

Fresno Pacific University has ranked in 78th place recently on the 2024 Best United States Colleges list and ranked 41st overall in the Master's Universities—West category. Having such a glorious performance reputation has yielded an affluent impact on the community with over 66% of students completing their degrees within the four-year time while the national average is only 42%.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the 80th Anniversary milestone of Fresno Pacific University. Let us celebrate the diligence and devotion to the education of others and the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
LEONARD TIPTON

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the life of Dr. Leonard Tipton, who was a remarkably impactful individual until he sadly left us at 84 years old.

Dr. Tipton was an American success story. The first in his family to graduate from high school, he would go on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, ultimately bringing his talents to the University of Florida.

Dr. Tipton made important contributions to Florida and beyond, serving as a Professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida from 1985 until his retirement in 2005.

As a renowned scholar, Dr. Tipton pioneered work on survey research methodology and the role the media plays in setting, not just reporting on, a public agenda.

Dr. Tipton was known to be an extraordinary teacher and mentor. Dr. Tipton's former students have an unprecedented track record of success, going on to become successful academics, Oscar-winning filmmakers, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters, and this Member of Congress.

I was fortunate enough to experience firsthand the teaching and mentorship of this creative enthusiastic educator. He always worked to make sure his students had the resources and tools to succeed, inspiring us to achieve greatness. His generosity and love of teaching were the hallmarks of his career as an educator and will be fondly remembered by all who met him.

May his memory be a blessing.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF
CALALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Calallen Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Texas, as it celebrates 150 years of faithful service to its community. This incredible milestone stands as a testament to the church's enduring commitment to faith, fellowship, and ministry, pointing generations of men and women toward the love of Jesus Christ.

Founded on July 4, 1874, Calallen Baptist Church was established by a group of eleven dedicated believers on a donated parcel of land in Nuecestown. From the very beginning, it became a pillar of the community—a place where neighbors gathered to hear the Gospel and encourage each other in the faith.

For a century and a half, the church has faithfully served Corpus Christi, persevering through adversity and disaster. After the devastation caused by Hurricane Celia, which left countless homes destroyed and damaged the church itself, Calallen Baptist continued to hold weekly services and became a refuge for those displaced by the storm. This is just one example of the church's dedication to serving its community even in the most trying of times.

Calallen Baptist Church stands out with their commitment to ministry through service to the community. Whether through outreach programs, compassionate ministries, or disaster relief, the church has actively sought to care for its neighbors and to be a testimony for the Lord's goodness in trial. In recent years, they have expanded their facilities and ministries to include fellowships, mission trips, and a grief recovery group—furthering their outreach to those in need of spiritual and emotional support.

This anniversary is truly a testament to God's sustaining grace and mercy. Paul's letter to the Philippians made note of how the Lord "shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). Through every trial victory in Christ, it is this principle that defines the story of Calallen Baptist.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Calallen Baptist Church on 150 years of remarkable ministry and service. May God continue to bless and sustain them as they press forward in His work, sharing the Good News of Jesus and serving the community for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY STUDY INSTITUTE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) on its 40th anniversary. Since its inception, EESI has steadfastly worked to provide policymakers with timely, relevant, educational resources about environmental, clean energy, and climate topics. Through seven presidential administrations throughout its forty-year history, EESI has remained dedicated to its mission and providing much needed information to better the lives of Americans across our country.

The story of EESI begins in the 1970s when a bipartisan group of members of Congress—led by then-Rep. Richard L. "Dick" Ottinger—established the Environmental and Energy Study Conference to help policymakers understand sustainability issues that were gaining in importance on Capitol Hill. By 1984, the Conference had evolved into an independent nonprofit organization: EESI.

As climate, clean energy, and environmental challenges have become more complicated

and more urgent over the years, EESI has produced briefings, articles, fact sheets, issue briefs, and podcasts that clearly explain and synthesize issues for policymakers, with an emphasis on Congressional staff, while remaining objective and nonpartisan.

Moreso, I have the privilege of serving as a co-chair of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, which highlights, on a bipartisan basis, the many benefits of clean energy. Each year, EESI works with House and Senate Caucus leadership to organize the Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO and Policy Forum. Dozens of leaders, experts, and practitioners descend on Capitol Hill to exhibit their solutions and raise awareness of how clean energy is creating good-paying jobs, promoting environmental justice, expanding economic development in rural communities, and contributing to national security and resilience. Now in its 27th year, the EXPO and Policy Forum is firmly established as an essential showcase and venue for policymaker education.

