

source for La Sierra. Larry served as president until 2007 when he transitioned into retirement—and a fundraising role for the university's Office of Advancement.

I'd like to honor this remarkable couple on receiving the Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business Lifetime Achievement Award, a recognition they truly deserve. Larry and Gillian's efforts have not only touched the lives of countless students, but have also shaped the trajectory of our educational institutions. May their journey inspire generations to come, and may their legacy continue to shape the future of education for all.

NATHAN AMEY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this Month, I had the honor of attending Nathan Amey's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nathan first joined the Scouts as a Tiger Cub in the first grade and immediately embraced the true tenets of scouting. He quickly emerged as a natural leader to all and embodied the characteristics of the Scout Law. Nathan is someone his troop can count on and is constantly thinking of ways to improve the scouting experience for his troop. Whenever the Senior Patrol Leader is unable to attend, Nathan is the first person the scouts turn to for guidance. His Eagle Scout Project was based on his reverence for the American flag as he built a flag retirement pit area for the American Legion Post 524. Outside of scouting, he participates in countless activities such as playing the cello and piano, participating on his school's tennis team, is an active member in Model United Nations and French club and so much more; all while maintaining his academic standing of Distinguished honors. Nathan is now a sophomore at Ocean City High School and continues to excel in all facets of his life. Nathan should be proud of his achievements in the Scouts, and I wish him all the best in his promising future. God Bless Nathan, and God Bless the United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF MAYOR KOKA BOOTH

HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it's with great reverence that I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Mayor Koka Booth, Jr., a cherished leader who dedicated his life to the town of Cary, North Carolina. Koka Booth's enduring impact on our community is immeasurable, and I'm honored to pay tribute to his memory.

Koka Booth was born on August 12, 1932, in Kenova, West Virginia. His journey through life was filled with remarkable achievements and selfless service to others. After graduating from Kenova High School in 1950, Koka's path led him to Rocky Mount where he met his beloved wife, Blanche W. Booth. The two were wed in 1954, embarking on a lifelong journey together.

Koka later made his home in Cary, North Carolina, and rejoined Aeroglide Corporation before he devoted his talents to the SAS Institute, until his retirement in 2007. Koka Booth held an unwavering love for the town of Cary, often saying that he may not have been from Cary, but he got there as swiftly as he could.

This love for his community led him to serve on the Cary town council from 1977 to 1987, followed by a distinguished tenure as the town's Mayor until 1999. Koka's visionary leadership played a pivotal role in shaping Cary from a town of 18,000 residents to a thriving, family-friendly community of 94,000 by the 1990's. His groundwork paved the way for Cary to become North Carolina's seventh largest city.

In addition to his political and business accomplishments, Koka Booth was a man of exceptional character and a dedicated mentor. He shared his wealth of experience with the youth of his community as a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts.

In 2001, Cary honored Koka Booth's dedication and passion by naming the iconic Koka Booth Amphitheater in his honor. This gesture encapsulates the town's profound gratitude for his unwavering commitment to its betterment and his profound love for music. Koka Booth saw his life's mission as one of community service, and he fulfilled that mission with an unwavering dedication to the town of Cary and its cherished residents.

As we mourn the loss of a true Cary luminary, we also celebrate a life well-lived and a legacy that will endure for generations to come. Koka Booth's impact on our community is undeniable, and we are fortunate to have been touched by his enthusiastic efforts and innovative leadership.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Koka Booth, Jr. and to extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the entire community of Cary, North Carolina.

