

Trump. Now the Biden campaign has to waste \$50 million to smear Trump because Americans clearly saw judicial abuse for election interference. The result is Merchan re-earns my invitation to attend the Trump Inauguration, as Merchan re-elects Trump.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the Global War on Terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America. We do not need new border laws; we need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens borders for dictators, as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as repeatedly warned by the FBI.

RECOGNIZING MARLENE  
PIASECKI'S RETIREMENT FROM  
FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION  
OF BUCKS COUNTY

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extremely notable constituent within my district, Marlene Piasecki of Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania who is retiring from Family Service Association of Bucks County, a non-profit agency located in Langhorne, Pennsylvania after 23 years of dedicated service.

Marlene graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Masters in Social Work She has dedicated her life to social services. Holding several positions within Family Service from Director of Development to Chief Operating Officer to Interim Chief Executive Officer upon the sudden passing of their CEO, Audrey J Tucker, Marlene will be remembered for her mentorship, leadership and support of the staff members and the Bucks County community over these 23 years.

Today, I am proud to recognize Marlene Piasecki as an individual who has devoted her career to helping others and helping to meet the social service needs of Bucks County's residents.

We are all incredibly grateful for the positive impact Marlene has had through her long career, and we wish her much enjoyment in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL GARRETT  
FISHER, UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE

**HON. RON ESTES**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Garrett Fisher, who will assume command of the United States Air Force 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Fisher grew up in Burrton, Kansas, before accepting an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in 1997 from former 4th District Congressman Todd Tiahrt. He graduated in 2001 and was commissioned as a C-17 pilot. Since then, he has achieved over 4,000 flight hours in the T-37B, T-1A, T-6A, C-37A, and C-17A aircraft.

Throughout Colonel Fisher's career, he has demonstrated the importance of a strong character and work ethic, laudable core values, and commitment to his country. He has selflessly served across the United States and world, from Hawaii to Washington D.C. to Europe and the Middle East. Colonel Fisher's schooling has taken him across the country as well, furthering his education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, St. Louis University, the Air Force Research Institute, and most recently, the National War College. He is the recipient of several major awards and decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and more.

I am grateful to Colonel Fisher for his service and sacrifices and look forward to seeing this Kansan excel as Commander of the 15th Wing. The 15th Wing has a long history in service to the United States, dating back to World War II and the war in the Pacific. Today, the 15th Wing is a critical component to projecting combat power across the United States Indo-Pacific Command. While this assignment comes with great responsibility, I am confident Colonel Fisher will gracefully step into this new role and make Kansas and our country proud.

Again, congratulations to Colonel Garrett Fisher as he assumes command of the 15th Wing.

CELEBRATING LOS ANGELES  
UNION STATION'S 85TH ANNIVER-  
SARY

**HON. JIMMY GOMEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Los Angeles Union Station's 85th anniversary.

Los Angeles Union Station opened its doors in May of 1939, becoming the main railway station in Los Angeles, California, and the largest railroad passenger terminal in the Western United States. This landmark enjoys the great distinction of being known as the "Last of the Great Train Stations" built in the United States.

Owned by the Metro/Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority since 2012, Union Station is a major transportation hub for Southern California, providing thousands of passengers daily access to Amtrak long distance trains, Amtrak California regional trains, Metrolink commuter trains, and Metro Rail subway and light rail lines.

Los Angeles Union Station is also a vibrant landmark and symbol of Downtown Los Angeles. This station serves as a hub for visitors to Los Angeles, and has been the star of hundreds of movies, television shows and commercials.

The station also showcases an array of arts and cultural events from music and dance to film screenings, architecture tours and holiday programs, and was internationally recognized as the host to the 93rd Oscars in 2021.

In the eight-plus decades since its opening, Los Angeles Union Station has captured the spirit and soul of Los Angeles and is a source of great civic pride for Angelenos.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone for Los Angeles

Union Station, and I look forward to seeing all that they do in the next 85 years and beyond.

HONORING GEORGE B.  
HERNÁNDEZ, JR.

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the retirement of George B. Hernández, Jr.

Mr. Hernández spent the last 19 years serving South Texas as president and CEO of University Health. A member of the University Health family for more than four decades, Mr. Hernández attended his first Board of Managers meeting in December of 1980. Since that time, University Health has become a nationally recognized health care organization. That growth would not have been possible without his leadership.

