

it has built trust across counties, cities, and communities. Thanks to her leadership, thousands of Central Valley residents now have better access to jobs, education, and opportunity.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Stacey Mortensen for her extraordinary contributions and for her steadfast commitment to the people of California's Central Valley.

HONORING FORMER FIRST SERGEANT DELPHINE METCALF-FOSTER AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former First Sergeant Delphine Metcalf-Foster as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her trailblazing military service, steadfast advocacy for veterans, and lifelong commitment to public service. A native of Vallejo, California, First Sergeant (Ret.) Delphine Metcalf-Foster proudly served in the United States Army Reserve with the 689th Quartermaster Unit, 6253rd Hospital Unit, and 6211th Transportation Unit at the Letterman Army Medical Center. During Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, she sustained injuries while serving in Saudi Arabia in support of the Grave Registration Company mission and was medically evacuated to Germany for care. Her service and courage reflect the highest traditions of the U.S. Armed Forces. Following her retirement from the Army Reserves in 1996, Ms. Metcalf-Foster continued to dedicate her life to veterans causes and public service. A life member of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 81 in Vallejo, she made history in 2017 when she was elected National Commander of the DAV. The first woman and the first person of color to hold that position in the organization's 100-year history. She previously served as the DAV Department of California Commander in 2003, again breaking barriers as the first woman to hold that role. Her distinguished civilian career includes decades of leadership at the Alameda Naval Air Station, where she served as a quality assurance work leader. Ms. Metcalf-Foster has also lent her expertise to numerous veterans' advisory bodies, including the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, the DAV Department of California Claims and Service Committee, and the First Data Military Advisory Council. Among her many honors, she has received the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (10LC), National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star. In 2018, she was recognized as one of the "Top 40 Military People" in the United States for her impact in helping veterans. Her favorite quotes, "Tell me what I can't do, and I will show you what I can do," and "I had to go through, in order to get to," embody the spirit of resilience and purpose that defines her life and service. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and

recognize First Sergeant (Ret.) Delphine Metcalf-Foster for her courageous service to our nation and her extraordinary contributions to the veterans' community.

RECOGNIZING SOUTH DAKOTA SWIMMER GENA JORGENSON FOR HER SELECTION TO THE USA SWIMMING NATIONAL TEAM

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gena Jorgenson of Aberdeen, South Dakota, on being named to the USA Swimming National Team in preparation for the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

A proud product of the Aberdeen Swim Club, Gena is an All-American at the University of Nebraska who has earned this honor through years of dedication, discipline, and excellence in training and competition. Her silver medal performance in the 1,500-meter freestyle at the World University Games in Germany showcased her talent on the international stage and secured her spot on Team USA.

Her journey from local pools in Aberdeen to the national stage is a testament to her determination and resilience. Gena's success reflects the best of South Dakota: hard work, humility, and perseverance. She has brought pride to her hometown, university, and entire state.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Gena Jorgenson on this remarkable achievement and wish her continued success as she represents both South Dakota and our Nation with great distinction.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUPERVISOR JAMES M. "JIM" HOLLAND

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the Honorable James M. "Jim" Holland, who faithfully served the people of Chesterfield County's Dale District for nearly two decades before his passing on October 14, 2025. I had the honor of working closely with Jim and witnessing firsthand his deep love for and unwavering dedication to his constituents. His kindness, humility, and steadfast commitment left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him, and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

Born in Gates County, North Carolina, in 1951, Jim Holland served honorably in the U.S. Army's 18th Airborne Corps before earning degrees in accounting and business administration from Fayetteville State University and North Carolina Central University. A certified public accountant, he built a successful practice and later taught accounting for 24 years at Virginia Commonwealth University, inspiring generations of students with his belief that numbers are a tool for integrity and empowerment.

Elected in 2008, Supervisor Holland was the longest-serving member of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, chairing the Board in 2014, 2021, and 2024. Known for his calm and collaborative leadership, he guided the county through the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic, championing strong schools, fiscal responsibility, and community investment. His dedication led to major improvements in local infrastructure and the re-naming of the Beulah Recreation Center in his honor in 2025.

