

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

## HONORING THE WORK OF LATINO HEALTH ACCESS

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievements of Latino Health Access.

Latino Health Access is a non-profit health organization founded with the mission to bring health, equity, and sustainable change to our community through education, services, consciousness-raising, and civic engagement.

Latino Health Access is committed to delivering culturally appropriate health-related services that address urgent health concerns, as well as engaging individuals in low-income, low-opportunity areas by providing the tools necessary to positively transform their environments.

Latino Health Access founder and CEO, America Brancho, MPH, drew from her experience working as a Medical Doctor in rural Venezuela alongside Promotoras, also known as community health workers. She brought that experience with her and established that same Promoter/Community Health Worker model in Orange County, California.

Latino Health Access relies on its team of trained Promotoras to proactively search for community members, strengthen relationships with the community, provide direct services, and advocate for transformative change to improve health. Promotoras engage with the community to combat serious public health problems that affect marginalized families.

This year, Latino Health Access is celebrating its 30th anniversary and the opening of its Promotor Learning Institute, which aims to provide a platform for advancing the Promotor model locally and worldwide via capacity-building, apprenticeships, and research. Through the Promotor Learning Institute, Latino Health Access will be able to grow the Promotor/Community Health Worker workforce in Orange County and continue its mission to reach more communities in the area.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the achievements of Latino Health Access.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I missed yesterday's vote series due to a family obligation. During that time, I was unable to make Roll Call votes No. 514 and No. 515. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

YEA on Roll Call No. 514—H.R. 2379, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office"; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 515—H.R. 4502, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: Modernizing the Acquisition of Cybersecurity Experts Act.

## RECOGNIZING MATTHEW LANDERS

**HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Landers, an elementary school educator at Pleasant Glade Elementary School in Lacey, Washington who empowers his students to be everyday stewards of our environment.

In response to his students' requests to have more of a hands-on role in confronting our climate crisis, Matthew established several programs to encourage composting and recycling on campus. Thanks to Matthew's programs, over 35,000 pounds of food waste have been saved from landfills and over 1,500 pounds of food have been redistributed. Matthew also spearheaded the school's switch from plastic to biodegradable utensils, signaling to students that seemingly small but practical changes can be high-impact solutions. To amplify student activists' voices, Matthew also helped his students present their ideas to supplement ongoing on-campus conversation efforts to the school board.

I'm inspired by Matthew's initiative to ground his students' awareness of environmental issues in actionable avenues for change, and I'm proud to spotlight him and all of the students of Pleasant Glade who have made Lacey cleaner, greener, and better.

## COMMEMORATING BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY COMPANY'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LANCE GOODEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brookshire's Grocery Company on its 95th anniversary and commemorate its service to the Texas community. In 1928, Wood T. Brookshire and his wife founded their grocery company at a small store in Tyler, Texas. The store began with four employees and has grown to over 200 stores across several other states. To this day, Brookshire's is led by the founder's grandson, Brad Brookshire.

Brookshire's has grown from its humble beginnings into a thriving enterprise known for its philanthropic efforts and dedication to its local community. Brookshire's has consistently led hunger relief efforts across the South, among other important initiatives. I extend my gratitude to Brookshire's not only for its commitment to excellent customer service, but consistently going above and beyond to deliver

the best experience for its customers. I have no doubt Brookshire's stores across Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma will continue to prosper and serve as an inspiration for entrepreneurs. Texans certainly look forward to its positive impact on the community for many years to come.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BEN CLINE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend yesterday's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly detained during vote proceedings. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

## HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. NITIN SHAH

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Dr. Nitin Shah, a compassionate and dedicated physician whose unwavering commitment to the well-being of his community has had a profound and lasting impact on the lives of thousands of individuals.

Dr. Nitin Shah's journey began in 1975, where he began his rotating medical internship in Vadodara, India before migrating to New York. There, he continued his career as a research fellow—and eventually moved to the City of Anaheim and continued to provide medical care as an anesthesiologist.

In 2006, Dr. Shah's deep sense of empathy and vision for a healthier and more equitable society led him to establish the Anaheim Free Health Clinic and Citizenship Fair, an event that provides free medical, dental, vision, and other health care services to Anaheim residents with the help of countless doctors and volunteers. Recognizing the pressing need for

accessible healthcare in our community, he made it his life's mission to provide quality medical care to those who were underserved and often overlooked.

From humble beginnings, the clinic has developed into a cornerstone of community health, with an impact that extends far beyond

the facility's walls. Countless lives have been changed because of his efforts. Families that could not previously afford crucial health visits now have access to these services. Children get the vaccinations they need to stay healthy, and those with chronic illnesses get the continuing care and assistance they need to man-

age their ailments. His tireless commitment to providing free health care services to those in need exemplifies the values of compassion, selflessness, and service.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon my fellow members of Congress to join me in recognizing the incredible work of Dr. Shah.