University Health is a longtime fixture for community health, trauma care, and disease prevention in San Antonio. During his tenure, Mr. Hernández oversaw the opening of a new state-of-the-art medical office building, the expansion and redesign of University Hospital, and just last year, the opening of a women's and children's hospital. Mr. Hernández has ensured that University Health will continue to expand, with construction of public health clinics and community hospitals underway.

Notably, Mr. Hernández led the health system through the COVID-19 pandemic, with his team of healthcare heroes administering more than 600,000 doses of Covid vaccines throughout our community.

A native of San Antonio, Mr. Hernández has never stopped giving back to his hometown, serving on the boards of the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, the Center for Health Care Services, St. Mary's University and the San Antonio Medical Foundation.

Mr. Hernández's efforts with University Health have improved the lives of thousands of South Texans. With his retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of compassionate care, education, and discovery that will continue on.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to express my gratitude for Mr. George Hernández, Jr. and his spirit of service to San Antonio.

RECOGNIZING JOANNA SEBELIEN  
FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS WITH  
HARVESTERS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with eternal gratitude to celebrate the long and diverse career of Joanna Sebelien, the last 23 years of which were devoted to service with the charitable food bank, Harvesters. Since 2001, Joanna has been an integral part of Harvesters' mission to create a healthy, thriving community where no one is hungry. As the non-profit's Chief Resource Officer, she has been responsible for its fundraising, volunteer recruitment, food acquisition, communications,

and advocacy. During her long tenure, Joanna has seen Harvesters' recruitment of over 1 million volunteers across 2.5 million hours of service, fundraising of over \$300 million, and acquisition of a whopping 1 billion pounds of food. Let us take a moment to reflect on Joanna's long and fruitful career and its impact on food security here in Missouri's 5th District and beyond.

Although Joanna's decorated career did not begin with Harvesters, she has always sought to make a difference in the lives of others with her professional life. After graduating with honors from Boston College and receiving a master's from Central Michigan University, Joanna settled on the East Coast as an English teacher. It was in this position that she saw firsthand the effect that food insecurity could have on young people leading to misbehavior at school. This experience ignited her passion for fighting food insecurity so that no child would become a victim of it like her students did.

Joanna settled in the Midwest and joined Harvesters, an organization established in 1979 that focused on cutting back food waste in Kansas City, in 2001. As one of the pioneering food banks in the country, Harvesters quickly joined Feeding America, a national organization of food banks. The organization has become a staple charity in Kansas City and beyond, serving to ensure the human right of food security for over forty years. From the moment she joined Harvesters, Joanna committed herself to its mission, exceeding expectations in every way imaginable. Not only did she quickly climb Harvesters' ranks to become Chief Resource Officer, she also involved herself with state and national organizations dedicated to fighting food insecurity. She has served on three separate advisory committees for Feeding America, the Breakfast in the Classroom and Hunger Leader groups for the Food Research and Action Center, the local and Kansas State boards of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Food and Shelter Program, and as a member of Feeding Missouri. Such an illustrious resume demonstrates Joanna's awe-inspiring dedication as a crusader for equality and sets an example for anyone with similar conviction to follow.

Joanna's commitment to civic engagement does not end with ensuring food security. She also serves as a founding member of Hartsook Companies Kansas City Advisory Council, the Global Advisory Council, the American Association of Fundraising Professionals, Rotary 13, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurions, Chamber Champions, and the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation. That is just her current engagement, in the past, she has served on the board of Empower Missouri and as a member of the Non-Profit Advisory Group, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, and the Heart of America Hunger Coalition. With her expansive involvement across the non-profit community, Joanna has become an unstoppable force for good in the Greater Kansas City area.

What I admire most about Joanna is her resilience in the face of adversity. Over the course of her 23-year tenure at Harvesters, she has endured some of the most trying times our country has ever faced and has met these challenges with strength and determination. In 2008, the Great Recession wreaked havoc on the American economy, and the

number of people needing food assistance from Harvesters jumped by forty percent. Over the next six years, Harvesters met this challenge by nearly doubling its food distribution. Joanna herself was a crucial part of this success, being named the Association of Fundraising Professionals Mid America Chapter's Fundraiser of the Year in 2008. Finally, in 2020, as the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, Harvesters saw another forty percent surge in need. Despite a decreasing number of food drives and volunteers due to safety concerns and social distancing regulations, the organization distributed 65.9 million pounds of food and fundraised \$23 million, a record on both counts. As Chief Resource Officer during this period, Joanna was integral to this success. Once again, she proved her ability to face any challenge standing tall and handle it with the utmost skill and grace.

