

RECOGNIZING DR. LINDA SMITH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Smith, who was named a 2024 She Leads Woman of Distinction.

Dr. Linda Smith is the executive vice president for the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB). She previously served as president of the D. James Kennedy Center for Christian Statesmanship, executive vice president and chief operating officer for NRB, chief of the office of public affairs for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and chief of staff for the U.S. Parole Commission.

As chief of public affairs, Linda oversaw congressional, media, and public relations for the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons. At the U.S. Parole Commission, she served as chief analyst for the National Appellate Board and other positions before assuming the role as chief of staff, overseeing this multi-mission agency, responsible for the release and re-arrest of federal offenders.

She is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations, including the Myrl E. Alexander Award from the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons, which recognizes the development of new techniques in correctional programs and implementation of new and innovative procedures. She also received the Victims of Crime Award from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia for her work with crime victims.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF
SERGEANT ISAAKO FA'ATOESE
MALOTUMAU

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Isaako Fa'atoese Malotumau, as we mark the 10th anniversary of his passing. Isaako Malotumau was born on October 18, 1950, in Aoa, American Samoa. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 9, 1970, and completed basic and infantry training at Fort Ord, California, by November 1970. His first assignment was as a rifleman in South Vietnam from December 1970 to April 1971, followed by service with the Rangers until he was captured on April 24, 1971. After 704 days as a POW, he was released on March 27, 1973. He served in various roles, including Test Supervisor at Fort Ord and Redeye Team Chief in West Germany, until his honorable discharge on June 26, 1978. Isaako died on September 10, 2014, and was buried in Tacoma, Washington.

His Bronze Star Medal citation reads:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Executive Order 11046, 24th August, 1962, takes pleasure in presenting the Bronze Star Medal to Specialist Fourth Class Isaako Fa'atoese

Malotumau. United States Army, for meritorious achievement as a Prisoner of War while engaged in operations against an opposing armed force in North Vietnam during the period of February 1971 to May 1972. In an atmosphere of enemy harassment and brutal treatment, he continued to establish and maintain communications through unusual and ingenious methods, which resulted in American and Allied prisoners presenting a posture of increased resistance to the enemy's wishes and at the same time improving prisoner morale. His loyalty, diligence and devotion to duty were in keeping with highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

SSG Malotumau was a Pastor of the New Life Samoan Assembly of God, Tacoma, WA with over 2 decades of ministry. He is survived by his lovely wife of 40 years, Pr. Talatalaga Finau Mikaele—Malotumau, whom he married on April 27, 1974. They had 6 children and 9 grandchildren at the time of his passing. We honor his legacy and thank him and his family for their public service that continues to benefit the Pacific Islander community to this day.

HONORING NEW JERSEY'S SEVENTH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S
HOMETOWN HEROES

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hometown heroes, first responders and law enforcement, who keep us safe every day. In recognition of National Police Week in May, my office put out a call for nominations for the first NJ-07 Law Enforcement Hometown Heroes initiative. Twenty-two law enforcement professionals from across New Jersey's 7th Congressional District were nominated by their chiefs and supervisors for the outstanding work they do every day. It is my honor to play a small role in recognizing their efforts as a token of appreciation for the difficult and often thankless task of keeping our communities safe. I will always support these men and women in blue, and I look forward to welcoming each of these hometown heroes to a ceremony in October to formally recognize them in-person. In recognition of their bravery and commitment, I would like to include in the RECORD the names of these twenty-two Hometown Heroes:

Officer Alyse Brown, Sparta Township Police Department, Staff Sergeant Brent Hawkswell, New Jersey State Police, Officer Connor Strohm, Readington Township Police Department, Sergeant Daniel Kern, Hopatcong Police Department, Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic, New Providence Police Department, Lieutenant Douglas Baylor, Phillipsburg Police Department, Detective Elizabeth Savnik, Westfield Police Department, Corporal Gretchen Malone, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Officer Jarren Mann, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Officer Jessica Gutsick, High Bridge Police Department, Officer John M. Simonetti Jr., Mount Olive Police Department, Captain Jonathan Rachel, Springfield Police Department, Captain Michael Jackson, Mountaintop Police Department, Captain Miguel Acabou, Clark Police Department, Officer Nicholas J. Villa, Raritan Township Police Department,

Patrolman Peter Zabita, Hopatcong Police Department, Corporal Ryan Kamieniencki, Far Hills Police Department, Captain Scott Rayack, Rahway Police Department, Lieutenant Thomas Polito, Bedminster Township Police Department, Sergeant Timothy Richard, Bernardsville Police Department, Sergeant Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department, and Officer Vincent Conti, Scotch Plains Police Department.

