

HONORING TWIN CITIES PBS' "ALMANAC" ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of "Almanac", the iconic Twin Cities PBS television show and the longest-running primetime TV program in Minnesota history. On December 7, 1984, Almanac broadcast its first episode, beaming in-depth coverage of state and federal public affairs into Minnesotans' homes. Forty years later, the program continues to inform audiences every Friday evening about the latest developments in politics, government, history, culture, sports, and more.

Today, program hosts Eric Eskola and Cathy Wurzer are joined by reporters Mary Hammer and Kaomi Lee, in addition to local personalities Kevin Kling, Sheletta Brundidge, Tane Danger, Paul Douglas, Larry Fitzgerald, Sr., and others. Under the guidance of producer Kari Kennedy and a variety of expert guests and public figures, this team uses their deep knowledge of our state to provide analysis, entertain, and inform viewers about the issues shaping Minnesotans' lives.

Throughout its 40 years, Almanac has played a special role in Minnesota politics as a source of in-depth reporting, thoughtful analysis, and even music and humor. This Friday night TV staple has enhanced our state by fostering respectful discussion across party lines and informing viewers in every corner of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Almanac, a trusted and reliable pillar of journalism in Minnesota, broadcast on Twin Cities Public Television and livestreamed via the PBS App every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Central.

CELEBRATING STEVE GLAZER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague Congressman MARK DESAULNIER, I rise to recognize Senator Steven (Steve) Glazer of California's 7th Senate District for his dedication to public service to our shared constituency.

Steve was born in Sacramento, California, and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State University. His roles in leadership started while he was a student when he served as president of the associated student body and chair of the California State Student Association.

In 1983, Steve began his career in public service as a press secretary for then-Assemblyman Gray Davis. Steve played a pivotal role in raising awareness for missing children by championing the movement to put their faces and stories on milk cartons, bus stops, and billboards.

In 1989, Steve founded his own public relations, media, and political consulting firm, Glazer & Associates. Steve served as senior advisor to Kathleen Brown's campaign for

State Treasurer and Michael Woo's 1994 race for Secretary of State.

Steve also successfully campaigned for Proposition 46, which created a trust fund to provide shelters for battered women, low-income senior citizens, and unhoused communities.

An accomplished political strategist, Steve served on the City of Orinda Parks and Recreation Commission from 1997 to 1999. Steve was later elected to the Orinda City Council in 2004, 2008, and 2012. He continued his service to the City of Orinda and was elected mayor in 2007 where he served until his election to the State Senate to 2015.

Some of his notable accomplishments during his tenure in the Senate include authoring a truth-in-lending law requiring more transparency in the lending process for small businesses and co-authoring a law banning the sale of flavored tobacco in California.

Steve has remained steadfast to his principles and in his commitment to improving the lives of those in his community. With the utmost respect for his service and with best wishes for his future endeavors, we extend our deepest gratitude and congratulations to Mr. Glazer as he enters this new chapter of his life. We hope the conclusion of this chapter allows him to spend more time with his wife, Melba, and his daughters, Ariel and Alex.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATW HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate ATW Health Solutions on their 10th Anniversary of operation. ATW provides first class healthcare management and consulting services to the residents of the 1st Congressional District and Chicagoland communities.

Founded in 2014 by Dr. Knitasha Washington, DHA, MHA, FACHE, ATW Health Solutions provides unparalleled service and innovation in the healthcare industry. Dr. Washington has over 30 years of experience in the healthcare field that has allowed her to lead ATW to become one of the top small businesses in our community.

In 2009, Dr. Washington tragically lost her father, Anthony T. Washington, Sr. to a preventable medical error. This event inspired her to found ATW, and to name it in his memory. His impact is still being felt through his daughter's work to this day.

Dr. Washington has served as a board member for the National Quality Forum, National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE), MedStar System Patient and Family Council for Quality and Safety, and the Franciscan Health Missions and HR Committee. Through her service she has continued to advocate for equitable health solutions and work with key stakeholders to achieve these goals.

Over the last 10 years, ATW has earned national praise for transforming healthcare delivery systems as a small, minority owned business.

As unjust disparities persist in the healthcare industry, small businesses like

ATW continue to strive for a better future for all Americans, no matter their background.