Many congratulations to EESI on 40 impactful years on Capitol Hill. As my colleagues in Congress and I consider new policies and investments to meet the climate challenges of today and tomorrow, I have no doubt that EESI will continue to be an essential resource and eager partner. On behalf of the United States Congress and Missouri's Fifth District, I applaud EESI for 40 years of achievements and I look forward to the years of success to come.

HONORING DR. ALBERT LEON
MCHENRY

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Albert Leon McHenry, who we lost at the age of 83 on September 9, 2024. A life-long educator and academic, Dr. McHenry's contributions to advancing engineering technology education will continue to live on through the countless lives he positively impacted.

Albert was born in Ruston, Louisiana to Albert Augusta, a school principal and respected community leader, and Irma Giles McHenry, a homemaker and a devoted mother renowned for her Southern cooking and tireless community service. As a student, Albert excelled in academics and extracurriculars—graduating as Class President and Salutatorian, competing as a soloist in concert choir and playing baseball, all while serving as mentor to his younger siblings Clyde and Hattie.

With many academic avenues closed in the segregated South, Albert began his college education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, an HBCU, where, after being inspired by the advent of the Space Race, he changed his major from chemistry after one semester to Electronics Engineering and Technology. Albert excelled in college, serving as chapter president of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He graduated in June of 1962 and accepted a position with Boeing's Saturn Rocket Booster Branch in New Orleans, and married the love of his life, Annette Bostick, in December of that year. Their marriage was blessed with two

daughters, Janet and Joan, to whom Albert was a wise and devoted father, just as his father had been to him.

He taught in the Electronics Department at Southern University for more than a decade before Albert and Annette decided to further their academic credentials at Arizona State University in Tempe. Albert earned his M.S. in Technology in 1976 and a Ph.D. in 1980, and was quickly offered a permanent position as Associate Professor. The family put down permanent roots in Mesa, where Albert would call home for the rest of his life. One of only a small handful of Black professors at ASU, Dr. McHenry quickly rose through the ranks to become the university's Dean of Technology. Under his leadership, enrollment in the college rose by 55 percent.

In the mid-1990s, ASU undertook an ambitious plan to convert the recently closed Williams Air Force Base into a new campus which would later become ASU Polytechnic. Dr. McHenry became one of ASU Poly's two founding Deans, creating and directing the College of Technology and Applied Sciences in Southeast Mesa, which continues to thrive. He retired in 2008, having risen to Executive Vice Provost and Vice President. Dr. McHenry was great at many things, but being retired wasn't one of them, so he continued to serve the university as a part-time Research Professor Emeritus at the Hispanic Research Center until 2022.

Dr. McHenry was just as accomplished and impactful in his community service as he was in academia. He was a charter member of the Gamma Mu Boulé of Phoenix, served on the Mesa United Way and Mesa Senior Services boards, chaired the technology committee for the East Valley Partnership. He was named the 2003 Mesa Man of the Year and presented the East Valley Partnership also Dwight Patterson Lifetime Achievement Award. His lifetime love of music let him to form the McHenry Singers, a family gospel group that preformed at numerous community events.

Arizona owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. McHenry for his years of service to our community. Thank you, and Godspeed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SALLY M. CAGLIA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sally M. Caglia, whose commitment to maintaining her family's commercial legacy and philanthropic contributions has left an indelible mark in her community.

Born on April 20, 1947, Sally inherited the Italian work ethic, ingenuity, and family devotion from her Caglia lineage. These values aligned well with her upbringing as Sally seized her opportunities and became the women, we all knew and loved, one who devoted her life to her family, her work, and traveling.

The family business was Sally's pride and joy. Starting at a young age as a cashier at Orange Avenue Disposal and working as the Executive Assistant at the Electric Motor Shop, Sally worked tirelessly to ensure the vi-

ability and success of the Caglia family's commercial legacy.

Sally will be fondly remembered by all who knew her for her adventurous spirit; a passion for travel, fishing, and the arts; her devoted civic engagement; and for her love of leopard print and turquoise jewelry.

