

hospitality, food service, and other tourism-related industries.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of the park rangers, park service employees and support staff who have worked to protect, conserve and maintain Carlsbad Caverns for the last century and for centuries to come.

Let us take a moment to celebrate Carlsbad Caverns National Park—not just as a site of state pride, but as a cherished national treasure.

**RECOGNIZING MICHELLE REIMERS
ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE
TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
GENERAL MANAGER**

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Reimers, who recently retired as General Manager of the Turlock Irrigation District (TID).

TID was founded in 1887, making it the oldest irrigation district in California. Today, TID provides water from Don Pedro Reservoir to over 150,000 acres of farmland in Stanislaus and Merced counties through 250 miles of canals. It is one of only four irrigation districts in California that provide retail electricity to homes, farms, and businesses in its service territory.

Michelle was with TID for 18 years, starting with its public information operation, but through hard work and dedication to the District, she assumed various other leadership positions, culminating in becoming the first female General Manager in 2020. During her time leading the agency, she focused on transparency, collaboration, and commitment to its customers, but always prioritized ensuring that TID had water supplies to serve its communities, such as through creating new water rights for the District to capture flood flows on the Tuolumne River. In addition, under Michelle's leadership, TID electricity rates remained among the lowest in California, without wavering on reliability.

Just three months into her role as General Manager, Michelle successfully navigated the most challenging pandemic of our time. Additionally, she led TID through extreme weather conditions, including the third driest three year stretch on record and then one of the wettest winters in history, and through significant wildfires multiple years in a row all the while maintaining the reliability our community expects and deserves. Michelle was also a driving force in the long-term relicensing of the Don Pedro Project, a federally licensed water storage facility with hydroelectric energy generation on the Tuolumne River, with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Pragmatic and results oriented, Michelle would bring disparate groups together from the Environmental Defense Fund to the American Public Power Association to get the job done. While she encouraged collaboration, she never shied away from her main objective—to ensure our communities and farms had a reliable supply of water and power. And when she was not leading TID or representing the District in water-related negotiations, she

could be found growing walnuts and almonds on her farm.

Michelle was a tireless advocate of our community and farmers and always led with the customer in mind. She should be proud of all she accomplished while leading TID and, as she begins this new chapter in her life, I am confident she will continue to make positive impacts in our Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing a woman whose professionalism, passion, and determination has benefited many of the water and power users of California's San Joaquin Valley. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Michelle Reimers on her retirement from the Turlock Irrigation District. I want to wish Michelle and her family all the best as she embarks on this new phase of life.

**REMEMBERING MUSIC LEGEND
JUAN JOSE "JOHNNY" CANALES**

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the legacy of the legendary Juan Jose "Johnny" Canales, who passed away on June 12, 2024. Johnny was a cultural icon whose influence on the Latino community, particularly in South Texas, is uncontested. Beyond Johnny's beloved music and television host careers, he was a beacon of hope and inspiration for countless aspiring Hispanics and Latinos.

Canales was born in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and raised in Robstown, Texas. He's best remembered today for his groundbreaking bilingual variety show, The 'Johnny Canales Show.' This show began in 1983 in Corpus Christi and provided an unprecedented stage for Tejano and Latino artists when such opportunities were scarce. It became a vital part of the cultural fabric of South Texas and beyond, showcasing emerging talents and giving them a chance to shine.

Johnny's enthusiastic support of young artists helped launch numerous careers, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment within the Latino community. His catchphrase, "You got it! Take it away!" symbolized encouragement and empowerment. His show was more than entertainment; it celebrated Latino culture and identity.

Beyond his contributions to music, Johnny served in the Army and was an avid supporter of civil rights and veterans' issues. During his three years of active-duty service, he formed the foundation of his advocacy for the troops and veterans, a dedication that made him a cherished community figure.

Despite facing health challenges later in life, Johnny continued influencing and uplifting his community. Alongside his wife, Nora, he returned to television with "El Show de Johnny y Nora Canales," ensuring that the voices of Latino artists remained heard and celebrated.

Johnny is survived by his two daughters, Nora Seleste Canales and Miroslava Canales.

Mr. Speaker, let us honor and celebrate the life of Johnny Canales, a man who truly embodied the spirit of the Latino community and a pioneer who paved the way for future generations of artists.

