

as she is truly a pillar of her community and a testament to the excellence found in our district. Diana, far from doing business as usual, has aimed to fundamentally change many aspects of our often-harsh criminal justice system to decrease bias and fulfill its duty to serve justice.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Diana Becton for her positive contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF JOSEPH M. CLUCHEY FOR HIS SERVICE AND RETIREMENT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Fire Chief Joseph M. Cluchey on his over 42 years of service to the Illinois fire community as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Cluchey began as an on-call firefighter in the South Elgin Fire Department and worked as a contract paramedic in the St. Charles Fire Department in 1981 before becoming a career firefighter. He worked hard and made his way up the ranks to become fire chief for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District. He valiantly served in this capacity for 12 years before suffering an injury from a roof collapse, which caused him to retire from South Elgin in 2014.

After his retirement from South Elgin, he took on a leadership role as the statewide operations chief for Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. In that capacity, Chief Cluchey served countless communities statewide through the organization's non-discriminatory mutual aid response system for fire, EMS, and specialized incident operational teams.

In November of 2016, after a nationwide search Mr. Joseph M. Cluchey was sworn in as Fire Chief of the Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District. The district currently operates out of three stations which serve all or portions of ten communities including 2 large subdivisions located in the 11th Congressional district of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I am proud to represent the community of Elburn, Illinois and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fire Chief Joseph M. Cluchey for his over 42 years of dedication and fire service to the community and wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: DEBRA MASON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Debra Mason as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Debra is the current Executive Director of the Bay Point Community Foundation and the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council, where

she has served for many years. Over the years, she has worked for after-school programs and served on the Mt. Diablo School Board, and today she continues to be a fierce advocate for students, parents, schools, and her community. She has pushed for public safety, nutrition assistance, after school education, and community engagement in schools. Continuing her work with education, she is also a California School Age Consortium Board Member. Her dedication, service, and work ethic has been an invaluable benefit to the local community. One example of a lasting impact that she has made on the community is establishing the Bay Point Branch of the Contra Costa County Public Library. Debra has been committed to addressing issues that she cares about and is always willing to take action and help others. Debra has been involved with countless community offices and committees where her leadership has improved our local schools and broader community.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Debra Mason for her positive contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE WASCO WOMAN'S CLUB

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the Wasco Woman's Club on their 100-year anniversary and to thank them for their significant contributions to the Wasco community. Founded in 1923, the Wasco Woman's Club was started by 13 young women who joined together to improve Wasco through volunteer service. Their unwavering commitment to public service has guided their mission over the past century. The Wasco Woman's Club now has approximately 40 members, many of whom are active in other non-profits and faith-based organizations in the community. The club is passionate about the well-being of the city's residents and focuses many of their efforts on strengthening local schools, libraries, and youth programs.

For a century, the Wasco Woman's Club has offered a chance for women of all ages to come together and give back to the Central Valley community. The club is a strong supporter of the Ronald McDonald House and Toys for Tigers organization, helping children and their families get through incredibly difficult situations. Additionally, the club hosts regular events for those in the community, including the Wasco High School Student Art and Photography Awards and the Christmas with Santa Event for special needs students. The club is also the proud owner of the oldest adobe building in the city, which they use to host special events and community gatherings. Amid all of their work, the members of the Wasco Woman's Club are committed to uplifting each other through their long-standing friendships and shared commitment to the betterment of the community.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the Wasco Woman's Club on their 100-year anniversary. Their work

to enrich the community of Wasco will be felt for generations to come.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: TECHNICAL SERGEANT CALLIE ABERIN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Technical Sergeant Callie Aberin as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Callie enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2012 and now serves as a Technical Sergeant at Travis Air Force Base. She was selected as a Senior Instructor at the Air Mobility Command's largest Airman Leadership School, where she educates, mentors, and certifies front-line supervisors on leadership skills, interpersonal skills, and behavioral theory. Her leadership in these positions have fortified strategic objectives in the personnel of Travis AFB. In addition to her official duties, Callie serves as the local Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter President, and advocates for improved quality of life and economic fairness for all military personnel. Under her leadership, this organization surpassed membership goals by 217 percent. This community service has extended beyond Travis AFB and into the surrounding community where she has helped raise money for causes such as the Solano County Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Special Olympics. Callie was recognized as an NCO of the Year for the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB Instructor of the Year in 2022, and ASFA's 2023 International NCO of the Year. Callie's dedication to her community and her country deserves recognition, as she goes above and beyond her official responsibilities to advocate for military personnel.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Callie Aberin for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALLISON ELIZABETH KENNEDY

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in honor of the life and legacy of Allison Elizabeth Kennedy, a devoted mother, beloved wife, cherished daughter, and follower of Christ.

Allison is remembered by those who knew her best as a woman with a servant's heart; the first to volunteer, the first to help, the first to pick up the phone. Throughout her life, Allison graciously shared the love and joy obtained through a deep and abiding faith with those around her. No one who met her was ever surprised to find that she was a woman of faith; she exuded her love for God in all that she did.

Born in California and raised in Vancouver, Washington, Allison grew up around a large

extended family that instilled the values of selflessness, generosity, and integrity in her from a young age. Even as Allison grew older, she stayed deeply connected to her roots. Her devotion to family only came second to her devotion to God.

