

## CONGRATULATING THE TABB HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS GOLF TEAM

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tabb High School Tigers Golf Team of York County, Virginia, for winning the Virginia Class 3, Region A Golf Championship—their first regional title since 2001.

The Tigers were led by Cooper Guldin, whose round of 74 earned him the individual medalist honor followed by outstanding performances from Jack Houseknecht and Brodi Bartee, who each contributed standout performances shooting their lowest scores of the season, Ethan Thompson, Chriss Bassett, and Ainsley Asbury.

Competing among seven strong teams at Dogwood Trace Golf Course in Petersburg, the Tigers captured the championship by narrowly edging York High School by just three shots for the victory. This hard-fought win secured Tabb a well-earned berth in the Virginia High School League (VHSL) state tournament and marked a historic return to regional prominence for the golf team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the Tabb High School Tigers Golf Team of York County, Virginia. May they continue to represent their school with great pride.

## HONORING THE REPUBLIC DAY OF KAZAKHSTAN

**HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, as Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on South and Central Asia, I rise today alongside my colleague and Chair, Mr. HUIZENG of Michigan, to honor and congratulate the people of Kazakhstan as they mark the Republic Day of Kazakhstan, which commemorates Kazakhstan's declaration of sovereignty independent of the Soviet Union on October 25, 1990. The United States has remained committed to Kazakhstan's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity. Now, as a valued strategic partner of the United States, our nations work together to advance security, peace, and prosperity.

Kazakhstan inherited a massive nuclear stockpile and legacy sites for chemical and biological weapons research following the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The voluntary commitment to rapidly remove these weapons from its territory and accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and other key arms control measures was a model for the region and the world. Kazakhstan has also made significant contributions to UN peacekeeping missions, including independent deployments of peacekeepers from 2024. These efforts support stability and security in both Central Asia and the wider world.

U.S. companies remain the largest source of foreign direct investment in Kazakhstan,

helping build resilient supply chains driving Kazakhstan's economic diversification, supply chain resiliency, and sustainable economic development. Last month, Wabtec Corporation and Kazakhstan Temir Zholy announced a \$4.2 billion locomotive deal, reflecting deepening cooperation between Kazakhstan and American firms.

We reiterate our commitment to advancing repeal of the outdated Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which will allow us to fully realize the potential of this relationship. We also applaud Kazakhstan's efforts to position itself as a key Eurasian transit hub. We believe it is in our shared interest to improve Central Asian connectivity with global markets to boost the resilience of supply chains, and will seek ways to support the realization of the Trans-Caspian "Middle Corridor." In addition to continued dialogue to safeguard critical technologies and improve the investment climate, we hope that the ongoing process of constitutional and political reform in Kazakhstan initiated in 2022 will strengthen governance and human rights.

On the occasion of Kazakhstan's Republic Day, we can reflect on our enduring friendship and the bright future of our strategic partnership. We look forward to continued high-level engagement with Kazakhstan, both bilaterally and in multilateral fora. In particular, we believe the anticipated [EA5] C5+1 Leaders' Summit in Washington, D.C. would be a pivotal opportunity to strengthen longstanding United States cooperation with Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and Representative HUIZENG in honoring Kazakhstan's Republic Day.

## HONORING DR. LATYNA YOUNG AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Latyna Young, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Dr. Young is a lifelong educator, community leader, and advocate whose 45-year career in education has left an enduring mark on Vallejo and Solano County. Elected to the Vallejo City Unified School District Board of Trustees in 2020, where she represents Area 4, Dr. Young's leadership reflects her deep commitment to equity, empowerment, and excellence in education. A proud graduate of Vallejo schools herself, she began her career in the same district as a teacher before serving as coordinator, vice principal, principal, and director of student support services. Though retired from full-time service, she continues to champion educational opportunity and student success as a trustee and mentor to the next generation of educators. Beyond her service to the school district, Dr. Young is President of Fighting Back Partnership, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending poverty and strengthening families in Vallejo and across Solano County. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa

Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Kappa Beta Omega Chapter), the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA), and the Solano-Napa Chapter of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA). Dr. Young's academic achievements are as impressive as her professional record—holding two master's degrees, in early childhood and special education from Sonoma State University and in counseling from the University of La Verne, along with a doctorate in educational leadership in urban schools. Her lifetime of service embodies perseverance, compassion, and faith in the transformative power of education. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to honor Dr. Latyna Young for her remarkable leadership, her dedication to the Vallejo community, and her lifelong commitment to public service.

