

for liberty and justice for all. That is why today, I am proud to be leading the effort in Congress to designate December 1 as Rosa Parks Day to commemorate her historic arrest.

H.R. 308, the Rosa Parks Day Act, was the very first bill that I introduced in the 118th Congress, along with my colleagues, Chairman of the CBC, STEVEN HORSFORD of Nevada, and Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY of Ohio.

It will help ensure that Rosa Parks' brave sacrifice is never forgotten, and it will remind us of the power of ordinary Americans to achieve extraordinary social change.

Moreover, it will become the first Federal holiday in our Nation's history to honor a Black woman. Rosa Parks is a true American hero. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996, the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999, and even became the first woman to ever lie in state at the U.S. Capitol rotunda.

Her lifelong work in the fight for equality and justice still resonates today. There is no more befitting figure in our Nation's history to honor with a new Federal holiday.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 308, the Rosa Parks Day Act.

#### HONORING COLLIERVILLE MAYOR STAN JOYNER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong west Tennessean, a dedicated public servant, and, frankly, just a good friend, Collierville Mayor Stan Joyner.

Stan Joyner, after 25 years of exemplary public service, has decided to retire from public service and pass the torch. Stan Joyner's roots run wide and deep in Shelby County. Born and raised in Collierville, Tennessee, Stan attended and played football at Collierville High School, and still to this day, you can find him in the stands cheering on his alma mater.

Stan Joyner was elected as a Collierville alderman in 1999. In 2008, Stan Joyner was elected as the town's mayor. One of Stan Joyner's significant achievements as mayor was establishing a municipal school system for Collierville. Stan led his community through the formation and the development of the Collierville Schools system, the election of the first Collierville school board, and the hiring of a Collierville Schools superintendent.

In my opinion, the creation of the Collierville Schools system is one of the primary reasons that Collierville is such a desirable place to live in Tennessee. Without a doubt, Stan has worked diligently to ensure that every child in Collierville has access to an education that prepares them for success.

Stan Joyner has also long understood that people choose where to live based

on the quality of life that they are going to experience. Now, obviously, this depends on the strength of the local schools, which I just talked about, the vibrancy of the community, and the opportunities for economic growth.

Under the mayor's leadership, Collierville has seen a boom in local business development, as well as economic expansion. Stan's deep knowledge of Collierville's past, his commitment to the future, and his ability to listen and advise his colleagues make him a trusted leader.

While I was working on these remarks, Mr. Speaker, I called my good friend, Wright Cox, who is also the Chairman of the Collierville school board, about how he would sum up Stan Joyner's tenure in Collierville. This is what Wright Cox told me: Stan led from the front. He always advocated for Collierville. Most importantly, he always fought for the needs of Collierville. In my opinion, Stan filled the job description flawlessly as mayor of Collierville.

I think Wright Cox summed it up perfectly.

Beyond his work in the public sphere, Mayor Joyner is a man of deep faith and personal integrity. His strong spirit has guided him as a Sunday school teacher in his community.

Stan's dedication to his family is equally strong. He and his wife, Linda, have been married for over 48 years. Together, they have three children and are the grandparents of eight grandchildren.

As he steps down after a distinguished public service career on December 18, in about 2 weeks, Collierville is certainly a better place to live because of Stan Joyner's service.

Roberta and I congratulate Stan and Linda on a job well done. We all wish them the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

#### HONORING ROBERT "BOB" MYLES HERTZBERG

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. CÁRDENAS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong community leader, a relentless advocate, an effective elected official, a mentor, and a genuine good friend. I rise to honor and celebrate the contributions of Robert "Bob" Myles Hertzberg.

Bob Hertzberg has dedicated decades of service to the good people of the San Fernando Valley, the city of Los Angeles, and the great State of California.

For those who know him best, they would describe Bob as a force of nature, a fearless champion for good. One of Harrison Hertzberg's five sons, Bob was born in the city of Los Angeles and grew up in Benedict Canyon on the city's west side.

