

COMMEMORATING THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office for its recognition as an accredited agency by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. This achievement acknowledges the commitment to professionalism and excellence in law enforcement that has been demonstrated by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office.

The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1830 and provides services to over 250,000 residents in the area. Under the leadership of Sheriff Richard Fuller, who has been serving Kalamazoo County as sheriff for more than 15 years, the Sheriff's Office has been recognized as the "gold standard" for law enforcement agencies.

In February of 2024, the Sheriff's Office underwent a lengthy board review to approve their eligibility for formal accreditation following a process that took two years to complete. Through this process, the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission board confirmed that the Sheriff's Office met over 500 standards, covering an array of protocols from the hiring process to policing standards to the conduction of investigations.

I would like to thank the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office for their continued dedication to protecting and serving the residents of Kalamazoo County. As only the second Michigan's sheriff's office to achieve this accreditation, this accomplishment is commendable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office on their accreditation.

RECOGNIZING RABBI ZOBERMAN'S 50TH YEAR AS A RABBI

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, who was recently honored for his 50th year of service as a rabbi.

Rabbi Zoberman is the founder and spiritual leader of Temple LevTikvah in Virginia Beach. He was born on November 12, 1945, in Chu, Kazakhstan to Polish Holocaust survivors. He spent his early childhood in Displaced Persons Camps in Austria and Germany following an escape from Poland. Immigrating to Haifa, Israel in 1949 with his family, he served in the Israel Defense Forces in the 1960s. Following his military service, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Hebrew Literature from Chicago's College of Jewish Studies in 1969, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Chicago's Roosevelt University in 1970. He has a Master of Art in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1971. He was ordained as a Reform Rabbi at the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1974, along with a M.A. in

Hebrew Letters. His alma-mater granted him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1999. He is the only rabbi to earn a doctoral degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the McCormick Theological Seminary (affiliated with the Presbyterian Church USA) in Chicago, Illinois in 1980.

He led his former Congregation Beth Chaverim for over 30 years. Also, he spent 10 years at the Catholic Church of the Ascension in Virginia Beach. Rabbi Zoberman represents the Jewish community at civic events in Chesapeake, Virginia. He is the first rabbi to serve as chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and is a long-time member of the Federation Holocaust Commission. Since 1981, he has served on the spiritual panel of Lee's Friends, has been the past national interfaith chair of Jewish Counsel of Public Affairs and served as president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors, as well as president of the Virginia Beach Clergy Association. He is the only Hampton Roads rabbi to serve as a volunteer police chaplain with the Virginia Beach Police Department. He is a commissioner with the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission.

I congratulate Rabbi Zoberman on his 50 years of service as a rabbi and his dedication to our community.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR OSCAR TREVINO

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mayor Oscar Trevino's career of serving the city and the people of North Richland Hills. Mayor Trevino was elected in June 2002 and re-elected ten times, making him the longest-serving mayor in the city's history. Before being Mayor, he served as a council member for three years.

Mayor Trevino graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. His business and construction experience spans more than 40 years and he is currently CEO and owner of O. Trevino Construction. In addition to promoting a positive city image, sense of community, and financial stability, Mayor Trevino has prioritized safety, security, and economic development for North Richland Hills. Mayor Trevino believes it is important to collaborate and work with other communities to improve regional problems.

His leadership style is inclusive and consensus-based as shown by his service as President of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Chair of the Regional Transportation Council, and a member of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the Coalition for Better Transportation and the Texas Transportation Institute, as well as serving as the NLC's Hispanic Elected Local Officials' President. He holds numerous other volunteer positions in the community highlighting his comprehensive approach.

The Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded Mayor Trevino the John V. McMillan Hall of Fame award in 2022 and

honored him as Hispanic Businessman of the Year in 2015. The American Planning Association Midwest Texas Section presented him with the Planning Advocate Award in 2021 and the North Central Texas Council of Governments presented him with the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award in 2010.

Mayor Oscar Trevino's awards and memberships not only reflect his outstanding work ethic but also his dedication to our community. It is my pleasure to honor Mayor Oscar Trevino on his career with North Richland Hills and celebrate his commitment to our community. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE KOREAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE'S 2024 KOREAN WAR VETERANS EVENT

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we commend the Korean Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida for its 2024 Korean War Veterans Event on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Following the Korean War, the American people and Korean people have formed a strong, admirable friendship that has stood the test of time for decades. It is important to continue this relationship for years to come and I am grateful for the efforts of the Korean Baptist Church of Gainesville to foster these bonds.

I congratulate them on another great event. We look forward to seeing the fruits of this labor in our North Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING TEA MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tea Martinez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Tea has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Tea, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Tea's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Tea Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND CECIL WILLIAMS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life, leadership and service of

Reverend Cecil Williams: a spiritual giant who devoted his life to empowering those marginalized, forgotten and in need.

Reverend Williams embodied the Gospel of Matthew: 'for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me.' Through his many good works, he transformed countless lives—in the Bay Area and beyond.

Reverend Williams stood on the forefront of the American struggle for civil rights and social justice: whether fighting against racism, protesting the Vietnam War, confronting the crack cocaine epidemic or bringing compassion to those with HIV/AIDS, to name just a few of his many good works. In a moment when the LGBTQ+ community faced intense discrimination and stigma, Reverend Williams began presiding over the weddings of same-sex couples in San Francisco—nearly five decades before marriage equality became the law of the land.