Harvesters' functions according to the belief that access to nutritious food is a human right. From the beginning of her career as a teacher and through her 23 years with Harvesters, Joanna Sebelien has understood this to be true. Her commitment to combatting food insecurity in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District is an inspiration to us all. Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Joanna's 23 years of service with Harvesters. On behalf of the 118th Congress, I wish her a retirement as fulfilling as her career.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF THERESA ERNESTINE RICHARDSON POPE

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Theresa Ernestine Richardson Pope. A trailblazing educator, passionate leader, and loving family member, Mrs. Pope was a guiding light in our community and changed the lives of many.

Born on January 8, 1944, in Somerset, Kentucky, Mrs. Pope was raised by her maternal grandparents, Reverend Robert Mae and Sarah Jane Owsley, and in the loving company of her cousins, whom she considered her siblings. In the early 1960s, Mrs. Pope attended Somerset High School, becoming one of the first Black students to integrate the school. Mrs. Pope attended Kentucky State University, where she met her husband, Jerry D. Pope, Sr. In December 1965, the two were married and moved to Buffalo to continue their education at Buffalo State College. Here, Mrs. Pope earned her Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degrees, and Certificate in School District Administration and Educational Supervision.

Mrs. Pope dedicated her career to public education, serving as an English Language Arts teacher at various Buffalo public schools. She became the first African American woman to serve as an Assistant Principal at Seneca Vocational High School and later went on to become the Assistant Principal at Hutchinson Central Technical High School. After 33 years of dedicated service in the Buffalo Public School System, Mrs. Pope entered a well-deserved retirement.

Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Pope was passionate about serving her community in numerous capacities. As a Golden Soror of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a member of the Buffalo Gamma Phi Omega Chapter, Mrs. Pope worked to strengthen the sorority's community relations both locally and nationally. In her retirement, Mrs. Pope continued to advocate for better educational policies through her leadership with the Buffalo Retired Teachers and the Buffalo Retired Administrators Association. Mrs. Pope's exceptional commitment to community service earned her numerous awards from the Second Temple Baptist Church and the NAACP.

Today, Mrs. Pope is remembered as a loving mother of two, grandmother of six, and great-grandmother of four. Please join me in honoring Theresa Ernestine Richardson Pope for her lifetime of service and her commitment to making education a reality for all.

#### RECOGNIZING 4TH ANNUAL GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM JUNETEENTH PARADE AND THE DIVINE NINE

#### HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 4th Annual Greater Prince William Juneteenth Parade in commemoration of the 159th Juneteenth.

June 19, 2024, marks the 159th commemoration of Juneteenth, a celebration of the liberation of enslaved African Americans. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger led troops to Galveston, Texas to issue General Order No. 3, which made clear that slavery had been abolished in 1863, two and a half years prior, with the Emancipation Proclamation.

This significant moment in American history is worthy of recognition, and the annual Greater Prince William Juneteenth Parade provides that opportunity to the community. This year's parade seeks to celebrate the National Pan-Hellenic Council, known as the Divine Nine, and recognize their continued dedication to supporting Black communities worldwide. For more than 100 years, this group of nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations has uplifted Black communities through civic action, community service, and kinship. It is my privilege to join the greater Prince William County community in recognizing the dedicated work of the Divine Nine.

The importance of this historic day deserves recognition and celebration. This annual parade, which does just that, would not have been possible without the dedicated work of the Greater Prince William Juneteenth Parade Committee—composed of Ms. Mellionese Bennett, Ms. Ebony Lofton, and Ms. Cydney A. Neville. I thank them for their commitment to bringing this celebration to life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 159th anniversary of Juneteenth and the 4th Annual Greater Prince William Juneteenth Parade. Thank you to the Divine Nine for their dedication and to the parade committee for highlighting the celebration of such a significant historical event.