

Prior to the VFW, Commander Corcoran dedicated 24 years to the Armed Forces, serving in Germany in 1984 before joining the Army Reserves at Fort Harrison and in Baghdad, Iraq from 2006 through 2008. In Iraq, Commander Corcoran supported Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Civil Affairs Officer in charge of a Civil Military Operations Center. Prior to her current role with the VFW, Commander Corcoran served as VFW All-American Post Commander and All-American VFW District Commander. She has held many positions at the state and national level and has been recognized with the Department of Indiana Commander's Eisenhower Award. In addition to her service to our country, Commander Corcoran also serves countless patients through her work as a registered nurse at Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Indiana.

A true trailblazer with a servant's heart, Commander Corcoran will continue to leave her mark. Our state is honored to benefit from her leadership.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Commander Corcoran for her ongoing service to the Indianapolis community and beyond.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding votes I missed on January 12, 2024, due to family obligations.

Had I been present for Roll Call No. 9, on the China Exchange Rate Transparency Act, I would have voted yea. This is common sense, bipartisan legislation that will protect global market participants from the economic security threats posed by China.

Additionally, had I been present for Roll Call No. 10, on H.J. Res. 98, I would have voted nay. This resolution would weaken workers' rights and diminish the National Labor Relations Board ability to effectively do its job.

#### RECOGNIZING ABIGAIL HARKEY

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Abigail Harkey on completing the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. The Fulbright program is one of the most prestigious and sought-after exchange programs in the world and speaks to Ms. Harkey's commitment to and passion for education.

As an accomplished art teacher, the Fulbright program allowed Ms. Harkey to travel to Finland where she explored how arts education and social-emotional learning contribute to positive school culture. We are proud that Ms. Harkey will now bring this experience back to Colorado to enrich our schools and give our students an international perspective.

On behalf of the residents of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I congratulate Ms. Harkey on receiving the Fulbright Award and participating in this impactful program. We are

lucky to have dedicated educators like her serving our students.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ERIC SORENSEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes on November 9, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 641 on agreeing to the amendment to reduce the salary of White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre to \$1; and NAY on Roll Call No. 642 on agreeing to the amendment to prohibit funding to finalize, implement, or enforce the FAR Council's proposed "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk" rule.

#### YES TO LIFE

### HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views.

#### INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saying "Yes to Life" Published for the first time in English, *Yes To Life (In Spite of Everything)* Boston: Beacon Press. 2020, originally appeared in German in 1946 following public lectures delivered in Vienna, Austria in March and April 1946 by the renowned psychiatrist and author Dr. Viktor E. Frankl (1905-1997), the iconic founder of Logotherapy, the third school of Viennese psychotherapy. His thirty-nine books were translated into fifty languages. His classic *Man's Search For Meaning* was reconstructed during nine days in 1946 from bits of paper he had "obtained" during his internment since the original manuscript sown into his coat was confiscated upon arrival in Auschwitz.

An Austrian Jew, Dr. Frankl was deported by the Nazis in 1942 to Terezin, Auschwitz, Dachau, Buchenwald and Turkheim from which he was liberated by the American forces in 1945. His pregnant wife, parents and brother who were deported with him did not survive. Dr. Frankl chose to remain in Vienna after the war—though the majority of survivors left with understandable cause—to head a neurology department in a major hospital and, I believe to prove the limits of Nazism and the power of the individual to contend with great suffering, asserting the human will while serving as a personal exemplar. Already back in 1946, still reeling and recovering from the unfathomable horrors of the Holocaust, Dr. Frankl's insights remain most relevant, pointing at the critical difference a single human being can make whether for good or evil in face of mass ideologies proven empty and utterly destructive.

While the inmates in the camp, testifies Dr. Frankl, were told by their tormentors as a means to dehumanize them that they "were 'not worth the soup'" they were given following a trying day, never mind that the poor-quality soup was the only food they ate

that day. Nazism sought to reduce humanity to meaninglessness. Juxtapose it with Dr. Frankl's noble assertion "of life's unconditional meaning" which is rooted in Judaism's affirmation that human life is a precious divine gift, partaking of God's sacred image; that saving one human life is tantamount to saving an entire world, and destroying one human life is tantamount to destroying an entire world. No wonder saving a life, our own included, is a paramount Mitzvah overriding all but three Commandments. Each of us is unique and irreplaceable, including one's weaknesses. Each human life is of infinite worth and meaning that none can rub us off. Indeed, God's divinity and human dignity are indivisible. Dr. Frankl's personal experience in the camps led to his conviction that having a sense of purpose while in dire circumstances of suffering can make a critical difference for one's very survival.