We are grateful for the commitment and sacrifice they make every single day.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DONN
FURMAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished life and incomparable spirit of Donn Furman; a passionate environmental advocate Whose legacy lives on in the natural world around us and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Born in 1950 in Dinuba, California to Duane and Patricia Furman, Donn went on to become a force and advocate of nature. Raised amidst the stunning backdrop of the Fresno/Madera area, Donn's love of learning led him to earn his bachelor's degree in philosophy and minor in economics at California State University, Fresno before doing graduate work in philosophy at the University of Washington, Seattle. His knowledge and deep love of nature laid the foundation for his remarkable life dedicated to preserving the diverse landscape of California.

Donn's passion for the preservation of nature was fostered by his love of rivers, fly fishing with his buddies around the world, hiking, all things water, and simply being outdoors. Donn embodied the essence of California's landscape as he dedicated himself to environmental advocacy. In 1985, he became the Executive Director of the Committee to Save the Kings River which worked to protect the river from a proposal to build a dam. The community of supporters including fly fishermen, campers, and legislators united in support. Two years after Donn's appointment, federal wild and scenic designation and protection for 92 miles of the river was established.

After his success in protecting the Kings River, Donn went on to spearhead the San Joaquin River Committee where he promoted recreational and educational use of the river, lobbied governmental agencies and legislators, and expanded membership. His work coalesced into the formation of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, a nonprofit public benefit corporation and treasured piece of the Central Valley that has spread joy and appreciation of the land to all who have had the pleasure to visit. As Executive Director, he established a Board of Directors and coordinated the development of a conceptual plan, educational programs, fundraising, and membership.

Wherever Donn went, his love of learning and advocacy followed. He earned his JD from San Joaquin College of Law where he then specialized in environmental, water, and land use law. As a Deputy City Attorney in San Francisco, he represented the SF Public

Utilities Commission where he addressed the Endangered Species Act, Hetch Hetchy water and power, Bay-Delta issues, and Tuolumne and San Joaquin River water supply issues. Donn later took part in founding the Sierra Foothill Conservancy which acquires, protects, and preserves historical rangeland for educational and recreational use.

Donn's love of life was not confined to his commendable service. He was an avid reader, writer, poet, musician, gardener, loyal friend, naturalist, and traveler. Wherever there were trails to explore, Donn hiked them with his family and friends.

In Donn's passing, we celebrate a life that embraced adventure, challenged the status quo, and left an indelible mark on the world and all who were fortunate enough to know him. His legacy lives on in his family: his wife of 38 years, Cynthia, son Nicholas, brother Douglas, sister Debora, and nieces Kate and Nicole and mother Patricia. I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn the loss of this remarkable Californian. May we draw inspiration from Donn Furman's enduring spirit and the richness of a life well-lived.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the memory of Donn Furman, a catalyst of change and beloved friend to the Central Valley.

BUILDING CHIPS IN AMERICA ACT OF 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to S. 2228 the Building Chips in America Act.

It is really unfortunate that this bill was added to the schedule at the last minute, with no consultation with the committees of jurisdiction, at least on the Minority side. Republicans promised us the most open House in history, but instead now officially preside over the most closed House in our Nation's history.

I say this, because this bill is the poster child of something that needs further review. I'll note here that this bill hasn't received a single hearing in the House of Representatives.

And this is a bad bill. This bill would eliminate NEPA environmental reviews from semiconductor projects funded under the Chips and Science Act.

This issue is personal to me. My home county, Santa Clara County, is the heart of Silicon Valley. It is also the largest collection of superfund sites in the nation. Most of those sites were tied to semiconductor or microelectronics manufacturing. While most of these toxic sites have since been remediated, the legacy of this pollution remains in the contaminated groundwater in many places in Silicon Valley.

