

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH DOYLE
WHOSE MISSION IT IS TO HONOR
WOMEN OF FAITH THROUGHOUT
AMERICAN SOCIETY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Doyle, an exceptional leader in faith and in her community.

For over 50 years, Elizabeth Doyle has been a tremendous inspiration to many. In 1972, Elizabeth began her speaking career in Belfast, Ireland, at the height of the Troubles conflict. It was there that she met her husband, Syd, who joined her in pioneering and leading three churches throughout Southeast England.

After 25 years in Southeast England, Elizabeth and her husband moved to the United States and started Nations Light Ministries, an organization dedicated to training leaders across the world. Elizabeth also founded Releasing Daughters of the Last Days, which has led her to over 50 countries across 6 continents. This organization inspired tens of thousands, oftentimes divided by terrorism or civil war, to find their faith.

Today, Elizabeth continues to inspire many throughout the nation by serving as Executive Director of She Leads America. Alongside Michigan State Representative Nancy DeBoer and Sylvia Williams, Elizabeth honors Christian women of distinction for their accomplishments across every professional sector.

Mr. Speaker, Elizabeth's remarkable journey is an inspiration to us all. In times of anguish, her spirit and devotion to the Lord has lifted me up. We are all deeply grateful for the wonderful work of Liz and her team as they continue to honor impactful women of faith everywhere.

SUPPORT FOR SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL LEADING ENTERTAINMENT AND ARTS THROUGH DIVERSITY MONTH

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I rise in support of designating the Month of September as "National Leading Entertainment and Arts through Diversity Month" or "National LEAD Month."

Despite growing diversity in the United States, minorities and communities of color remain underrepresented in the television and film industries.

Although Hispanics make up 18 percent of the population, we hold about 12 percent of the jobs in the media industry. Greater diversity on and off-screen is critical to promote the lived experiences of marginalized groups.

Through authentic storytelling, diverse representation provides audiences with narratives they can better empathize with. That's why I'm a cosponsor of House Resolution 191, which recognizes the need for diversity in the entertainment industry and establishes September as National LEAD month.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution on this critical issue.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
ROBERT SIENKIEWICZ

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize a philanthropic leader and revered member of the Buffalo community, Robert "Bob" Sienkiewicz. A proud graduate of University at Buffalo's political science program. Bob is not originally from the area, but he has called Buffalo his home ever since his college years.

Bob has a passion for ensuring the beauty of our community by fighting to maintain the original design of its neighborhoods. As houses and buildings throughout the City of Buffalo began to deteriorate in the 1980s, he became Executive Director at the Broadway-Fillmore Neighborhood Housing Service. Indeed, his commute to the office on Fillmore Avenue was nearly non-existent—he lived just a few houses down the street. Bob's success with NHS is clear; they keep asking him back in new capacities to share his wisdom and experience. He continued as President and is now back on the board. In 1994, his work with NHS led to a position as the Director of Housing for the Mayor of Buffalo's task force. Bob has also worked as a legislative assistant for the Buffalo City Council, worked for the New York State Department of Health, and sits on the boards of the Polish Community Center, the Broadway Market, the Plewacki Post, and the Nature Sanctuary Society of WNY. He recently donated 50 acres to the Nature Sanctuary Society, only further cementing his legacy within our community.

Every part of the City of Buffalo and its growth has been influenced by Bob, and all its citizens owe him an incredible debt of gratitude. Our neighborhoods remain prosperous and rooted in history due to his lifetime of efforts. As a political volunteer and friend of many, Bob's face is one of the most recognized in Western New York. Though his presence on various boards and organizations is irreplaceable, as a nature-lover, everyone hopes that he will take more time to enjoy the very nature that gives him so much joy. On behalf of a grateful community, it is my honor to recognize Robert Sienkiewicz as his friends and family reflect on his incredible career of public service.

HONORING SPECIALIST 5TH CLASS
GENE WESLEY BEAUCHAMP

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Colusa County resident Gene Wesley Beauchamp who tragically passed away earlier this year at the age of 75 years old.