The book's title *Yes To Life* is intimately intertwined with Judaism's clarion call "L'Chaim! " "To Life!" as well as the Biblical admonition, "U'Varachta Bachaim," "Choose life," "Yes To Life" was forcibly and ironically sung as a hymn by the camps' inmates, originating in a camp song ordered by one of Buchenwald's commanders. Yes, saying "yes" to life in face of imminent death is both courageously encouraging and foolishly disappointing, reminiscent of the Nazi deceiving "Arbeit Macht Frei," "Work Will Free You," upon entering hell's gates. Judaism's endless optimism manifested in Dr. Frankl's approach, captured the Rabbinic teaching not to lose hope even if a sword is placed on your neck. However, the odds do not support it. The same heroic thrust but rarely realistic prevailed in the paradoxical reassuring though not accurate message atop a shtetle's entrance in the Warsaw Ghetto, "Jews, do not despair!" Is not hope against hope all that we have left when the chips are down, providing us with an extra measure of strength to endure?

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is the founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. Kazakhstan's only born rabbi, he is the son of Polish Holocaust Survivors and spent his early childhood in transit and DP Camps in Austria and Germany. He grew up in Haifa, Israel.

#### RECOGNIZING CAMP COSBY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Camp Cosby. YMCA Camp Cosby has offered youth safe and exciting adventures since 1922.

It began when the YMCA purchased 200 acres of land just north of Trussville in Birmingham, AL, with a house and a 26-acre lake, establishing YMCA Camp Cosby in 1922. Later, another 400 acres were donated by the Hodges Milling Company.

In 1972, YMCA Camp Cosby was relocated to its current location on Lake Logan Martin in Alpine, AL, with over a mile of waterfront, rolling hills and space for camp activities.

Camp Cosby was named after W.M. Cosby, the President of the Birmingham YMCA at the time. YMCA Camp Cosby serves over 2,000 campers each summer for sleepaway camp and over 3,000 additional participants during year-round youth, teen, and adult programming.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Camp Cosby.

# RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ADVOCACY OF STEPHANIE BARBER-GETER

## HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize a community activist and dependable leader on Buffalo's East Side, Stephanie Barber-Getter. As the longtime chairwoman of Restore Our Community Coalition (ROCC), she was a shining light and inspiration to anyone with a vision of a better future for the City of Buffalo.

A Hamlin Park resident, Stephanie Barber-Getter was the steady hand behind numerous community development projects. She directed the Head Start Partnership at SUNY Buffalo State College, served as the senior vice president of United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, served as board chair of Elim Community Corp, and president of the Hamlin Park Community & Taxpayers Association. Most notably, her efforts were the driving force behind the decision to restore the Humboldt Parkway community. In 2022 and 2023, after tireless years of advocacy and hard work, New York State and the federal government announced plans to re-imagine the Kensington Expressway. Stephanie recognized that urban landscape has the power to hurt or to heal; she saw the Kensington Expressway for what it was—a destruction of a thriving community in Buffalo. Just last March, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg visited Buffalo to affirm that she had it right all along. The United States government has unequivocally backed Stephanie's vision in both words and resources.

Stephanie Barber-Getter embodied everything that is good about our city and its people. She dedicated her time and expertise to countless organizations in the pursuit of a better Buffalo. I trust that the Kensington project, along with many others that Stephanie played a critical role, will continue to transform Western New York in her absence. To her husband, Edwin, and all her loved ones, she will be sorely missed. But for the people of Buffalo's East Side, Stephanie will be remembered as not only a fixture of the community, but as their champion who delivered tangible results.

## HONORING SARAH GLAD

## HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Sarah Glad in recognition of her life and her service and contributions to the State of North Carolina. North Carolina has lost a friend, an inspiration, and an exemplary public servant.

I had the honor of having Sarah serve as my Legislative Assistant while I served in the North Carolina State Senate. Sarah was

among the best that North Carolina has to offer. She was the hardest working Legislative Assistant in the General Assembly, oftentimes spending late nights helping constituents, conducting research, and helping to draft legislation.

