

earning his J.D. from the University of Southern California. I have had the good fortune of working with Noah in his capacity supporting the Committee on House Administration and the Subcommittee on Modernization and Innovation.

Noah has served as the Deputy House Legislative Counsel since 2018, helping lead the office and manage a committed team of experts to provide the House with impartial and confidential drafting and counseling services for bills, amendments, resolutions, and laws.

Throughout his career in the House of Representatives, Noah has lent his unmatched expertise to countless Members, committees, and staff working on a broad array of policy issues. The Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress relied heavily on Noah's institutional knowledge and ideas when making recommendations to modernize the House's outdated processes and technologies for legislative drafting. He was also instrumental in leading the effort last Congress to modernize leadership roles and succession planning in the Office of the Legislative Counsel. While Noah's service over the years has benefited the House in many ways, his dedication to teaching staff the art of legislative drafting has left an indelible and lasting mark on this institution. Teaching is a talent that Noah exemplifies as thousands of current and former House staffers will attest.

While Noah has been recognized by friends and colleagues for his steadfast commitment to public service and his expertise in the legislative drafting process, it is his unparalleled sense of humor that truly sets him apart. Over the course of his nearly four decades of service, the House saw a lot of change. Noah's ability to constantly adapt and consistently excel—all while maintaining his sense of humor—is a bold testament to his dedication to the House of Representatives and the people it serves. I wish Noah the best for his well-earned retirement.

On behalf of my colleagues and the entire House community, I thank him for his leadership and longstanding commitment to serving the People's House.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
BRENDA STRENGTH AS ONE OF
CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRES-
SIONAL 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 recognize the contributions of Lt. Col. Brenda Strength as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her exceptional leadership, operational excellence, and dedicated service to both the United States Air Force and the Northern California community. Lt. Col. Strength leads a team of 372 military and civilian personnel in managing the Air Mobility Command's largest logistics portfolio, valued at over \$983 million. Under her leadership, her unit executed over 58,000 passenger movements and transported more than 5 million pounds of cargo, while simultaneously planning and executing 12 high-priority Presi-

dential support missions, mobilizing 123 personnel across 22 locations in less than 24 hours. She played a pivotal role in finalizing a 15-year modernization effort involving the transfer of 3,000 legacy weapons systems across three wings. Through innovative joint training with the U.S. Marine Corps, she established three cross-service exercises and embedded 25 Air Force reservists into five critical logistics functions, enhancing operational readiness and joint interoperability. Her logistical acumen led to major advancements: a 30 percent reduction in overdue parts in the "Due In From Maintenance" program, a 15 percent increase in Specialized Fueling qualifications, and the resolution of a vital Base Exchange agreement benefiting over 135,000 members of the Travis AFB community. Further demonstrating her strategic foresight, Lt. Col. Strength oversaw a zero-cost warehouse floor plan redesign that consolidated 124 locations for 11,000 line items, resolved 132 asset discrepancies, and bolstered the Air Force's largest mobility account. Her innovation directly enabled a 26 percent increase in qualified aircrew by resolving a 9-month gap in hot refuel kit certification. Beyond her military service, Lt. Col. Strength has strengthened community bonds by encouraging squadron engagement in local volunteerism, including youth mentorship, highway cleanups, STEM and robotics initiatives, and support for local athletics and the arts. Her commitment to community partnerships highlights the Air Force's enduring connection to the people it serves. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Lt. Col. Brenda Strength for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING NATIONAL
IMMIGRANTS DAY

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express gratitude and support for our Nation's vibrant immigrant community on this National Immigrants Day.

Every October 28th, we recognize and celebrate the contributions of immigrants—born citizens of another country—to our United States. Our Nation stands as the country with the most immigrants in the world: over 52 million in 2024, or about 15 percent of our overall population. Throughout our history immigrants have made, and today continue to make, invaluable contributions to our country, including invigorating our economy and sharing their unique cultures to enrich the fabric of our society.