His family would later move eastward to California's desert town of

Palm Springs, where Bob graduated from Palm Springs High School. Bob Hertzberg got a taste of the political bug very early on in life. His first job in politics was at the age of 19 where he served as a driver for then State Senator Mervyn Dymally, who would later become California's Lieutenant Governor in 1974.

The young Bob Hertzberg forged relationships and supported many of the up-and-coming Latino leaders on the east side of Los Angeles, people like Gloria Molina, Xavier Becerra, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Antonio Villaraigosa, and many other Latino leaders.

In 1978, Bob graduated magna cum laude from the University of Redlands with a bachelor of arts degree in history and English. Choosing to follow his father's career path, Bob earned his juris doctorate from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in the 1979.

After graduating law school, he spent some formidable years working as an associate at a prestigious law firm and later would join his father, Harrison, to form the Hertzberg & Hertzberg law firm.

In 1996, Bob Hertzberg ran for the California State Assembly and won that election in the 40th District in the San Fernando Valley.

Bob and I were elected in 1996 and became colleagues. Bob and I represented neighboring districts and had worked together on common regional goals. Bob and I ran for California State Assembly speaker, and Bob won that election, handily by the way. On April 30, 2000, he was unanimously elected by a voice vote as the 64th speaker of the California State Assembly.

In the aftermath of the speaker election, instead of holding a grudge toward me, I witnessed firsthand the character of Bob Hertzberg. Much to my surprise at the time, Speaker Hertzberg insisted that I serve on the powerful and coveted position as chairman of the budget committee. Who does that? That is the character of Bob Hertzberg.

Bob was able to be an effective speaker. He modernized the institution. He made sure the budget of California reflected our values. He prioritized healthcare for children and seniors.

He allocated resources for the modernization of California's public education systems, and he delivered on transportation projects and increased parks and recreation spaces across the State, essentially transforming and improving lives of millions of Californians for generations to come.

Bob Hertzberg served the full limit of three terms in the California State Assembly. After his tenure as speaker, Hertzberg set out to be a clean energy entrepreneur. Bob helped create one of the first solar manufacturing companies in Los Angeles and co-launched a company that produced inexpensive, lightweight solar panels for use around the world.

In recognition of his clean energy efforts in Rwanda, he received the World

Bank Award for Lighting Africa and the United Kingdom-based Guardian Magazine named him one of the “50 People Who Could Save the Planet.”

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In 2014, Bob returned to elected office when he was again elected to represent nearly a million people in the San Fernando Valley in the California State Senate.

Throughout Bob’s 14 years in the State legislature, Bob Hertzberg has always been a champion for the communities he represented in the San Fernando Valley, and he was named One of the Most Influential People in Southern California by our hometown paper, the Los Angeles Times. Bob was always committed to delivering results for the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

During his tenure in the California State Senate, Bob Hertzberg served as majority leader from January 2019 to January 2022.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Hertzberg is a one-of-a-kind, exceptional person, and on behalf of my constituents, the great people of California’s 29th Congressional District, I thank him for his many years of public service and for delivering time and time again for the people of Los Angeles and the people of California and by touching the world in the most positive way. Once again, I thank my friend.

#### RECOGNIZING MICHAEL NUDO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Michael Nudo, for his dedication and service to the constituents of Arizona’s Eighth Congressional District.

Michael Nudo is a U.S. Army veteran who served for 8 years and attained the rank of specialist. He joined my staff first as a caseworker in my district office before coming to Washington, D.C., to serve as a legislative assistant.

Throughout his time in my office, Michael has shown his dedication to the constituents of our district and to me, first by expertly navigating their issues with Federal agencies and now by finding legislative solutions to pressing problems in our community.

His commitment and strong work ethic were on display throughout his tenure, and I have no doubt he will bring the same to all of his future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Michael for his leadership and service to me and the Eighth Congressional District. His dedication and determination were critical to the success of our office and improved the lives of those living in our district.

