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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

471 animals. In 1922, the position of curator was developed, and the indefatigable Frank Skeldon was the first curator for the zoo. It was during this time that national recognition was pursued. Building continued, and by 1929, the Giraffe House, Carnivora Building, and Primate House were all housing the animals.

Building continued through the Depression-Era WPA, so that by the 1930s the Reptile House, Aviary, Museum of Science, Amphitheatre, indoor theatre, and Aquarium were all completed, along with structural improvements, the subway and zoo entrances.

The 1940s, 50s, and 60s brought new adventure with the addition of a miniature railway, the publication of Safari magazine, the nation's only indoor trout run, the development of waterways, and other improvements. By the 1960s, the Toledo Zoo's collection included more than 3,600 animals.

Facing significant funding challenges following the region's 1980s financial collapse, the Toledo Zoo was on the verge of closure. A zoo levy was initiated in 1980, and in 1981, Bill Dennler became the new zoo director following Frank Skeldon's retirement. Under his tutelage, buildings were restored, a children's zoo opened, the birth of two baby hippos was caught on tape, and China lent the zoo two giant pandas. People flocked to the zoo to view these wonders.

The 1990s saw continuing innovation, community support, and national and global supremacy for the Toledo Zoo. By the early 2000s, the zoo was well into its successful breeding program, including the rare birth of an African elephant. Development continues to this day. There are 1 Million visitors a year and 78,000 households hold membership. The highest in the nation! There are 16,000 animals from more than 680 species, including 90 endangered species, and 73 Million dollars are generated for our local economy.

The Toledo Zoo has arrived at its 125th birthday as the top zoo in our nation and a global leader in wildlife conservation and engagement in sustainable practices. There are forty acres of native plants and 110 prairies planted at the zoo and around the region. More than 45,000 students and families learn from tours, camps, overnights, virtual programming, scouts, and gardening workshops. The Zoo hosts Music Under the Stars in its lovely Amphitheatre, where people can hear the symphony and creative performers on beautiful nights. People from all over come to view the Toledo Zoo's African Savannah, Aquarium, Arctic Encounter, Aviary, Rescue Roost, Cassoway Crossing, Conservatory, Flamingo Key, Kingdom of the Apes, Museum of Natural History, Nature's Neighborhood, Penguin Beach, Pheasantry, Primate Forest, Reptile House, Tembo Trail, Tiger Terrace, Snow Leopards, beautiful flora, fun amusements, nourishing treats and the stunning Lights Before Christmas.

The Toledo Zoo is an absolute star on the map of Northwest Ohio. It truly and uniquely lives up to its motto: "Enjoy. Inspire. Educate. Act." Our entire community congratulates our wonderful Toledo Zoo as we look back on a fantastic journey and look forward to an awesome future.

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HONORING ALIZE JOHNSON 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 the contributions of Alize Johnson

as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Alize has served her community of Solano County in several meaningful capacities. Despite losing her mother at a young age, she turned her pain into purpose and has dedicated her life to uplifting others through service, advocacy, and leadership. Her impactful service began by advocating for other youth in the community, as a Youth Community Organizer with CCISCO and as a student representative on the West Contra Costa Unified School District's LCAP Committee. However, this was only the beginning of her work, making her a champion in advocacy for equity in education. Alize continued to open doors for inner-city youth as a recruiter for ONYX Scholars, where she assisted in providing access to HBCUs and career opportunities. She has transformed personal adversity into community empowerment, emboldening those she works with to do the same, primarily by leading by example. Her work with Keyz 2 Future and Motivated 2 Help Others(M2HO) exemplifies this exceptional leadership, as she mentors youth affected by gun violence and helps those in need. Alize's resilience has also taken her beyond the scope of her local work, as she has amplified issues of youth empowerment, environmental justice, and gun safety laws through various platforms, including Miss California USA 2024, Delegate for Miss Earth 2025, and as part of the Everytown National Training Team. Alize is a dedicated member of the community, an ardent supporter of youth opportunities, and her collective work makes Solano County a better place for everyone. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Alize Johnson for her positive contributions to our community.