Over the next 10 years the incredible staff at ATW will continue their vital work to deliver healthcare systems and treatments throughout the industry in a more efficient and equitable manner. As their Congressman, I cannot wait to see what their future holds.

The incredible research team on staff have brought previously unheard voices in healthcare to the forefront of the conversation so that healthcare outcomes continue to become more equitable. Today, we celebrate their 10th anniversary with them and wish them another 10 years of similar success and achievement.

CELEBRATING DR. ANGELIKA SCHROEDER'S STORIED CAREER AND SERVICE TO IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor and thank Dr. Angelika Schroeder for her storied career and dedication to serving communities across Colorado, for her commitment to improving educational opportunities for our students, for her advocacy on behalf of our schools, and for her mentorship and friendship throughout the years.

Dr. Schroeder is a lifelong public servant, dedicating more than 30 years to Colorado's education system. She attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics, a master's degree in business administration, and a doctorate in accounting. Dr. Schroeder then shared her expertise with students as a tax CPA and college professor of accounting. From there, her passion for education led her to become involved in her daughters' schools at the local, district, state, and national levels.

In 1995, Governor Roy Romer appointed Dr. Schroeder to an advisory board of the State Board of Education. In 1999, she became a member of the Boulder Valley School Board, where she served as treasurer and vice president. In January 2009, Dr. Schroeder was appointed to the State Board of Education to fill a vacancy and was later elected to the board in November 2010. She has since been re-elected twice and will complete her final term in January 2025.

Throughout her career, Dr. Schroeder has also served on the boards and executive committees of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), the Alliance for Quality Teaching, and the Public Education and Business Coalition. She has participated in the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network, where she worked with members of Colorado's congressional delegation, including myself, to push for policies that strengthen our education system and make progress on critical issues—supporting bills like the No Child Left Behind Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

In sum, Dr. Schroeder has had a tremendous impact on the people of Colorado, consistently upholding her commitment to enhancing our state's education system and ensuring

that we serve our students to the best of our ability. The impacts of her actions will be felt for many years to come.

So, on behalf of Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, I thank and honor Dr Angelika Schroeder for her invaluable contributions to paving a better future for our state, country, and the upcoming generations.

I Thank Angelika and wish her all the best in your future endeavors

RECOGNIZING POLICY ADVISOR
AND SENIOR CONSTITUENT AD-
VOCATE, MEG MONTGOMERY,
FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON
BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Policy Advisor and Senior Constituent Advocate, Meg Montgomery, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. I could not be more proud or grateful for her service.

Meg Montgomery was raised in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. After graduating from Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, she moved to North Carolina to attend Duke University where she obtained both a degree in Biology and the ability to be completely insufferable during March Madness. Meg spent a decade to New York, NY where she completed her Masters in Public Health and worked in a variety of health systems administration roles. Eventually she returned to Minnesota and began working for me in March of 2019, where she has covered both outreach and legislative activities in a variety of issue areas including healthcare, environment, energy, agriculture, aging, and education. The only things Meg loves more than health policy are her husband Dan and three children Rory, Montgomery (Monty), and Frances Miller.

As hilarious as she is brilliant, Meg always has a meme at the ready for any, and all situations. Her quiet wit and good questions always leave an impact on those around her. She provides invaluable advice on any situation and has the best style around. Meg is incredibly humble but should be so proud of her work in my office. She has helped me introduce several bills including: The ADINA Act requiring the same labeling standards for drugs as those that already exist for food; The School Access to Naloxone Act which would provide funding for and training on opioid reversal agents in schools; and The Expanding Health Care Options for First Responders Act which would create a Medicare buy-in program for first responders for the years between retirement and Medicare eligibility.

Meg has an extraordinary talent of turning a compelling constituent story into impactful legislation that will improve lives. She has created a unique role for herself serving as a policy and outreach staffer from the district office, which allows her the opportunity to leverage deep stakeholder relationships in order to inform the Congressman's legislative initiatives. Learning the legislative process while in the

DC office is one thing, handling from the district is another matter. Meg is a bridge builder across various constituent groups to gather perspectives and gain valuable knowledge. She routinely guides me and our team through complex policy issues to make informed decisions. She is an excellent representative of me in the community and a trusted and high-performing team member.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have her dedication and leadership, and she will be dearly missed. I wish Meg all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for over five years of faithful set vice to this Nation in my office.

