

CELEBRATING NEW PROSPECT  
BAPTIST CHURCH'S 200TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, sitting two miles east of Haleyville, Alabama, is one of oldest Baptist churches in the state of Alabama, New Prospect Baptist Church. This church has seen generations of families file into its pews, including my own family.

As a young boy, my grandparents, J.C. and Ruby Aderholt, were members of New Prospect Baptist Church, and I not only attended many services with them but also was a regular at New Prospect's Vacation Bible School in the summers.

As New Prospect Baptist Church celebrates their 200th Anniversary, I want to take a moment to recognize this place of worship and hope within the Haleyville community, which sits in Winston County.

Founded in the fall of 1824, New Prospect Baptist Church is the oldest Baptist church in Winston County, Alabama, and is believed to be the third oldest Baptist church in the entire state of Alabama.

A sixteen by twenty-foot log building, that stood until 1884, housed the first members of New Prospect Baptist Church. Multiple iterations of that small building have since been built in the shadows of the original.

Through hard work, and overcoming a multitude of setbacks, members of the church have given their time, money, and other resources to build New Prospect Baptist Church into the center of community it stands as today.

On their 200th Anniversary, members and worship leaders at New Prospect Baptist Church are just as focused on their goal as they were on day one: to build a loving church for a living Savior and to spread the Gospel to others.

I have no doubt that New Prospect Baptist Church will remain a pillar of the Haleyville community for many generations to come, and my hope is that families will feel the joy that I felt years ago when I would attend services with my Grandparents.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Brother Ronald Horton, their current pastor, and everyone who calls New Prospect Baptist Church home on their 200th Anniversary and wish them continued success in spreading the word of God as they continue to serve Winston County and the Haleyville community for another two centuries.

Truly, New Prospect Baptist Church is "A Loving Church for a Living Savior."

RECOGNIZING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF ORANGE COUNTY FOR  
100 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Goodwill Industries of Orange County for a century of service to our community.

Reverend John Winterbourne, determined to assist his community, founded Goodwill Industries of Orange County in 1924. Winterbourne's own home housed the first clothing repair shop, but it was later moved to a rented home on Logan Street in Santa Ana.

At the time, the Goodwill model revolved around repairing damaged goods for resale and hiring individuals with disabilities. In 1946, the "As is Lot" location opened next door to the main repair shop in Santa Ana. This "As is Lot" location focused on selling items that were not sold in stores to then sell by the pound. The Santa Ana marketplace became the blueprint for every Goodwill store across the country; they would all adopt the same business model and mission statement.

Since its opening, the store has become a leader in strengthening the workforce of Orange County. In 1992, the Deaf Services program was launched to provide Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing participants the skills needed to become independent at their homes, schools, and jobs. The Supported Employment program, which provides job preparation and placement services, Goodwill Industries of OC has continued to provide employment services for people with developmental disabilities.

Today, Goodwill of OC continues its impact through career development opportunities to ensure the success of their employees. In 2022, they unveiled the Training Center for Success that is designed to provide hands-on training to support the growth of their employees' skills. The program offers customized work simulations to its employees and trains individuals facing unemployment. Just last year, the Career Pathways Program launched a partnership with Goodwill OC to provide their employees with personalized career guidance to support their career growth.

From career development to disability programs, Goodwill Industries of OC has continued to serve employees and their families for the past 100 years. I call on my colleagues to join me in thanking Goodwill Industries of OC for its dedication to the success of our community.

HONORING EDGAR SILVA AS A  
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Edgar Silva is a professional of Colombian descent who had lived in the United States for 45 years and is the owner and founder of the Multiple Services World company that has a solid track record in the tax field.

Edgar is a highly trained and dedicated professional with a deep knowledge of the U.S. tax system, which has served him well in advising individuals and companies in this field. He has been a pillar of the Florida community since arriving in 1994, dedicating countless efforts to serving others. His passion for improving the quality of life for his neighbors led him to play a key role as president of the Colombian Civic Council for two years. During his leadership, he spearheaded initiatives focused on integration, social support, and community

development, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those around him.

