

Indiana, or a 12-day old infant who stopped breathing in Clackamas, Oregon—are the situations for which EMS professionals train and prepare. But we should also honor the everyday professionalism, skill, and commitment to doing what is right for the patient that is at the forefront of everything emergency medical responders do, both on duty and off. By putting their own lives on the line every time they answer the call for help, EMS professionals are heroes in their local communities, even if some are too humble to see themselves that way.

I thank all first responders for answering the call and I thank the 2025 GMR Stars of Life award recipients for providing care to the world at a moment's notice. I include in the Record the following Global Medical Response's 2025 Stars of Life Award Recipients:

Carlos Bautista, Base Aviation Manager, Fixed Wing Pilot, EagleMed, Dodge City, Kansas; Chris Crawford, Paramedic, Field Training Officer, American Medical Response, Portland, Oregon; Nathanael Day, Flight Nurse, Paramedic, EagleMed, Dodge City, Kansas; Rudy Drago, Dispatch Lead, AMR River Medical, Lake Havasu City, Arizona; Aaron Durette, Paramedic, Field Training Officer, American Medical Response, West Hartford, Connecticut; Arianne Emling, Flight Nurse, Base Clinical Lead, Air Evac Lifeteam, Marion, Illinois; Jimi Estrada-Velazquez, Paramedic, American Medical Response, Riverside, California; Marc Flores, Flight Paramedic, Air Evac Lifeteam, Abilene, Texas; Kenny Gimmee, Flight Paramedic, REACH Air Medical Services, Alpine, California; Aaron Goodloe, Paramedic, American Medical Response, Kansas City, Kansas; Dylan Graves, Lead Paramedic, Field Training Officer, Clackamas County, Oregon; Terry Gray, EMT, Crew Chief, American Medical Response, Seattle, Washington; Julie Humes, Flight Nurse, Air Evac Lifeteam, Macomb, Illinois; Joseph Ketcham, Paramedic Supervisor, MedicWest, Las Vegas, Nevada; PJ Lowe, Advanced EMT, American Medical Response, Jackson; Mississippi; Matt Magiera, Paramedic, Medstar EMS, Summerdale, Alabama; Beau McFarlin, Flight Paramedic, Air Evac Lifeteam, Marion, Illinois; Alexander Megquier, Paramedic, American Medical Response, West Hartford, Connecticut; Douglas Milks, Paramedic, American Medical Response, Buffalo, New York; Magen Morris, Paramedic, Special Events Administrative Supervisor, MedicWest, Las Vegas, Nevada; Holly Nasello, Paramedic, Life Line, Prescott, Arizona; Trey Phillips, Flight Nurse, Paramedic, Air Evac Lifeteam, Snellville, Georgia; Rick Pringle, Paramedic, Field Training Office, AMR Temple EMS, Temple, Texas; Julie Purick, Critical Care Paramedic, American Medical Response, Rochester, New York; LeAnn Riley, Emergency Dispatcher, 911 Call Taker, American Medical Response, Modesto, California; Ryan Rizen, Clinical Education Manager, American Medical Response, Evansville, Indiana; Samantha Sabol, Paramedic, Field Training Officer, AMR Temple EMS, Temple, Texas; Missy Satterfield, Flight Nurse, Paramedic, Air Evac Lifeteam, Abilene, Texas; Morgan Stanley, EMT, American Medical Response, Independence, Missouri; Talitha Crowe, EMT, AMR Temple EMS, Temple, Texas; Dustin Wilson, Paramedic, American Medical Response, Stockton, California; and Brannen Zilka, Paramedic, American Medical Response, Concord, California.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### HON. KIMBERLYN KING-HINDS

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2025*

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

For two decades, the NMIFA has been a source of pride, opportunity, and unity for our islands. Since its founding in 2005, it has transformed football from a small community of enthusiasts into a thriving Commonwealth-wide movement that brings together players, coaches, referees, and families across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Under the theme "20 Years of Passion, Purpose, and Promise," the Association has built a legacy of perseverance and inclusion. Through programs that nurture youth athletes, develop women's football, and expand access to quality facilities, the NMIFA has created a pathway for the next generation to dream bigger and reach farther.

This year alone, the Northern Mariana Islands national teams competed in five major international tournaments, including the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers, where our women's team secured the NMI's first-ever AFC victory, which represented a milestone that captured the spirit of determination and resiliency that defines our islands.

I commend the NMIFA's leadership, member clubs, and countless volunteers and families who have made these achievements possible. Their dedication has built not only better players, but stronger communities.

