

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
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, 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.

Her work in higher education has been impactful to Texas as well. As Chair of the House Committee on Higher Education, she played a pivotal role in the expansion of the University of Houston-Victoria into a four-year institution, significantly increasing access to higher education for students in the region. Her efforts have been recognized by many, including the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which awarded her the Leadership Star Award. She has also been named Legislator of the Year by the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and honored with the Texas Community College Teachers Association Legislator of the Year Award.

Beyond her legislative work, Representative Morrison has always been deeply committed to community service. Her 17-year involvement with the Junior League of Victoria allowed her to lead programs like "Making the Grade" and "Great Expectations," where she worked with young people to inspire academic success and provide support for pregnant teens in completing their education. Her leadership in these initiatives has touched countless lives and opened doors of opportunity for those who need it most.

Representative Morrison's service extended beyond her district and into key leadership positions at the state level. Prior to running for office, she served as Executive Director of the Governor's Commission for Women under Governor George W. Bush, and she was appointed to the Texas Commission for Volunteering and Community Service and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

Her long-standing dedication to public service has earned her numerous awards, including the Boy Scouts of America South Texas Council's Distinguished Citizen Award, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, and recognition as one of South Texas' Women of the Year. These accolades are a testament to her unwavering commitment to her constituents and her deep-rooted belief in the importance of community involvement.

As Representative Morrison embarks on this new chapter of her life, it is my honor to recognize her remarkable career and thank her for her faithful service to Texas. We are better off having had someone of Geanie's caliber involved in public service. May God bless her and her family in the days and years ahead.

MRS. ESMERALDA HETRICK

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Mrs. Esmeralda Hetrick for her continuous, tireless and dedicated service to the community—and for earning the Estamos Unidos Lifetime Achievement Award.

Esmeralda Hetrick was born in Texas as one of six children—where they lived on welfare and government assistance—but fortunately had an amazing mother that instilled integrity, values, hard-work and a strong belief in God in her children. She was the first in her family to graduate post-secondary education earning a bachelor's degree and an MBA. Esmeralda married in her twenties but her late

husband, Max's tragic death left her a widow and single mother with a five-year old to raise. She then moved to Pennsylvania in 1988, where she's found her home.

Esmeralda worked as a Health Equity Consultant for an insurance company where she influenced corporate strategy, product development, and healthcare disparity issues, while leading the community outreach and small business minority procurement of the company. Her expertise enabled the insurance company, to tailor effective messages and ad campaigns to inform the community of their healthcare options. Perhaps most importantly, she mentored disadvantaged Pennsylvanian students to help create future leaders. Mrs. Hetrick also owns an English and Spanish newspaper, La Voz Latina Central of PA, and is the personal talent manager for her husband Graham S. Hetrick, a Dauphin County Coroner who has a TV show "The Coroner—I Speak For the Dead."

Her continuous community efforts garnered media attention and positioned her as a go-to spokeswoman in Pennsylvania—earning her selection in the 2005 YWCA "Women of Excellence", her selection in the 2006 Harrisburg Magazine's "Movers and Shapers", a feature story in 2009 in the first Issue of "Women Connect—Connecting Women All Over the World", and the Jefferson Award Medal for Public Service in 2006, 2007, and 2009. She is also just the third person to receive the Estamos Unidos Lifetime Achievement Award—an award serving for serving the Latino Hispanic community for at least 15 years—it's certainly well-earned.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged recognize Mrs. Esmeralda Hetrick for her tireless service to Central Pennsylvania in her myriad roles, and her earning of the Estamos Unidos Lifetime Achievement Award. Her dedication to family, community, and country is the standard by which we should all be judged—and I wish her continued success in all her endeavors.

HONORING HAYLEY NORRING'S
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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 my constituent, Hayley Norring, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

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On April 4, 2020, Hayley and her 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.

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and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

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

HONORING AUSTIN SMITH

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 Austin Smith.

Smith is a fifth-generation Arizonan and began his involvement in political activism in 2016, when he helped to foster a strong conservative network in Arizona. In 2022, he started a career in public service of his own, when he won a seat for Legislative District 29 in the Arizona House of Representatives.

In his first term in the Arizona Legislature, Smith served as Vice Chairman of the Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee and has been outspoken on many issues that are vital for the future of our great state, including water conservation, border security, Second Amendment rights, economic growth, and life.

Representative Smith's commitment to preserving the state he and his family love so much is admirable, and I am thankful for his service to Arizona.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NATHAN
HARE

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 a civil rights icon, a fearless truth teller, this country's "Father of Black Studies," Dr. Nathan Hare.

Born on April 9, 1933, Dr. Hare was a son of Oklahoma sharecroppers. Academically gifted, he excelled through the state's segregated school system, earning a bachelor's degree from Langston University. He went on to receive a master's degree and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago, finishing his education with a second Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology.

Throughout his academic and professional career, Dr. Hare was a champion of Black history and power. In 1965, as a professor at Howard University, he published "The Black Anglo-Saxons," the first of his many groundbreaking works.

In 1968, he arrived at San Francisco State University, where he sought to develop an interdisciplinary program dedicated to understanding the Black experience. After significant pushback from the university's administration, which resulted in a five-month strike with students and faculty, Dr. Hare completed the proposal for the program. With its adoption, Dr. Hare became the first head of a Black Studies Department in the United States.

In 1969, Dr. Hare co-founded the Black Scholar magazine. Through this publication,