

our meeting and sharing this—I will do all I can to help provide the resources necessary to fight this terrible disease.

Randy and his wife, Lisa, were tireless champions for individuals affected by ALS, traveling to Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. to share their story and advocate for a cure. Their efforts extended beyond legislative halls as they supported ALS research initiatives, raised public awareness, and provided unwavering emotional and practical support to families affected by the disease. Through their dedicated activism, Randy and Lisa have profoundly impacted the ALS community.

Randy graduated from Ephrata High School in 1982, where he played football, baseball, and was on the diving team. Following graduation, Randy joined the Marine Corps and served until 1985. We extend our gratitude to Randy for his service and dedication to our country. He was a loving husband to Lisa, a father to Calvin and Victoria, a grandfather to two, and a friend to all. Randy will be deeply missed.

We wish those who are grieving comfort and give thanks for the opportunity to know Randy who positively impacted so many people during his 60 years.

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CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS DURING IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the amazing contributions of immigrants across this country during Immigrant Heritage Month.

Immigrants are the powerhouse of America.

By now, we've all seen the report from the Congressional Budget Office that says our current immigration surge will add over \$7 trillion to our economy over the next 10 years.

But it is not just their economic impact.

Immigrants contribute every day to communities across the country.

They make our days vibrant and exciting.

Immigrants are Dreamers and doers. They are doctors, entrepreneurs, and public servants. They are scientists, artists, and astronauts.

America is great in large part because of immigrants.

When given a fair shot, when given a fair chance, Dreamers and immigrants move this country forward.

And let me just say this, to those who seek to demonize and scapegoat immigrants as they seek to score political points, Immigrants are here to stay. No wire or wall can change that.

What immigrants need now is protection.

It is time for Congress to get to work on a bipartisan basis and pass solutions like my bill, the American Dream and Promise Act.

We have over 200 bipartisan cosponsors in the House, and millions of supporters in every district across this country.

They are counting on us to put people over politics, immigrants over ignorance, and get it done.

It's the right thing to do, and it is long overdue.

RECOGNIZING DAVID HAGLUND,  
PhD

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund on his retirement after seven years of service with the Pleasanton Unified School District on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

A native of Southern California, David received his Bachelors degree from Hope International University in 1985. He immediately took his talents to the classroom and began teaching for ten years. He then returned to school to receive his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from California Baptist University and a Doctorate in urban school leadership from the University of Southern California.

David began his career in school administration by serving the Riverside Unified School District in various leadership roles for 15 years.

When he began his tenure with Pleasanton Unified School District, David immediately addressed some of the district's most pressing issues. He stewarded a \$270 million bond measure for school facility upgrades and fiercely advocated for several other policies and measures that improved student performance and experience.

David states that his favorite moments of each school year are the first day of school and graduation, because they provide him the opportunity to tell every student how proud he is of them.

From his experience in the classroom to leading an entire school district, David has firsthand experience in every aspect of the educational process. He has demonstrated a level of connection with students, staff, and community members that every educator should strive for. His commitment to improving the learning environment of every student and staff member will be evident long after his retirement.

I thank David for his exceptional educational leadership at the Pleasanton Unified School District for seven years. His cheerful presence and creative thinking will be deeply missed. I wish him well-deserved rest and relaxation as he returns to Southern California to spend time with his family, including his three grandchildren.

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CONGRATULATING BISHOP FRANK MADISON REID, III ON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE 138TH BISHOP OF THE 11TH DISTRICT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**HON. MAXWELL FROST**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our office and the Central Florida community, I want to honor and celebrate the distinguished career of Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III, an innovative thought and spiritual leader who after an impressive decades-long career serv-

ing Christ and his community, has decided to retire.

Bishop Reid is a 5th generation AME minister whose father and grandfather served the African Methodist Episcopal Church as Bishops. Thus, it was no surprise that in 2016, Bishop Reid was elected as the 138th Bishop of the AME Church, marking the first time in AME history that three generations from the same family were elevated to the Episcopacy. Bishop Reid serves as the Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District which includes, Florida and The Bahamas, and Chair of the Commission on Christian Education for the AME Church.

