

Founded in 1984, Living Jazz has worked tirelessly to provide access to transformative programming that not only preserves and promotes the music, spirit, and culture of jazz in the Bay Area, but fosters an eminent and vibrant sense of community and shared humanity among all who take part. All ages, all abilities, all backgrounds are represented in their dynamic offerings, as the programs of Living Jazz are known not only for their artistic quality, but also for their commitment to build community based on diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. The distinctive way in which Living Jazz encourages and supports artists of all skill levels and the artistic and personal growth they foster in participants has bolstered the cultural ecosystem of the areas they serve for the last 40 years.

Living Jazz has developed a reputation for designing and launching programs that go on to become Bay Area treasures, as well as for incubating programs to the point of maturity at which time they successfully spin off to stand on their own and continue to develop and grow independently.

During the pandemic, Hoffman and Luke ensured the survival of Living Jazz by identifying and securing relief funds and pivoting all programs to online, and even launching new programs focused on imminent mental wellness needs as a response to social isolation. Luke launched the Living Jazz Pickup Sessions to address serious issues around Oakland food insecurity and, in the summer of 2021, Living Jazz was able to safely and successfully bring back the internationally recognized in-person summer programs—Jazz Camp West and Jam Camp West.

The organization's jazz-rooted performing arts education programs have expanded rapidly with the Living Jazz Children's Project in 14 underserved East Bay schools. Living Jazz is launching new mentorship programs, reigniting localized jam sessions, and renewed partnerships with local schools and businesses.

It has been a fantastic journey watching Living Jazz support and transform the lives of people of all ages over the years. Their work honors the Black roots of the artform and continues to inspire generations of musicians. I thank Living Jazz for their dedication and commitment to music education. I want to wish Living Jazz the best of luck in their continued success. On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of California, I am proud to honor Living Jazz for their tremendous achievements. Congratulations on 40 years.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed Roll Call votes on September 23, 2024, to attend the Memorial service of Senior Community Liaison, Jaci Winship. 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 DAVID LIVINGSTON

### 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 would like to recognize State Representative David Livingston for his dedication to our community and the people of Arizona.

Representative Livingston began to call Arizona his home in 1983 and graduated from Arizona State University in 1988. He then built a successful financial consulting business, where he proudly served the Peoria community for over two decades. In 2012, he started in the State Legislature, representing the northwest valley—first in the House, and then in the Senate, where he was selected as Majority Whip for the Republican Caucus. He later returned to the House where he currently serves.

Throughout his tenure, he has played a critical role in passing many important pieces of legislation, including a balanced budget for the state. He also chaired several committees, including the Finance and Transportation Committees in the Senate, and the Appropriations and Finance Insurance and Banking Committees in the House.

I thank Representative Livingston for his service to Arizona.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL SHAWN D. DILLON, PROUD RESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED 20-YEAR CAREER IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

### HON. STEPHANIE I. BICE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Shawn D. Dillon of Oklahoma City on his retirement from the United States Army after a distinguished 20-year career.

Lieutenant Colonel Dillon's service in the United States Army began after graduating from Wentworth Military Academy where he was a MacArthur Awardee and the Tedd Messmore Honor Graduate. In 2004, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and entered Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Second Lieutenant Dillon went on to serve as a fire support officer in 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry. After being promoted to First Lieutenant, he then went on to serve as the executive officer of B and E Companies in 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry. From 2010 to 2012, he served as the battery commander in charge of 160 field artillery soldiers responsible for the headquarters support of a M777 Field Artillery Battalion in Colorado and Afghanistan for 2nd Battalion 77th Field Artillery Regiment, and the office-in-charge of Torkham Gate strategic port of entry from Pakistan. In 2015, Captain Dillon was selected to instruct English Composition and Literature at West Point Military Academy. From 2017 to 2018, Major Dillon served as the operations officer for a 400-soldier Multiple Launch

Rocket System Battalion, preparing the battalion for deployment to Korea. Major Dillon was subsequently selected for the 75th Fire Brigade as the executive officer, and then hand-selected to be the fire support officer to manage fire support functions and operational plans for the largest field artillery brigade in the United States Army, with over 3500 soldiers. In this position, he developed and executed the largest combined, live, and virtual exercise in over five years, incorporating nearly 1,000 soldiers, to prepare the brigade for deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield in 2020–2021. In 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Dillon became the division chief for the Army MultiDomain Targeting Center, responsible for building an Army-wide targeting enterprise of over 40 organizations and thousands of soldiers and civilians.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant Colonel Dillon demonstrated remarkable leadership and dedication, participating in deployments to Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. A lifelong learner, Lieutenant Colonel Dillon earned his Master of Arts in English Language and Literature from the University of Central Oklahoma and attended the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Mr. Speaker, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Dillon for his exceptional service and unwavering dedication to our Nation. His remarkable career and leadership in the Army significantly contributed to our Nation's defense. As he continues to serve his community in new ways, we commend him for his achievements and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Lieutenant Colonel Dillon a happy retirement as we celebrate his legacy of selfless service to the Nation. Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Dillon's outstanding contributions and steadfast commitment have left an indelible mark on the United States Army and our Nation. His dedication to duty serves as an inspiration to all who follow in his footsteps.

#### CELEBRATING DR. WILLA GRANT BATTLE

### HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate, recognize, and honor Dr. Willa Grant Battle. Dr. Battle has been a trailblazer in the field of theology, education, and a devout community leader. Her accomplishments have impacted communities beyond measure and will have lasting effects here in the United States and beyond.

