

raised her two kids while advocating for women's reproductive rights and LGBTQ rights. She fought against hatred and led the way in human rights efforts.

In 1980, she traveled from Kansas to D.C. as a delegate to the National League of Women Voters conference. In her televised meeting with President Jimmy Carter, she spoke on behalf of the Floridian delegation asking President Carter to address the immigration crisis in Florida. A woman of many talents, she lobbied legislators while singing and playing the guitar at many women's movement events.

Marian designed and led a number of workshops in conservative towns for Parents & Daughters and Parents & Sons, teaching them how to talk about puberty, dating, emotional management, and consent.

In retirement, the Shapiros were thrilled to return to Goleta, where Marian taught for 11 years at Santa Barbara City College. She served on several boards, including Democratic Women of Santa Barbara County as well as the Democratic Service Club, and always volunteered to elect candidates for public office. One of her proudest accomplishments has been organizing her Big List of individuals who share her views on caring for the planet and human rights, and who respond to her Shapiro Action Alerts. The group has grown to include 650 recipients who appreciate her calls to action and her notices of important events or protest demonstrations they may not know about.

At 81 years old, Marian enjoys making pottery and has become an excellent photographer. She adores her children and relatives. You will often see Marian lending her photography skills to events for political candidates and non-profits alike. Her captures continue to be featured in publications like Noozhawk, Montecito Journal and the Santa Barbara Independent, often depicting the ongoing social and political movements of our district and has contributed many letters to our local publications.

I am honored to recognize Marian Shapiro. Throughout the Central Coast and, indeed, across the Nation, countless people know Marian Shapiro for her tireless service to a multitude of causes. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Marian Shapiro, for her incredible service to her community.

RECOGNIZING KAYRA RODAS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

Kayra 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 Kayra, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kayra'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 Kayra Rodas on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. Don tragically passed away on April 24th. His passing is a loss for New Jersey and this entire chamber.

Don will be missed, not only by family and friends, but also by his constituents. He came from a family of committed public servants. I also had the pleasure of serving with his father, Congressman Donald Payne, Sr., for many years on the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Like his father, Don was steadfast in his service to his constituents and the entire state of New Jersey. During his public service career, he was a passionate advocate for fair housing, for unfettered access to healthcare, and for those who were often forgotten by people in powerful positions. The Tenth District of New Jersey has lost a dedicated and effective public servant. He will be sorely missed.

I send my condolences to his wife Beatrice, their children, and his staff during this difficult time.

"VALDEZ FIMBRES FAMILY DAY" NOVEMBER 24, 2023

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Valdez Fimbres family who have been members of the Tucson community for generations. They held a family reunion on November 23, 2023 at the KayCee Club in Tucson, Arizona to celebrate their shared heritage, strengthen family ties, recognize marriages, and births, and honor those who have passed on.

The Valdez Fimbres family currently enjoys nine generations, many living across the country, but most of them reside in Tucson, Arizona.

Feliciano Fimbres, born in 1895, and Aurelia Valdez, born in 1899, were both first generation U.S. Citizens. They married on May 20, 1921, in Tucson, AZ and raised their eight children, Ernesto, Gilberto, Manuel, Carlos, Rudolfo, Maria del Carmen, Federico, and Gloria in Tucson, Arizona.

The Historic American Buildings Survey of the U.S. Interior Department conducted two studies in 1980 which are registered with the Library of Congress as Fimbres House No. 1 and Fimbres House No. 2. The summary states: "The name Fimbres has been associated with this section of South Meyer Avenue since 1881, when the City Directory lists a Santos Fimbres. The builder of this house,

Feliciano Fimbres, Sr., (probably related to Santos), lived here with his family until the late 1930's Fimbres, a laborer and wagon driver, lived across the street until he built this dwelling (Fimbres House No. 1), around 1905. Feliciano and Julia Fimbres had seven children. Two of them, Julia and Gabriel, lived in the apartments that Feliciano added at Meyer Avenue in Barrio Historico/Barrio Libre."

Julia Fimbres (the daughter), married Jesus Sanchez and lived next door at Meyer Avenue, also constructed by Feliciano Fimbres, Sr. in 1926. Jesus and Julia Sanchez died in 1959 and 1974, but their daughter, Evangelina Cota, still occupies that space with her family. The property at Meyer passed out of the Fimbres family in 1939, and has been rented by a succession of short-term tenants since that time. The dwellings were converted for commercial use after 1974 by a service agency for the handicapped.

TRIBUTE TO DR ELAINE YIN— CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Dr. Elaine Yin of Santa Maria, California.

Dr. Elaine Yin is a dedicated obstetrician-gynecologist based in Santa Maria, California. She embodies the essence of compassionate care and service to California's 24th District, where she's resided for over two decades. Dr. Yin has a strong commitment to women's health, practicing at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center and collaborating on research with researchers at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo while maintaining affiliations with Marian Regional Medical Center and French Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Yin obtained her medical degree at Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple, where she laid the foundation for her expertise in robotic surgery and high-risk obstetrics. She utilizes her knowledge in collaboration with researchers at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, making significant contributions to important studies examining the relationship between nutrition and outcomes for mothers and newborns in patients with obesity-related conditions. Through this research, Dr. Yin seeks to improve clinical outcomes and empower women with knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.