## HONORING MR. SCOTT GOMEZ

**HON. NICHOLAS J. BEGICH III**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor a trailblazer in Alaska's sports history, Scott Gomez for his induction into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame. As the first Alaskan to receive this extraordinary distinction, Mr. Gomez has not only broken barriers in the world of professional hockey but has also served as a role model for generations of young Alaskans.

Born in Anchorage and a graduate of East Anchorage High School, Mr. Gomez rose swiftly through the ranks of professional hockey. He made an immediate impact in his rookie season with the New Jersey Devils, by winning the NHL's Calder Memorial Trophy. His career would go on to include two Stanley Cup championships, over 1,000 games in the NHL, and international representation with Team USA at the Winter Olympics.

Beyond his accolades on the ice, Mr. Gomez's legacy is defined by his commitment to community. During the 2012 NHL lockout, while many of his peers played overseas, he returned home to Alaska to play in front of local fans. He has continued to mentor youth and invest in the sport through coaching roles, including his current position with the USHL's Surrey Eagles.

Mr. Gomez also founded the Scott Gomez Foundation, which is dedicated to promoting youth hockey and increasing opportunities for underserved communities. Through scholarships, clinics, and community work, the foundation reflects his deep commitment to giving back and uplifting the next generation of players.

Scott Gomez embodies the values of perseverance, excellence, and service that make Alaska proud. His journey from local rinks to national recognition reflects the very best of our state's spirit of optimism, hard work, and generosity. I offer my congratulations on this well-deserved honor and thank him for the inspiration he continues to provide both on and off the ice.

RECOGNIZING THE JUNIOR  
LEAGUE OF ARLINGTON: EMPOW-  
ERING WOMEN, STRENGTHENING  
COMMUNITY

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions and enduring legacy of the Junior League of Arlington (JLA), an organization that has been empowering women and strengthening the Arlington community for nearly five decades.

Founded on October 22, 1975, as the Service League of Arlington with 45 charter members, the organization was officially welcomed into the Association of Junior Leagues International on February 22, 1982, becoming the 248th Junior League and adopting the name Junior League of Arlington. Since that time, JLA has remained steadfast in its mission to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

Over the years, the Junior League of Arlington has invested more than \$3 million and over one million volunteer hours into more than 100 local agencies. Through these efforts, the League has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless residents across North Texas. This year alone, JLA is providing \$100,000 in grants to 10 community organizations, continuing its long tradition of philanthropy and partnership.

Beyond its financial and volunteer contributions, the Junior League of Arlington's influence is seen in its enduring commitment to service and empowerment. From its collaboration with Arlington ISD on the annual Back to School Kick-off at AT&T Stadium, to its many "Done in a Day" projects, JLA consistently answers the call to serve families, women, and children in need.

As the League begins a new chapter in its new home at Wellspring on Main—The Arlington Center for Community Engagement—it reaffirms its dedication to building stronger, more inclusive communities. Through leadership training, volunteerism, and a commitment to diversity, equity, and belonging, JLA continues to shape women into leaders who create lasting, positive change.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Junior League of Arlington for its nearly 50 years of outstanding service, leadership, and community partnership. The League's unwavering dedication to empowering women and strengthening the Arlington community stands as a model of civic engagement and compassion for us all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF MARGARET HOPSON BROWN

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Margaret Hopson Brown, a beloved member of our community whose warmth and kindness touched the lives of many. Born on December

19, 1954, to David and Mary Hopson, Margaret lived a life rich with love, adventure, and purpose.