Alongside his beloved wife Janice Mirikitani, who was his partner not only in marriage but in service, Reverend Cecil Williams helped launch and lead the GLIDE Memorial Church for six decades. Strengthened by their belief in unconditional love and the power of redemption, GLIDE has built a community of compassion and inclusion in the heart of one San Francisco's toughest neighborhoods. Today, more than 11,000 San Franciscans of all races, ethnic backgrounds, cultures, social classes, ages, faiths and sexual orientations are a part of GLIDE's vibrant, diverse congregation.

Living out Reverend Williams and Janice's faith-based social justice mission, GLIDE is also one of the largest providers of social services in the city. GLIDE serves three nutritious meals a day, 365 days a year, to thousands of San Franciscans in need—while offering comprehensive support services, including affordable, accessible, quality health care, mental health services, and HIV/AIDS and substance abuse treatment. GLIDE also helps women overcome domestic violence and oppression by providing housing, child care and supportive services.

Reverend Williams was not only respected but revered in our City as a clarion voice for love, respect and justice. At the same time, he embodied the spirit of our City's patron saint, Saint Francis of Assisi, who taught us to 'Preach the gospel. Sometimes use words.' Indeed, he preached the gospel with his inspiring deeds each and every day.

May it be a comfort to Reverend Williams' children Kim and Albert, his stepdaughter Tianne, his grandchildren and all his loved ones that so many San Franciscans mourn their loss and pray for them during this sad time—and that his saintly teachings will live on in the hearts of all those who were blessed to know him.

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF GREGORY R. IANNELLO

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career and dedicated service of Mr. Gregory R. Iannello. In addition to being an honored veteran, Mr. Iannello's tenure at Griffis Institute (GI) and his career with the Department of Defense stand as testaments to his unwavering commitment to safeguarding the United States.

Greg obtained the esteemed position of Senior T2 Agreements Subject Matter Expert at the GI, focusing on Technology Transfer agreements for a decade. His expertise encompassed Education Partnership Agreements, Commercial Test Agreements, Cooperative Research and Development Agreements.

During his 6 years with the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Greg served in multiple capacities including Quality Assurance Specialist, Contract Price Analyst, and Contract Administrator. The remainder of his career with the Department of Defense was dedicated to the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL/RI), where he served as a Contract Specialist, Procurement Analyst, Grants and Agreements Officer, Contracting Officer, and R&D Contracting Branch Chief. During his time at AFRL/RI, Greg played a pivotal role in drafting Procurement Policy, Training, and Implementation. He spearheaded the utilization of Grants, Cooperative Agreements, Other Transactions, Technology Investment Agreements, and Consortium Agreements. Mr. Iannello dedicated 47 years to supporting the United States Air Force and the Department of Defense through both his direct employment, and his contributions at GI.

In addition to his impressive career, Greg holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and Project Management from SUNY Polytechnic Institute. He also achieved an Acquisition Professional Development Program Level 3 Certification in Contracting under the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act. He was an active member of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) and held several offices including Leatherstocking Chapter President, Certification Chair, and Fellows Chair. He also served 3 years on the National Board of Directors and is an NCMA Fellow and Certified Professional Contracts Manager.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am deeply honored to acknowledge Gregory Iannello's extraordinary service, tireless efforts, profound commitment, and devotion to the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on April 29, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call Vote No. 153 and No. 154.

Had I been present, I would have voted "AYE" on both Roll Call No. 153 and No. 154.

HONORING SUZANNE FALZONE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suzanne Falzone, an esteemed member of our Yolo County community. Ms. Falzone is being honored at this year's annual Yolo Farm to Fork board meeting for her pivotal role in shaping its success.

Ms. Falzone was born in Southern California and now lives in Davis with her husband Paul. She has two children and three grandchildren. She is a lifelong educator, having been a teacher, school administrator, and educational consultant. She has continued this passion for education throughout her professional career.

As one of its founders and now current President of the Board of Yolo Farm to Fork, Ms. Falzone has been instrumental in transforming Yolo County into a hub for agriculture and garden-based education. Her unwavering dedication and visionary leadership have not only fostered the growth of Yolo Farm to Fork but also left an indelible mark on the lives of thousands of children within our county.

Some of Ms. Falzone's major accomplishments with Yolo Farm to Fork include creating over 70 edible school garden programs, acquiring over 24 thousand pounds of produce from 20 small local farms for use in school lunches. Ms. Falzone has helped over 3,000 students visit local farms on field trips and has funded 136 college internships. Through her advocacy, Yolo Farm to Fork has not only been able to reach over 10,000 students, but also has provided them with the tools and knowledge to cultivate a lifelong relationship with healthy eating.

Ms. Falzone's dedication to educating our Yolo County community about the value of the farm-to-fork community food system is inspiring. Her leadership, fundraising acumen, and passion for cultivating a healthier future has established Yolo Farm to Fork as a cornerstone of community-driven agricultural education in Yolo County. Ms. Falzone's knowledge of and proficiency in grant writing and fundraising have helped to ensure that Yolo Farm to Fork has remained financially independent.

Ms. Falzone's work on behalf of Yolo Farm to Fork is awe-inspiring. Her tireless contributions on behalf of the organization and our broader community reflect her compassion and genuine desire to contribute positively to the people around her. Her devotion to bettering the lives of the children of Yolo County has left an indelible impact on our community.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ms. Falzone for her dedicated service and philanthropic actions in our community and on behalf of Yolo Farm to Fork. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.