

During their imprisonment, Mata Gujri Ji reminded her grandsons about the bravery of their grandfather and their duty to remain courageous in the face of cruelty. Mata Gujri and her grandsons refused the government's attempts to bribe them, and as a result, Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh Ji were sentenced to death by suffocation in a brick wall.

While Mata Gujri Ji was in prison with her younger grandsons, her older two grandsons, and 40 Sikhs, also gave their lives fighting tyranny at Chamkaur Sahib. They faced a brutal winter and constant hunger, yet refused to surrender their struggle for liberty. Each year, Sikhs gather at Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib in Sirhind, India, for the Safar-e-Shahadat Smagam, founded by Giani Harpal Singh Ji, to find inspiration by sitting in the thanda burj, where Mata Gujri and her grandsons once sat, and listening to accounts of their bravery.

Mata Gujri Ji gave her life defending the right for others to be treated with dignity. Her steadfast courage in the face of darkness remains an inspiration for all those who stand for freedom. Today, the Third Congressional District of New York joins the Sikh community in honoring Mata Gujri Ji and all of the brave sacrifices which took place during the Safar-E-Shahadat.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NEW
ULM CITY COUNCILOR LES
SCHULTZ

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Les Schultz, a friend, neighbor, and public servant who is retiring this week after sixteen years of service on the New Ulm City Council.

Since his election in 2008, Les has faithfully represented the people of New Ulm's Ward 3. Throughout his four terms, he has served as a strong voice for the City of New Ulm on numerous boards and committees, most notably the city's Economic Development Authority.

Les is currently the longest-serving member of the New Ulm City Council, and has dedicated countless hours to improving the city we call home. He was instrumental in projects like soliciting community input for new welcome signs for the city, and the completion of the New Ulm dog park—both of which will continue to benefit our community for many years to come.

This week, Les attended his final city council meeting, closing the book on his longtime service to the City of New Ulm. I congratulate Les, on his well-deserved retirement, and I wish him and his family the best in this next chapter.

RECOGNIZING LLOYD RICE'S SERVICE
TO THE NATION AND HIS
FAMILY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Lloyd Rice, a resident of Michigan,

on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His dedication to his family, community, and Nation is worthy of commendation.

Lloyd was born in Green County, Indiana, and moved to Jackson, Michigan, at the age of 16. The following year, he was leaving a movie theatre when he heard the news that America had been attacked at Pearl Harbor. He graduated from Jackson High School in 1943 and received his draft notice in the mail the day of his graduation.

Lloyd joined the Navy and became a diesel mechanic for a destroyer escort that patrolled the Atlantic for German submarines. Many of their missions included escorting ships carrying troops and supplies across the ocean, deterring the enemy submarines that prowled the area. These efforts were part of a continuous 18-month patrol in the Atlantic. After the deployment, Lloyd returned on leave to the United States, and then deployed on a ship headed for the Pacific when they received word that the Japanese had surrendered.

After the war, Lloyd became a carpenter and played a major role in the post-war manufacturing boom of his community, taking part in the building of 15 schools and being the foreman on 3 of them. He married his first love, Dorothy, in 1947, and had two children. Sadly she succumbed to her battle with cancer in 1962. A couple years later, Lloyd met his last love, Evelyn, and they married in 1965, and had 2 children. They were married 67 years until Evelyn passed in 2022. After recovering from heart surgery in his early 70s, Lloyd started working again at his local Home Depot for 19 years, before retiring again at the well-seasoned age of 96.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the lifetime of service that Lloyd Rice has been so kind to share with us. After serving his country as a young man, he spent the rest of his life building schools, churches, and houses in order to make his communities more welcoming and prosperous for all. We thank him for his service and wish him the happiest birthdays. I thank Lloyd.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CER-
TIFIED DIETARY MANAGERS
(CDM), CERTIFIED FOOD PROTEC-
TION PROFESSIONALS (CFPP)
DAY

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the National Certified Dietary Managers (CDM), Certified Food Protection Professionals (CFPP) Day, which this year fell on November 28, 2024. This day is meant to honor the contributions these professionals have made in the food service management profession and the lives they have impacted through their service in America's healthcare industry.

I would also like to recognize the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals (ANFP) for their efforts to designate November 28, National CDM, CFPP Day. Over 90 percent of the ANFP's more than 13,000 members work in healthcare and a majority of those are in long-term care facilities. As a geriatric nurse practitioner, I have seen first-

hand the way in which CDMs and CFPPs positively affect health outcomes for members of our greatest generation.