One of the main highlights of Dr. Yin's career was establishing the obstetrics-gynecology residency program at Marian Regional Medical Center six years ago. Her spearheading of this program marked a monumental milestone in medical education for the region, producing highly skilled professionals who have filled the gap for obstetrics-gynecology professionals in Santa Barbara County.

Dr. Yin's impact on our community goes beyond her professional career. A patron of the

arts, she generously supports the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, recognizing the importance of cultural enrichment in fostering the vibrant community of San Luis Obispo. Additionally, Dr. Yin's advocacy extends to underserved populations, including the Mixteco community, where she tirelessly works to bridge cultural and linguistic gaps and dismantle barriers to healthcare access.

Dr. Elaine Yin's nomination for Central Coast Woman of the Year for the 24th Congressional District is a testament to her remarkable contributions as a healthcare professional, community leader, and advocate for underserved populations. Her dedication, compassion, and unwavering service make her an inspiration to all.

RECOGNIZING FAITH PEREZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

Faith 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 Faith, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Faith'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 Faith Perez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, on May 1, 2024, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

As a supporter of all faith-based communities, I became a cosponsor of this bill and was pleased to see it pass the House.

HONORING CAPTAIN HAROLD M. ANDERSON AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH FOR MICHIGAN'S 9TH DISTRICT

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect to recognize the remarkable valor and contributions of Captain Harold M. Anderson, U.S. Navy (Ret), our esteemed Veteran of the Month for May 2024 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. It is with great honor that I highlight the exemplary

service and dedication of a true American hero whose courage has left an indelible mark on our Nation's history.

Captain Anderson was born on a small farm in Ontario, Canada, and raised in Detroit, where he graduated from Southeastern High School alongside his future wife, Sandra Page, in 1960. His distinguished military career began with a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1964. Over the next 18 years, he served on five submarines, including four years in command of the nuclear attack submarine USS *Shark* (SSN 591). His naval journey continued with notable assignments, including attendance at the Naval War College and earning a master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina University.

After retiring from active duty, Captain Anderson's commitment to serving others persisted. He continued to serve as Naval Science Instructor at Whitney Young Magnet High School in Chicago, sharing his knowledge and shaping the future of young minds. In 1998, Captain Anderson faced a personal battle when diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Despite an initial prognosis of 2–3 years, he achieved two years of remission and has since managed his condition with innovative treatments.

Captain Anderson's resilience extends beyond his personal challenges; he has been a beacon of hope for others, actively participating in annual 5K walks to raise funds for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. His efforts have remarkably contributed over \$300,000 towards research for better treatments and a potential cure.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Harold M. Anderson's life story is a testament to heroism, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication to our country. His military service during pivotal moments in history, combined with his ongoing contributions to medical research and education, exemplifies a legacy of valor and service that continues to inspire us all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and respect for Captain Anderson. His legacy is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by our service members and their families, and his life inspires future generations to uphold the values of freedom, resilience, and dedication that define our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CLIF SMART ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Clif Smart of Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, as he retires following an outstanding career as the university's longest serving president dating back to 1961.

President Smart is the university's 11th president, and he is retiring after 13 years as the top official. During that time, the university achieved many notable milestones such as setting enrollment, retention, and graduation records, expanding academic offerings, raising more than \$440 million in donations, and con-

structing or renovating dozens of buildings. More importantly, he accomplished all of this while raising tuition by less than inflation, allowing the university to be among the most affordable in the country.

President Smart graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science, and from the University of Arkansas School of Law with his Juris Doctorate Degree. He served his country in the U.S. Army before joining the private sector as an attorney. He subsequently became Missouri State's General Counsel, and then was appointed the university's interim president before receiving the nod to take over as president.

President Smart's visionary development of IDEA Commons transformed an abandoned industrial area into a thriving hub for economic development, innovation, and community engagement. His collaboration with the University of Missouri to offer engineering and pharmacy programs significantly addressed workforce shortages and strengthened the state's economic and educational landscapes. He also facilitated the university's recognition as a doctoral-granting institution. These are just a few of his many, many accomplishments.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to President Smart for his outstanding leadership at Missouri State University and his profound effect on the broader community. I also want to extend my best wishes for his retirement and future endeavors. I am proud that he is one of my constituents.

RECOGNIZING ITZELTH ROBLES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

Itzelth 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 Itzelth, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Itzelth'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 Itzelth Robles on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

SUPPORTING THE REPORT ACT

HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Mrs. McBATH. Mr. Speaker, as a mother in Congress, one of my top priorities is protecting children. I know the incomparable love that a person can feel for their child and the horrors of losing a child. I set out to pass a bill that will protect our children and help law enforcement in their efforts to find those who wish to prey on the vulnerabilities of kids across the globe.