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Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending the incredible work conducted by the ISR at the University of Michigan for the past 75 years. Their dedication to continually improving the rigor of the social sciences has made an everlasting impact across Ann Arbor, Michigan, the United States, and the world. Their educational and training programs have influenced the social sciences everywhere. Thousands of researchers who work around the country have had training ISR, and they produce high-quality studies on the full spectrum of human behavior. ISRs impact cannot be overstated, and their work should be celebrated.

**HONORING THE LEGACY OF MR.
CHARLES WILLIAM CAMP**

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Charles William Camp. Mr. Camp, who passed away at the age of 80, leaves behind an indelible legacy of advocacy for social and economic justice for all.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina, in 1944, Mr. Camp dedicated his life to championing the rights of workers and marginalized communities. His journey began at Millsaps College, where he first engaged in the civil rights work and organizing efforts that shaped his lifelong commitment to equity and justice. As a student, Mr. Camp faced threats to his safety because of his activism, yet he never wavered in his fight for racial equity and workers rights.

Throughout his career, Mr. Camp was a tireless advocate for the fair treatment of workers, serving in various influential roles including as Executive Secretary of the Sacramento Central Labor Council. He skillfully combined his passion for economic justice with a commitment to inclusivity, ensuring that the voices of all community members were heard and valued.

Mr. Camp was also a devoted family man, actively supporting the artistic and personal endeavors of his sons and grandchildren. His generosity extended beyond his family, and he was known for mentoring young activists and always encouraging others to engage in the political process and work towards a more just society.

Mr. Camp's legacy is one of compassion, leadership, and unwavering dedication to advancing a progressive vision of social justice for all. His impact will be felt for generations to come, not only through the organizations he strengthened but also through the countless lives he touched.

Mr. Camp's enduring spirit will live on in his beloved wife, two sons, and five grandchildren, who will carry on his legacy of service and commitment to justice. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Camp's family and all who were fortunate to know him. Together, let us celebrate his life and the enduring impact he made on our community.

**RECOGNIZING JANUARY 2024
CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH**

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize health care advocates and Encinitas residents, Ted and Carla DeBont, as my January 2024 Constituents of the Month.

In fall of 2021, Ted aged into Medicare while Carla stayed on her Affordable Care Act approved medical plan. However, due to a loophole in the ACA's premium tax credit formula, their premiums increased from \$300 to \$600 a month. Ted reached out to our office to see what he could do.

In response, I introduced the Health Insurance Premium Fairness Act. This bill would close the loophole that penalizes married couples whenever one spouse ages into Medicare while the other remains on the ACA marketplace plan. Thanks to Ted and Carla's advocacy, this bill will save them—and countless other Americans like them—thousands of dollars annually on healthcare premiums costs and bills.

This year a record 20 million Americans signed up for an ACA plan, and because of Ted and Carla's advocacy, we're fighting to ensure that all Americans can access the quality, affordable health care they deserve. Ted and Carla's advocacy is admirable and I'm proud to honor them as my January 2024 Constituent of the Month.

**HONORING THE EXCEPTIONAL
SERVICE OF PAUL O'KEEFE**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service of United States Army veteran and hometown hero Paul O'Keefe.

Paul O'Keefe, an esteemed member of the Mechanicville community, graduated from Mechanicville High School in 1950. Two years after his graduation, he was drafted into the army and served bravely in the Korean War. Following his service to his country, Paul returned home to Mechanicville where he married his high school sweetheart, Marie Cavotta, and together they raised a wonderful family with four children.

Throughout his life, Paul demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his community. While balancing his professional commitments at West Virginia Pulp and Paper and General Electric, he served as a volunteer firefighter for an astounding 65 years. His service extended far beyond the fire department, acting as a chaplain for various organizations, including the Hemstreet Park Fire Department, American Legion Post 91, Saratoga County Deceased Veterans Monthly Ceremony, and the Department of New York State, a testament to his remarkable 56 years of dedicated service.

Throughout his life, Paul demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his community and his commitment to others knew no bounds.

