angeles, and their daughter, Olivia Goodman, is about to begin her third year of medical school at the Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine in Pasadena.

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

HONORING JUDGE ROBERT L.
MILLER, JR.

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Judge Robert L. Miller, Jr. upon his retirement from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

Born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, Judge Miller has served the Hoosier state and our Nation with distinction for more than 4 decades. Nominated to the federal bench by President Ronald Reagan, Judge Miller is now

retiring as a Senior Judge as well as a Judge of the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, a position he was appointed to by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts in 2020.

Some of the awards and accolades Judge Miller has been recognized with over the course of his career are the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit, and an induction into the South Bend Alumni Hall of Fame.

As John Adams famously observed, our constitutional republic is supposed function as a "government of laws, not of men." Our Nation depends on dedicated public servants who faithfully uphold the rule of law and ensure that Lady Justice remains blind. Judge Miller is 1 such person and jurist.

As he prepares to retire and write the next chapter of his life, I am proud to congratulate Judge Miller on a distinguished career and a job well done. I join Hoosiers throughout the Second District and beyond in expressing our gratitude to Judge Miller for his service and in wishing him and his family nothing but the best going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MORGAN LUTTRELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 338. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 338.

HONORING THE WORK OF
CHRISTOPHER DEL BECCARO

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a long-time staff member and dear friend. Christopher Del Beccaro, who is leaving to embark on his next adventure. Although he will be greatly missed, I could not be happier for the chapter of life he is about to enter with his soon-to-be wife.

Chris has been my right-hand man, serving as Chief of Staff for the last 4 years. He has earned the reputation of a kind, patient, and dependable chief. I could always rely upon him for intelligent, helpful advice when it came to policy and politics.

Even more importantly, he has led my office with a sincere heart. My staff has often remarked on his compassion and genuine concern for their well-being. He brought a spirit of laughter and support in both good times and in difficult moments. Chris stays true to who he is and what he believes, and I know it will bring him much success throughout the remainder of his life.

I thank Christopher Del Beccaro for a job well done. I am forever grateful for the friendship and support he has given to me, the staff, and the people of our congressional district. I wish him and his fiancée, Evgeniya, all the best with their upcoming wedding in Montenegro and the adventures that lie ahead.

His presence in my office will certainly be missed, but Chris will undoubtedly continue to be a trusted advisor to me. Once a member of Team McCaul, always a member of Team McCaul.

CONGRATULATING 100 YEARS FOR
MOUNT ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Mount Arlington Fire Department on its 100th anniversary. This significant milestone represents a century of unwavering dedication, sacrifice, and service to our New Jersey community.

Firefighters are the first responders to danger and the backbone of keeping our neighborhoods safe. They represent hope and security, safeguarding our homes and businesses while keeping our families safe. From literally and figuratively putting out the biggest fires to responding to medical emergencies, firefighters exemplify heroism and commitment day in and day out. Their bravery, resilience, and selflessness in the face of danger have not only protected countless lives but have also inspired the entire community.

I wish the Mount Arlington Fire Department a happy 100th anniversary. I thank them for their sacrifices, dedication, and overall, keeping our communities safe.

RECOGNIZING BRENT ROBINSON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Brent Robinson and his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Brent got his start on the Hill in 2002 working for my predecessor, Jo Ann Davis. Brent joined my office in 2007 as a Legislative Assistant, and subsequently worked his way up to Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff. Brent served as my chief policy advisor during his time in my office and helped introduce key pieces of legislation. Over 20 years after getting his start on the Hill, Brent has become an expert on various policy issues and an integral member of my D.C. staff. From meeting with constituents to managing our legislative team, Brent has spent countless hours serving Virginia's 1st District.

Brent has been an excellent mentor; always willing to offer advice to interns and staff. Both current and former members of my staff are improved public servants due to Brent's leadership. Brent's wisdom, humor, and perspective will be dearly missed in my office. I wish Brent the best as he starts his new position with FGS Global.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service and accomplishments of Brent Robinson. May God bless Brent as he embarks on a new challenge, and I look forward to seeing his continued success in the future.

HONORING OLIVIA MORALES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Olivia Morales, my fellow who has fought to protect and improve our education system.

A Florida native, Olivia came to my office ready to protect and nurture the minds of all from kindergarten to post-Grad. Within Olivia's first few weeks in my office, her passion and intellect shined through. She immediately got to work developing ideas to help students in dual-enrollment programs, drafting legislation in various areas of education, and assisting in the introduction of the LOAN and American Teacher Acts.

Her dedication has been powerful as we have fought for the minds of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Olivia's commitment to educational equity led her to complete her undergraduate degree in Public Policy at Duke University and spend a year working as a College Adviser with the Duke College Advising Corps. After her service with the Corps, she began her doctoral studies in the University of Florida's Higher Education Administration and Policy program.