HONOR OF SERVING THE THIRD
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY IN
THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
ATIVES

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today one final time in this sacred chamber to thank my neighbors in the Third District of New Jersey for the honor of getting to represent them in Congress over these past six years.

It is an honor that I never thought I would have. This was the district my parents chose to create a life and build a family. This was the district that raised me. I went to public schools in the same area I represent now. I played little league on the same fields I drive by heading to meet constituents. It's these places—and these people—that shaped me. I am forever grateful for that.

As I grew up, I watched my parents—my mother, a nurse, and my father, a medical researcher working to find cures for cancer and Alzheimer's—work to give back to the community that gave us everything. They had a saying that service isn't just a job, it's a way of life. And so, it was for my community and for my parents that I served.

If service is a way of life, then it's important that you start by understanding the people you serve. To do that, I held at least one town hall every month I served—81 in total—to hear directly from the people I represent. Sometimes, those people didn't agree with me. Oftentimes, I came away learning something new. Every time, I walked away with a renewed dedication to working for them—no matter who they supported or how they labeled themselves.

From town halls to small business walks to tours of organizations just trying to help, I carry with me still a million conversations that inspired me. Whether it was the Superstorm Sandy survivors who just wanted a fair process in rebuilding, volunteers at food pantries who just wanted to make sure that their neighbors didn't go without a good meal, or those military families who were looking for ways to give back after their service was over, I want to say thank you for every constituent who helped give me purpose.

It was that purpose that drove my actions. Last month, I helped to cut the ribbon on a

brand new VA health clinic in Ocean County—one of my first major priorities and a reminder that there should be no mountain too big to move to help our veterans. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I was proud to deliver wins for our servicemembers, their families, and my own community. From pay raises to better health care to improved childcare, I would like to thank every person who served and for the honor of getting to work for you as a member of the House. And it was the purpose I derived from those conversations that helped me start to lay the groundwork for building a brighter future for our state. From delivering on infrastructure and passing bills like the CHIPS and Science Act and the Inflation Reduction Act to make investments in the jobs of the future, we can better prepare New Jersey to lead in the rest of the 21st century.

If there is one thing I am most proud of during my six years representing my community in the House, it is the seemingly small acts that made a massive difference to our constituents. The thousands of casework cases closed and tens of millions of dollars returned back to our community showed that public service can make an impact. It doesn't matter if it was a passport expedited so a grandparent could see their new grandchild or critical Medicare or VA benefits secured so someone could put food on the table and pay rent, this work mattered and was our way of giving back.

No member of Congress does this alone. While our names are on the doors, it's the people behind the doors that work every day to serve and make our communities better. I want to thank each and every one of them for their hard work—often under very difficult conditions—to give back. Every win that I have been lucky enough to achieve is theirs too. As a thank you, I would like to submit their names for the record so that they can be properly recognized for the imprint they've made on this district.

My current team: Elizabeth Antonowicz, Marshall Burkhardt, Thomas Carnes, Amanda Carte, Anna Connole, Anthony DeAngelo, Kristen Foca, Ben Giovine, Danielle Giulino, Gabriela Hartney, Julianna Heck, Jason Ingle, Catherine Melman-Kenny, Hafiza Kazi, Amy Oliver, Amy Pfeiffer, Nikitha Rai, Forrest Rilling, Jerome Townsend, Lynette Whiteman.

Previous staff: Riham Amin, Sharon Anderson, Hillary Caron, Anna Conn, Gianna Djuric, Sophie Friedfeld-Gebaide, Sean Gregory, Sarah Izaak, Benjamin Kamens, Matthew Knowlton, Yujin Lee, Benjamin Olarsch, Susan Pansius, Antoinette Miles, Nathan Riggins, Cecily Scott Martin, Thomas Smith, Tyrus Stokes-Ballard, Virginia Walkey, Maura Weaver.

As I look ahead at my new role getting to serve my state, I do so with excitement and humility. I look forward to get to serve my community again—this time in the United States Senate—but always remembering the work done, the conversations had, and words that will forever echo from my parents, that service isn't a job, it's truly a way of life.