They play an essential role in America's healthcare industry, and as such are responsible for managing nutrition and food service operations. They are trained and qualified to administer menus, food purchasing and preparation, and to apply nutrition principles, among many other essential tasks. The CDM, CFPP credential is also the basis for the ANFP Youth Apprenticeship Program, which was approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in 2022.

This year it was especially fitting that the National CDM, CFPP Day fell on Thanksgiving, as CDMs and CFPPs work 365 days a year to serve their patients. It is an honor to celebrate these dedicated professionals who work tirelessly, even over the holidays, away from their friends and families and loved ones.

I am proud to honor their significant impacts to healthcare and celebrate the National Certified Dietary Managers, Certified Food Protection Professionals Day of the Year.

COMMEMORATING THE
MATTHEWS-VU MEDICAL GROUP

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Matthews-Vu Medical Group in Colorado Springs, led by Doctor Richard Vu and his wife Doctor Shabnum Matthews-Vu. The Matthews-Vu Medical Group has served the Pikes Peak region with a focus on the underserved in our community, offering many low-cost medical solutions for those most vulnerable.

Dr. Vu was born in Vietnam and moved to the United States as a young boy with his mother and siblings, living in Chicago near his father. The circumstances of his upbringing instilled in him a hard work ethic and desire to serve those around him who are underserved, especially those on welfare and receiving governmental aide.

Dr. Vu and Dr. Matthews-Vu, who grew up in East Meadows, New York, met at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, where they both received their medical degrees. Dr. Vu completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, while Dr. Matthews-Vu completed her residency in Pediatrics at the University of Chicago. After residency, the couple first lived in Arizona and then moved to Colorado Springs in 2004 with their family, they began their medical practice shortly after the move.

Originally founded with only two and a half physicians and a small and modest office in 2004, the Matthews-Vu Medical Group has grown to over sixty providers in five locations with a broad range of specialties and medical skills. Specializing in serving our community and patients who are on government plans such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare, the Matthews-Vu Medical Group has become a beacon of help for those in our community who need affordable medical care that is provided with an intentionally caring and loving heart.

This commitment to the individual and family of every patient is evident in the way both Dr. Vu and Dr. Matthews-Vu live their lives and have raised their family. The love they share for each other and their family is obvious in the way they interact with each other and every patient. They are most attentive to their patients and prioritize their needs above everything else. Their passion for medical excellence and patient service is driven by their mission statement: "Providing the highest quality of compassionate care for patients from all walks of life." Dr. Vu and his team ensure that everyone who walks through their door, regardless of their background or financial means, will get the medical care they need and deserve.

In 2020 the Matthews-Vu Medical Group opened their own processing center to process COVID-19 tests, prioritizing speed, accuracy, and service to our community in the midst of the pandemic. Their processing center allowed many other businesses in the community, including medical and dental, to remain open during the pandemic.

Dr. Vu and Dr. Matthews-Vu have three children. Their family continues to exemplify the love of Jesus Christ to everyone around them. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring and celebrating the Matthews-Vu Medical Group and Dr. Richard Vu and Dr. Shabnum Matthews-Vu for their dedicated and Christ honoring service to the Pikes Peak region.

HONORING ERIN HANNIGAN UPON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with Representative MIKE THOMPSON to recognize and honor Erin Hannigan on the occasion of her retirement after an illustrious career of public service, leadership, and commitment to the Vallejo, Solano County communities and beyond. Erin is a lifelong resident of Solano County and a proud member of the Vallejo community. Her dedication and service have left a profound and lasting impact on those around her.

Throughout her career, Erin held numerous significant roles that enriched her community. Her journey in public service began as a member of the Vallejo Community Development Commission, where she played a key role in distributing Community Development Block Grant funds to benefit neighborhoods and organizations in Vallejo. In 2004, she facilitated the relocation of a national insurance company's call center to the Vallejo Waterfront, creating 220 local jobs.

In 2007, Erin was elected to the Vallejo City Council, where she guided the city through challenging economic times with resilience and a balanced approach to addressing budget deficits. She championed critical initiatives to improve quality of life, including revising commercial truck routes, introducing the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance, and supporting smoke-free city parks.