Bishop Reid, III, is an internationally known leader, innovative thinker, and preeminent power speaker. His unwavering commitment to putting people first, whether in service as a missionary pastor or as a Bishop, has transformed and empowered the lives of countless individuals within and beyond church walls.

Although Bishop Reid has received countless awards and accolades, his greatest legacy is his faith and family.

It brings me great joy to congratulate Bishop Reid on his retirement and thank him for his outstanding spiritual guidance and compassionate pastoral care for the past 50 years. On behalf of Florida's Tenth Congressional District, I want to thank Bishop Reid for his leadership on behalf of the 118th Congress.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF AKIKO SOELLNER OF HARVARD, ILLINOIS

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to commemorate the life of Akiko Soellner of Harvard, Illinois who sadly passed away on June 10, 2024.

Akiko was born on October 14, 1965, in Hamamatsu, Japan to parents Toshio and Makie Tomida. She married Peter Soellner on June 25, 1994 in Japan, and they have resided in Harvard since 2018 following Peter's retirement from the Illinois Air National Guard. Akiko is survived by her husband Peter; her cherished daughter Mica; and their loving cats Zippo and Q. She was preceded in death by Toshio Tomida, as well as longtime family pets Bailey, Boots, and cousin Sookie.

I join our Illinois community in mourning the loss of Akiko and send my condolences to her family and loved ones. May Akiko's memory be a blessing.

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RECOGNIZING AMIE BACA-OEHLERT

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amie Baca-Oehlert for service with the Colorado Education Association (CEA).

Amie is a bold and courageous leader who served for over a decade in leadership, including six years as president of CEA. Amie made

hard decisions throughout her tenure and led during unprecedented times—including the COVID–19 global pandemic.

During COVID, Amie led with incredible power and grace. She formed new coalitions with healthcare and public health organizations, which was critical in supporting educators with vaccine and PPE access, important scientific knowledge about the virus, and information on how to keep themselves and their students healthy.

She was also at the helm during the murder of George Floyd and spoke out publicly against racism and police brutality. Amie made it clear that educators and CEA would not sit on the sidelines in the fight for racial, social, and economic justice.

Amie has committed her life and her career to improving the quality of life for people throughout Colorado. She has championed affordable housing, gun violence prevention, school funding, and mental health for educators and students. Our schools, our students, our educators, and our communities are better off thanks to Amie's leadership.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to thank Amie Baca-Oehlert for her tireless work and dedication to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF THE HIRZEL FAMILY REUNION

##### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a milestone occasion in the life and history of one Northwest Ohio family. On June 29, 2024 the Hirzel Family will come together for the 100th time in reunion. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the family's history as told to me:

"In 1871, Alexander Hirzel of Diessbach in the canton of Bern, Switzerland married Elisabeth Studer. They had five sons and two daughters. After Elisabeth died, Alexander married her sister, Marie Studer, in 1886. Alexander and Marie had six sons and three daughters. The descendants will gather on June 30, 2024 for the 100th Annual Reunion of the Descendants of Alexander Hirzel and Elisabeth and Marie Studer-Hirzel. Descendants have included 16 children, 33 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, 146 great-great grandchildren, 208 great-great-great grandchildren—and still growing with 45 great-great-great-great-grandchildren plus hundreds of spouses.

"In the 1890s, the Hirzel-Studer family settled in the Toledo area. The descendants have had a significant impact on Northwest Ohio. In 1924, the family was involved in founding the Swiss Hall on South St. Clair Street in Toledo. The Swiss Hall served as a gathering spot for Swiss immigrants and their descendants and also housed the Toledo United Swiss Society. In 1974, the Toledo United Swiss Society sold the Swiss Hall and joined six German societies in founding Oak Shade Grove in Oregon, Ohio which is the location of the 100th Annual Family Reunion.

