

She married William Tate in 1953 and shared 36 wonderful years with him before his passing. After raising four children, she went on to work as the manager of her family business for 30 years.

Margaret's vitality is credited to her constant prayer and steadfast commitment to God, church, family, and community.

She is well known for her love of family and is a strong and faithful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

As she celebrates 90 years, Ms. Margaret maintains an active role in ministries at St. Anselm Catholic Church back home in our district, the 37th, where she has been a member for 55 years. She also participated in programming at the Inglewood Senior Center.

I hope you will join me in wishing Margaret Tate a happy 90th birthday and a year full of happiness, health, and love.

MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIP-HOP

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the work of James Samuel Harris III, aka Jimmy Jam, and Terry Steven Lewis.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of hip-hop. When I introduced my resolution honoring this golden milestone earlier this summer, I was humbled to have Jimmy Jam's support of this effort.

For over 40 years, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis have made a career out of giving a voice to the Black experience through music. They have worked with famous Black artists like Janet Jackson, Lionel Richie, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin, and Mariah Carey, among many others.

Together, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis wrote 41 top 10 hits in the United States. Last year, they were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in the Musical Excellence category.

I commend Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis on their lifelong career in the music industry and will continue to support Black musicians through my work in Congress.

CELEBRATING THE RENAISSANCE TOUR

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the triumph of Beyoncé's Renaissance World Tour, and the only reason I am saying this this week is because I experienced the Renaissance.

Decked in silver from head to toe, Beyoncé's Renaissance tour lays bare the experience of Black womanhood and tells us to leave our insecurities at the door. We are crazy in love with the restorative power of music.

The Renaissance tour has already grossed hundreds of millions of dollars, becoming Beyoncé's highest grossing tour yet.

This summer was dominated by female artists. Both Beyoncé and Taylor Swift sold out shows at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, where hundreds of thousands of my constituents celebrated with them and where Swifties and the BeyHive showed their power.

The Renaissance and Eras tours are stimulating economies across this country, keeping businesses open, and keeping hearts healthy—everything this Congress is not doing. Even more than that, these concerts create safe spaces for women and the LGBTQ community.

We must continue to support the arts through our work in Congress, not by shutting down the government, but by ensuring that future generations of female artists can share their gifts with the world.

REMEMBERING MIA ETHRIDGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of service of 20-year-old Louisa County EMS and firefighter Mia Ehr ridge.

Mia was fatally injured in an accident back in July while responding to a call for help. She tragically succumbed to those injuries on September 1, 2023.

Firefighter Ehr ridge leaves behind a great legacy of passionately serving her community and will be remembered by many for her kind and welcoming personality.

Stafford Fire Captain Gustavo Leite, who trained Ehr ridge, described her by saying: "She was always there. An incredible young lady with leadership, she had the heart and the spirit."

I offer my sincerest condolences to the family, friends, and community, and my prayers remain with them as they grieve the loss of her life.

In 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1, Paul writes: "Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles."

May her family find comfort in this as they mourn her passing and remember her life.

It is an honor to recognize the exemplary public servant that Mia Ehr ridge was and the selfless devotion she had to helping others.

PATH FORWARD ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the appropriations path forward is simple, but it requires strong leadership from the Speaker, who must, one, persuade the Republican Conference to support the return to the 2022 spending levels that he committed to in order to ascend to the position in January and for which 217 Republicans voted in April; two, pass our 12 appropriations bills out of the House at the committed 2022 levels, implementing the Republican policy priorities for which we campaigned and the American people entrusted us with the majority back in November; three, the passage of those bills represents a good-faith effort to appropriately fund the government and avoid or quickly end any pause in affected nonessential spending, and then it is the responsibility of the Senate to

avoid another Schumer shutdown; and, four, ensure strong, principled, and courageous conservatives are included on the conference committee to negotiate with the Senate for the best possible outcome for the American people.

The American people are counting on us. They have entrusted us with the majority as we ran on returning fiscal sanity to this House and implementing Republican priorities that would reverse the harms under which the American people are suffering perpetrated by the Biden administration.

CELEBRATING CONGRESSMAN FRANK GUARINI'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible public servant, community leader, philanthropist, and cherished Hudson County legend, former Congressman Frank Guarini, who celebrated his 99th birthday last month.

Congressman Guarini served in the House for 14 years on behalf of many of the cities and towns that I today have the privilege to serve.

He started his career in public service when he joined the Navy, protecting our country and the Pacific theater during World War II aboard the *USS Mount McKinley*.

He was later elected to the New Jersey State Senate, where he was known as a relentless advocate for the residents of Hudson County, helping to pave the way for the development of our waterfront communities.

After he was elected to Congress in 1978, he worked to support our communities and future generations of Americans, spearheading the Educational Assistance Act, which created tax incentives for those seeking a college education.

Congressman Guarini also quickly became known as an expert on international affairs, serving as a delegate to NATO, promoting trade with Caribbean and Latin American countries, and supporting diplomacy through economic development.

After retiring from Congress in 1993, he continued his service to our country as a United States representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

As a private citizen, Congressman Guarini found success as an attorney and real estate developer, success that he has shared many times over as a philanthropist.

Today, the Congressman Frank J. Guarini Library at New Jersey City University stands to recognize his service and selfless generosity.

His name also stands on the Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building, Jersey City's main United States Postal Service facility, as well as the Frank J. Guarini School of Business at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City and John Cabot University in Rome, Italy.

I am honored to congratulate him on his 99th birthday in the place where he so strongly advocated for our communities time and time again.

On behalf of our many residents whose lives were touched by his work, I wish a happy 99th birthday to Congressman Guarini.