He also serves as the general director of the Colombian American Chamber of Commerce in Orlando and has led initiatives, together with the board of directors, to promote commercial exchange, facilitate networking opportunities among entrepreneurs, and strengthen trade and cultural ties between Colombia and the United States in the region.

Edgar not only works within the Chamber of Commerce but is also a member of the Historic Preservation Board Advisor Committee of the City of Kissimmee, contributing in this way to ensure that downtown Kissimmee does not lose its historic identity.

Edgar Silva is recognized for his professionalism, integrity, and leadership skills, as well as his ability to build strong relationships and his commitment to excellence in customer service.

In conclusion, Edgar Silva is a prominent leader in the community who, with his experience, dedication, and strategic vision, continues to be fundamental to the growth and development of the business community in Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING DEB POLICH'S IMPACT ON WASHTENAW COUNTY,  
MICHIGAN

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Deb Polich and to celebrate her work as a champion for the arts and creative industries in Washtenaw County, Michigan. As President and CEO of Creative Washtenaw and Artrain, Inc., Deb's commitment to advancing the arts in Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Deb attended Eastern Michigan University where she earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Arts Administration. She started her career in the arts at the historic Michigan Theater where she assisted in the theatre restoration initiative. Launching the "Not Just for Kids" program, she increased family and child involvement in the performing arts in Ann Arbor, where she was an inspiration for those of all ages to get started in the arts.

As President of Artrain, Inc. for over three decades, she has worked tirelessly to deliver inspirational museum galleries to local communities using a museum-on-a-train model. Travelling across Michigan and the United States, her 600 plus visits meant that countless individuals—from schoolchildren to grandparents—experienced Artrain programs and many became creative practitioners, consumers, and supporters themselves. Her mentorship and leadership throughout the United States was recognized by First Lady Laura Bush, who presented Deb with the National Medal for Museum Service in 2006.

Her energy seemingly has no limitations as Deb frequently involves herself in multiple projects in order to spread the message on the importance of art and culture in Michigan. As Founder and President/CEO of Creative Washtenaw, she spearheaded the effort to create an agency based in Washtenaw County

that aims to directly support artists, businesses, and the government to maintain the region's dominance in the artistic and creative industry. By connecting industries and communities all over the greater Ann Arbor area, she has directly led to the flourishing creative scene in Washtenaw County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the magnificent career of Deb Polich and congratulating her as she moves on to the next chapter of her life. Her dedication to her community and country in advancing the field of art has created a more beautiful world for us all.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ESTRADA, GUZMAN, MENDEZ, PALOMINO, AND RAMIREZ FAMILIES TO AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS

#### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the extraordinary contributions of five California families to our Nation's struggle for civil rights. Together, the Estrada, Guzman, Mendez, Palomino, and Ramirez families challenged segregation in California public schools and won. In 1946, these families bravely fought for their children's right to equal access to education, even as the backlash could have put them in harm's way.

Their case, *Mendez et al v. Westminster et al*, attracted nationwide attention, including support from the NAACP and its counsel, Thurgood Marshall. The case led to California passing a law officially banning school segregation in the state, and it paved the way for the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case seven years later, ending school segregation across the country.

While the case is known as *Mendez v. Westminster*, the Guzman, Palomino, Estrada and Ramirez families are equally as critical to this important moment in our Nation's history.

Lorenzo and Josefina Ramirez tried to enroll their children in Roosevelt Grammar School, only to be told that they would have to attend a segregated school for Mexican students. When called to testify, Mr. Ramirez shared his belief that all children should be educated together.

Virginia and William Guzman tried to enroll their son, Billy, at Franklin Elementary but were told that it was school board policy to have separate schools for Mexican students. The Guzmans were the first to file suit in Orange County and, though their initial suit was unsuccessful, they joined forces with the other four families and rallied support.

Thomas and Mary Luisa Estrada worked to support the U.S. war efforts during World War II, and later galvanized their Westminster community behind them to fight for a better education for their six children. Frank and Irene Palomino tried to enroll their 11-year-old son, Arturo, in the local school, but were told by the superintendent that he needed to go to a school only for kids of Mexican descent. The Palominos decided to enroll Arturo elsewhere and challenge this injustice.

