

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

on October 12, 2024, at the age of 77. For over five decades, Coach Cavazos devoted his life to enriching the lives of Lansing's youth through his passion for sports, teaching not only the fundamentals of baseball and basketball but also the values of perseverance, respect, and determination. His impact stretched far beyond the playing field, and his legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched.

Born on December 24, 1946, in San Juan, Texas, Javier Cavazos later made Lansing, Michigan, his home. His love for sports and his passion for mentoring began early. His journey started in 1964 when, at just 18 years old, he volunteered to supervise his brother and their friends in an after-school program. That same year, he founded the Northside Athletic and Recreational Club, marking the beginning of an extraordinary coaching career.

By 1972, Cavazos had formed Lansing's original Little League, setting the stage for decades of success in youth baseball. Under his guidance, teams from the Northside Athletic and Recreational Club—later renamed the Capital Area Youth Sports Association in 1990—won numerous state and regional championships. In addition to his success in baseball, Coach Cavazos also coached basketball for nearly 40 years. Throughout his coaching career, he emphasized hard work, accountability, and teamwork, helping his players excel both on and off the field.

Coach Cavazos taught standout athletes such as Baseball Hall of Famer John Smoltz, Michigan State University and Los Angeles Lakers basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson, and many of the Lansing area's girls' basketball stars. His accomplishments earned him induction into both the Michigan Baseball Hall of Fame and the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame, cementing his place as one of the state's most influential figures in sports and highlighting his remarkable impact on the local community.

Beyond his accolades, Javier Cavazos was a mentor and role model who believed in the transformative power of sports to uplift others. He was unwavering in his commitment to the youth under his care, driven not by personal recognition but by his love for the game, the children he coached, and life itself.

As we celebrate Javier Cavazos's life today, it is with great respect and appreciation that I recognize his extraordinary contributions here in the People's House. May his love for others, his dedication to youth sports, and his commitment to teaching some of life's most important lessons continue to inspire future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FREDERICK BIERMANN

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Frederick Biermann, a man whose legacy of courage, service, and innovation spans continents and generations. Born in Vienna in 1930, Fred and his family fled Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938, eventually finding refuge in the British Mandate for Palestine. At the young age of 15, Fred joined the Haganah, defending his com-

munity from oppression and later serving with distinction in the Israeli Defense Forces during Israel's fight for independence. Fluent in five languages, Fred immigrated to the United States in 1952 and continued his service, eventually rising to the rank of Colonel in both the Israeli Defense Forces and United States Army. His leadership was mirrored by his innovative contributions in the fields of dentistry and medicine, where he pioneered advancements in bridges, implants, and even heart valve technology. A devoted husband to Rose and a loving father to Sharon, Hal, and Wendy, Fred's life was marked by resilience, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to improving and safeguarding the world around him.

It is my privilege to include in the RECORD his name in recognition of a life that truly exemplified service and excellence.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PENNDEL BOROUGH

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary municipality within my district as it proudly marks the Quasiquicentennial of its inception.

Pennel Borough, nestled in the heart of Bucks County, boasts a rich and storied history that traces back to the early days of English colonization when settlers journeyed with the visionary William Penn to establish Pennsylvania as a beacon of freedom and opportunity. In 1684, a tract of several hundred acres lying east of the Neshaminy Creek was granted by William Penn to Thomas Langhorne, later passing to his son Jeremiah Langhorne. This pristine tract, renowned for its natural beauty and lush landscapes, was aptly named Eden, a testament to the idyllic setting that inspired those early settlers.

The landscape transformed significantly in 1876 with the establishment of the Reading Railroad station which ignited a wave of growth and prosperity, leading to the rapid development of homes and businesses that created a vibrant village atmosphere. In 1899, this community was incorporated as Attleborough, a name that reflected its burgeoning identity. Over the years, as the community evolved and grew, it became known as South Langhorne before officially adopting the name Pennel Borough in 1947—a name that resonates throughout Bucks County today with pride and heritage.

This year, Pennel Borough celebrates an incredible 125 years as a self-governing entity. Situated at a bustling crossroads of highways and rail, it is a vital hub of business and transportation and home to more than 2,500 residents, who embody the spirit of community and resilience. The Borough thrives with a diverse business community, churches, and local organizations that contribute to its rich tapestry of culture and support.

This milestone is more than a celebration of history—it represents the hard work, dedication, and vision of the men and women who have come together over the decades to build and nurture this remarkable community.

As we gather to commemorate this remarkable anniversary, let us not only celebrate the

rich tapestry of Pennel Borough's history but also honor the indomitable spirit of its people. Pennel Borough is a shining example of all that can be achieved when citizens unite with purpose and passion. The next 125 years hold tremendous potential, and I am confident this community will continue to thrive, innovate, and inspire as a cornerstone of our district.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON—CLEAR LAKE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Houston—Clear Lake in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

The University of Houston—Clear Lake, also known as UHCL, opened in 1974 to support the aerospace industry near NASA's Johnson Space Center. Five decades later, it has become a vital part of the Southeast Houston community, offering more than ninety undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree programs in science, business, education, and the arts. UHCL's physical growth during this time has included the addition of a second campus in Pearland in 2010 and its expansion into a four-year university in 2014, a move that significantly increased the student population. The university's founding emphasis on science and technology has also gone beyond its original purpose to embrace other scientific areas, highlighted by a partnership with the Texas Medical Center that began in 2004.

Over 80,000 alumni have emerged from UHCL, many of whom are leaders in industries critical to our state and nation, including aerospace, healthcare, and education. However, the national recognition UHCL has received has never eclipsed the university's regional focus or its commitment to public service and empowerment of students to give back to their communities.

Throughout its history, UHCL's leadership has worked diligently and harnessed every tool available to support and keep a center for higher education in the Clear Lake area. These leaders have included past presidents Alfred R. Neumann, Tom Stauffer, Glenn Goerke, Bill Staples, and Ira Blake. Since 2021, Dr. Richard Walker has admirably served as the university's sixth president.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent this esteemed institution that has contributed much to the Clear Lake area. Congratulations again to the University of Houston—Clear Lake on half a century of success. God Bless and Go Hawks.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN WEINFURTER

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Weinfurter and his two decades of service to the House, as well as his continued commitment to this body in his longtime service as president of the House Chiefs of Staff Alumni Association.