Nowhere is this truer than in my Hawaii, where so many are themselves immigrants or descended from immigrants. Hawaii is home today to 256,000 immigrants, or about 18 percent of our total population—ranking us 8th in the Nation. Immigrants have been central to the history and culture of Hawaii for centuries, from being the backbone of our labor force in Hawaii's earlier agricultural industries in sugar and pineapple, to now making up 22 percent of our labor force and a disproportionately large share of our vital hospitality and health

care industries as well as our dominant small businesses. Our distinctive multicultural identity, from "pidgin" to fusion foods like spam musubi, meat jun and saimin, to our distinctly local music and way of life, have been uniquely shaped by our immigrant 'ohana.

Nationally, the immigrant experience then and now has strengthened our country immeasurably in equally multiple ways. In pure economic terms alone, in 2022 immigrants generated some \$1.6 trillion in economic activity and contributed more than \$579 billion in local, state and federal taxes, and today millions of American workers are employed at immigrant-founded and immigrant-owned companies. Immigration is and will increasingly be essential to meeting workplace demand. Our immigrant communities maintain ties to their countries of origin and thus strengthen our Nation's indispensable international bonds.

At a time when too many immigrant communities here and elsewhere are being unfairly targeted and villainized, it is more important than ever that we recognize, celebrate and extend our support to our dynamic, diverse and thriving immigrant community and thank all immigrants for your belief in and contributions to our country. Mahalo.

RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF THE
MANHEIM LIONS CLUB

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the Manheim Lions Club for their 100th anniversary.

Located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the Manheim Lions Club is a dedicated community partner, exemplifying the Lions International motto of "We Serve" since their chartering in 1925. The club is heavily involved in youth activities, sponsoring a 14U baseball team and the Cub Scouts, and presenting educational awards to local students. It also runs programs that support vision care, such as an eyeglasses drive, and engages in a variety of community service and humanitarian relief efforts.

These efforts are supported through Easter egg hunts, 5K races, broom sales, and food stands at the Manheim Farm Show. This does not include past traditions like car shows at the football field and plastic boat races on the creek. Ultimately, the money raised within the community is reinvested back into the community.

The Manheim Lions are currently led by Club President Aaron Henderson. They are one of 49,000 Lions clubs across 200 countries and regions, and Lions Club International boasts 1.4 million members worldwide.

As the Manheim Lions Club celebrates 100 years of community service, I would like to thank the club and its members for their longstanding record of selflessness. Their efforts have made Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District a better place, and I wish them another century of positive impact.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC DAY OF
KAZAKHSTAN**HON. CAROL D. MILLER**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, this month, Kazakhstan celebrates Republic Day, commemorating its declaration of sovereignty on October 25, 1990. This pivotal moment paved the way for Kazakhstan's independence from the Soviet Union and symbolizes the nation's enduring commitment to self-determination, prosperity, and peace.

Kazakhstan has pursued a forward-looking vision rooted in partnership, openness, and modernization. Over the past three decades, Kazakhstan has emerged as a thriving nation with a dynamic economy, an active international presence, and a strong and growing partnership with the United States.

The U.S.-Kazakhstan relationship is grounded in shared values and mutual respect. As we mark this important national holiday, we reaffirm our commitment to deepening cooperation between our two nations to meet global challenges and advance peace, security, and prosperity.

Kazakhstan has become a magnet for American business. U.S. companies remain the largest source of foreign direct investment, helping drive Kazakhstan's diversification and sustainable development. This alignment supports the country's broader goal of becoming a resilient, innovative economy and a hub for regional growth.

Kazakhstan continues to stand as a pillar of stability in Central Asia and a leader on the world stage in nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament. Kazakhstan has remained a peaceful and stabilizing force in Central Asia—a reliable partner and a model of pragmatic, balanced diplomacy. Furthermore, Kazakhstan's active membership in the World Trade Organization reflects its ongoing commitment to international norms and open markets.

Recently, Kazakhstan took another decisive step in its economic modernization. The national railway company, Kazakhstan Temir Zholy, signed a landmark \$4.2 billion agreement with Wabtec Corporation—the largest locomotive order in recent history.

This transformative deal is more than an investment in Kazakhstan's infrastructure; it is a powerful endorsement of American innovation and manufacturing leadership. It will support thousands of good-paying U.S. jobs and strengthen America's manufacturing base, underscoring the mutual benefits of our growing economic partnership.

