

HONORING MANNION'S IRISH PUB
AND RESTAURANT'S 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mannion's Irish Pub and Restaurant on their 25th anniversary. I am extremely honored to be able to celebrate this impressive milestone with Mannion's and the Somerville Community. Mannion's Irish Pub and Restaurant harbors a warm environment where food, music, conversation, and laughter all find a home.

For the past 25 years, Mannion's has showed its commitment by serving authentic Irish specialties and fostering a "proper Irish pub" by ensuring friendly service, making it feel as if you are entering not just a restaurant, but also a home.

As we look back on the past 25 years of Mannion's, they have exceeded the expectation of what an Irish pub can provide for a community. I am honored to have such an amazing establishment in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, and I look forward to what is to come.

HONORING SOPHIA SORIANO'S
COMMITMENT TO COMBATING
THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sophia Soriano, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Sophia is from St. Paul, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Sophia, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Sophia has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Sophia for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING THE SAN JOSÉ DE
GRACIA CHURCH AND THE COM-
MUNITY OF LAS TRAMPAS

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the community of Las Trampas, and the generations of New Mexicans who built, maintained, and protected the San José de Gracia Church. The community of Trampas was settled in 1751 by 12 Spanish families who painstakingly carved out an existence in one of the most beautiful parts of our state and country. They relied on the strength of family, the power of community, and faith in God; so much so, that after more than 10 years of backbreaking work they raised up the San José de Gracia Church. The church, which is designated as a National Historic Landmark, is approaching its 250th anniversary.

After spending nearly a decade handcrafting, carving, shaping, lifting, and tenderly decorating; the community of Las Trampas spent the next 250 years upkeeping this gem of 18th Century culture, architecture, and faith. For 250 years, it was their faith that kept the candles burning, the vigas and planks intact, and the adobe plaster fresh and strong. For 250 years this community has worked as one to preserve their faith and heritage in such a way that is unmistakably New Mexican—and unmistakably a reflection of unwavering faith in God and in one another. The San José de Gracia Church is the only distinctly Spanish Colonial building that remains completely intact within the original historic district of Las Trampas.

Walking in, you are reminded of the original builders, members of the community from all walks of life, the fathers and mothers, the sons and daughters who lent any talent they could to their community for the sake of honoring God and creating a remarkable place to worship. The original floorboards, under which are buried countless members of the Trampas Community creak and pop as you approach the original 18th century altar. The altar, which is covered in frescos, is unlike anything else standing in this country—and still vibrant enough today to steal the breath and inspire awe from all who behold it. In addition to the faith that it has taken for a community to continue such painstaking work for so long—I also wish to honor the love that it took to keep this church alive. It is love that makes it more than just a structure, but a symbol of resilience, survival, and compassion. I wish that every single American could open their heart and draw from that example as we live and work with one another today and into the future.

For the countless hours spent on its construction, for the countless hands that plastered its 6-foot-thick adobe walls, for the thousands of hearts that looked to God for salvation in its pews, and for the 250 years that it has graced the mountains of northern New Mexico, I honor the San José de Gracia Church, and the community of Las Trampas. Mr. Speaker, members of Congress of the United States of America, I also pray that God grants at least 250 more.

HONORING JANAE SHAMP

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I want to recognize Arizona State Senator Janae Shamp, whose commitment to service throughout her life has impacted many lives.

Shamp has called Arizona her home for over 30 years, earning degrees from Arizona State University and Grand Canyon University to become a registered nurse.

In 2022, she began her public service career in the State Legislature, where she has served as Vice Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and as a member of the Finance and Commerce Committee, Government Committee, Military Affairs, Public Safety, and Border Security Committee, Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee, and the Senate Ethics Committee.

Senator Shamp has been a champion for strong border security, conservative values, and free-market health care. In all aspects of life, Senator Shamp has proven herself as a committed, hardworking, and outspoken leader, who will always look out for those in need.

I thank Senator Shamp for her service and dedication to the state of Arizona.

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN SKIPPER, JR.

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a faithful husband, friend, father and grandfather, John Durwood Skipper, Jr.

He graduated from Dothan High School in 1970 and from Troy University in 1974. He served in the Coast Guard for 31 years and was a Regional Sales Manager with DPC Enterprises. John was an active member of the Mobile County Republican Party and of the Mobile Sunrise Rotary Club. Additionally, he served on the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee for over 15 years. He was a man of deep faith and a devout member of West Mobile Baptist Church for over 30 years.

