

woman of faith. A dedicated member of the Warner Robins Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Lee was a member of stewardship board, missionary board, Lay Council, We Care-Golden Age, Social Concerns Hospitality Circle and served as Founder of the Pastor's Aide Board. The scripture tells us in Proverbs 3:6 that "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." The Lord truly directed the paths of Mrs. Ada Johnson Lee. The Middle Georgia Community, The State of Georgia, our country, and the world are better because Mrs. Lee passed this way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife Vivian, and the 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Ada Johnson Lee. May her life continue to be an inspiration to her family, friends, and all those that she touched during her remarkable life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 2024

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, on March 20, 2024, I was ill and unable to cast my votes. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 89 and No. 90; Yea on Roll Call No. 91 and No. 92; Nay on Roll Call No. 93; Yea on Roll Call No. 94; and Nay on Roll Call No. 95. As a strong proponent of clean energy and the environment, I oppose H.R. 6009, the Restoring American Energy Dominance Act, and H.R. 1121, the Protecting American Energy Production Act.

NORTHWEST OHIO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 2024

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Women's History Month by shining a spotlight on four remarkable women hailing from Ohio's 9th District in our Northwest Ohio region who have etched their names in the annals of history.

Growing up in a world where gender roles were rigidly defined, these women demonstrated a commitment to uplifting women and improving their communities within Northwestern Ohio and beyond.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Mari Evans was a prominent African American poet, writer, and dramatist known for her association with the Black Arts Movement.

While she initially pursued fashion design at the University of Toledo, she ultimately decided to embark on a career in music, and then in writing.

Throughout the 1960's and 1970's, Evans gained recognition for her poetry, which often explored themes of race, identity, and social justice.

One of her most notable works is entitled "I Am a Black Woman." This seminal piece encapsulates the essence of her poetic voice.

Evans' writing style was marked by its lyrical simplicity, direct themes, and its ability to capture the African American experience.

Outside of her literary endeavors, Evans was actively engaged in community service, advocating for prison reform and volunteering with organizations focused on social issues.

Her legacy endures through her powerful poetry, her commitment to social activism, and her impact on generations of readers and writers exploring the complexities of identity and experience.

Feminist icon Gloria Steinem was also born in Toledo, Ohio.

She sought to challenge the societal norms that constrained women's opportunities and perpetuated systemic injustice.

After graduating from Smith College, she honed her craft as a writer and developed a keen awareness of the pervasive gender bias within the media industry.

Determined to challenge these stereotypes, Steinem began to infuse her writing with feminist perspectives, shedding light on issues such as workplace discrimination, reproductive rights, and the intersectionality of oppression.

In 1971, Steinem co-founded Ms. Magazine, a groundbreaking publication that quickly became a platform for feminist thought and activism.

Through the magazine, Steinem and her colleagues tackled taboo subjects with courage and candor, sparking national conversations about women's rights and challenging the status quo.

Ms. Magazine provided a voice for marginalized women and served as a rallying point for the burgeoning feminist movement, inspiring many to join the fight for equality.

Steinem's activism extended far beyond the pages of the magazine, as she emerged a tireless advocate for women's rights on the national stage.

Her willingness to confront uncomfortable truths and challenge entrenched power structures cemented her status as a fearless leader and trailblazer.

Sheree Hovsepian, a luminary in the realm of contemporary art, bridges her Iranian heritage with her American upbringing to craft compelling reflections on identity and the human form.

Raised in northwestern Ohio after her family's immigration to the United States in 1976, Hovsepian skillfully intertwines the organic with the geometric, inviting viewers to embark on a profound journey of introspection and exploration.

Her adept fusion of materials—from fabric and paper to wood and string—imbues her creations with a palpable depth, earning her acclaim and placement in prestigious public museum collections such as the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Studio Museum in Harlem.

Recently celebrated at the 59th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia, Hovsepian's work continues to captivate audiences, serving as a reminder of the transformative power of art in evoking dialogue and understanding.

Beyond her creative endeavors, Hovsepian remains steadfast in her commitment to fostering the arts community, actively participating in various committees of cultural institutions and championing arts education and development initiatives.

Mildred Benson considered herself a newspaper reporter first and an author second.