**COMMEMORATING HIS MAJESTY
KING MAHA VAJIRALONGKORN
PHRA VAJIRAKLAOCHAOUHUA'S
(RAMA X) 6TH CYCLE BIRTHDAY
ANNIVERSARY**

HON. RICHARD McCORMICK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua of the Kingdom of Thailand's (Rama X) 6th Cycle Birthday Anniversary on July 28, 2024, which marks the completion of 72 years. I would like to take this opportunity to offer our most heartfelt congratulations.

I applaud His Majesty's many accomplishments and contributions to the prosperity and welfare of the people of Thailand. Despite the many global challenges faced since his ascension to the throne in December 2016, His Majesty continues to preserve and build upon the Royal legacy of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej the Great (Rama IX).

His Majesty's long-standing relationship with the United States dates back 64 years to June 1960 when King Rama X accompanied his father and Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother, during a Thai royal visit to the United States. During his address to a joint session of the United States Congress, His Majesty's father expressed admiration for the United States' ability to maintain harmony among diverse peoples and emphasized our nations' deep ties and mutual respect.

In the 1980s, King Rama X, then the Crown Prince, completed U.S. Air Force (USAF) advanced fighter training and conversion courses for the F-5 fighter aircraft at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, logging over 2,000 hours of flight time. As a Marine Corps helicopter pilot myself, I wholeheartedly commend His Majesty's aviation achievements. His Majesty's passion and dedication to military affairs is reflected in the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand's shared desire to elevate our alliance and military cooperation. The U.S. designated the Kingdom of Thailand as a major non-NATO ally in 2003, and the annual Cobra Gold Exercise remains the largest multinational military exercise in the Indo-Pacific region. Participating in Cobra Gold during my own military career was a true honor.

The Kingdom of Thailand remains a key U.S. ally and partner in Southeast Asia. The U.S.-Thailand relationship is vital to the stability and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region, and the Thai monarchy plays an integral role in cultivating this crucial relationship.

Last year, the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand celebrated the 190th anniversary of our shared diplomatic relations, signifying the enduring bond of trust and collaboration established by the signing of the 1833 Treaty of Amity and Commerce, making the Kingdom of Thailand the first Asian nation to enter diplomatic relations with the United States. From then on, the Thai monarchy, our governments, and our peoples have worked to solidify and modernize our relationship and the unwavering alliance that we enjoy today. The anniversary was an opportunity to reaffirm our long-standing alliance and commitment to facing our shared global challenges together.

As we celebrate these significant milestones, I'm pleased to recognize another individual who has contributed to strengthening the diplomatic and cultural ties between our nations. I extend my heartfelt appreciation and recognition to Mr. Sribhongse Bunnag, who has rendered invaluable service to my constituents and my office this year in his capacity as a Foreign Affairs Fellow. Through Mr. Bunnag's diligence and compassion, we have gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Thai people's rich culture, history, and aspirations.

But perhaps most importantly, we have gained a dear friend.

As we look ahead, I am confident that the enduring friendship between our two nations will continue to prosper and grow as we rise together to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Today, I extend to His Majesty King Rama X of Thailand my sincerest best wishes for his good health, happiness, and long life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted:

PRES on Roll Call No. 1; YEA on Roll Call No. 6; YEA on Roll Call No. 9; NAY on Roll Call No. 11; YEA on Roll Call No. 73; YEA on Roll Call No. 74; YEA on Roll Call No. 75; YEA on Roll Call No. 76; YEA on Roll Call No. 77; NAY on Roll Call No. 78; NAY on Roll Call No. 112; NAY on Roll Call No. 113; NAY on Roll Call No. 227; NAY on Roll Call No. 228; NAY on Roll Call No. 285; and NAY on Roll Call No. 287.

DEEPFAKES OF INTIMATE IMAGES

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the dangerous issue of deepfake pornography, which is incredibly destructive and can have life-altering impacts on its victims. Almost 96 percent of all deepfakes online are pornographic in nature, and nearly every single one targets women. It takes no special knowledge or technical expertise to create these images, and more women are being targeted each and every day. High school students, young girls who should be worried about their homework, not whether a classmate is using their image to make an explicit video that has the potential to do serious and irreparable harm. Deepfakes are abhorrent, and the developers of these systems should be held liable. I've introduced legislation to bring strong criminal and civil penalties against those who create them. I urge my colleagues to join me in demonstrating our shared commitment to fighting the dangerous misuse of artificial intelligence.