"Originally, many family members worked in the alcohol business as bar owners and blew masters. Yet the family's trajectory changed when Prohibition put them out of these businesses. Beginning in 1920, the family started other businesses. Alexander's son, Alfred, founded Alfred Hirzel and Sons

Greenhouses in what is now Northwood, Ohio. Alfred's brother Carl bought a farm in Northwood and in 1923 established Hirzel Canning Company & Farms. Brother Ernest started Hirzel Coal and Builder's Supply in Toledo. In 1924, brothers Otto and Eugene started Hirzel Brothers Florist in Toledo. Hirzel Canning Company & Farms and Hirzel Brothers Florist still exist today.

"The reunion began as elders became concerned that the family was growing and moving beyond the Toledo area, and they wanted to establish an annual event that would bring the entire extended family together. So in 1924, family members organized the first Reunion of the Descendants of Alexander Hirzel and Elisabeth and Marie Studer-Hirzel at the Hirzel Canning Company on Lemoyne Road in Northwood. "On June 30, 2024, for the 100th time in 100 years, the descendants will gather to honor their Swiss and American Heritage and to blend the generations and the branches of the Hirzel-Studer family. Since inception, aside from a social gathering, the family reunion has included a formal business meeting run by Robert's Rules of Order with minutes recorded by a Secretary. During this meeting, family members raise issues of concern to the extended family, vote on resolutions and elect officers. This business meeting has been an integral part of the annual family reunion for a century."

The Hirzel family has been a cornerstone of business and community leadership for more than 150 years. It is astounding that they have been able to come together as a family for 100 consecutive years. Yet, as successful and noted as Hirzel Family businesses—now in operation through the fourth generation—this annual family reunion demonstrates the Hirzel family lives by a credo of Walt Disney: "A man should never neglect his family for business."

We wish the members of the Hirzel family, descendants of Alexander Hirzel and Elisabeth and Marie Studer-Hirzel who came to this corner of Ohio so many generations ago, a reunion filled with love and laughter, joy and inspiration, reflection and memory. May they continue forward with full hearts as an intergenerational family that has distinguished itself personally and professionally for a century of American progress.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my votes for the H. Res. 901 or H.R. 7152. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 280, and YEA on Roll Call No. 281.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TINi APELU MANULELEUA

##### HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tini Apelu Manuleleua who passed away on Friday, June

7, 2024, at the age of 84. Tini was born and raised in Pago Pago, American Samoa, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Tini joined the Air Force and proudly served from 1956 to 1960. He held an E–4 High Security Clearance to code and decode messages as a Teletype Operator, typing 133 WPM. He went on to work at RCA, Watkins and Johnson, and Santa Clara County as a Counselor specifically working with the Polynesian community. We honor his legacy and thank him for his service.

He is survived by siblings Katherine Bitgood, Tolu Misa, Alavine Tuala, and Laila Manuleleua as well as his children, Eddie Achica, Lucy Achica-Woods, Mona Lozada, George Achica, Eugenia Delatorre, Virginia Manuleleua, Jerry Manuleleua, and Daniel Peters and their families made up of 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

He will be missed.

#### CELEBRATING THE NEW IMAGE YOUTH CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, today, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of New Image Youth Center located in the Parramore neighborhood of Orlando. New Image Youth Center's contributions over the past 20 years cannot be measured. With just \$5 and a game of Monopoly, the mustard seed was sown, and NIYC was born. Founded by licensed therapist, entrepreneur, and author Dr. Shanta Barton Stubbs, her goal was to transform the narrative of the Parramore community and shift the mindset from surviving to thriving.

New Image Youth Center prides itself on being a safe haven for K–12 Orlando youth. For the past 20 years, their dedicated staff and volunteers have equipped their youth with the tools and space to pursue their wildest dreams. New Image provides mentorship and programming rooted in mental health counseling, academic support, social development, and more. Their love for their kids goes beyond the call of duty by serving and supporting them till their adult years as they seek employment and post-secondary education.

I thank New Image Youth Center for 20 years of dedication and service. Their contributions continue to make a profound difference in our community, and we are grateful for their support and commitment to make Central Florida a better place for all.

#### CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE EAST WIND FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH'S CHINA-TOWN COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

##### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2024*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Grand Opening of the East Wind