Erin's commitment to public service continued when she was elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors, representing

District 1 in November 2012. Sworn into office in January 2013, Supervisor Hannigan worked tirelessly to bridge the services and operations of the County with the community. Her leadership focused on public safety, homelessness, human trafficking, health care, and environmental sustainability.

One of Erin's hallmark achievements is her partnership with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, which has contributed an extraordinary \$7.75 million over eight years to assist those in need in Solano County. This partnership has supported a robust collection of programs, including First 5 Solano, which provides critical basic needs support to families in crisis and funds initiatives in early learning, school readiness, social engagement, and community resource information at the First 5 Center in Vallejo.

Erin Hannigan's legacy is one of integrity, leadership, and dedicated service to her community. Her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have left an indelible mark on Solano County and serve as an enduring inspiration to all who had the privilege of working with her or benefiting from her advocacy.

Erin's leadership and contributions will be deeply missed, but she will undoubtedly continue to inspire those who follow in her footsteps. On behalf of the constituents of California's 4th and 8th Congressional Districts, we wish Erin best wishes in her well-earned retirement and extend our sincere gratitude for her many years of service to the community.

HONORING THE MAURY HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON
THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the Maury High School Football Team from Norfolk, Virginia, on claiming their second straight Class 5 State Championship, and their first back-to-back state crown in program history.

On Saturday, December 14, 2024, the Maury Commodores won the championship game against the Briar Woods High School Falcons of Loudoun County by a score of 46-0. Led by Coach Dyrri McCain, the Commodores closed their season undefeated, recording 15 wins, including six shutouts, and maintained a 30-game winning streak extending back to last season.

Going into the championship, Maury faced a significant disadvantage after losing one of their star players in their previous game. Ari Watford, a defensive end committed to Clemson University, suffered a season ending injury in the semifinal game against Green Run High School on December 7. Without Watford, the team realized they would need to step up to win the state championship and did.

Throughout the championship game, the Commodores led on offense. Quarterback Au'Tori Newkirk scored on the first drive of the game with a 49-yard touchdown pass to receiver Lebron Bond. In the second quarter, Newkirk passed to receiver Jahvon Wiggins, who ran the ball into the end zone for another touchdown and widened the Commodores' lead to 14-0 at halftime. In the third quarter,

they scored 32 points in less than seven minutes. Newkirk threw four touchdown passes to Elijah Moss, Tayshawn Branche, Damon McDaniel, and another to Bond. These young athletes made everyone in the community proud and demonstrated their ability to overcome adversity.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate the Maury High School Football Team and thank Coach McCain, the parents, and the entire Maury High School community for supporting these students throughout this remarkable season. I wish them the best in their future endeavors, and I wish the program continued success.

HONORING BRAD FITCH FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE CONGRES-
SIONAL MANAGEMENT FOUNDA-
TION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Bradford Fitch for his 17 years of service to the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF).

As most of my colleagues are well aware, CMF has played a vital role over the last five decades in supporting Congressional offices' continuous efforts to improve their staff management skills and function as high-performing teams. Through individual and group training, informative publications and events that highlight best practices in management and constituent service, CMF has been instrumental in helping Members and staff fulfill their responsibilities to their country, state and district.

Brad first joined CMF in 2001 as Deputy Director and returned to lead the organization as CEO in 2010. Prior to joining CMF, Brad spent the early years of his notable career as a congressional aide, journalist, consultant, college instructor, internet entrepreneur, and writer.

Brad has served Congress in a variety of roles throughout his professional life and is well-known and regarded in Washington. Those who know Brad won't be surprised to learn he began his career out of school as a radio and television reporter. His compelling speech and engaging personality have been cornerstones to his success.

In 1988, when Brad began on Capitol Hill, he worked for four members of Congress in a variety of positions, including press secretary, campaign manager, legislative director and chief of staff. It was during this period that it became clear that Brad was a passionate advocate for the institution of Congress as well as the members and their dedicated staff.

This year is the 40th Anniversary of CMF's consequential book—Setting Course: A Congressional Management Guide. This book has been extremely influential in how Congressional offices are run today and we applaud Brad's significant role in its many updates and biennial distribution for over half of its existence.

In 2002, during a period of rapid—but even—shift of Congressional office communication to the internet, Brad initiated the Gold Mouse Awards to recognize the best congressional websites and share their best practices for communicating with, and providing services