An American journalist and writer known for her contributions to children's literature, she

touched readers of The Toledo Blade and Toledo Times for seven decades.

As a pillar of the community, she penned a weekly column for the Blade until mere weeks before her death.

She wrote under a pseudonym for the Stratemeyer Syndicate, creating the adventurous personality of Nancy Drew in many of her early mysteries.

Inspiring millions of young American women, Ms. Benson's work on the famous series helped shape the character's iconic traits and adventurous spirit.

She leaves behind a significant legacy, both for the children whose love of reading she inspired and for readers of the Toledo Blade in her community.

During Women's History Month and all year round, it is important to recognize the strong and talented women who broke down barriers and shattered glass ceilings, alongside those who continue to do so today.

Today, I proudly honor Mari Evans, Gloria Steinem, Sheree Hovsepian, and Mildred Benson.

They are Pioneers whose remarkable contributions have not only enriched the tapestry of Northwest Ohio and the 9th District, but have also left an indelible imprint on the collective history of our Nation.

HONORING TONY "DOC" FUENTES

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 2024

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Tony "Doc" Fuentes, a San Antonio native who has dedicated his life to placing the needs of others before his own. His giving spirit represents the best of our city of San Antonio.

When Mr. Fuentes graduated from South San High School in 1970, he knew that his family would be unable to bear the burden of college tuition. Seeking another way to honor his family and to serve others, Mr. Fuentes enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Southeast Asia the following year, where he was assigned to the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh, Vietnam. While there, Mr. Fuentes volunteered for a front-line medevac unit to help transport soldiers who were wounded on the front lines.

After his time in the service, Mr. Fuentes returned to San Antonio and was taken under the wing of Lt. Col. Hector Villarreal, who became his mentor and provided Mr. Fuentes with the support needed to fully "return home." Shortly before Lt. Col. Villarreal passed away in 2020, he designated Mr. Fuentes as his successor to lead the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families, an organization dedicated to helping San Antonio's veterans through difficult times. He stepped into the role in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a surge of veterans seeking assistance. Since then, the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families has expanded its scope and operations every year to help even more veterans and their families with basic needs and emergency support.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the honorable achievements of Mr. Tony "Doc" Fuentes. His efforts have led to increased support systems for San Antonio's

veterans and their families, and he is a testament to the idea that a medic's commitment to his soldiers is one that never ends. May God bless Mr. Fuentes, his wife Cynthia, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchild today and for all their years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN DOLDO, JR.

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and legacy of John Doldo, Jr., a pillar of the Watertown community.

John was born at the height of the Great Depression to a large, first-generation Italian American family. Growing up with six siblings, John was instilled with the values of hard work, eventually rising to become a football star quarterback for Watertown High School as a proud member of the "Gang of Eight." After graduating, John would go on to join the United States Army in 1951. For five years, he remained in his post until being honorably discharged in 1956. In the interval, John met and married the love of his life Patricia on a blind date whom he described as "the most beautiful woman he had ever seen." They would have celebrated their 70th anniversary this year.

After leaving the army, John found his calling in real estate—a field in which he was immensely talented. Working in this capacity, John facilitated numerous land deals and renewal projects in the North Country with great skill and dedication leading to a very successful career. Outside of work, John was a strong voice in Watertown's community. He served on the boards of numerous charitable and cultural organizations and was a member and judicial delegate for multiple Republican committees. For his firm commitment to those around him, he was granted the North Country Citation Award from Saint Lawrence University.

What John was best known for, however, was being a family man. You could often find John hosting feasts for his family and singing with one of his many grandchildren. John hosted an annual Feast of the Seven Fishes which will be fondly remembered by those close to him along with his voice leading the children in singing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful."

John Doldo lived a full life that demonstrated his utmost dedication to his country, his community, and his family. His hard work allowed him to live a life full of charity and joy. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am deeply honored to share my gratitude with John's family and reflect on his lifetime of public service as we celebrate his life of service.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR JEAN BREAUX

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Indiana Senator Jean Breaux, who

lived a life of selfless and profound service to the Indianapolis community.

