

Price is the proud owner of Chef Budda Blasian Soul Food, a food truck that incorporates the traditions of Soul Food alongside a creative Asian flare to provide a unique culinary experience for its consumers.

During the pandemic, Mr. Price and his wife, Lily Nachampasak, turned their focus to their passion for food and brought their dreams of cooking professionally to life when they started a pop-up kitchen in City Heights. They succeeded not only in supporting their family through this new business venture, but also in enriching our community by providing joy and a flavorful dining experience for all.

Their pop-up kitchen quickly found success, leading to invitations to serve food at music festivals, night markets, and more. Through hard work and determination, they expanded their business and purchased a food truck. Now, Chef Budda Blasian Soul Food is a cherished part of the local food scene and can be found all throughout our communities.

It was great to have been able to meet and speak with Mr. Price about how he built this thriving small business, recognize him for his contributions to the community, and get some delicious fried chicken, shrimp, and catfish and fixings.

Mr. Price's dedication has made our community a better place, and I can't think of a better person to have recognized during National Black Business Month.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE WESTERN CATTLE TRAIL

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Western Cattle Trail. The entrepreneurial cattlemen who blazed this new path across the frontier exemplified the American spirit of adventure and freedom.

In the wake of the Civil War, longhorn cattle were running free in Texas, while cities and towns on the East Coast demanded more beef than ever to feed their growing populations. Young cowboys called drovers rode to gather the wild cattle and move them hundreds of miles across the wilderness to northern railroads to meet the demands. Their destinations were railroad towns such as Newton, Wichita, and Caldwell in my district.

In 1874, these cowboys pioneered a new route. It became known as the Western Trail, located west of the existing Shawnee and Chisholm Trails. Cowboys on horseback moved longhorn cattle along the trail through Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and north to Canada. Over the next several decades, millions of heads of cattle were herded up the trail by these enterprising young Americans.

In addition to providing beef for a growing nation, the Western Trail played a crucial role in moving much-needed breeding stock to ranches in the northern plains and carrying essential meat supplies to Native American tribes across the west. The trail's significant impact on the national economy underscores the importance of cattle routes in the development and history of the United States.

In November, the Western Cattle Trail Association, along with the International Chisholm Trail Association, will be commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Western Trail. Historians, authors, artists, and friends of the Western Trail will gather in Kansas to honor and commemorate the cowboys who made those drives and overcame the dangers of the frontier to deliver their herds to the rest of the country. In so doing, these cowboys became recognized worldwide as symbols of American courage, strength, freedom, and independence. I proudly join those honoring them and this historic milestone in our history.

HONORING PACE NORTH ON THEIR FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate PACE North on their five years of dedicated service to the Northern Michigan Community.

Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly—North is an all-inclusive healthcare plan, which serves primarily as an alternative tailored to individuals' and families' specific needs. Once admitted, an interdisciplinary team works with families to design a plan that works for each person. Once this is done, PACE replaces traditional health coverage such as Medicare and Medicaid to become both provider and caregiver.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Nicole Farkas, PACE North has helped hundreds of seniors navigate the uncertain terrain of living co-dependently, providing top of the line medical care as well as kind and compassionate assistance with day-to-day life.

PACE North has certainly lived up to their core values of Quality Safety, Compassion, Integrity, Collaboration and Community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate PACE North on their five years of dedicated service to the Northern Michigan Community. I wish Director Farkas, Dr. Wilborn and the rest of the team the very best going forward.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RUDY LOPEZ

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize retired Chief Master Sergeant Rudy Lopez for his distinguished military service and commitment to serving Washington's veterans and military families as the Director of the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, Wash.

Retired CMSgt. Rudy Lopez first entered the Air Force as a pharmacy technician in 1983 where he worked in a variety of settings—from small clinic pharmacies to 50-bed hospital pharmacies—at McClellan Air Force Base and Eglin Air Force Base. During this time in the field, he notably led an Air Force beta test on pharmacy automation that was successfully

implemented throughout the Department of Defense within 3 years of proof of concept.

