

served 600 patients in its first year. Today, CHC serves over 25,000 patients and has locations in five towns across the Upper Cape. It was also recently announced that CHC received a five-million-dollar grant through the American Rescue Plan to open a new location to serve more patients on Cape Cod. The new facility will be LEED silver certified and include affordable housing to support the community and workforce.

Since 2003, CHC has been led by CEO, Karen Gardner. Under Ms. Gardner's leadership, CHC continues to grow and evolve to better serve its patients. Over the last two decades, CHC has built a 33,000 square foot facility in Mashpee; added oral health, women's health, 340B pharmacy, and vision services; implemented an electronic medical record system; and was designated a federally qualified health center in 2006.

Whether it be transportation or insurance costs, Community Health Center of Cape Cod continuously works to break down barriers to accessing quality healthcare. By combining the different skills and backgrounds of its board members and staff, CHC always strives to provide the best healthcare to the community that it serves, especially those from vulnerable populations. Over the last 25 years, CHC has operated with the goal of providing high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable care regardless of a person's ability to pay and has established itself as a pillar of the Cape Cod community.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I am proud to honor Community Health Center of Cape Cod, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating its 25th anniversary and wishing CHC continued success in the years to come.

BRIAN AND KEVIN MURPHY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I would like to honor Brian and Kevin Murphy for graduating high school and 8th grade. Brian has graduated from Rustin High School with honors and headed to Penn State University in the fall where he will study Business. Kevin has graduated 8th grade with honors from St. Simon and Jude School. Kevin will continue his journey at Rustin High School next year. Both Brian and Kevin have recently assisted their baseball teams in winning their Championship games. Two amazing young men with incredible futures ahead of them. I know their family is very proud of them, especially their Aunt Allie. God Bless Brian and Kevin and God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE FUTCH FAMILY

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I would like to recognize Dawn Futch, her husband Mike Futch, and their daughter Steph-

anie Futch for their charitable service towards the people of Brevard County. After the sudden and tragic passing of Dawn and Mike's son Michael-Gene, the Futch family created the Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation.

When Michael-Gene Futch passed away in November of 2010, his family requested basketballs instead of flowers due to Michael-Gene's love of the sport. When over 1,500 basketballs came, the Futch family decided to donate those basketballs to underprivileged children in Brevard County.

This charitable donation led to the creation of the Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation, which aims to help underprivileged families. Since the Foundation was formed, it has grown far past donations of basketballs. While continuing basketball donations year-round, the Futch Foundation also hosts a back-to-school drive, sponsor-a-family thanksgiving, and a gift drive for the holiday season.

The Futch Family also holds an annual black-tie affair to raise money for charity. The Futch family plans to continue their many years of charity work for the children of Brevard County.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Futch family and saluting their selfless service. The Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation is an inspiration and blessing to underprivileged children, and families in our community.

BIG SKY AVIATION

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, in April, I had the pleasure of attending the 25th anniversary celebration of Big Sky Aviation in Millville, South Jersey. As a full-service, fixed-base operator, this aviation center provides a valuable and enriching experience to our South Jersey residents through its many services. These services include hangar leasing, aircraft cleaning, jet fueling, pre-purchased inspections, airframe repairs, tie downs, car services, catering, and much more. They also offer personalized flight school programs working directly with students to create a strategy that aligns with their individual needs and objectives. The experienced team of aviation professionals at Big Sky Aviation ensure that your visit to South Jersey is as convenient and enjoyable as possible. I thank all the staff at Big Sky Aviation for sharing their passion for aviation with our South Jersey community for the past 25 years. God Bless Big Sky Aviation, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 349TH AIR MOBILITY WING (RESERVE)

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize the 349th Air Mobility

Wing (Reserve), assigned to the Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL. The 349th, celebrated its 80th anniversary on October 14, 2023.

The 349th AMW (Reserve), located at Travis Air Force Base, California, is the largest associate wing in the United States Air Force Reserve. 349th AMW personnel fly the C-5 Galaxy, the C-17 Globemaster III, and the KC-10 Extender, and are now transitioning to the KC-46 Pegasus. The missions of the wing's aircrews include airlifting personnel and material worldwide as well as aerial refueling a wide variety of aircraft.