Allison's mind was as strong and capable as her heart. Growing up, she consistently excelled in her studies. Her success in cheerleading and high school mock trial reflected her competitive spirit and relentless commitment to excellence. Allison went on to graduate from Washington State University with distinction. Her academic journey did not end there. She later earned a master's in public policy from American University in Washington D.C. where she developed an appreciation for our nation's capital. It was also here that she found a worthy mission—serving the public through road safety advocacy.

Allison proved to be a determined policy advocate who labored to improve safety conditions for drivers and pedestrians across our great nation. Allison's career began when she was hired at the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety where she ultimately became Director of Government Relations, promoting safer transportation policies. Her efforts will live on through the policies she fought tirelessly for and that made it into landmark pieces of legislation like the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Allison's service will continue to impact the lives of children, teen drivers, pedestrians, and motorists in America.

While in Washington D.C., Allison found new meaning and solace in her Roman Catholic faith. Allison became known for always being the first to volunteer or to welcome new faces into the Church. In particular, she enjoyed serving at the Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, where she helped prepare young couples to embark on the blessing of marriage. Washington is also where Allison met her devoted husband, Brian. Allison and Brian were engaged in December 2014 and married in November 2015.

Allison was an unwavering support to Brian and a devoted mother to her two sons: Christopher and Callahan. After five years of trying to start a family, she and Brian were blessed with the gift of Christopher through adoption. In 2022, they were granted another blessing when Allison discovered she was pregnant with her second son. Callahan was born in January 2023. Throughout the years of waiting to live her dream of becoming a mother, Allison found strength and resolve from leaning on the Lord's perfect plan and timing. As scripture teaches us in 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." Allison's final days on this side of heaven were spent joyfully caring for her two children alongside Brian.

Allison will be greatly missed by her loved ones. It is a privilege to recognize her life and to celebrate the blessings God granted her. Her memory and impact on her family, community, and country will live on for generations to come. She may be gone from this earth, but her legacy will live on, especially in the lives of her two beloved sons.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: MAYOR CATHERINE
MOY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Mayor Catherine Moy as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Cat is a dedicated public servant who has offered years of service to her community. A Fairfield native, she stepped up to serve on the Fairfield City Council in 2008, following a career as a journalist. Cat's work on the City Council, and current service as Mayor, have helped make life better for the residents of Fairfield, including through reducing gang violence and working to address homelessness. As a member of the National Conference of Mayors, Cat serves on a task force aimed at finding solutions to homelessness for populations in need across our county. In addition to her work as an elected official, Cat offers her own time in service to her community. She has been involved with countless organizations serving youth and those in need, including Girls of the Run, Boy Scouts, and local youth sports programs. Cat also makes a point of reaching out to those living in homeless encampments, helping them to find the support they need while working toward a more permanent solution. She is an impactful leader who has offered her time and resources in service to her community.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Mayor Catherine Moy for her positive contributions to our community.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF BO SHUFF

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize the indefatigable work of Bo Shuff, who recently stepped down as Executive Director of DC Vote after seven years. At DC Vote, Bo helped lead the movement to make the District of Columbia the 51st state and to prevent Congress from interfering in D.C.'s local affairs. I have worked closely with Bo on these efforts.

During Bo's tenure at DC Vote, the House of Representatives twice passed my bill, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, that would make D.C. a state. Those are the only two times in history either chamber of Congress has passed the D.C. statehood bill.

Bo has been involved in campaigns and advocacy since 2000, when he worked on behalf of then-Vice President Al Gore as part of the Florida Coordinate Campaign. In 2002, he worked on the statewide coordinated effort to re-elect then-U.S. Senator Tom Harkin and then-Governor and now-Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. In 2003, Bo worked in more than 30 states for the Human Rights Campaign to pass equality legislation and to elect candidates who supported LGBTQ rights.

Bo has also worked for the Congressional Progressive Caucus, serving as Chief of Staff of its foundation, what is now the Progressive Caucus Center. In 2013, Bo became Campaign Manager for the mayoral campaign of now-D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser. After that successful campaign, Bo became Executive Director of DC Vote.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the important contributions of Bo Shuff to the District of Columbia and the Nation.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: CHERYL SUDDUTH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Cheryl Sudduth as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional Districts Women of the Year.

Cheryl is involved with numerous organizations that aim to improve the status of marginalized people in her community. As a Senior Director for Goodwill's AbilityOne program, she oversaw the building of thousands of fair housing units in Alameda County. Through this program, Cheryl also created programs that employ and train thousands of people who are traditionally excluded from the job market. Veterans, disabled individuals, formerly incarcerated people, and people returning to the workforce have benefitted from Cheryl's work. She has also been involved with Alliance 4 Girls, a local program providing mentorship to young girls to give them a space to grow and thrive. Through this program and others, Cheryl has personally mentored hundreds of girls in her community. In addition, she has served on a variety of boards and commissions, including the West County Wastewater District, Contra Costa Racial Oversight Body, ACLU, and NAACP. She also gives her time to a variety of organizations, ranging from racial justice, education, the environment, public safety, and much more. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her considerable contributions to the community at-large. Cheryl's commitment to her community and improving all different aspects of public life serves as an inspiration to all who know her.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Cheryl Sudduth for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING KRISTEN BENNETT

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor Ms. Kristen Bennett for her invaluable work as a Congressional Intern serving in my Hendersonville office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions she made at the office this year.