In 2001, Lopez was selected for promotion to Chief Master Sergeant and transitioned out of pharmacy to serve as a Medical Group Superintendent—a role in which he would later deploy with the 332 Expeditionary Medical Group to Balad Air Base in 2007. CMSgt. Lopez also spent five years serving in a dual capacity as the Air Force Pharmacy Career Field Manager, advising the Air Force Surgeon General on the training, utilization, and career progression for more than 1,300 pharmacy technicians around the world.

In 2013, CMSgt. Lopez ended his illustrious three-decades-long career in Washington's Fifth Congressional District after serving three years as the 92nd Air Refueling Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant at Fairchild Air Force Base. Throughout his decorated career, Lopez earned the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with an oak leaf cluster, an Iraq Campaign Medal with one service star, and many others.

Shortly after retiring from the Air Force, Rudy joined the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs as Director of the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake. In this role, he is responsible for the strategic planning, coordination, and oversight of administrative and operational functions of the Washington State Veterans Cemeteries Program, which includes cemetery locations across the state. He and his team diligently serve the state's 554,000 veterans by providing more than 900 dignified and honorable interment services to our nation's heroes each year.

He and his team are responsible for playing an active role in the research and recovery of well over 800 unclaimed or abandoned veterans' remains, all of whom receive a long overdue and proper final resting place in recognition of their service to our Nation. As if that weren't enough, retired CMSgt. Lopez also serves as an advisor on veteran's burial benefits state-wide, provides much-needed outreach to communities across Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, and serves on a number of civic non-profit advisory boards and committees.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for retired CMSgt. Rudy Lopez's continued commitment to serving his country and community here in Eastern Washington. His dedication to honoring our nation's heroes is second to none, so I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him for his tremendous efforts and celebrating the lasting legacy they will have on the lives he has touched.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAMPER ME PINK

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pamper Me Pink on their 20th anniversary. Founded in 2004 by Sharon Welch Clark, Pamper Me Pink has grown into a partnership with UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center and has been instrumental in educating the community about cancer and the resources available to those contending with a

diagnosis. Thousands of residents of Culpeper and surrounding communities have benefited from learning about cutting-edge technology, community resources, and support groups that provide assistance to patients and their families.

The Pamper Me Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Fund, a collaborative effort between Pamper Me Pink and UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center, has made a significant difference in Virginians' lives. This fund allows residents of Culpeper, Orange, Madison, and surrounding counties who lack medical insurance or cannot afford breast cancer screening to access a mammogram. The Pamper Me Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Fund has provided more than 700 mammograms, promoting preventive care and early detection. These efforts have saved countless lives.

Sharon Welch Clark has been the driving force behind this initiative for two decades, and I thank her for her partnership and her leadership. Her tireless efforts to support preventive care and community health have made a lasting impact not only on Culpeper, but on communities across our Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Sharon Welch Clark and Pamper Me Pink for 20 years of service to our community. Their dedication to education, preventive care, and support for patients and families in the fight against breast cancer is truly commendable. I extend my deepest gratitude and thanks to the Pamper Me Pink team as they continue this important—and critical—work.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY BLACK NURSES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of healthcare and community service—the 50th Anniversary of the Central Valley Black Nurses Association (CVBNA). This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of the CVBNA to improving healthcare access and equity.

Founded in 1973 under the visionary leadership of Dr. Carol Drake, former Dean and Professor of Nursing at Fresno City College, along with other trailblazing founders, Brenda Starks, Odester Tate, Gladys Hollie, Ruth Ann Terry, and Loretta Leach-Scruggs, the CVBNA has consistently exemplified excellence in nursing and community advocacy. In 2016, the CVBNA achieved a significant milestone by becoming an official chapter of the National Black Nursing Association, Inc. (NBNA). Subsequently, on March 24, 2017, the CVBNA was incorporated in the state of California as a non-profit organization, solidifying its commitment to the advancement of healthcare and service to the community.

