

director of La Prensa, a newspaper with 43 years of history in Central Florida, dedicated to providing relevant and useful information to the Hispanic community. As the executive director of La Prensa, Maritza has dedicated herself to providing the Hispanic community with access to important reports, articles, and topics through this weekly newspaper.

Under her leadership, La Prensa has become the only fully Spanish-language newspaper aimed at Spanish speakers in the region, offering a vital space for Hispanics to feel represented and comfortable reading in their native language.

Maritza currently resides in Orlando, Florida. She is originally from Cárdenas, Matanzas, Cuba, and is married to Anibal Beltrán. Her career has been marked by her dedication to the Hispanic community and her passion for effective communication. She has consistently supported democratic causes and fought for freedom in countries of origin, reflecting her deep commitment to making a positive impact.

HONORING REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN DOCTOR ELEAZOR ROOT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Revolutionary War Veteran Dr. Eleazer Root on the occasion of the laying of a plaque in his honor at Oak Grove Cemetery located in Manchester, Michigan. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember a man who served his country with honor during the Revolutionary War. His service to our Nation at the time of its birth is worthy of commendation.

Born in Coventry, Connecticut in July of 1764, Dr. Root first enlisted in the Continental Army as a Private at the tender age of 15. He was stationed at West Point, New York, where he contributed to the fight for American independence. Following his military service, Dr. Root moved to Manchester, Michigan not long after its founding in the early 1800s. He died in 1837 at the age of 72, and Dr. Root's grave was the first at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Doctor Root is remembered for his honorable military service and dedication to our Nation. He is just one of the few native and adopted Michiganders who fought for our country during the revolution. It is important for us to honor the veterans of our community who fought for the freedom of our Nation, a value we continue to hold dear today. We are thankful for the path these soldiers laid out for past, present and future Americans over two centuries ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the honorable Dr. Eleazer Root as he is memorialized in Manchester, Michigan. We join with Americans everywhere in extending our thanks to the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Ypsilanti Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution for their work dedication to honoring Dr. Root in the run up to Nation's 250th anniversary. Today and every day, we honor the brave patriots we lost in the fight for our independence. We are grateful for

their military service and their willingness to fight for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

HONORING SCOTT ORR

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Mr. Scott Orr from Georgia Power.

Mr. Orr has been led an impressive 42-year career and has been a great advocate for Georgians as Georgia Power's Manager of Federal Legislative Affairs.

Scott Orr began his career at Georgia Power in 1982, and since then has held a number of roles in the company including customer service, sales, and his role in Federal Legislative Affairs.

He has been a great friend not just to our office but to the Georgia delegation as a whole, having worked with several different members throughout his career!

Outside of work, Orr's service has made a great impact on his community.

Scott has served as the Vice Chair of the Georgia Youth Challenge Academy Foundation's Board of Directors, the Athens Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Northeast Georgia, and many others!

Thank you, Scott Orr, for your decades of service to Georgia, and congratulations on your well-earned retirement.

CONGRATULATING & WISHING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HONOR- ABLE ALGENON L. MARBLEY

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of the Honorable Algenon L. Marbley from my district, who has served the Southern District of Ohio since 1997, after his appointment by President Clinton and unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

In 2019, Judge Marbley became the first African American from the segregated South to serve as Chief District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Under his leadership, the Court remained one of the Nation's most productive, even through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2023, the District was ranked in the top 15 most productive federal district courts, and his dedication to justice is unparalleled.

As Chief Judge Marbley celebrates his 70th birthday and concludes his tenure, I extend my deepest gratitude for his service and friendship and wish him continued success in his next chapter.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CARLOS CAMACHO

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carlos Sablan Camacho, the first Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands and a man who has devoted his life to the health and welfare of our island community.

Dr. Camacho was born to Luis Taimanao Camacho and Ramona Sablan Camacho on November 4, 1937, on the island of Saipan, during the Japanese administration.

He witnessed as a child the effects of World War II and particularly the Battle of Saipan in 1944, in which one in ten Mariana islanders lost their life.

For a person in our community, Carlos Camacho had unusual access to education during his formative years. He completed nine years of schooling in the Marianas, then in 1954 left for the island of Chuuk, where he attended the Pacific Island Central School and studied basic medicine and dentistry.

Two years later, he was recruited to attend the Fiji School of Medicine. There he received advanced medical training and after six years received a degree to practice medicine. He returned home to the Marianas and went to work at the Dr. Torres Hospital.

He returned to learning in 1971, when he began work on an advanced degree in Public Health at the University of Hawaii—Manoa. Signaling his accomplishment, Dr. Camacho was chosen to represent the School of Public Health and the Pacific Islands at the Colorado Medical Center Seminar in 1972. Upon completion of his studies, he returned from Hawaii and took up work on Saipan as the Chief Medical Officer of the public Health Service.

It was then that Dr. Camacho turned his attention to governance. In 1976, he was elected to the Congress of Micronesia. He became President of the Saipan Democratic Party. After the people of the Marianas voted to join the United States as a self-governing Commonwealth, Dr. Camacho was appointed to the convention that drafted the Constitution under which we now live.

When that Constitution first became effective in 1977, Dr. Camacho was elected the first Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and took office on January 9, 1978.

During his term as governor, Dr. Camacho fought against the implementation of gambling in our islands, was a leading voice protesting nuclear waste dumping in the Pacific, and managed the transition from governance by the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to self-government by the people of the Marianas.

He was a strong advocate for our newly formed Commonwealth government throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific. In the capitol of the Nation we chose to join, he forged a special working relationship with U.S. Congressman Phillip Burton, who had been instrumental behind the scenes in negotiating the Marianas Covenant of Political Union with the United States and who won approval for the Covenant in just three days' time here in the House of Representatives.