Notably, in 1965, during his daily commute, Paul observed two children suffering from muscular dystrophy and became aware of their family's financial struggles. Determined to make a difference, Paul conceived a unique idea. In an effort to raise money and awareness, Paul pushed a wheelbarrow twenty-two miles from Mechanicville to City Hall in Albany asking travelers for donations to help the family. Paul's initial fundraiser was a resounding success raising \$16,000 dollars for the family on his first walk alone. Inspired by the impact he had made on the children's futures, he embarked on two more walks to City Hall, wheelbarrow in tow.

Paul's service to those around him is truly inspiring and we are immensely grateful to have him as our Grand Marshall for the parade. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the incredible service and commitment to his community of Paul O'Keefe for his decades of service. I congratulate him on his incredible achievements and look forward to witnessing his future endeavors in the community. Today, I stand before you to honor the exemplary service of a distinguished United States Army Veteran and hometown hero, Mr. Paul O'Keefe, a respected member of the Mechanicville community.

**HONORING JAMIE PERDUE AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR PRIDE
MONTH**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Jamie Perdue is a dedicated and invaluable volunteer at The Center Kissimmee. He plays a crucial role in maintaining the daily operations of the center, particularly through his management of the front desk. In this capacity, Jamie welcomes visitors, answers inquiries, and provides detailed information on the wide range of services available, ensuring that everyone who enters the center feels comfortable and supported.

In addition to his front desk duties, Jamie is also a certified volunteer HIV tester. He performs rapid HIV testing, offering both compassionate care and essential information to individuals seeking to know their HIV status. His contributions in this area help bridge the gap to critical health services and raise awareness about sexual health in the community.

Through his volunteer work, Jamie has become a valued member of The Center Kissimmee team consistently demonstrating a commitment to supporting the LGBTQ+ community and fostering a safe, inclusive, and educational environment for all.

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
NANCY DEWITT**

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth

DeWitt of Frisco, Texas, who peacefully passed away on June 26, 2024.

Mrs. DeWitt was born on April 11, 1936, in Evergreen Park, Illinois to Thomas and Verena Colvin. She grew up with five other siblings in Downers Grove, where she enjoyed bike riding, ice skating, and staying at her family's lake cottage in Wisconsin. In 1953, Mrs. DeWitt graduated from Downers Grove North High School and began working as a secretary for Swift & Co. in Chicago. This is where she met the love of her life, Dale, and the two married just four years later. Together, they traveled across the country for work and raised six amazing children. During this time, Mrs. DeWitt worked at a bowling league and bridge club while volunteering at her children's Catholic schools. Along with her best friend Robyn, she co-founded the Bent Tree Travel agency and took advantage of travel perks to take her family on fantastic vacations around the world.

After retirement, the DeWitts settled in Frisco Lakes. Mrs. DeWitt was an active member of our community, and she spent many hours volunteering with the Republican Conservative Coalition to advocate for her values and support conservative candidates for office. Throughout her life, Mrs. DeWitt was most proud of having raised a wonderful family and spending time with loved ones. In her free time, she enjoyed singing along to Elvis Presley and Engelbert Humperdinck, her two favorite artists. Moreover, Mrs. DeWitt had a great sense of humor and always had a clever joke ready to bring laughs to those around her. I am saddened to hear of her passing, as her presence brought joy and warmth wherever she went.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our nation's Capitol to honor Mrs. DeWitt's wonderful life and contributions to our community. She will be dearly missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her.

HONORING MICHAEL DAHM

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of business and community leader Michael Dahm of Fort Wayne, Indiana. His contributions have greatly improved the lives of those in our community and helped make the region a wonderful place to live and do business.

A native Hoosier, Michael has been deeply committed to the growth and prosperity of northeast Indiana. After graduating from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, he earned a bachelor of business administration with a minor in real estate from Xavier University. Upon returning to Fort Wayne, he co-founded NAI Harding Dahm, now Bradley Company, where I had the privilege of working alongside him as a commercial real estate broker. More than five decades later, Michael continues to share his expertise in office, industrial, and investment sales and leasing.