HONORING THE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES C. WARREN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication ceremony for the Lieutenant Colonel James C. Warren Memorial Interchange. In 2015, the Interstate-80/505 Interchange was officially named the Lieutenant Colonel James C. Warren Memorial Interchange, yet a physical sign designating the recognition and new name of the interchange was never established.

Lt. Col. Warren began his 35 years of service in the U.S. Air Force during World War II as an original member of the 477th Bombardment, comprised of African American military pilots known as the "Tuskegee Airmen." He flew over 12,000 hours and 173 combat missions, never failing to answer the call to serve our country.

As a result of his bravery and aptitude, Lt. Col. Warren was selected as the navigator of "Homecoming One," bringing home the first group of American POW's from North Vietnam. In 1971, when Apollo 14 landed on Earth, he was a member of the team that safely recovered the space crew. Lt. Col. Warren participated in countless crucial moments in our history and his selfless service undeniably solidified him as an American hero.

Lt. Col. Warren's service alongside his fellow Tuskegee Airman was critical to the Civil Rights Movement and breaking down the barriers of segregation in the U.S. military. In 1945, Lt. Col. Warren and the Tuskegee Airman attempted to integrate an all-white Officers' Club at Freeman Army Airfield. The incident led to the arrest of 102 officers, including Lt. Col. Warren. This event is widely regarded as a seminal moment in the push toward full integration of the U.S. military and as a model for civil disobedience during the Civil Rights Movement.

For his critical contributions to our country, Lt. Col. Warren was awarded numerous medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Congressional Gold Medal. Lt. Col. Warren dedicated his life to serving our country, and his bravery and tenacity helped create a better, more equitable society for future generations of Americans.

I am thrilled that the dedication for the Lieutenant Colonel James C. Warren Memorial Interchange will finally be completed. On behalf of California's Eighth Congressional District, I extend my sincere gratitude to Lt. Col. James C. Warren for his selfless service, advocacy, and tremendous impact on our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNUAL TASTE OF ETHIOPIA

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th Annual Taste of Ethiopia and

its organizers. The Taste of Ethiopia is an annual event that highlights the culture and community service of many in Colorado's Ethiopian immigrant community.

Colorado families of all backgrounds attend this event to experience Ethiopian culture, music, food, art, crafts, games, and dance. Organizers and volunteers share these vibrant facets of their lives with the community, and attendees embrace and learn about the many ways the Ethiopian diaspora community enriches our district.

My district has one of the largest Ethiopian populations in the State of Colorado, a characteristic that I consider among our strengths. I have had the privilege of attending the Taste of Ethiopia several times over the last ten years, and I know firsthand how meaningful this event is to our community. It is an honor to be included in this celebration.

I recognize the leadership of the Taste of Ethiopia's organizers, the contributions of Ethiopian individuals, families, and organizations, and the support of volunteers and our community who make this one of the district's popular annual events.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK HAMLIN OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2024

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of a great American patriot, World War II hero Jack Hamlin of Springfield, Missouri, who passed away on July 20, 2024. He was 102 years old.

Mr. Hamlin's resume reads like it should belong to several individuals: college football player, minor league baseball player, Coast Guard veteran, law school graduate, member of the Missouri House of Representatives from Greene County, Deputy Collector of Revenue for the state of Missouri, owner of an insurance company, husband, and father of three.

In 1941, Jack was pursuing his dream to become a professional baseball player, but when the Japanese Empire attacked the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7th that year, Jack knew he had to serve. On February 2, 1942, he raised his right hand and enlisted in the Coast Guard.

Little did Jack know that in the spring of 1944, he would be assigned to "Operation Neptune," the designation for the naval operation supporting the largest invasion in military history code named Operation Overlord. His 83-foot cutter was assigned to a special unit of 60 cutters named "Rescue Flotilla One." Their mission was to rescue soldiers lost in the water during the invasion at Normandy.

We hear much about the men who fought and died that day, ultimately turning the tide of World War II. But little is known about Jack's efforts and the efforts of more than 800 of his fellow guardsmen who saved the lives of 1,500 men and one woman, pulling them from the chilly waters off the Normandy coast and ferrying them to the hospital ships some 10 miles away. It was right and fitting that he was presented with the French Legion of Honor medal for his efforts. He also was one of only 75 American military members to be invited to