Gene was an exceptional member of our community; he was deeply devoted and loyal

to our nation. He could always be found helping others. Gene was a truly selfless servant and will be missed by all.

Gene was born August 14, 1948, to Leonard and Lona Beauchamp. He attended local schools, graduating from Colusa High School. On October 3, 1967, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he would serve 3 years of active duty and 3 years in the reserves.

From 1968 to 1969, Gene served in Vietnam as a Helicopter Aircraft Mechanic. He was trained on several army helicopters and even acted as crew chief. Gene was one of our nation's most highly decorated servicemen, being awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars for valor, a Purple Heart and fourteen Air Medals.

After his military service, Gene came back to Northern California and attended Chico State University. After which he would return to his family's rice farm in Colusa County. In 1975 he married his wife, Lana, and they raised a family on the rice farm in the very same home he grew up in.

After retiring from farming, Gene could be found volunteering with his local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2441 and the American Legion Post 218. During his time with these organizations, Gene could be found serving at fellow veterans' funerals, carrying the American flag in parades or local football games, and participating in ceremonies honoring the U.S. military and our treasured veterans.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Lana Beauchamp; his children Lance and Kimi, and his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. In honor of his outstanding military career, Gene will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. His presence will be greatly missed in our community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARRIOTT'S

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Chuck and Debby Garriott.

Reverend Charles "Chuck" Michael Garriott and Deborah "Debby" Cacace Garriott met while they were both in high school and married January 26, 1974, in Pikesville, Maryland, both at the age of 20. Their marriage has brought about the blessing of four children and seven grandchildren. Their son Phillip and his wife Brooke Garriott have four children: Blevin, Kiefer, Hazel, and Harper. Their daughter Katie and husband Tony Yang have three children: Avery, Linus, and Cason. Their daughter Anna lives in Washington, D.C., and their son Peter in Los Angeles, California.

Chuck and Debby have used their life together to invest in friends and family. Chuck served as a pastor in Oklahoma for many years and has served as the Executive Director of Ministry to State, a ministry that has invested in the spiritual lives of our leaders in the Nation's Capital, since 2004. Debby cares for patients as a physical therapist while also investing in the lives of men and women through Ministry to State.

They enjoy spending time with their family and at the beach. Debby enjoys her community garden plot and Chuck enjoys writing and

keeping busy with his hands. They count it as a privilege to have spent their entire married life in Christian ministry sharing the love of Jesus.

HONORING JUDGE RICHARD C.
VARA

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 44½ years of service and dedication of Houston's own Judge Richard C. Vara, a trailblazer who was the youngest person to be elected Justice of the Peace at that time.

Judge Vara grew up in the historic east end of Houston, graduating from Austin High School, the University of Houston, and South Texas College of Law.

The Judge got his first encounter with politics by going to LULAC meetings with his parents. This sense of service to the Latino community remained with him throughout his career.

Both in the courtroom and in the community, Judge Vara has exemplified public service and commitment to bettering his community.

He has created and volunteered for countless organizations in Houston, all aimed at improving the lives of those around him.

Please join me in congratulating Judge Richard Vara for his many years of service. Felicidades.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Rollcall No. 417.

HASC HEARING ON EXAMINING IR-
REGULARITY IN THE STRATEGIC
BASING PROCESS FOR U.S.
SPACE COMMAND

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, America is grateful for the leadership of Chairman MIKE ROGERS of Alabama for his vision and persistence to support the creation of U.S. Space Command along with President Donald Trump. This recognizes the threats of dictators, war criminal Putin and the CCP who have developed capabilities in space to threaten American families—we can achieve peace through strength.

It is sad when political interference controls basing, not first the priority of national security.

In South Carolina, we experienced this as the Charleston Naval Base was re-located to New Hampshire. The obvious advantages of Charleston with a temperate climate of unlim-

ited operations was ignored as the then Senate Majority Leader was from Maine with his constituents commuting to New Hampshire.

Congressman AUSTIN SCOTT is correct. Now Politics determines where the missions go. This is a dangerous game, with national security to suffer.