Beyond his contributions in local government, he represented Chesterfield on numerous regional and state boards and was appointed by multiple Virginia governors for his expertise and judgment. Deeply rooted in his faith and community, he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church Centralia and received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Leadership Award earlier this year.

Jim Holland is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judith, and their children, Jessica and James, Chesterfield County and the Commonwealth of Virginia have lost a devoted public servant and educator whose legacy will endure in the community he helped build.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Supervisor Jim Holland, a man guided by faith, service, and a lifelong commitment to leaving things better than he found them.

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF THE PORT OF GALVESTON

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate a true Texas treasure, 200 years of the Port of Galveston. It is an honor to mark this historic milestone and to recognize the men and women, past and present, whose hard work, grit, and vision have made this port what it is today. I especially want to thank Rodger Rees and the Port's leadership for their stewardship of this vital gateway to the Gulf.

Mr. Speaker, I've lived on the Texas Gulf Coast my whole life. Down here, ports aren't just infrastructure, they're the backbone of our economy. Representing seven ports, more than any other Member of Congress, I know firsthand how critical they are to jobs, commerce, energy, and America's security.

The Port of Galveston is a shining example. Established on October 17, 1825, by the Congress of Mexico, it quickly became a hub of strategic importance. During the fight for Texas Independence, it served as the home of the Texas Navy, brave men who risked everything to secure freedom. That fight laid the foundation for Galveston to grow into one of the most important cities on the Gulf Coast. In 1940, the people of Galveston, proud, determined, and invested in their future, came together to purchase their port. That move secured local control and ensured the Port's place as an engine of growth for generations.

From a vital shipping center to one of the busiest cruise ports in the nation, the Port of Galveston continues to adapt and expand. This fall, a fourth cruise terminal will open,

bringing more visitors, more commerce, and more opportunity for Southeast Texas.

Two hundred years is no small achievement. The Port of Galveston has stood the test of time, through storms, wars, and economic change, and it has remained a symbol of Texas perseverance and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, here's to the next 200 years of success for the Port of Galveston, for Galveston Island, and for the great state of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS M.
MANCINO

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Douglas M. Mancino, an esteemed attorney, civic leader, and philanthropist whose distinguished career and lifelong dedication to public service enriched countless institutions and communities across the nation. Mr. Mancino passed away unexpectedly on September 10, 2025, leaving behind a profound legacy of excellence, compassion, and integrity.

For more than four decades, Doug Mancino stood as one of the nation's foremost authorities on health care and tax-exempt organization law. A partner at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, he counseled hospitals, universities, foundations, and nonprofit organizations on complex tax, financial, and regulatory matters. Mr. Mancino reorganized the Children's Burn Foundation in 1995 and served for 20 years as its Chairman of the Board. He also served as Commissioner, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Monument Authority and as a member at the Board of Directors for the Irvine Health Foundation. His work strengthened the charitable and health care institutions that form the backbone of our society, ensuring they could better serve the public good.

Mr. Mancino's leadership in the legal community was both vast and consequential. He served as President of the American Health Lawyers Association, Chair of the American Bar Association's Exempt Organizations Committee, and Vice-Chair of Publications for the ABA Tax Section. He was a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel and served on the Editorial Advisory Board of Taxation of Exempts. A prolific author, he wrote or co-authored five books and more than ninety articles that advanced understanding of nonprofit and health care law nationwide.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Doug was a devoted husband to his wife, Carol, of 52 years, and was known as "Uncle Spice" to his many nieces and nephews. He was admired not only for his brilliance but for his kindness. He was a mentor to many, a trusted colleague, and a friend whose moral compass never wavered. His passing is a loss not only to the legal and nonprofit communities but to all who were privileged to know him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Douglas M. Mancino, whose extraordinary life exemplified the highest ideals of service, scholarship, and compassion. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. May his memory be a

blessing and his example a continuing inspiration to us all.