The CVBNA's mission is both clear and commendable: to investigate, define, and address the healthcare needs of Black Americans and other minorities, striving to ensure healthcare commensurate with that of the larger society. With their profound understanding,

knowledge, interest, concern, and experience, Black nurses in the CVBNA have consistently made a significant impact on the healthcare status of the Black community. One of the hallmarks of the CVBNA is its unwavering commitment to community service. Through voluntary hours, members provide an array of preventative health screenings and health education, encompassing many critical areas. These services are delivered in collaboration with a multitude of community-based partners, including faith-based organizations, civic groups, fraternal organizations, hospitals, and schools of nursing.

The CVBNA's community outreach efforts have left an indelible mark on the Central Valley. During the pandemic, they were on the front lines, providing COVID-19 vaccinations and contributing countless hours to vaccinate thousands of individuals on the westside of Fresno. Their commitment to health education is unwavering, with numerous pop-up events for high blood pressure screening and comprehensive health education in underserved communities. They've also extended their care to homeless students, providing hygiene kits, and expanded their presence to underserved schools. Moreover, they've been mentors and educators, supporting student nurses and tutoring those facing academic challenges.

The vision of the CVBNA extends beyond the present day. Their advocacy efforts are rooted in the promotion of culturally competent, accessible, and affordable healthcare. They ardently champion the professional and educational advancement of ethnic nurses and remain steadfast in educating consumers, healthcare professionals, and policymakers about the unique health challenges faced by ethnic minority populations. Their dedication to developing ethnic minority nurse leaders in areas of health policy, practice, education, and research is unwavering. As we stand on the cusp of the CVBNA's 50th Anniversary, we must recognize and celebrate this momentous occasion. It represents five decades of unwavering dedication, advocacy, and service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the Central Valley Black Nurses Association. Let us celebrate their legacy and their ongoing commitment to advancing healthcare access and equity for all.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS WITH SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia) which will celebrate 75 years of outstanding innovation and dedication to advancing the frontiers of science and technology today, October 22, 2024.

Sandia was established in 1949 in Albuquerque, New Mexico as a key component of the United States' commitment to developing and maintaining a safe and secure nuclear deterrent. Sandia has since evolved into a premier multidisciplinary research institution dedicated to solving the nation's most challenging problems. The dedicated scientists, engineers

and staff at Sandia have exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and innovation, contributing to the security and well-being of our nation and enhancing the quality of life for people around the world.

In 1956, Sandia opened its second site in California's Livermore Valley, growing from a small group of scientists to what is now over 1,600 staff, along with 300 contractors, postdoctoral fellows, and students, broadening the scope of the work and playing a vital role in Sandia's overall mission. Sandia has fostered a culture of collaboration and excellence, working closely with neighboring Lawrence Livermore National Lab, government agencies, industry partners, and academic institutions to address complex technical challenges and deliver groundbreaking solutions.

Sandia's impact extends beyond their immediate research endeavors, inspiring future generations of scientists and engineers, and playing a pivotal role in shaping the technological landscape of our nation.

For the past 75 years, Sandia has demonstrated unparalleled excellence in engineering, research and development, driving advancements in areas such as renewable energy, cybersecurity, and advanced manufacturing. I join the past and present teams of scientists and supporting staff at Sandia National Laboratories in celebrating the legacy they've created and wish them many more productive years to come.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK OF 2024

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize all who contribute to Education in anticipation of National Education Week 2024.

American Education Week started as an effort to better generate public support for education as a joint effort between the National Education Association (NEA) and the American Legion. Concerned with as much as 25 percent of World War I draftees being illiterate, the two organizations sought to shine a national light on the need to increase support for education. 103 years later, educators around the country continue this advocacy which I am proud to support.

Maryland's First Congressional district has over 200 schools at all levels of our education system, all of which with a dedicated team of teachers and support staff committed to bringing out the best in our next generation. As we celebrate the upcoming 103rd National Education week between November 18th through November 22nd, let us all take a moment to express our gratitude for their service to our communities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAVIER CAVAZOS

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and celebrate the life of Javier Cavazos, a legendary coach and mentor who passed away