May his memory inspire us to continue his work in building and nurturing the wonderful town he loved so dearly.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: MARYANNE PERLMUTTER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Maryanne Perlmutter as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Maryanne is a born activist and a natural community builder, who works tirelessly to bring people together to fight injustice. Throughout her career, Maryanne has served as a director of medical records at numerous hospitals, coordinator of a program to decrease childhood lead exposure, and healthcare administrator for the California Department of Corrections. Over the past six years, Maryanne has dedicated her energy and talents to strengthening democracy, increasing voter registration and education, combatting climate change, promoting humane treatment for migrants, advancing ra-

cial justice, fighting for dignified care for vulnerable community members, and providing meals to homeless individuals. Her volunteer affiliations have included the Solano County League of Women Voters, the Solano County Climate Action Team, the Bay Area Climate Reality Project, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis's Immigration Justice Committee. Along with her unwavering commitment to volunteer work, Maryanne is also the primary caregiver for her husband's parents, a duty she approaches with care and competence. Maryanne's dedication to public service, community service, and activism is an inspiration to all her peers. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Maryanne Perlmutter for her positive contributions to our community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this May, I had the pleasure of attending the Knights of Columbus ceremony at St. Joseph's Church to honor dedicated members of our community. These individuals have made a profound impact on our South Jersey community through their passion, their resilience, and their unwavering commitment to making our community a better place. I honor Sister Thomas Marie as our Educator of the Year, Flora Morris as our Female Student of the Year, Nicholas Catanoso as our Male Student of the Year, Joseph LaRosa as the recipient of the Shield Award, Thomas Owings as our Senior Citizen of the Year, the Keefer Family as our Family of the Year, Abby Powell as our Citizen of the Year, and Father Perry Cherubini as our Knight of the Year. I express our deepest gratitude to these exceptional individuals for their selfless service and dedication. Let us not only honor them but also draw inspiration from their remarkable examples. Their efforts remind us that each one of us has the power to make a difference and that our collective actions can shape a brighter future for our community. God Bless these outstanding community members, and God Bless our United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF TONI COCKERAM

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable career and retirement of a truly exceptional leader, Toni Cockeram.

After 23 years of dedicated and loyal service to the Golden Isles Association of Realtors. Toni is leaving behind a remarkable legacy of achievement.

With prestigious designations such as Realtor Association Certified Executive, Home with Diversity and e-PRO certifications, Toni's career has been a true example of professional development and education.

Ms. Cockeram has held significant leadership positions throughout her career, including six years as the Georgia Association of Realtors Chairman and co-Chairman for the MLS Forum.

Her leadership experience and achievements are truly too numerous to list in just one speech, which speaks volumes about who Toni is as a person.

I congratulate Toni on her amazing career and on her upcoming retirement.

MIGUEL SANTOS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, last month, it was an honor to celebrate Miguel Santos' achievement of his Eagle Scout ceremony. Miguel joined the Scouts as a Tiger Scout and, along with his brothers, has completed the journey to Eagle Scout. This journey was a transformative one for Miguel, teaching him lessons like the importance of leadership, the significance of comradery, and the value of service. For his Eagle Scout Project, he rehabilitated a structure at Saint Joesph's Cemetery in Woolwich in South Jersey and made it into a meditative prayer space for those to enjoy and find solitude. Along with his project, he dedicated a lot of his time to the Church, resulting in him completing all four Pillars of Faith and earning the four Catholic Scouting Awards. Miguel plans to take the lessons that he has learned with the Scouts and apply them to his future studies of filmmaking and design at Rutgers University in Camden. I am incredibly proud of Miguel for all his achievements in the Scouts and I know he has a bright future ahead of him. God Bless Miguel Santos and God Bless the United States of America.

WAR CRIMINAL PUTIN, NOW IRAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, the murderous invasion of Israel by Iran proxies is the latest step of the war we did not choose between Dictators with Rule of Gun opposing Democracies with Rule of Law. The dictators are murderously united, and it is encouraging to see democracies stand with Ukraine and now Israel, as I personally saw this weekend attending the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Copenhagen.

Conflict began with war criminal Putin murderously invading Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and now Iran proxy Hamas is heinous in its October 7th mass murder of Israelis and other nationalities being American, Thai, German, and French, as the Chinese Communist Party awaits its time threatening the 24 million people of Taiwan.

