

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District and as Chair of numerous agencies including Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit, the Marin County Parks Commission, the Central Marin Sanitation Agency, the Marin County Fair Board of Directors, and the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, to name just a few.

Mayor Boro was known for his firm, fair, and caring leadership and faith in local governance. He embraced challenges with common sense, humor, and an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of his neighbors. Over the years, he received numerous accolades, including 2012 San Rafael Citizen of the Year and lifetime emeritus member of Mann County Cultural Commission, and he was named one of the top ten mayors in California—a regard that many held for him throughout his civic life.

Mayor Boro is survived by his wife Patricia Boro; their children and children-in-law, Al and Arlene Boro, Maureen Boro and Mike Winter, Mike Boro and John Fontana, and Gena and Keith Granucci; and their granddaughters Jessica and Madeline Granucci; his sister Barbara and her husband Bill Miles; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

It was my privilege and honor to work with Mayor Boro, and I will miss his friendship. His depth of character is surpassed only by his legacy of his good deeds in San Rafael and beyond. Mr. Speaker, Al Boro was a tireless advocate for the San Rafael community whose legacy cannot be overstated. I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing my sincere appreciation for his many decades of good work and expressing my deep condolences to his friends and family.

HONORING ANNIE NICKERSON, THE FIRST GOLD STAR MOTHER OF WORLD WAR I

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable legacy of Annie Nickerson, a figure of profound significance in American history and a poignant symbol of sacrifice during World War I. Annie Nickerson holds the distinguished title of being the first Gold Star Mother of World War I, an honor that reflects both her personal loss and her role in a broader national story.

Annie's son, Alfred Nickerson, served valiantly in the U.S. Army and, tragically, lost his life in France during the Great War in 1918. His sacrifice, and that of many others like him, is memorialized through the Gold Star Mothers organization—a testament to the courage and resilience of families who have given their children in defense of our country. The Gold Star Mothers pin awarded to Annie Nickerson serves as a powerful symbol of her enduring strength and the ultimate sacrifice made by her family.

Established in 1928, the Gold Star Mothers organization has been dedicated to honoring and supporting those who have lost loved ones in military service. This organization stands as a beacon of remembrance and respect, celebrating the valor of these families and ensuring that their sacrifices are never for-

gotten. Annie Nickerson's role as the first Gold Star Mother of World War I is a critical part of this legacy, representing the profound impact of these families on our nation's history.

On September 28th, Niagara County will host a significant ceremony to honor and commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of Gold Star Mothers and their families. This event will serve as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by individuals like Annie Nickerson and her son, Alfred. It is a moment to reflect on the extraordinary courage of Gold Star Mothers throughout history and to celebrate their enduring legacy.

As we approach this ceremony, it is important to remember the sacrifices of those who have given so much for our freedom. Annie Nickerson's story is a testament to the strength and bravery of Gold Star Mothers, and her legacy continues to inspire and remind us of the true cost of freedom. Her memory serves as a powerful symbol of the countless families who have experienced similar loss and continue to honor their loved ones with dignity and grace.

I am honored to share this important reflection on Annie Nickerson's enduring legacy and the broader significance of the Gold Star Mothers. May we continue to honor and remember the sacrifices made by all Gold Star Families with the respect and gratitude they so deeply deserve.

HONORING THE 2024 INDUCTEES TO THE FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the nine inventors who have been selected as the 2024 Inductees to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. To be named as an Inductee, these inventors were nominated by their peers nationwide and have undergone a review process by the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. As a result, their innovations have been identified as significantly impacting the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida, and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted on April 30, 2014. The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame catalyzes the cycle of discovery and innovation across the state of Florida by recognizing pioneering inventors, empowering future problem-solvers and change-makers, and propelling the American legacy of innovation through transformative experiences and meaningful storytelling.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or deceased) who are or have been residents of Florida. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized or led to important innovations.

The 2024 Inductees are the tenth class to be inducted into the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. Their achievements underscore the critical role that innovation plays in driving progress and improving the quality of life for people in our state, our nation and around the world. Their groundbreaking work not only advances scientific discovery but also strengthens the economy and enhances our global competitiveness. The 2024 Inductees collectively hold more than 350 U.S. patents and come from across industry and academia. Since its founding, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame has inducted 77 inventors, who collectively hold over 5,200 U.S. patents.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor the 2024 Inductees to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame for this outstanding achievement. Innovation and invention are the building blocks of our Nation. I applaud these highly accomplished individuals and the organizations that support them in their quest to change the world in ways that truly benefit humanity. It is because of the perseverance of these inventors that future generations are encouraged to reach beyond their limits and push the boundaries of innovation.