#### RECOGNIZING TIM O’NEILL

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Tim O’Neill, for his dedication and service to me and the constituents of Arizona’s Eighth Congressional District.

A native of Maine, Tim joined my staff as a legislative assistant and has been a key member of our team, handling important issues like immigration, COVID, and healthcare throughout the 118th Congress.

Tim is a steadfast conservative who is always ready to join the fight for the values that make our Nation great. His hard work and commitment to serving our district and Nation were assets as we navigated complicated challenges.

As I leave Congress, I have no doubt Tim will go on to do great things as he continues his public service. I wish Tim nothing but the best in all of his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING ASHTYN ROULAND

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Ashtyn Rouland, for her dedication and service to me and the constituents of Arizona’s Eighth Congressional District.

Ashtyn joined my staff as my press assistant. In this role, she ensured that our constituents were up to date with all that was happening in our offices, both in Arizona and Washington, D.C., through our weekly newsletter and frequent social media posts.

As Members of Congress, we know the importance of communicating our work to our constituents, and communication staffers are essential to this endeavor.

I thank Ashtyn for her work and dedication to our team.

As I leave Congress, I have no doubt Ashtyn will go on to do great things. I wish her nothing but the best in all of her future endeavors. I appreciate my staff greatly.

#### RECOGNIZING TANIA BARRICKLO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. RYAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the photographer Tania Barricklo on her retirement from our local hometown newspaper, the newspaper I read growing up as a child, the Daily Freeman, where her truly breathtaking work brought the pages to life for 25 years.

Tania has a wondrous ability to distill the essence of the Hudson Valley into every frame. In a single image, she captures entire motions and emotions that transport viewers back to the original scene itself.

Through her work, she has immortalized moments big and small, from documenting high-profile events that will go down in our community’s history books to preserving the game-winning shot for the local high school athletes to hold dear for the rest of their lives.

Tania is a staple in our community, an unwavering and reliable presence.

She and her photographs will be forever intertwined with Kingston and Ulster County’s history, and I thank her personally and on behalf of our entire community for her invaluable con-

tributions to the lives of Kingstonians’ past, present, and future.

I wish her the absolute best in her retirement and hope to see her very soon on the streets of our great community.

#### THANKING JOHN LIPSCOMB

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank a true pillar of the Hudson Valley community, John Lipscomb, for his decades of fierce advocacy for our environment and cherished Hudson River, as he retires from his role as Riverkeeper’s vice president of advocacy and chief patrol boat captain.

John has been sailing the Hudson River since his childhood, and his dedication to its care and rehabilitation runs deeper than the depths of the river itself.

Throughout his career, John has sailed infinite miles on that river, taken thousands of water samples to inform and advance cleanup efforts, and, through his work on documentaries, has introduced thousands of others near and far to what we know in the Hudson Valley about our river. It is of vital importance, and we have an obligation to its keeping and preservation for future generations.

I wish John the absolute best. He is more than deserving of a restful retirement, but I don’t expect to see him sitting back anytime soon. I am heartened knowing that his passion will not fade, and the Hudson River will continue to see him going up and down its shores.

#### HONORING MARTHA STREVER

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor New York State’s longest serving teacher, the inspiring Martha Strever, now in her 64th year teaching math to middle school students in the Hudson Valley.

Martha is the teacher every parent wants for their child. She is rooted solely in uplifting the lives of students and empowering them through limitless learning.

Born and raised in Hyde Park, she brought her zeal for teaching to the Red Hook Central School District in 1961 and hasn’t slowed down for a minute since.

Her impact knows no bounds. She has molded thousands of students—in some cases, three generations of students from the same family—into high-achieving academics and exemplary Hudson Valley citizens, who have in turn passed the lessons from their beloved Ms. Strever on to countless others.

In fact, 30 years ago, she taught a young woman in her math class who is now the principal of that school and actually her boss.

Martha Strever is a true treasure of the Hudson Valley, and I thank her for her profound service to our community for 63 years past and for more to come. She says she has no plans to leave the classroom anytime soon.