Margaret passed away on September 8, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Valley Queen M.B. Church, officiated by Rev. Lesta Anderson and Rev. Dexter Davis, with interment at Booker Cemetery.

Margaret was a lifelong member of Shady Grove M.B. Church, where she served faithfully, embodying the spirit of a true servant of the Lord. Her life was a testament to her faith, as she accepted Christ at an early age and lived out her beliefs through acts of kindness and service.

Known for her ability to turn everyday moments into celebrations, Margaret's presence was a gift to all who knew her. Whether she was spinning wild stories, sharing a perfect joke, or ensuring no one left her table hungry, Margaret's warmth drew people in and made strangers feel like lifelong friends.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Royal Brown, Jr.; and five siblings. She leaves behind a loving family, including her four sisters, Dorothy, Frances, Brenda, and Pinky; her brother, Andrew Lee; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and special friends, including the Class of 1970 and the Golden Hearts Social club.

Though Margaret's time with us has ended, her story lives on in every lesson taught, every memory shared, and every heart she touched. Her legacy is proof that some people never truly leave us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Margaret Hopson Brown, whose kindness, resilience, and love will continue to inspire us all.

HONORING LISA NELSON-  
BONNINGTON AS ONE OF CALI-  
FORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE  
YEAR

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Nelson-Bonnington, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. In addition to being a prominent business leader and community advocate, Lisa currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce. With more than thirty years of experience in marketing, public relations, and organizational management, Lisa has dedicated her career to strengthening local economies and supporting small businesses across the Bay Area. Prior to her current role, she served as President and CEO of the Martinez Chamber of Commerce and as Vice President of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, where she championed initiatives to promote economic growth and workforce development. As an active participant in the Western Association of Chamber Executives Academy, Lisa brings both expertise and passion to her work fostering collaboration between businesses, government, and community organizations. Since

joining the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber in 2024, she has focused on expanding outreach to local entrepreneurs and strengthening partnerships that enhance economic vitality for both Fairfield and Suisun City. Lisa's work is rooted in inclusion and long-term sustainability, ensuring that every sector of the community has a voice in shaping its shared prosperity. Through her service, Lisa continues to embody integrity, innovation, and a steadfast commitment to empowering others. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Lisa Nelson-Bonnington for her outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication to economic and community development.

HONORING BISHOP LESLIE PAT-  
TERSON, JR. AND CO-PASTOR  
DR. FRANCENE PATTERSON

**HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Bishop Leslie Patterson, Jr. and Co-Pastor Dr. Francene Patterson on the occasion of their 30th Pastoral Anniversary at First Baptist Church.

Under their leadership and guidance, First Baptist Church has grown into a flourishing ministry rooted in service, fellowship, and community. Together, they have transformed lives, strengthened families, and built a legacy grounded in compassion, responsibility, and faith.

Bishop and Co-Pastor Patterson have shown exceptional dedication to the Northern Virginia community through their ministry's outreach and impact. They have nurtured over one hundred children through the church's childcare center, provided food assistance to more than 5,000 families through the Manna from Heaven Food Pantry, and hosted a COVID-19 vaccine clinic during a time of great need. Their partnerships with small and minority-owned businesses, schools, nonprofits, and civic organizations have created lasting connections that continue to uplift lives across the region.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Leslie Patterson, Jr. and Co-Pastor Dr. Francene Patterson exemplify what it means to lead with faith and purpose. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on this milestone anniversary and commending their outstanding service to their congregation and the broader community.

THANKING NOAH WOFSY FOR HIS  
SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. BRYAN STEIL**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2025*

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Ranking Member MORELLE and myself, I kindly ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Noah Wofsy on his retirement as Deputy Legislative Counsel after 39 years of service to the House of Representatives. Noah joined the House Office of Legislative Counsel in 1986 after