The 349th AMW is also home to the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, responsible for treating patients during medical airlift; the 349th Airlift Control Flight, tasked to enter austere locations and prepare for USAF aircraft arrival; and the 349th Medical Squadron, capable of providing hospital services worldwide, in a contingency environment.

The mission of the 349th AMW is to "generate and sustain combat-ready mobility Airmen." This makes the wing responsible for training almost 3,500 Reservists who, in turn, work side-by-side their active-duty counterparts in the 60th AMW, also stationed at Travis.

In November 1943, 349th Troop Carrier Group was activated at Sedalia Army Air Field, Missouri. The 349th TCG had five troop carrier squadrons assigned, including what is now the 312th Airlift Squadron, which is still assigned to the 349th.

The 349th, like the other reserve troop carrier wings, was completely equipped and ready to move with only a few hours' notice as was the case during the Cuban call-up. Only four hours after the first call to report for duty was made, 95 percent of the wing's flying personnel had checked in and were ready to move. This proved the value of the Air Force Reserve's "Ready Now" concept and the wing's motto "In Omnia Paratus." In all things prepared.

A recall to active duty was again initiated on January 26, 1968, for the Vietnam War, and many hundreds of tons of cargo were carried across the Pacific. Upon deactivation in 1969, the 349th moved to Travis AFB, CA.

In 1972, the 349th joined the active component in flying and maintaining the C-5 "Galaxy" making the 349th a two-weapon system reserve strategic airlift wing.

On February 1, 1992, the 349th was re-designated the 349th Airlift Wing, deleting the word "military" from its name to conform with the active-duty Air Force's reorganization and realignment policies.

In September 1994, the KC-10 "Extender" tanker mission was added to the Wing and became an "Air Mobility Wing," the only Air Force Reserve unit at the time to fly three types of aircraft: the C-141 "Starlifter," the C-5 "Galaxy," and the KC-10.

With the C-17 "Globemaster III" arrival at Travis in Summer 2006, the wing and its host became the only units in the country to fly three major weapons systems. On May 25, 2006, the 301st Airlift Squadron converted from the C-5 to the C-17 and on June 25, 2006, the 945th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was activated to support the Globemaster III.

Most recently the 349th Aeromedicine Squadron deployed reserve medical personnel in support of New York City's response to the

Covid-19 pandemic, and 61 Wing Airmen deployed in support of Operation Allies Refuge.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore and colleagues, please join me in praising the dedicated service of the Air Force reservist assigned to the 349th Air Mobility Wing (Reserve), Travis AFB, CA, who give and have given of their time and talents to serve our Nation and support our military readiness. I thank them for their commitment and sacrifice to help keep our U.S. Air Force strong and prepared for action when called upon.

EUSTACE MITA

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I want to commend the achievements of Eustace Mita, a prominent figure in South Jersey's luxury real estate industry. Mr. Mita serves as Chairman and CEO of Icona Resorts, Chairman of Mita Management, and CEO of Achristavest, all of which have left a significant mark on South Jersey's luxury real estate sector. He founded ICONA Resorts in 2013, quickly establishing a highly regarded brand of luxury hotels in South Jersey, including the top ranked Icona Diamond Beach resort. Currently, ICONA operates seven hotels along the South Jersey shore in Avalon, Cape May, Wildwood Crest, and Spring Lake. Mr.

Mita's business ventures extend to high-end luxury home development with Achristavest and strategic investments in local real estate and the automotive sectors through Mita Management. Outside of business, he is a devoted family man to his wife, Susie, and their five children and sixteen grandchildren. He is a respected leader in the Catholic Church's service initiatives and his contributions were recognized by Pope Francis during the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. He also serves as the first lay president of the Papal Foundation, a charity that funds Papal requests for charitable grants and scholarships. It is an honor to celebrate Eustace Mita's contributions to South Jersey's luxury real estate and commitment to community service. His entrepreneurial spirit and dedication have left a lasting impact on our South Jersey community. God Bless Eustice Mita and God Bless the United States of America.