After serving one term as governor, Dr. Camacho retired from public service in 1981 and went into private business.

Dr. Camacho is married to Lourdes Winefreda Ito Pangelinan. They share seven children: Carla, Mona Lynn, Carlos Patrick, Kevin Frank, Francine, Jiana, and Franklin Luis; four grandchildren: Carlos Joe, Liana Margaret, Lucas Patrick, and Leia Rose.

His own early life experiences as a colonial subject of the Japanese empire and witness to the ravages of war greatly shaped Dr. Camacho's commitment to public service. His example of learning and service inspires us today and is a legacy he leaves for future generations in the Northern Mariana Islands and beyond.

HONORING NICKY NIEVES AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-
TRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Nicky Nieves is a 2× Paralympian and gold medalist sitting volleyball player for the United States of America.

She attended Gateway High School in Kissimmee, and during her volleyball career earned All-County Player and Best Attacker of the Year in 2007.

Deciding to transition from collegiate volleyball at Queens College, she joined Team USA in 2011. Nicky won her first Paralympic gold medal with the team at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and her second gold medal at the Paris 2024 Games, helping the team win the program's historic third consecutive gold medal.

Currently, Nicky is finishing her master's in clinical mental health and directing her non-profit, "Limitless People Inc.," which aims to provide more volleyball opportunities—both sitting and standing.

Through Limitless, Nicky has fed the community of Kissimmee on major holidays and has hosted sitting volleyball clinics and camps to spread the Paralympic movement throughout the state of Florida.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST
MICHIGAN ACTION AGENCY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northwest Michigan Action Agency for their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community.

Since 1974, NMCAA has provided Northern Michigan with community-based service, helping bridge the gap between poverty and self-sustainability by supporting independence and enhancing the quality of life for residents. Providing assistance for 10 counties across Northwest Michigan, NMCAA has touched countless lives and helped families from across the region find opportunities which due

to unfortunate circumstances may have not been available to them otherwise.

During their half century of service, NMCAA has become an anchor for the Northwest Michigan Community. It is a place providing opportunity for those who need it most and the organization has certainly lived up to their self-stated mission of fostering positive change, improving quality of life, and building stronger and more connected communities. NMCAA provides a multitude of services for residents, ranging from Housing and Energy Efficiency Services, Homeless Prevention Programs all the way to Economic Security and Child/Family Development initiatives. Their broad scope of assistance is a credit to the phenomenal staff and volunteers of NMCAA, who work tirelessly year-round to ensure that their impact is felt in the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northwest Michigan Action Agency for their 50 years of service to the Northern Michigan community and I wish them nothing but continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING LINDA MICHELE
CONNER WITH A CONGRES-
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-
TION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Linda Michele Conner of Lufkin, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Her service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

Michele grew up in Hudson, Texas, and after graduating enlisted in the United States Air Force in Des Moines, Iowa, in March of 1993. She attended the USAF Basic Military Training School. Following training, she served in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm with the Security Forces Military Unit. She earned the rank of Airman First Class until she was honorably discharged in May of 1996. She was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

As a disabled veteran, Michele works tirelessly to give back to her community and the veterans she serves. She is the go-to person for approximately 4,800 veterans in Angelina County. She wears many hats, from volunteering with the American Legion, to her career as the Military Veteran Peer Service Coordinator with the Burke Center. She works to develop and maintain relationships with veteran organizations and local non-profit organizations that assist veterans to develop a network of support and resources to assist homeless veterans and their families who need household assistance/items and repairs. Michele has opened her home personally to assist homeless veterans. She works diligently every day to make sure no veteran who crosses her path falls through the system. Michele promotes camaraderie within veterans through the Valentines for Vets, Donuts with Veterans and the Deep East Texas Stand Down Event. She volunteers to instill patriotism in her community by coordinating the annual Flag Day ceremony at the VFW Post

1836, and honors freedom and bravery at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony where 1200 wreaths are placed on the graves of local veterans. Michele has been recognized for her outstanding volunteer service at the local, state, and national level.

It is my honor to award Linda Michele Conner with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING FRANKLIN AND
CHRISTENE MOSS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the decades of service the Honorable Franklin D. Moss and Christene Chadwick Moss have devoted to our Fort Worth community.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss have dedicated their lives to making our community a better place, particularly within the Stop Six neighborhood. Mr. Moss has served as a city councilmember, realtor, historian, and board member for various non-profit organizations. His civic contributions include his tenure on the Fort Worth City Council from 1998 to 2003 and again from 2007 to 2013, as well as his role as President of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members.

Mrs. Moss has also made significant contributions through her work as an educator, nurse, and advocate for the aging and disabled. She made history as the first Black female Board President of the Fort Worth Independent School District. Her educational background includes an associates degree from Tarrant County Junior College, a license in long-term care administration from El Centro College, a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Psychology from Texas Wesleyan College, and a master's in Hospital Administration from Texas Woman's University. Mrs. Moss has served and led on many Tarrant County, State and National Boards. The couple's unwavering commitment to education paired with their strong focus on giving back to the community has made a lasting impact on many people, particularly their three children: Edmond L. Moss, an accountant; Kimberlyn C. Simpson Moss, a retired nurse and veteran; and Franklin D. Moss Jr., CEO of Franklin & Anthony Tailor/Clothier.

I am pleased to recognize the enduring contributions of Franklin and Christene Moss's to the Fort Worth community and beyond. Thank you.

CONGRATULATING TUSLAW MID-
DLE SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED
OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION
OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise today to recognize the students, staff, and teachers of Tuslaw Middle School as Ohio's