HONORING DR. NICOLA PARR AS
ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S, 8TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN
OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Nicola Parr as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Dr. Nicola "Nikki" Parr for her exemplary leadership and service to students and families across Solano County. Dr. Parr is a lifelong educator and public servant whose 25-year career in education has been defined by equity, compassion, and a deep commitment to student well-being. A proud graduate of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Dr. Parr now serves as the Interim Solano County Superintendent of Schools and is the first African American woman to hold this position in the County's history. Her leadership reflects both professional excellence and personal dedication to the community that raised her. She also served as Senior Director of Student Services and Educational Options at the Solano County Office of Education, where she led programs supporting school-based mental health, foster and homeless youth, and at-risk students. Prior to joining the Solano County Office of Education, Dr. Parr spent eight years with the Vacaville Unified School District as an Alternative Education Principal and Director of Student Services, where she strengthened alternative pathways and wraparound supports for students facing unique challenges. She has also served as a trustee for the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Board, demonstrating her lifelong investment in local education. A passionate advocate for mental health and equity in schools, Dr. Parr has presented at statewide conferences on multi-tiered systems of support and cross-agency collaboration. Her accomplishments are grounded in both scholarship and service—holding a Doctor of Education from Capella University, a master's degree, and a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University. Dr. Parr's leadership is marked by empathy, innovation, and resilience, guiding Solano County's schools through both challenge and change. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize Dr. Nicola Parr for her historic leadership, her unwavering dedication to student success, and her lifelong commitment to the advancement of equitable education in Solano County. It is my pleasure to honor and recognize Dr. Nicola Parr for her historic leadership and unwavering dedication to student success.

PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
CHASE CRAWFORD

HON. THOMAS MASSIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation Honoring Mr. Chase Crawford:

Whereas, Chase Crawford, a distinguished filmmaker, producer, and resident of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, has been inducted into the International Indie Filmmaker Hall of Fame at the Indie Gathering Film Festival; and

Whereas, Chase Crawford over the past decade, has worked tirelessly to amplify independent voices in cinema through projects that have reached audiences both locally and internationally; and

Whereas, Chase Crawford founded Four by Three Productions, which has produced a dozen award-winning films and more than fifty comedy specials, and has served as Executive Producer on groundbreaking projects; and

Whereas, Chase Crawford's film *Between Mercy and Me*, filmed in Northern Kentucky, premiered in 600 theaters across the United States, bringing recognition to the creative spirit of our Commonwealth;

Whereas, Chase Crawford, in addition to his professional achievements, has demonstrated deep commitment to service, including his volunteer work in Eastern Kentucky, where he teaches women in recovery the skills of filmmaking, photography, and editing, an effort recognized with his commissioning as a Kentucky Colonel in 2025;

Now therefore, I, THOMAS MASSIE, United States Representative for the Fourth District of Kentucky, do hereby recognize and congratulate Chase Crawford on his induction into the International Indie Filmmaker Hall of Fame, and commend him for his remarkable contributions to the arts, to independent film, and to the people of Kentucky. Proclaimed this 24th day of October 2025.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE
TOLEDO ZOO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a milestone year in the Toledo Zoo's remarkable journey in my district. The Zoo is celebrating 125 years in our community with a series of events culminating in a special gala on Thursday, October 23, 2025. Rated the top zoo in our Nation, Toledoans are justifiably proud of our treasure.

The Toledo Zoo began modestly in 1900 when Megan Cole donated a woodchuck for display at Walbridge Park along the Maumee River in South Toledo. The attraction was popular, and within the year, thanks to continued donations, the zoo had 39 animals in its collection. Unprepared to properly house and care for the growing collection, the Toledo Zoo built the Lion House in 1907. During these earliest years, when housing was a challenge, animal escapes were not uncommon.

The Toledo Zoological Society was subsequently founded in 1913 to spark development. William H. Roemer was the first president, and by 1916, the Toledo Zoo exhibited