HONORING HEALTHLINC CEO BETH
WROBEL

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to honor Ms. Beth Wrobel and wish her well upon her retirement as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HealthLinc. For her lifelong commitment to providing quality health care to communities throughout the region, she is to be commended.

In 2002, Ms. Wrobel became CEO of HealthLinc. At the time, HealthLinc was a single, free medical clinic serving the local community. Under her direction, HealthLinc expanded its medical services to include pediatrics, women's health, and prenatal care, while also adding service lines including dental, optometry, behavioral health, substance abuse, podiatry, chiropractic, clinical pharmacy, health insurance enrollment, medical legal partnership, and more. The organization continues to grow and is comprised of twelve clinics across Northern Indiana, as well as two school-based telehealth clinics, one mobile medical and dental clinic, and a team of more than 490 employees. As CEO, Ms. Wrobel has worked tirelessly to ensure the accessibility of affordable, quality care to countless individuals and families who are underinsured, uninsured, or unable to pay. For her outstanding dedication to the people of Northern Indiana, especially those most in need, Ms. Wrobel is worthy of the highest praise.

In addition to her noteworthy career, Ms. Wrobel has offered her time and support to numerous foundations and organizations throughout the years. Among her many leadership roles, Ms. Wrobel has served on the board of directors for the National Association of Community Health Centers, and she currently serves as trustee for Ivy Tech Community College's Valparaiso Campus. She is also a member of the board of directors for the Indiana Primary Healthcare Association.

Ms. Wrobel's dedication to serving the residents of Northern Indiana is exceeded only by her love and devotion to her three sons, Chris, Tom, and David, her daughter-in-law, Heather, and her cherished grandson, J.J. I wish her quality time with her family in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Beth Wrobel for her unwavering commitment to improving health care throughout Northern Indiana and beyond and in wishing her well upon her retirement. For her many remarkable contributions, Ms. Wrobel is worthy of our deepest gratitude and appreciation.

TRIBUTE TO REP. DAVID MACK III

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a passionate civil rights advocate, trusted community voice, and humble public servant. South Carolina State Representative David James Mack III transitioned from this life on September 20, 2023, in Charleston, South Carolina. He will be well remembered and sorely missed.

David Mack III was born on December 13, 1953, in Charleston, South Carolina to David J. Mack, Jr. and Dorothy Mack. Representative Mack attended Charleston public schools and pursued higher education at Howard University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1975. There he joined Omega Psi Phi, my own fraternity, which he credited with having played a pivotal role in shaping his values and his work throughout his life. He embodied the cardinal principles he learned as a proud member of our Omega brotherhood: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

The value of community service was instilled in Representative Mack early in his life. After graduating from Howard, he returned to Charleston and began working at the Committee on Better Racial Assurance (COBRA). At COBRA, he dedicated himself to the organization's mission of bringing about equality in the Charleston community and providing services for individuals and families with Sickle Cell Anemia. Representative Mack served at the organization for 47 years in various capacities, including Part-Time Assistant Director, Coordinator of Sickle Cell Services, and Part-Time Hemoglobinopathy Counselor. He also served on COBRA's Board of Directors until his passing.

In addition to his work at COBRA, Representative Mack served the Charleston community in numerous ways. He worked with the Carolina Youth Development Center and served on the Boards of Directors of the Opportunities Industrialization Center and the South Carolina Substance Abuse Commission. He was also a passionate civil rights advocate and served on the Board of the South Carolina Coalition for Black Voter Participation. He was a member of the North Charleston Branch of the NAACP and Charleston Chapter of Rainbow PUSH.

Representative Mack was a firm believer in the notion that knowledge is power and relished the opportunity to communicate important information to the people of Charleston. He became the host of the WPAL Radio station talk show "Open Rap" in 1979, and "Drive Time Dialogue" in 1986. At Sunrise Communications of Charleston, where Representative Mack served as president, he created the PM Urban Edition talk show. Most recently, David created The David Mack Radio Show where he had conversations with civil leaders, academics, and health professionals in the Charleston community.

Representative Mack was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives for District 109 in 1997 and served in the South Carolina General Assembly for 24 years. Deeply respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle, he served with distinction on the