Throughout his career, Michael has given back to the community in numerous ways. Among his many service contributions and accolades, he was named "Realtor of the Year" by the Indiana Commercial Board of Realtors

(ICBR). He has also served as president of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) and the Fort Wayne Board of Realtors. His volunteer work includes serving on the boards of the Better Business Bureau and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Additionally, he is a past member of the Anthony Wayne Rotary Club and a current member of the Rotary Club of Fort Wayne.

Recently, Michael celebrated both his 90th birthday and his 61st wedding anniversary with his wife, Dee Dee. As he prepares to retire after 66 years in real estate, I want to express my gratitude for his decades of service to our region. People like Michael are the reason the Midwest remains the backbone of America. I wish him continued success in this next great chapter of life.

CELEBRATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN BAKERSFIELD

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Bakersfield, California. As St. George Greek Orthodox Church celebrates a century of faith, heritage, and hope this year, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the history and roots this Church has upheld since its founding.

Bakersfield's Greek Orthodox organized formally after a time when the Greek community experienced ethnic and religious persecution in their homeland and were forced to look for a new home overseas to practice their culture and faith. Many found work building the transcontinental railroad, venturing further and further west until some reached Kern County in the early 20th century. St. George Greek Orthodox Church's precursor community was founded in 1916 under the name Uplift Society Socrates. According to the narrative history of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in these early years, Greek Americans worked to balance two values so characteristic of the American immigrant experience—upholding the faith and customs of their homeland while also adapting to a new life in the United States.

In 1924, Uplift Society Socrates accomplished the former by constructing a modest hall for religious and social gatherings at 401 Truxtun Avenue. This hall became the foundation upon and around where the Bakersfield Greek Orthodox Church community has since grown. By the early 1930s, the Bakersfield Greek Orthodox community had grown to over 200 families, who soon called for the construction of a Church, which was completed in 1932. Also in 1932, the community changed its name to The Hellenic Community of St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Father Vasilios Markopoulos became the community's first official priest in 1944, though four "Pioneer Priests" had been active in the community in the preceding few decades. Unfortunately, the 1952 Kern County earthquake precipitated the demolition of the original hall. As a mark of the faith of the Greek Orthodox community in Bakersfield, the new Church was blessed by the Bishop of the Fourth Dio-

cese of Los Angeles in 1956. St. George Greek Orthodox Church continues to thrive. And it continues to exemplify the role of faith as the heart of such a vibrant community, uniting individuals in love, compassion, and shared purpose.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate St. George Greek Orthodox Church as it marks its 100th Anniversary, standing as an example of the incredible growth and faith of the Bakersfield community. Generations of Bakersfield Greek Orthodox have worked to ensure that their traditions and sense of community remain strong in the heart of Bakersfield.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSE MARIE HANSEN

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of longtime Concord resident Rose Marie Hansen.

Rose Marie was born in Kansas, where she spent many of her formative years working on the family farm with her father and brother. She eventually moved to Oakland, California, where she worked as a nanny. Shortly after, Rose Marie met her husband, Alfred "Bud" Hansen, at a dance in Alameda. The two married in 1941 and were together for 52 years until Bud's passing in 1993.

She and her husband owned a contracting business and later partnered with a local businessman to open a bowling alley and retail complex, known today as Clayton Fair Properties. When Bud passed away in the early 1990s, Rose Marie took over as manager, a position she held until 2023, helping the successful business for more than 60 years.

Rose Marie was also very active in her community, volunteering at Concord's First Presbyterian Church where she served as an accountant, deacon, and elder. She also volunteered at the American Cancer Society as their coordinator of transportation for over 21 years, served as president of the Concord Diablo Historical Society for over 7 years, and traveled the world as international president of the USA Inner Wheel Association. On top of it all, she was also vice president of the Concord Homes Board of Directors, overseeing the development of two multi-story residential buildings for seniors.

Rose Marie will be greatly missed, but I am confident her impact will be felt in the community for generations to come. Please join me in recognizing Rose Marie for her many contributions to our community and devoted service to the city of Concord.

HONORING WOMEN OF THE YEAR, MYRTLE BRAXTON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Myrtle Braxton, honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.