This Hispanic Heritage Month, we remember and celebrate the Estrada, Guzman,

Mendez, Palomino and Ramirez families. They fought for the right to an equal education for all—and won.

#### RECOGNIZING JUAN S. TENORIO

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Juan Sablan Tenorio, Juan Santiago. Juan was born to the late Santiago Camacho Tenorio and Maria Sablan Tenorio on the island of Saipan in 1953.

Most will describe Mr. Tenorio as a prominent businessman, but I would describe Juan as a lifelong philanthropist and an advocate for entrepreneurship in the Northern Mariana Islands.

After attending school abroad and graduating from Gonzaga University in 1976, Mr. Tenorio returned to the Marianas at the pivotal time when the Trust Territory Government was transitioning to the Commonwealth Government. Mr. Tenorio spent the next few decades dedicated to building business and in support of entrepreneurship recognizing its crucial role in growing the NMI economy.

In 1977, he became the president of JET Holding Company and later served as the chairman of several Commonwealth boards, including the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. In private business he has served on the boards of Saipan Stevedore Company, Pacific Health, Inc., City Trust Bank, and, currently, as the President of Saipan Shipping Company.

Mr. Tenorio actively supports numerous non-profit organizations, including serving as chair of the financial committee of the Mount Carmel Cathedral Parish for many years.

He was recognized as Businessman of the Year in 1994; and, on the occasion of his retirement from public service in 2002, was recognized for his contribution to our community and for his public service by the 13th Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.

Always in service to his community, Juan was front and center after Super Typhoon Kim in the 1980s and the two most recent category 5 supertyphoons Soudelor and Yutu, using his relationships and resources to provide necessary supplies including water and ice to those in need.

He, also, has organized a larger group of friends, who call themselves the chenchulu group, after the Chamorro word for the drag-net used for fishing. Much as the harvest of the chenchulu is shared with family and friends, this group often rallies to support those in need, whether the local little league teams, individuals who needed financial medical assistance, and students who needed help to travel abroad. This work is at the heart of Tenorio's humble nature.

Beyond his professional achievements, Juan is a devoted family man, married to Elizabeth "Becky" Kintol Tenorio and blessed with four children; Juan Santiago, Michelle Ross, Mary Margaret, and Francine Angeline; and eight grandchildren.

I recognize Juan Sablan Tenorio's lifelong dedication to improving the lives of those who

call the Northern Marianas home. His unwavering support for entrepreneurship and his commitment to helping others have left an indelible mark on the islands, making him a true inspiration to the community.

#### HONORING OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE DAVE LEVACY

#### HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Fairfield County Commissioner Dave Levacy, who will be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame this November. This distinguished honor recognizes Dave's exemplary service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Dave was drafted into the Army while a student at Ohio University, serving for two years between educational deferments. During his time in the military, he oversaw the development of Fort Story in Virginia. As a new inductee into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Dave views this recognition as an opportunity to highlight the importance of military service and to support veterans facing challenges.

Dave has held many roles in his community. He has worked as an accountant, business owner, paramedic, and firefighter with the Millersport/Walnut Township Fire Department. Dave has remained deeply involved in public service, serving as a county commissioner for over a decade. As a lifelong resident of Fairfield County, his years of dedication have established him as a pillar of the community.

I am honored to join in celebrating Commissioner Levacy as he is recognized by the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. I thank him for his service to our Nation and to Ohio's 12th Congressional District.

#### RECOGNIZING LUIS JESUS LOPEZ WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Luis Jesus Lopez, of Waco, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His dedication to his country and fellow man serves as a template for American exceptionalism.

Born and raised in Texas, Luis answered the call to serve by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in February 1969, during the escalating conflict of the Vietnam War. Throughout his four years of Active Duty, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he faced the perils of enemy fire on the battlefield with unwavering courage. In one particularly harrowing encounter, Corporal Lopez and his squad came under intense attack. Amid the chaos, he exhibited extraordinary bravery and selflessness. Alongside a corpsman and another Marine, he worked tirelessly to load two radiomen onto a helicopter, shielding them from life-threatening enemy fire. One of the radiomen had already made the ultimate sacrifice, but Corporal Lopez upheld the sacred