Iran is actually attacking Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Iran's proxies are murdering today to stop Saudi Arabia from extending the Abraham Accords which have been so successful for prosperity with Bahrain, United Arab Emir-

ates, Sudan, and Morocco. The regime in Tehran is sabotaging the billion-dollar efforts by Qatar for a functioning civil society in the Gaza Strip. Tehran's aggression is a direct threat from the Middle East to India with disruption of supply lines causing chaos.

Last month I was grateful to visit with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan in Riyadh to see their world-class developments in tourism and golf which Iran seeks to destroy, putting all tourists at risk of kidnapping.

The mass murdering terrorists of Iran must be stopped, as should war criminal Putin who have declared their insidious goals of Death to Israel, Death to America, and the re-creation of the Evil Soviet Empire. Every effort by democracies must be made for the courageous Ukrainians and Israelis to win territorial integrity.

Peace through strength must be established as Putin threatens the existence of Moldova, Georgia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia today with more murderous invasions later. Iran must be stopped from death to Israel and America as the Chinese Communist Party is to be deterred from mass murder. The proven Reagan success is Peace Through Strength.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: NANCY NELSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Nancy Nelson as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Nancy is an accomplished architect, environmental advocate, and tireless community servant. She is known for her generosity and caring and the joy she finds in providing for her community and improving the lives of others inspires everyone who knows her. Since 2008, Nancy has been an architect for Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity, designing affordable, energy efficient housing for low-income families and formerly homeless veterans. For each one of the 21 houses she has designed pro bono for Habitat for Humanity, Nancy has met every challenge with enthusiasm and optimism. She was also instrumental in the creation of the first of its kind Veterans' Residences built in Dixon and Rio Vista. Over the years, Nancy's community service has also included time on the board of the Green Valley Agricultural Conservancy, the Solano County Orderly Growth committee, and the Green Valley Landowners Association. Throughout her career, she has had a passion for energy efficient housing design and, in collaboration with the North State Building Industry Association and the California Energy Commission, helped author the Countdown to 2020 program that helped industry adopt and comply with new energy standards. Through her work, volunteerism, and advocacy, Nancy has always found ways to give back to her local community and beyond. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Nancy Nelson for her positive contributions to our community.

JOHN SICILIANO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is with great pride that I congratulate John Siciliano for his retirement from the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority after Twenty Seven and a half years of service. His career with GWTIDA began in 1995 as CFO and he quickly proved himself a force to be reckoned with in the travel and tourism industry. He soon after became Executive Director and CFO in 1997. During his tenure, he played a crucial role in developing the 260,000 square foot, Seventy million Dollar Wildwoods Convention Center, which has become a major economic catalyst, hosting over one hundred forty five events annually and generating more than fifty million dollars in revenue a year. Under John's guidance, GWTIDA nurtured a culture of excellence, leading to an average employee longevity of seventeen years. John's dedication and advocacy have been pivotal in the resurgence of the Wildwoods as a top family vacation destination. Some of his professional achievements include but are not limited to the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Golden Whelk Tourism Award, the Tourism Excellence Award by the New Jersey Tourism Industry, and many more. John consistently pursues innovative strategies to keep the Wildwoods at the forefront of the travel and tourism industry. His positive impact to the community extends outside of his work with the GWTIDA as he shifts his focus to helping children in the area maintain good grades through the Kiwanis BUG program. His good work has culminated into an enriched community, and it reflects the type of man that John is. I thank John for his dedication to South Jersey and to GWTIDA, and I hope he enjoys his retirement. God Bless John Siciliano and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: DR. KIMBERLY ROGERS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Dr. Kimberly Rogers as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Kimberly is a passionate public servant who has demonstrated tireless dedication in higher education as an administrator and teacher over the past 20 years. Since June 2022, Kimberly has served as President of Contra Costa College in San Pablo, having previously served as Vice President of Instruction. Contra Costa College currently serves over 5,600 students in our community. As President, Kimberly has spearheaded efforts to greatly expand student services such as launching the Free Lunch program, increasing mental health services, extending housing assistance, expanding access to professional attire, and increasing