Sally was an avid traveler and some of her most memorable trips were to Australia, India, and Tanzania. She went with The Rotary Club to Israel and to Palestine with the Catholic Church. She visited Antarctica with the National Geographic ship. She traveled all over the world to be with her globetrotting children and grandchildren.

Quick to laugh and always smiling, Sally never met a stranger. She hosted numerous foreign exchange students and wayward travelers. She was an avid supporter of higher educational pursuits of many local and international students.

The dedication to her family business reached its pinnacle when she was awarded the Leon S. Peters Award issued to business leaders who embody the spirit of service, community engagement, and the philanthropy of its namesake. Sally was tremendously honored to have been the third member of her family to receive the award and often said that she just couldn't believe it. There was no greater joy for her than being recognized for following in the footsteps of her beloved brother, Dick Caglia, and her father, Frank Caglia.

Sally's legacy is one shared with family, but her qualities as an individual were uniquely her own. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she was involved in countless local and international organizations, charities, boards, and fund-raisers including the Cultural Arts Rotary Club, Cultural Arts District Association, Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitors Bureau Research and Development Board, the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, the Warnor's Center for the Performing Arts, Storyland and Jazz, the Shenzen Stroll, St. John's Cathedral annual carnival, the Italian museum at Fresno State, and the St. Elia Festival, to name only a few.

In her community, Sally will be remembered not only as a successful businesswoman and friend but also as a compassionate and caring individual. She touched the lives of many with her kindness, warmth, and willingness to lend a helping hand.

Sally has finally reunited with her parents Frank and Florence Caglia and her brother Joseph Caglia. Still, she is survived by her loving family including her four children, Noelle Iles, John Hester, Rebecca Darche Hester, and Andrea Olsen; her five grandchildren, India Iles, Ella Iles, Jack Hester, Jean Baptiste Hester-Dorbe and Sophia Hester-Dorbe; her siblings Dick Caglia, Vince Caglia, Mary Ann Caglia, Bernadette Boyle, and Rose Caglia, and countless cousins, and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the lifelong contributions of Sally M. Caglia to her family, and the Fresno community. May her story serve as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING BETTY JEANNE HAYES

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, a true American hero, and a beloved member of the Montrose, Colorado, community—Betty Jeanne Hayes. Today, Betty celebrates her 100th birthday, and I can think of no better way to mark this occasion than by recognizing her lifelong dedication to service, during World War II and throughout her years in our community.

Betty Hayes embodies the courage and resilience of the 'Greatest Generation.' In the early 1940s, when our country faced one of its darkest hours, Betty answered the call as a 'Rosie the Riveter.' At North American Aviation in Kansas City, she worked to build B-25 bombers, aircraft that played a crucial role in the war effort. Betty and women like her stepped into roles that were then unconventional, taking on tasks vital to our Nation's success. For nearly two years, she worked diligently, earning 95 cents an hour and, more importantly, earning the gratitude of a Nation. Her contributions enabled our servicemen, including her own husband, Rudy Neill, to serve on the front lines. When Rudy returned, deeply affected by the war, Betty stood by him, raising their three children with love and determination.

After the war, Betty continued her commitment to service. She worked at TWA in the accounting department, applying the same care she brought to her wartime work. Even after retiring over 30 years ago, she found new ways to serve.

Since moving to Montrose, Betty has become a pillar of the community, volunteering with organizations like Christ's Kitchen, Shepherd's Hand, and Region 10. At 100, she still gives her time to the Warrior Resource Center every Monday. Her warmth, kindness, and dedication to veterans have made her invaluable to the Center. As Amy Eifling, the volunteer coordinator, put it: 'She is sweet, has kind words, and is uplifting. She makes all of us better.'

Betty's service hasn't gone unnoticed. This year, she was named Woman of the Year at the Women of Distinction event, reflecting the deep respect she commands. Her daughter, Sherry Neill, calls her a role model and pioneer—one of those women who stepped up during a time of need and never stopped serving.

Mr. Speaker, Betty Hayes is more than a volunteer, more than a 'Rosie the Riveter,' and more than a centenarian. She is a shining example of the best of America. Her story is one of selflessness, resilience, and unending generosity. On behalf of this Congress, I wish Betty a very happy 100th birthday. We honor her for her lifetime of service and thank her for reminding us all what it means to serve with humility, strength, and grace.