Moreover, there was a human toll from the use of toxic chemicals in chips manufacturing. Some workers at factories developed health problems. Stillborn babies, infant deformities, and disease were also tied to exposure.

In California, we learned lessons from the past semiconductor manufacturing in Silicon Valley. We should be learning from this legacy

and ensuring we don't repeat it. NEPA reviews are a vitally important tool in this regard.

When Congress passed the Chips and Science Act, we rightly decided that the trade imbalance in semiconductor manufacturing was an issue of economic and national security. As a result, we gave companies in this sector unprecedented amounts of taxpayer money. That money comes from regular people, like nurses, firefighters, custodians, and the like. We should require, at a minimum, that when we take these people's money and give it to corporations, the government will review the environmental impacts of these activities.

Furthermore, NEPA reviews provide an avenue for public participation in this process. I think we owe it to the hardworking taxpayers of America to provide them with this process.

The last thing I'll say about this is that it is unnecessary. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo herself said as much at a hearing this summer when she stated: "[w]e are on track to complete the environmental review for all these companies before we issue the award." The NEPA process is not slowing down the Chips awards.

So, I am deeply disappointed we are here today considering this ill-advised and unnecessary legislation. There really is no good reason anyone should support this bill. I urge my colleagues to vote against S. 2228.

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF ALEX- ANDER MICHEL ODEH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alexander Odeh and his legacy, as well as remember the tragedy that shocked Orange County and claimed Mr. Odeh's life.

A Palestinian-American and the Southern California Regional Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), Mr. Odeh spent much of his life working to support Arab-American civil liberties. Mr. Odeh was a published poet and lecturer at Coastline College and California State University, Fullerton. He was known to impart knowledge, compassion, and guidance to his many students.

On October 11, 1985, Mr. Odeh was the victim of a domestic terror attack as he entered the ADC office in Santa Ana. A scholar, activist, husband, and father of three daughters was taken far too soon by an egregious act of domestic violence.

To this day, almost 39 years after the bombing that claimed Mr. Odeh's life, those responsible have yet to face justice. He worked tirelessly to unite Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Southern California. Despite hatred and threat of harm, Mr. Odeh was not deterred and remained steadfast in his efforts to build bridges. He is survived by his wife, Norma Odeh, and his three daughters, Helena, Samya, and Susan.

Mr. Odeh lived a life of strength, perseverance, and dedication. Today, I am introducing a resolution to acknowledge Mr. Odeh's tragic passing and celebrate his impact on our Orange County community. I urge my colleagues

to honor Alexander Odeh's memory and legacy by supporting this resolution.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANDREA RAMIREZ

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Andrea Ramirez, who was named a 2024 She Leads Woman of Distinction.

Dr. Andrea Ramirez MBA, PhD builds bridges between cultural worlds creating ethnic harmony. Her career has spanned across public service, executive search and the non-profit sector. Her expertise in conflict resolution and cultural intelligence served her well in the White House as a policy advisor, director of Hispanic Outreach, and special assistant to the President. Dr. Ramirez led White House initiatives based at the U.S. Department of Education, including the Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative and the White House Initiative for Hispanics in Educational Excellence.

Prior to her government service, Dr. Ramirez served as executive director of the Faith and Education Coalition of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC). She currently serves as a trustee for Dallas Baptist University, sits on the NHCLC's Executive Committee and is an Open Education Resources Advisory board member for Texas Education Agency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH- DAY OF FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Navy veteran, prolific author, and life-long servant leader—the 39th President of the United States and Georgia peanut farmer, Mr. Jimmy Carter. President Carter's 100th birthday falls on October 1, 2024, and a celebration of his storied life and service will take place that evening in his hometown of Plains, Georgia.

In 1945, President Carter and the love of his life, Rosalynn, began dating and they married on July 7, 1946, at a ceremony in Plains. Following the death of his father, James Earl Carter, Sr. in 1953, the Carters and their three sons returned to Plains from the U.S. Naval Academy as Jimmy was then tasked with running the family peanut farm. Soon after, he was elected to the Sumter County School Board, eventually becoming its chairman. In 1962, he was elected to the Georgia State Senate where he continued to support racial integration and voting rights for African Americans. Senator Carter began his successful campaign for Georgia Governor in 1970, serving as Governor from 1971 to 1975.