I am honored to have known such a courageous civic leader and friend. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAX
ANDERSON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Max Anderson, a beloved Berkeley activist and public servant who passed away on July 5, 2024. Max Anderson was born on December 15, 1944, in Decatur, Illinois. At age 18, he enlisted as a Marine and served in Vietnam. He

later earned a degree in Respiratory Therapy at the Community College of Philadelphia and later his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University. He moved to Berkeley with his wife Linda in 1985.

In Berkeley, Max cemented his legacy as a community organizer and public figure, serving as Commissioner of Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board from 1994 to 2004 and on Berkeley's City Council from 2004 to 2016. He was a co-founder of the Alcatraz Avenue Neighborhood Association, a founding member of the Friends of Adeline, and a member of the Berkeley NAACP and the Sierra Club.

Max was known as a fierce advocate for the underserved in Berkeley and fought tirelessly for progressive policy initiatives, including raising the minimum wage, expanding public health services, raising green building standards, and fighting for workers' and tenants' rights.

Max was known by his friends and family as a "Renaissance man" who loved the outdoors, travel, history, and science. He is survived by his loving wife Linda Olivenbaum and daughter Marisha Anderson.

Max Anderson was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, and community leader. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and all whose lives have been touched by his great contributions to our community. Berkeley is a better place because of his incredible leadership and dedication to his community. May he rest in eternal peace and power.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I was delayed due to travel conflicts. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 442 (S. 3764); YEA on Roll Call No. 441 (H.R. 8958); and YEA on Roll Call No. 440 (S. 2228).

RECOGNIZING CLAIRE NASH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Claire Nash, a longtime resident of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, who will celebrate her 100th birthday in October. Claire is a beloved member of the Wolfeboro community whose giving heart continues to touch the lives of all who have come to know her. Today, I honor Claire for her steadfast commitment to spreading love and joy throughout her community.

Claire is loved throughout Wolfeboro and the towns surrounding it. Those who know her best would likely agree that it is better to describe her as 100 years young, not old. Everywhere she goes, she brings with her the exuberance and energy of the youngest at heart. As we celebrate Claire's 100th birthday, we recognize her unwavering dedication to her

community and her continued contributions to the lives of countless others.

Claire has long been passionate about crochet and other hand crafts, skills she perfected over the years and continues to share with the world. Through the years, Claire has handmade and gifted countless quilts, pillows, and other crafts to the Police Department, Fire Department, Children's Center, veterans and many other local organizations in and around Wolfeboro. In all she does, she inspires us with an enduring legacy of caring, creativity, and selflessness.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I wish Claire a happy and healthy 100th birthday. We thank her for bringing so much happiness and caring to her community and for her continued commitment to the people of New Hampshire.

HONORING PASTORS LARRY AND LINDA SMITH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Pastors Larry and Linda Smith, of New St. Mark Baptist Church, who has announced their plans to retire later this year.

For the past forty-four years, they led New St. Mark Baptist Church with integrity and devotion to the congregation and the greater Detroit community. Their unwavering commitment and exemplary leadership have undoubtedly been a beacon of hope and inspiration for countless individuals.

Throughout these decades, your steadfast guidance has nurtured a thriving and vibrant congregation. From your work with Sunrise Sister's and your leadership in the Michigan District Association and the B.M.E. State Convention and Congress has not only shaped the spiritual lives of many but has also made a lasting impact on the broader community. Your dedication to spreading faith, love, and compassion is a testament to your profound commitment to your callings.

Please join me in thanking Pastors Larry and Linda Smith for their outstanding service to our residents in Southeast Michigan.

HONORING JAN SHANK

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Jan Shank, 1st Vice President of the Sun City Grand Republican Club.

Jan has distinguished herself through tireless advocacy and dedication to the residents of the West Valley. Jan has been a driving force for educating members on the civic engagement process and bringing programming events to the community that educate the electorate on critical issues.

The efforts of Jan and the Sun City Grand Republican Club have been pivotal to the success of elected officials and candidates in the Phoenix West Valley.

I am thankful for Jan's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to the 8th Congressional District and the State of Arizona.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unable to cast my vote due to a scheduling conflict with Pennsylvania-based events. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440; Yea on Roll Call No. 441; and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

HONORING KATE FETTER'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Kate Fetter, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Kate is from Cottage Grove, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

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The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Kate, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Kate has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as a constituent and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Kate for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIVING JAZZ

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of Living Jazz and their steadfast commitment to jazz rooted music education and performance programs for the San Francisco Bay Area. I want to congratulate Founder Stacey Hoffman and new Executive Director Lyz Luke on building and cultivating an organization that identifies and supports areas of need for all ages in music and performance. Their combined passions have had an immeasurable impact on the music culture in our community.