

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 CENTRAL
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 MIDDLE 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

13th Congressional District Champions of the Week.

Tuslaw Middle School in Massillon was recently named as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School, the only school in Stark County to receive this distinction.

Tuslaw Middle School is also one of just 356 schools across the country recognized for their outstanding academic achievements.

It's clear the success of our young people depends on dedicated leaders who recognize their potential and support their educational journey, and Tuslaw is a stellar example of this.

But this was not an achievement that could be accomplished alone—the students, staff, and teachers of Tuslaw Middle School all played a role in earning this national recognition.

So congratulations again to everyone at Tuslaw Middle School on this incredible national honor, and I look forward to seeing how they continue this success in the classroom.

RECOGNIZING DR. KURT GRAHAM
AND HIS SERVICE TO THE
HARRY S. TRUMAN PRESI-
DENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration and immense gratitude for Dr. Kurt Graham and his service throughout his tenure as library director of the Truman Presidential Library and Museum. Dr. Graham has dedicated nearly ten years of his life to the Truman Presidential Library, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to preserving history, education and the legacy of our 33rd president in his hometown Independence, Missouri, which lies inside Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Today, I invite us all to take a moment and reflect on Dr. Graham's contributions to our community as he departs as the library director.

Dr. Graham's astounding career and success goes beyond his time as the director of the Truman Library. Holding both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in English and American studies from the Brigham Young University, Dr. Graham proceeded to advancing his academic accomplishments by pursuing his doctorate degree in American history from Brown University. Before moving into the public history field, Dr. Graham spent time at California State University, San Bernardino, as an undergraduate and graduate professor in American political and constitutional history.

Outside his academic accomplishments, Dr. Graham has years of experience that undoubtedly prepared him for his role as library director of the Truman Presidential Library. Through his roles as director at the McCracken Research Library and at Church History Museum, he oversaw significant projects such as the digitization of archival collections, development and redesigns, physical renovation of public spaces, and leading fellowship programs. Dr. Graham's vast experience made him a notable leader when he was named as director of the Truman Presidential Library in 2015.

Throughout his tenure as director, Dr. Graham dedicated his time and service to finding

ways to improve the existing experience and to fulfill the needs of the 21st century audience. Under his supervision, the library and museum went through a \$29 million, large-scale renovation which lasted from July 2019 through June 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The renovation saw the installation of new technology to enhance the existing exhibits, provided digital archival assets, and a thematic experience for all visitors alike as they explore and learn about President Truman and wander through the library and museum. Dr. Graham has notably showcased his passion and commitment to preserving American history.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Dr. Graham as a thank you for leading the Truman Presidential Library and Museum throughout the last nine years. His enthusiasm, work ethic, and dedication to American history have created a lasting impact on those in our community and country. On behalf of the United States Congress and Missouri's Fifth District, I thank Dr. Graham for his service and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

HONORING DIANNE HORTON

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 honor the life of Dianne Horton, who sadly passed away this September.

Mrs. Horton dedicated much of her life to serving the great state of Georgia, working for Senator Roscoe Dean at Georgia's State Capitol and for Mary Hitt's gubernatorial campaign.

Enthralled by the whirlwind a life in politics brings, Dianne joined the famous Peanut Brigade, President Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign which began after he served as Governor of Georgia.

After her career in politics, Dianne opened her business, VIP Office Furniture and Supply store, in Hinesville, GA. In 2025, VIP will celebrate its 50th anniversary serving the Hinesville community.

Dianne is survived by her mother Inez, her sisters Vicki and Joy, and her sons Andy and Brett.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the Horton family today, may Dianne's memory be a blessing.

HONORING RAFAEL CAMACHO AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS
PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Rafael Camacho is a dedicated professional with a passion for workforce development and higher education. With over six years of experience in the field, Rafael has made significant contributions to bridging the gap between academic institutions and industry needs.

Beginning his career at CareerSource Central Florida, Rafael quickly became adept at

identifying skill gaps and designing programs to equip individuals with the necessary tools for success in the job market. His work involved collaborating with local businesses and community organizations to tailor training programs that addressed specific industry demands, thereby enhancing employment opportunities for countless individuals.

Transitioning into higher education, Rafael joined Valencia College as the director of recruitment and career placement for Accelerated Skills Training (AST), a key member of their recruitment team. In this role, he played a pivotal part in recruiting and guiding prospective students through the college application process. Rafael's deep understanding of workforce demands enabled him to effectively advise Orange and Osceola County students on career paths and educational programs that aligned with their aspirations and the evolving job market trends.

Before embarking on his civilian career, Rafael Camacho proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, where he honed his leadership, discipline, and commitment to service. His military experience has been a cornerstone of his professional ethos, instilling a sense of duty and purpose that carries over into all his endeavors.

After a distinguished military career, Rafael retired from the Marine Corps, bringing the same level of dedication and integrity to his roles in workforce development and education. With a unique blend of military and civilian experience, Rafael is committed to making a positive impact on individuals and communities, fostering growth and development wherever he goes.

HONORING SYLVIA YATES' 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to Sylvia Yates, a constituent of mine who will turn 100 years old on October 7, 2024.

Sylvia Yates was born in Livingston, Texas. As a child, Sylvia would often go to work with her father, who was a logger, and cook for him and his coworkers. Sylvia's love for cooking for those around her has remained with her throughout her life.

After graduating high school, Sylvia moved to Houston, Texas, to attend business school and met her husband, John Yates, whom she married in 1944. Shortly after marrying, John Yates deployed overseas to fight on behalf of our country in the United States Navy during World War II. After John returned home, Sylvia and John started their family, and have two boys, John and Barry.

Along with being a dedicated mother, Sylvia served as a Cub Scout leader and a Sunday school teacher. As a mother with two boys, Sylvia worked diligently in various jobs, showcasing her strong work ethic. During her downtime, Sylvia enjoys reading, needlepoint, and quilting.

John and Barry, Sylvia's sons, both served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. During this time, Sylvia remained a source of strength for her family.