RESTORE THE ROAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. JAMES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to say something that possibly no one in this Chamber's storied history has ever said: The Detroit Lions are the best team in football—you heard me—at least after week one.

The Detroit Lions went into Arrowhead Stadium last week, faced the 2023 Super Bowl champions, and walked away with a W.

Now, it used to be considered child abuse to turn your children into Lions fans. I have three little boys: John, 9, Hudson, 8, and Christian, 4. We all love the Lions.

Detroit football is back. When was the last time the Detroit Lions were the first team to score in the NFL season? When was the last time that on third and short, we actually ran the ball and made a first down? When was the last time there was a team on fourth and 25, deep in their own territory in the fourth quarter, and it not be the Detroit Lions?

This is an indication that we have turned a new leaf, and the good days are ahead.

I am 42, and this might be the best year in my football life after the Michigan Wolverines have beaten the Ohio State Buckeyes 2 years in a row and the Detroit Lions have only lost two games since last October.

Now, of course, we need to keep winning under our boy Dan Campbell's outstanding leadership and his staff, but I know our boys in southeast Michigan have what it takes to win.

The Detroit Lions' very first game at Ford Field is this Sunday, and Lions fans, I need you to make this the loudest game in Ford Field history, even louder than we were when we played the Bears in 2011 on Monday Night Football. Let's show up and show out.

Lions, I love you. Keep grinding. Let's restore the roar. Let's go 17-0 and not just win the NFC North title but the whole doggone thing. Let's win the Super Bowl.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for wearing Honolulu blue. Oh, shoot. He is gone. Well, I appreciate you wearing blue today for the Lions, Mr. YAKYM. Go Lions.

□ 1030

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICK GOMES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). The Chair recognizes the gen-

tleman from California (Mr. COSTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three different individuals who made a difference during their lives who are no longer with us.

I first rise to pay tribute to the remarkable life of Steven Nicholas Gomes, otherwise known as Nick, a beloved son of Merced County whose legacy resonates with kindness, resilience, and an unwavering love.

Nick left an indelible mark on the hearts of his friends, family, and community, and he made a difference during his life, as short as it was. His dedication to making positive impacts on the lives of others was evident through the many roles that he had in life as a student athlete and a person who did so many different things. He was also my district representative in Merced County and helped people all the time.

During the pandemic, when folks were frustrated and angry, they would call the office. Nick's reassuring voice would always convey to my constituents that we were there, and we would help and would see them through this. His ability to engage with constituents exemplified his commitment to open dialogue and understanding.

His efforts extended beyond the office walls. His advocacy for community projects, such as securing grants for local water infrastructure improvements in communities like Dos Palos and Gustine, showed his ability to get things done.

His compassion extended to his family, where he showed his love through selfless actions, genuine connections, and a willingness to always go that extra mile.

To his mom and dad, my dear friends, and his sister, Melissa, I extend my deepest condolences. They are all missing him every day, but all were fortunate to share his journey in life. His parents will be celebrating an anniversary this month and will think fondly of Nick. He was a giant, literally and figuratively, among men in so many incredible ways. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DIANA MARCUM

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Diana Marcum, a beacon of compassion and storytelling brilliance whose words touched the hearts and unveiled the essence of the human experience.

Her journey began as a journalist, an editorial assistant, and blossomed into a remarkable but, again, short career. Her narrative prowess was on full display in a Pulitzer Prize-winning series, "Scenes from California's Dust Bowl," which chronicled the impact of the drought on the people of the San Joaquin Valley. She was a person who could, with words, express so many different challenges of life.

Through her elegant prose, Diana wove together stories of farmers, field workers, and others in the California Central Valley that really originated

with the "Grapes of Wrath," painting a vivid picture of their struggles, their hopes, and their triumphs.

Beyond her writing, her influence extended into her personal interactions and relationships. For me, a book that she completed called "The Tenth Island" chronicled the diaspora of the Azorean people who came to settle in the San Joaquin Valley, i.e., the tenth island. The fondness for those people and those shared experiences, were my experiences, so we bonded over that love and connection to the Azores islands.

Finally, in celebrating Diana's life, we also celebrate the timeless power of the narrative bridge that divides and illuminates the shared experience of life. She was a writer who could capture the essence of that, and her talent and her personality will be missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEN HART

Mr. COSTA. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember and honor Kenneth Lee Hart, a friend, a man whose life was marked by dedication, wisdom, a passion for history and for politics. He was a history teacher at the community college.

A true patriot, Ken felt a profound sense of duty to his country. He volunteered to serve in the Army Signal Corps. He was stationed in Saigon, Vietnam, from 1962 to 1964 during that difficult war, but he never forgot his commitment to our country.

His involvement in Robert Kennedy's 1968 Presidential campaign marked his unwavering belief in the power of politics to shape a better future for America.

Ken and I shared the understanding that George Santayana once said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." We had many memorable evenings with our friends, Congressman Rick Lehman and others talking about sports and the future of America.

We remember him for his wisdom, his dedication, and justice to an unwavering belief in the power of positive change. We will miss Ken.

REMEMBERING RONALD NURNBERGER, SR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. D'ESPOSITO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, just days after the 22nd anniversary of September 11, 2001, to recognize and remember former chief, Ronald Nurnberger, Sr.

He was a member of the Island Park Fire Department, the same department that I serve, for over 40 years. He joined the department in 1977 and served as chief of department from 2001 to 2002.

Just hours after the attacks on our great Nation on September 11, Chief Ronald Nurnberger led a delegation from the Island Park Fire Department to Ground Zero, where he served and