Kazakhstan is taking bold steps to position itself as a key Eurasian transit hub. The Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (the Middle Corridor), which begins in Kazakhstan and runs through Azerbaijan to

global markets, is strengthening supply chain resilience for the U.S. and its partners.

Another vital area of expanding cooperation is rare earth minerals. The United States and Kazakhstan are working together to build a reliable and diversified supply chain for rare earth elements and other critical materials essential to major U.S. industries, including aerospace, defense, clean energy, and semiconductors.

Rare-earth minerals from Kazakhstan can help power the next generation of U.S. innovation, driving the transformation of the American economy built around Artificial Intelligence, advanced manufacturing, and nuclear energy.

Energy collaboration also remains a cornerstone of our partnership. Earlier this year, Chevron's \$48 billion Future Growth Project at Kazakhstan's Tengiz field began production, underscoring the scale and depth of U.S. investment in the country's energy future. The Tengizchevroil venture operated by Chevron represents Central Asia's largest oil development, ensuring reliable supply and creating thousands of high-skilled jobs. These projects embody the long-term, mutually beneficial nature of U.S.-Kazakhstan energy cooperation.

It is time for the United States to take the next logical step—granting Kazakhstan Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) by repealing the outdated Jackson-Vanik Amendment. Doing so would send a powerful signal of strategic seriousness, eliminate lingering legal ambiguity for U.S. investors, and unlock the full potential of our bilateral trade and industrial cooperation.

At home, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev is undertaking an ambitious program of national renewal aimed at building a "Just and Fair State." Over the past three years, the country has implemented far-reaching political and economic reforms.

Kazakhstan's efforts align with President Trump's focus on law and order, emphasizing that governance grounded in common sense and the rule of law is essential to maintain public order and protect citizens' rights.

Our nations also share a strong commitment to interfaith harmony and global dialogue. Kazakhstan—ethnically rich and religiously diverse—has long championed peace and tolerance. Earlier this year, Astana hosted the 8th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, welcoming over 100 delegations from 60 countries under the theme "Dialogue of Religions: Synergy for the Future." This same spirit of openness and engagement also guides Kazakhstan's approach to the global economy.

As we look ahead, the upcoming C5+1 Summit on November 6 represents a critical opportunity to reaffirm U.S. leadership and engagement in Central Asia. Marking the 10th anniversary of this important diplomatic forum, the summit will deliver tangible results—demonstrating that the United States values long-term partnership and strengthening our ties with all Central Asian nations.

We urge the Administration to seize this moment, build on the foundation of trust and shared interests, and work with Congress to achieve outcomes that advance stability, prosperity, and lasting friendship across our nations.

Mr. Speaker, as Kazakhstan celebrates Republic Day, we honor the enduring friendship between our two countries and look forward to the continued growth of a partnership rooted in mutual respect, shared progress, and a common vision for a peaceful and prosperous world.

HONORING LUCINDA BAZILE AS
ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN
OF THE YEAR**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucinda Bazile, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. As Chief Executive Officer of Cancer Support Community San Francisco Bay Area, Lucinda has dedicated her life to advancing health equity, expanding access to care, and empowering those affected by cancer and chronic illness. With over three decades of experience in community health and nonprofit leadership, she has built a legacy defined by compassion, integrity, and impact. Prior to leading Cancer Support Community, Lucinda served as Deputy Director at Lifelong Medical Care, where she helped establish key departments, including Human Resources, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, AmeriCorps, Outreach, Compliance, and Marketing. Her leadership strengthened partnerships among healthcare providers, community organizations, and public institutions, ensuring that underserved populations, especially seniors and communities of color, receive the care and dignity they deserve. Deeply motivated by personal experience, Lucinda transformed loss into purpose, becoming a tireless advocate for early diagnosis, patient education, and culturally competent care. A proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she mentors young women, broadens pathways into healthcare careers, and continues to champion diversity and inclusion in medicine. Her advocacy extends beyond professional settings as she remains an active volunteer supporting seniors and families throughout the Bay Area. Through her unwavering commitment to health justice and community empowerment, Lucinda Bazile exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose and compassion. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Lucinda Bazile for her invaluable contributions to our community.