The 2024 Inductees are:

Barry J. Byrne: Professor and Associate Chair of the University of Florida Department of Pediatrics and the Director of the Powell Gene Therapy Center at UF, who is recognized for groundbreaking advances in delivering DNA to muscle cells, initiating the new field of muscle gene therapy, and for developing innovative AAV-mediated gene therapy to restore cardiac and skeletal muscle function for patients with inherited neuromuscular diseases.

Patricia Davis-Lemesy: Engineering Fellow at Cordis Corporation, who is recognized for the revolutionary development of novel polymers that address the characteristics required to conduct coronary angioplasty on blocked coronary arteries, and for advances in polymer chemistry leading to the design of artificial tendons for human trauma surgery.

Peter J. Delyett, Jr.: Pegasus Professor and Distinguished Professor of Optics & Photonics, Electrical & Computer Engineering and Physics and Director of the Townes Laser Institute at the University of Central Florida, who is recognized for significant contributions to development and commercialization of low-noise, high-power, ultrafast semiconductor lasers for applications in industrial manufacturing, metrology, communications, and signal processing.

Hariklia "Lili" Deligianni: Founder of Sense4Me and retired Researcher and Principal Investigator with IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center, who is recognized for the invention and development of breakthrough electrochemical technologies that revolutionized the capability of electronic devices and the semiconductor industry and led to the widespread adoption of electrodeposition as a key processing technology for the fabrication of computer chips.

Greg Mesaros: Chief Executive Officer and Chair of Triadex Services, who is recognized for industry-disrupting innovations integrating technology, market strategy and collective impact into digital tools enabling businesses to cost-effectively scale operations, and providing small businesses the ability to access supply chain prices and efficiencies similar to large corporations.

Sylvia Wilson Thomas: Vice President for Research & Innovation and President & CEO of the Research Foundation at the University of South Florida, who is recognized for transformational innovations in miniaturized electronic circuitry and advanced materials to support biosensors for more effective real-time health monitoring, and development of nano electronic device integration using advanced membrane/material systems to meet global technological challenges.

Anthony "Tony" Van Heugten: Chief Technology Officer at e-Vision Smart Optics, Inc., who is recognized for cutting-edge ophthalmic technologies, developing liquid crystal tunable lenses for intra-ocular lenses, contact lenses, eyewear, and virtual and augmented reality devices; and for innovations in ophthalmic medical devices to restore clear vision for people with presbyopia, glaucoma, and cataracts.

Rachana Vidhi: Director of Technical Sales at NextEra Analytics, who is recognized for pioneering contributions in renewable energy integration, in particular battery technologies that have revolutionized battery storage systems, accelerated the growth of renewable energy integration, and advanced sustainability; and developing innovative approaches to predicting long-term performance of Lithium-ion batteries for utility-scale applications.

Daniel H. Yeh: Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida, who is recognized for pioneering contributions to environmental engineering and sustainability, particularly wastewater purification and recycling, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, renewable bioenergy, and global WaSH (water, sanitation and hygiene) to mitigate water scarcity and inadequate sanitation for countless communities worldwide.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY FISHER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Larry Fisher.

Larry was born in Los Angeles, California and attended the University of Southern California where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served as editor of the Daily Trojan. Shortly after earning his degree in Journalism, Larry moved to Sacramento to serve on the staff of Jesse M. Unruh, former Speaker of the California State Assembly.

He subsequently returned to Los Angeles and served as executive director of the California Democratic Party before joining Braun and Company as an account executive in 1966. He served as CEO of Braun and Company's international public relations firm, Braun Ketchum, where he spent many years directing corporate media campaigns and providing counsel to executives.

Upon retiring from Braun Ketchum, Larry and his wife, Betty, moved to the Bay Area. After a stint working as a director and case manager for Options Recovery in Berkeley, Larry embarked on a new path, entering a three-year program to become a spiritual director. He worked with clients in both individual and group settings, helping them find new meaning and direction.