Everybody knew who Sarah was for the way she prioritized the people of North Carolina in everything she did, and for the bright light she brought to every room she walked in. This light was often created by the bright colors she wore, usually pink, but also in her spirit, grace, charm, and mesmerizing smile.

Prior to coming to my office, Sarah gallantly served the State of North Carolina from the offices of Governor Pat McCrory and State Treasurer Dale Folwell.

After serving alongside me in the State Senate, Sarah joined the Pope Foundation in Raleigh, North Carolina, as a program officer. She helped launch North Carolina's first and only statewide newspaper, the North State Journal, as communications director for the foundation and served the organization as an expert on public interest law and legal studies, higher education, and human services.

Sarah lived in Raleigh with her husband, Robbie, her son, Hayes, and their dog, Shep.

Sarah was diagnosed with breast cancer a few years ago and succumbed to her illness on January 19, 2024. Sarah fought breast cancer with the same charisma and fortitude as she served the people of North Carolina. Despite her battle with cancer, Sarah's optimism never wavered. She continued to be a positive light in the lives of those around her and an admirable servant to the betterment of her North Carolina neighbors. Sarah Glad was a warrior for the people of North Carolina, and a warrior in her fight against breast cancer.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding community member, and to lift her family and friends up in prayers as we mourn her loss.

I thank Sarah for her service to North Carolina, and for embodying the true spirit of public service.

Her commitment to North Carolina and my time working alongside her will forever be honored and remembered. May she rest in peace.

## HONORING RIGOBERTO A. RAMIREZ

## HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rigoberto A. Ramirez for his devotion and dedication to his community as a leader, volunteer, and outstanding citizen.

For his years of service to the City of Stanton, Rigoberto A. Ramirez will be honored as Stanton's 2024 Citizen of the Year by the Cypress College Foundation at the 49th Annual Americana Awards on March 16.

A former Stanton City Council member and Planning Commissioner, Mr. Ramirez first made Stanton home in 1995 with his new bride, Jhovana. They still live in their first home, where they raised their son, Nicholas.

From the day they joined the Stanton community, Rigoberto and Jhovana felt a strong connection to both the residents and the community of Stanton.

Along with serving 10 years on the City Council, from 2012 to 2022, Rigoberto is an active member of the Blessed Sacrament School Consultative Board, the Orange County Youth Motivation Task Force, and the Servite High School Board of Directors.

In his professional life, Ramirez earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1990 from Loyola Marymount University. A California native, he currently holds the title of Director for a retirement services firm that he has been with since 1991. He is responsible for twelve representatives that provide retirement services to clients across eight states.

In his spare time, he enjoys volunteering for non-profit events and managing Pony Baseball.

Please join me in thanking Rigoberto Ramirez for his years of service to the City of Stanton and the Orange County community.

## RECOGNIZING ARVIN HIGH SCHOOL

## HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2024*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arvin High School on their 75th anniversary and thank them for their significant contributions to the Arvin community. Arvin High School began serving students in the rural communities of Arvin, Lamont, and Weedpatch in 1949 as part of the Kern High School District. Since their founding, Arvin High School has been committed to serving their students through a diverse array of educational programs, extracurricular activities, and college-level courses. Today, the school's student body is made up of nearly 3,000 students. The mission of Arvin High School is to encourage P.R.I.D.E—participation, responsibility, integrity, determination, and empathy, and to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in their futures. Under the leadership of Principal Ed Watts, Arvin High School has received full accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, recognizing their dedication to high-quality education and school improvement. Through their Career Technical Education program, students at Arvin High School have the unique opportunity to gain experience in the career path of their choice. In these twelve pathways offerings, students learn how to succeed in numerous fields including health sciences, building and construction, agriculture, and engineering. The CTE program also includes a ROTC pathway, providing students who are interested in serving in the armed forces with the experience they need to thrive after they leave Arvin High School. The staff and faculty at Arvin High School are committed to the educational outcomes of every student. In 2023, 89 students were recipients of a California Scholarship Federation membership, which is awarded to students who demonstrate a high-level of academic achievement. The class of 2023 also received nearly 200 Bilingual Seals and Golden State Seal of Merit awards, and 16 National Honor Society recognitions. This school year, in partnership with Bakersfield College, Arvin High School is offering almost 70 sections of Dual Enrollment course offerings—giving students a chance to earn college credits before they even graduate