For decades, Senator Breaux served our community with her signature fierce advocacy and fighting spirit. Prior to holding office, Senator Breaux worked for the Indiana Department of Economic Development, where she fought for Hoosiers of all backgrounds. In 2006, she was elected to the Indiana Senate—following in the footsteps of her mother, Billie Breaux—and served as assistant Democratic leader for the Senate Democratic Caucus from 2012 to 2020.

In her role, Senator Breaux fought tirelessly for vulnerable and disadvantaged Hoosiers. In particular, she worked to improve Black infant and maternal mortality, increased access to healthy food in food deserts, protected Hoosiers from rising utility costs, fought for reproductive justice, passed policies to address poverty, advocated for gun violence prevention to keep our communities safe, and so much more. In her role on the Senate Health Committee, she helped combat health disparities in the Black community and pushed for comprehensive access to care. Equity was always at the center of her service. Senator Breaux's initiative to eliminate school textbook fees passed last year, which will help Hoosier families for generations to come.

Senator Breaux's impact on our community is reflected in the outpouring of grief and support as the entire Indiana community mourns this substantial loss. She was a great friend, mentor, and confidante to so many, including myself. On many occasions, I relied on her wisdom to guide me, and the lessons she taught us all will continue to endure. On behalf of the entire 7th Congressional District, we offer our condolences to those grieving this significant loss, especially her beloved mother, former Senator Billie Breaux.

Today, we honor the life and legacy of Senator Jean Breaux, but we will continue to honor her every day moving forward by heeding her advice: fight for those less fortunate, no matter the obstacles in the way, speak up against injustice, and never stop working towards a brighter future.

HONORING NATALIE MUÑOZ-SIEVERT AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Natalie Muñoz-Sievert, MD, FACOG, joined Orlando Health Physician Associates in 2013.

Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Muñoz-Sievert provides comprehensive healthcare for women throughout all stages of life.

After earning her medical degree from the Florida State University School of Medicine, Dr. Muñoz-Sievert completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Orlando Health Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies.

Dr. Muñoz-Sievert is a fellow of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and is a member of the American Medical Women's Association.

Additionally, she is fluent in Spanish.

HONORING ROBIN S. REED

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 2024

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Robin S. Reed. Robin was a giant in the Arizona business community: a trusted mentor, a visionary leader and a staunch advocate for minority entrepreneurs and community development.

From a young age, Robin's mother instilled in him and his four siblings the belief that life's obstacles were simply opportunities in disguise. At age 11, Robin lent his voice to Franklin Armstrong in A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, portraying the first Black character in the Peanuts. He embraced the opportunity with pride, recognizing the significance of breaking barriers and advocating for inclusivity. Robin discovered the rewards of hard work early—he managed golf courses in Northern California before he graduated high school and became a licensed stockbroker by the age of 19. He began his professional career in the financial sector—serving as a financial advisor at Charles Schwaab, stockbroker and detail shop owner. His experiences as a young man cultivated a life-long desire to help business owners thrive.

An entrepreneur at heart, Robin started, acquired, operated, and sold several companies over his 40-year career. But Robin is perhaps best known for his tireless work as President of the Black Chamber of Arizona, a position he held for nearly a decade. Under his leadership, Robin tirelessly advocated for equitable access to the tools and education necessary for entrepreneurial empowerment, striving to eliminate barriers hindering economic growth. Robin demonstrated an exceptional ability to navigate the complexities of the business world while remaining steadfast in his commitment to uplifting others. Because of his work, entrepreneurs across the state have been equipped with the confidence and resources to achieve their highest aspirations.

Robin's generosity extended beyond his work with the Chamber. He was a passionate supporter of Treasure House, an organization aimed at empowering young adults with disabilities, ensuring they found support and opportunities for independence within the community as they transitioned to adulthood. He used his platform on the Social Television Network's Community Collaborative to highlight the actions of local businesses and leaders that promoted diversity, equity and inclusion. His recent collaboration with Impact AZ—a statewide initiative aimed at bridging the racial wealth gap for Black and minority-owned businesses—underscores his lifelong mission to foster intergenerational prosperity and opportunity for all Arizonans.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Robin, who we lost at the age of 62 on February 28. He is survived by his wife, Shawna, and beloved children. Godspeed, Robin.