

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.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th Congressional district. Kristen was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation.

It was a pleasure to work with Kristen, and I am proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. Kristen exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that Western North Carolina has to offer. I congratulate her on the successful completion of her internship.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: CLAUDIA JIMENEZ

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 Claudia Jimenez as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Claudia has dedicated her life to serving the community of Richmond and is a current member of the Richmond City Council, serving the 6th District. As such, she is not only a proponent for positive social change but also a leader in her community. She has worked throughout her city to bring about transformative programs in areas such as affordable housing and homelessness. Claudia is known for forging alliances between key stakeholders across diverse communities. Her background as an immigrant from Colombia has helped shape her motivations as a community organizer. Trained as an architect in Colombia, she moved to Richmond in 2009, took English language classes, did volunteer work to practice her skills, and earned a Master of Environmental Planning from UC Berkeley. Claudia accomplished all this while caring for two children and still found time to lead campaigns and volunteer with other mothers in her neighborhood. Now as a Richmond City Councilmember, she is even more committed

to improving the lives of those in her community and making Richmond one of the more affordable places to live in the Bay Area. Her commitment to her community and improving all different aspects of public life is 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 Claudia Jimenez for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: COURTNEY TINDALL

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 Courtney Tindall as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Courtney serves as a Senior Dependency Drug Court Case Manager for the Solano County Superior Court. In this role, she advocates for those who suffer from substance use disorder and has graduated hundreds of parents who have regained custody of their children. She is committed to helping those struggling with substance use disorder become sober and better their lives. Every day, she displays compassion and empathy as she advocates for children and families. Courtney has an unfailing commitment to her work and to reuniting families. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the Superior Court of California Customer Service Award, the California Bar Association Court Staff Award, the Child Abuse Prevention Council Henry Bergh Award for Practitioner of the Year, and Henry Bergh Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Dependency Drug Court and Support of Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment Efforts. The work Courtney does has touched the lives of countless vulnerable individuals and helped them make change for the better.

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

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: EBONY ANTOINE

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 Ebony Antoine as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

As a victim of gun violence herself, Ebony founded a nonprofit, Broken By Violence, to help families like hers heal after being impacted by gun violence. Broken By Violence has provided services to hundreds of families, including rental assistance, food assistance, emergency housing, mental health service referrals, and monthly healing spaces for survivors. She has worked with Solano Family Justice Center, the Vallejo Police Department, the City of Vallejo, and the Alameda County District Attorney to provide victims services and has also advocated for legislation that would better support survivors throughout California.

Although her life was irrevocably changed by tragedy, through her strength and determination, she became a beacon of hope for others. Her resilience and dedication to serving others is an inspiration to all who meet her. She truly embodies the values of a woman of courage by showing kindness, wisdom, humility, and compassion.

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