Dr. Battle relocated to Minnesota in 1946 where she committed herself to education. After graduating from Northwestern College with a degree in Theology, she went on to the University of Minnesota and majored in American Studies and minored in Afro-American History and Music history. She proceeded to earn her Master's in American Studies and later a Doctorate in Philosophy from the Trinity Seminar.

Dr. Willa Battle was married to Walter Battle for 54 years. She and her husband founded House of Refuge, now Grace Temple Deliverance Center in South Minneapolis and Gospel

Temple in Saint Paul. Dr. Battle later founded House of Refugee Missions in Haiti, where she has been a missionary for 67 years. Through this mission, several schools and churches were built in Haiti, as well as the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Dr. Battle is a true warrior and role model for women here and in Haiti. Her efforts have inspired countless individuals to pursue their dreams and aspirations no matter their background or circumstance.

Please join me in celebrating the incredible achievements of Dr. Willa Grant Battle and in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

HONORING CADEN NORRING'S  
COMMITMENT TO COMBATING  
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**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, Caden Norring, who worked in partnership with his peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Caden is from Hastings, Minnesota. His brother, Devin, was an honors student who loved playing football, making music and skateboarding.

On April 4, 2020, Caden and his family lost Devin to 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 Caden, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning his grief into activism, Caden has shown strength and courage beyond his years. I am proud to have him as a constituent and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Caden for sharing Devin's story and demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING BISHOP ROBERT (BOB)  
L. JACKSON AND ACTS FULL  
GOSPEL CHURCH'S 40TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Acts Full Gospel Church located in Oakland, California.

As this occasion also marks his 40th Pastoral Anniversary, I want to congratulate the church's founder, Bishop Bob Jackson, for his enduring service and commitment to the East Bay community.

Deriving from a small bible study, the church held its first service on May 6, 1984, with just 15 members. Four decades later, Acts Full Gospel Church has a congregation of more than 6,000 members, with 30 ministries diligently working to improve the lives of Oaklanders.

As Senior Pastor, Bishop Bob Jackson has continuously used his platform to give back to those in need. Working alongside his wife, First Lady Barbara Jackson, they have made Acts Full Gospel Church a community pillar.

Additionally, he has founded several non-profits, educational institutions, and small businesses. This list includes, the Acts Christian Academy, Men of Valor Academy, Acts Anointed Acres, Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce, Oakland House of Ruth, amongst others.

In his establishment of the Acts Community Development, Inc., he has also developed 59 units of affordable housing in Oakland. Given the significant need in the Bay Area, he is currently working to develop 58 more.

In his spare time, Bishop Bob Jackson also holds several leadership positions in local organizations, including serving as the Chairman of Oakland's Chapter of the Our Kids "OK" Program. In this role, he helps empower young Black men and boys to transform their communities via their unique mentorship program.

Through his incredible work and commitment to Oakland, in 2022, Bishop Bob Jackson was awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award—one of the nation's highest civilian honors.

Therefore, it brings me great joy to celebrate Bishop Bob Jackson, and the entire Acts Full Gospel congregation. I am tremendously grateful for their 40 years of service to the East Bay community and wish them continued success.

HONORING BONNIE ANGSTER

**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 Bonnie Angster of the Sun City Republican Club.

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

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

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

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA STATE  
SENATOR SCOTT WILK

**HON. MIKE GARCIA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of our community who has proudly served the people of Santa Clarita for more than 12 years, State

Senator Scott Wilk. As Senator for the 21st Senate District, Scott Wilk has dedicated his life to the betterment of his residents and to solving California's problems.

His leadership in the Problem-Solvers Caucus as well as his membership in the Little Hoover Commission and the State Allocation Board has provided invaluable contributions to California residents and small businesses who needed a helping hand. Within Sacramento, Senator Wilk has worked tirelessly to enact change and deepen the bonds between his constituents.

As a member of the Valley Industry Association, Senator Wilk has helped the Santa Clarita Valley business industry thrive and acted as an indispensable mentor to young entrepreneurs. His voice and actions have been paramount to the continuous growth of the Valley as the network he has built supports both businesses and individuals in need.

A champion of change and a loving family man, I want to sincerely thank State Senator Scott Wilk for his years of service. The 21st Senate District and the state of California are better because of his voice and actions, and I look forward to seeing how he continues making a positive impact to those around him.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
REPRESENTATIVE GEANIE MOR-  
RISON FOR 26 YEARS OF PUBLIC  
SERVICE

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, whose extraordinary 26-year career of public service to the Crossroads region and the state of Texas is coming to a close. Throughout her 13-term career in the Texas Legislature, Representative Morrison has exemplified dedication, leadership, and a tireless commitment to improving the lives of all Texans.

Since her election in 1999, Representative Morrison has represented Texas' 30th District in the Texas House of Representatives which today includes DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Victoria counties. Over the course of her tenure, she has become a trusted leader in the Capitol and a steadfast advocate for her constituents.

Representative Morrison's legislative record is filled with notable achievements, but one of her most profound and life-saving contributions is her authorship of the country's first Safe Haven "Baby Moses" law, passed in 1999. This legislation provides a compassionate and responsible alternative for desperate mothers who may otherwise feel they have no choice but to abandon their newborns. Through the Safe Haven law, mothers are given the option to safely and legally surrender their babies at designated locations, such as hospitals or fire stations, without fear of prosecution.

This law has had an immeasurable impact on saving lives. Since its passage, hundreds of newborns across Texas have been safely surrendered, and all 50 states have since implemented similar measures. Thanks to Representative Morrison's initiative, countless lives have been saved and will continue to be.