Olivia has a promising future—she will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on education policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Olivia Morales for her dedication to education and passion for a more equitable Nation.

HONORING JOYCE HAMLETT OF BROADWAY, NORTH CAROLINA FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joyce Hamlett on her retirement from the House Office of Chamber Security and honor her many years of faithful service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people.

A native of Broadway, North Carolina, Joyce was raised in a home where faith and integrity were cherished above all else. These virtues remain the guiding principles of her life and helped to define her time here on Capitol Hill.

Joyce left North Carolina for Washington in the early 1980s to begin a job as a sandwich maker at the Capitol Café. She quickly rose through the ranks and eventually took a position with chamber security. She is known for her hard work ethic and stark reputation as a no-nonsense enforcer of the House's many rules and traditions. She has no issue being tough on journalists, visitors, and members alike when they step out of line. Yet, she also possesses a deep affection for lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, many of whom she views as family. All this eventually led to her

appointment as Assistant Sergeant at Arms, where she serves in the important role as Keeper of the Mace of the House of Representatives.

Joyce's impact on the history and character of this chamber is without question. I was elated to hear that, upon her retirement, she will be moving to Sanford, North Carolina, a town in the heart of my district. I look forward to serving as her representative and can't wait to welcome her into our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Joyce Hamlett on her retirement and to thank her for her decades of dedicated service to this chamber.

TRIBUTE TO EVELYN SERRANO—
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. Evelyn Serrano of the Sunland-Tujunga neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Evelyn is a Cuban immigrant, artist, educator and community volunteer working at the intersection of creative activism, placemaking, land stewardship, memory, and community engagement, and her employment and volunteer activities are indeed a reflection of her collaborative, artistic nature. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art, Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art and Integrated Media from the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts), a Master's in Education from Alliant International University, and her teaching credential from the University of California, San Diego.

Ms. Serrano is a co-founder of Sunland Tujunga Forward (ST Forward), a non-profit organization that focuses on equity, anti-racism, intersectional feminism, land stewardship, and transformative relationships through collaborative action. ST Forward organizes an annual Indigenous Peoples Day, monthly land restoration events at Big Tujunga Canyon, an annual Pride Festival, and native plantings and curriculum at local schools.

She served as Co-Artistic Director of Nuestro Lugar: North Shore, an innovative large-scale resident-designed, culture-driven community development project in a rural community on the Salton Sea, and she co-founded Nomad Lab, an award-winning non-profit arts organization that worked with Canyon Country and Newhall residents and city officials to develop art-centered initiatives and inclusive spaces for learning, community organizing, and grassroots change through the arts. Ms. Serrano is the co-founder of I.D.E.A. Wave Co-lab, a project that creates open-source tools for coalitions, organizations, schools, and communities to support their journeys of transformative justice healing. She has worked in partnerships with visual and performing artists, policy makers, writers, educators and students, community organizers,

non-profit organizations, and diverse communities nationally and internationally, and her curatorial projects have been featured in Los Angeles, Miami, Baltimore, and in Mexico, Uruguay, and Israel.

Evelyn has taught courses on activism, the arts and community engagement at CalArts and has led workshops and lectured in Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles and Baja, California. She is the lead artist of El Acercamiento/The Approach, a transnational art project with U.S. and Cuban artists and, is an Arts for Advocacy Fellow and the Director of Arts Integration and Visual Arts Specialist at the California Creative Learning Academy. In addition, Evelyn is training to become a seed keeper with a Mohawk leader, working to develop nature spaces and curriculum for growing and rehydrating our connection to the Earth, seeds and all creation. Ms. Serrano has been recognized and supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, and the Los Angeles County Department of Arts.

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

HONORING ASSISTANT TO THE
SERGEANT AT ARMS, MS. JOYCE
HAMLETT

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, today we honor the career of Ms. Joyce Hamlett, our beloved Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and our "Keeper of the Mace."

After nearly 5 decades of public service in the House of Representatives and at the U.S. Capitol, Ms. Hamlett will enjoy her well-deserved retirement as we thank her for all she's done. In the 1980s, Ms. Hamlett started on Capitol Hill alongside her mother in the Capitol Café, working first as a sandwich maker and then as a grill cook. Within 5 years she was promoted to hostess and handled the cash register for thousands of visitors and hundreds of Members each week.

She later became an elevator operator at the Capitol before becoming a security guard in the House Chamber in 1994. In 2007, she was elected to serve in her current role as Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and has served dutifully for the last 16 years.

We all love her for her strict adherence to House Rules and decorum on the House Floor but know she's just as sweet once you get to know her and hear all her amazing stories from her career on the Hill.

On behalf of my colleagues and Florida's Third Congressional District, we wish Ms. Hamlett all the best in her retirement and hope she returns to visit us and this amazing place she's served with honor and integrity during her long career.

I congratulate Ms. Joyce Hamlett, and thank her for all she has done to contribute to the history of this institution. We are forever grateful and hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.