Sadly, Larry passed away in May 2024. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty, their children, L. Timothy (Monaliza Fisher), and Lara (Justin Darisse), and his grandchildren, Emma, Aiden, and Cameron.

Larry will be remembered for his outstanding character and the incredible impact he had on his community. Please join me in recognizing Larry for his many contributions to our community and devoted service to the State of California.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY QUINTEN L. MIGHT

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifesaving efforts of Deputy Quinten L. Might of the Gibson County Sheriff's Office and thank him for his continuing service to his community and state.

Deputy Might grew up in the community that he serves today, attending and graduating from Wood Memorial High School in Gibson County. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a medic. He continued his record of service when he joined the Gibson County Sheriff's Office in 2019 as a correctional officer, and was sworn in as a deputy in 2021. At only 25 years old, Quinten has proven that he is willing and ready to protect and save the lives of those in his community, including in four separate incidents since July of 2023.

One of these lifesaving occasions was on May 24, 2024, when Deputy Might and another deputy responded to a personal injury accident involving a two-vehicle collision. Upon arrival, Deputy Might came to the aid of an individual who was unconscious and not breathing. Despite multiple small explosions from the fire of the crash, the two deputies moved the victim to safety, and hooked up an AED unit and began two-person CPR until the individual thankfully regained consciousness, ultimately surviving the incident.

More recently, on August 9, 2024, Deputy Might responded to a residence call about a two-year old girl who fell into a swimming pool and was unresponsive. As soon as he arrived, Deputy Might called an ambulance and quickly moved the child from the backyard to the front, during which time he freed up her airway by striking her back, likely saving her life.

I am grateful that we have law enforcement officers like Deputy Quinten Might serving our communities today, and thank him for his service and dedication to Gibson County, and the State of Indiana.

CONGRATULATING TARYN KLOTH

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taryn Kloth on her remarkable 2024 Olympic performance, finishing ninth overall in the Women's Beach Volleyball Olympic competition. Taryn, a Sioux

Falls native, proudly represented Team USA with her teammate Kristen Nuss. It was exciting to see a South Dakotan represent Team USA in the Paris Olympics. Our state proudly cheered on Taryn throughout the matches.

Taryn attended O'Gorman Catholic High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where she began her impressive volleyball career. After helping start the first indoor volleyball team in South Dakota, Taryn earned the Gatorade South Dakota Player of the Year award in 2014, a national championship for her club team, a back-to-back state championship, and landed a top-20 high school ranking in the country.

After high school, she went to Creighton University as their highest ranked recruit in school history. Taryn led the team to four consecutive Big East titles and four NCAA tournament appearances, including a school-best Elite 8 appearance in 2016.

Taryn graduated early from Creighton and then attended Louisiana State University where she helped them to a No. 1 ranking in the 2020 season. Taryn and Kristen completed the 2021 season going a historic 36-0, earning multiple accolades, including the prestigious American Volleyball Coaches Association Pair of the Year award. The two created a partnership "TKN" and became the No. 1 ranked Association of Volleyball Professionals Beach Volleyball Team and No. 2 ranked team worldwide.

I am proud to recognize and congratulate Taryn and Kristen for their hard work, dedication to the sport, and performance throughout their careers. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors. I thank Taryn for representing South Dakota well.

HONORING MS. MARGIE LEE PAGE JONES IN RECOGNITION OF HER CENTENARIAN BIRTHDAY

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Ms. Margie Lee Page Jones, as she has reached her 100th birthday.

Ms. Jones was born to Myrtle and Lovy Page on September 16, 1924 in Lee County, Texas. She soon became a big sister to her brother Alton Page. Their childhood was shaped by simple pleasures, including riding donkeys and spending time with their horse named 'Oh Baby.' Ms. Jones also developed a love for music throughout her childhood with the song 'Rattlesnake Daddy' playing on their wind-up Victrola phonograph.

She attended the Doaks Springs School, where she was mentored by Principal C.L. Salsbury and teacher Ms. Corrett Moore. Soon after, she furthered her studies at C.J. Walker Beauty College. It was in Dallas, Texas that she met and married the love of her life, Mr. Joseph Jones. Together, they had four children—Myrtle Denise, Larry Joe, Elissa (Lisa) Lynn, and Michael Lee.

Their marriage continued until Mr. Jones passed away in 2001. Margie's family grew to include six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, reflecting her role as a devoted mother and grandmother. Throughout her life,