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, I congratulate the NMIFA on its 20th anniversary and thank them for their continued commitment to building a future for our youth grounded in teamwork, discipline, and pride.

HONORING THE HISTORIC VISIT OF HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

### HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2025*

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of more than 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide and the First Among Equals of the Orthodox Church. The Ecumenical Patriarchate traces its history back nearly two thousand years to the Apostle Andrew, whose preaching established the Church of Byzantium, later Constantinople, and today Istanbul.

Elected the 270th Archbishop of Constantinople in 1991, His All-Holiness is the longest-serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history. For more than three decades, he has been a tireless advocate for religious freedom, interfaith dialogue, and reconciliation among peoples of all faiths. He has convened historic councils of

the Orthodox Church, worked to heal divisions, and promoted understanding across Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities.

Known throughout the world as the "Green Patriarch," he has also been a pioneer in raising awareness about environmental stewardship, organizing international gatherings to highlight our shared responsibility to protect creation. For his leadership, he has been honored by institutions across the globe and in 1997 received the Congressional Gold Medal here in the United States Capitol.

This September, His All-Holiness visited Washington, D.C. to receive the Templeton Prize, the world's most prestigious award in religion and science, an honor previously bestowed on Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. His selection reflects his lifelong mission to promote faith, freedom, peace, and reconciliation. On behalf of my Greek Orthodox constituents in Staten Island and Brooklyn, and Orthodox Christians throughout our Nation, I am proud to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington, D.C. His ministry is a living testament to the power of faith to transcend borders, build understanding, and serve humanity.

HONORING RITA XAVIER AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilmember Rita Xavier, a dedicated public servant, community leader, former mayor, and longtime resident of the City of San Pablo, whose commitment to civic engagement, policy planning, and regional collaboration has left a lasting impact on the City of San Pablo as well as throughout the Bay Area. A proud resident of San Pablo for 35 years, Councilmember Xavier has devoted much of her life to advancing public service and improving the quality of life for local families. She has served on the San Pablo City Council for the past seven years, where she has been a strong advocate for economic development, neighborhood safety, and community partnerships that reflect the city's diverse and dynamic character. Before joining the Council, she served as a Planning Commissioner for the City of San Pablo, where she helped shape responsible growth and long-term planning initiatives. Her leadership has also extended across the region; she has held an appointment with the League of California Cities East Bay Division, served as Past President of the League of Women Voters of Contra Costa County, and as Board Treasurer for Lao Family Community Development, Inc., among other roles. Throughout her decades of service, Councilmember Xavier has exemplified integrity, vision, and compassion. Her work reflects a deep dedication to inclusive governance and to building stronger, more resilient communities for all. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Councilmember Rita Xavier for her exemplary leadership, her unwavering dedication to public service, and her lifelong commitment to

strengthening the communities of San Pablo and the greater East Bay.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF THE HONORABLE FOFŌ  
IOSEFO FITI SUNIA

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN  
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2025*

Mrs. RADEWAGWEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of High Talking Chief Fofō Iosefo Fiti Sunia, the first Delegate from American Samoa to the United States Congress, who passed away on October 14, 2025, at the age of 88. Born on March 13, 1937, in Fagasa, Pago Pago, Fofō was a lifelong servant of the people of American Samoa. He graduated from Samoana High School and earned a degree in economics from the University of Hawaii before returning home to begin a career marked by leadership and public service. He served as translator and interpreter for the territorial governor, Director of Tourism, Election Commissioner, Senator for Manu'a District No. 1, and Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Elected to Congress in 1980, Fofō served four consecutive terms from 1981 to 1988, where he championed legislation to strengthen education, infrastructure, and economic development in the islands. He was instrumental in securing recognition for children of American Samoans born abroad and was known for his steadfast commitment to protecting Samoan culture, traditions, and land rights. Beyond his public service, Fofō was a renowned author, historian, and cultural advocate. His writings and televised programs helped preserve and promote the Samoan language, culminating in the establishment of the Samoan Language Commission. Among his many works are *Puputoa*, *Timata le Gagana*, and *Auafa o Upu: Treasure Trove of Rare Samoan Words*.

Congressman Sunia was a dear friend and counselor to me. I cherish his memory and kindness. He was helpful as I followed in his footsteps as a Representative in Washington, where he was our first under the current rules, although we sent representatives beforehand too that did not have the privileges of Members of Congress. I saw him always as a mentor, advisor, and counselor. I benefited from his prior role as a representative for our territory, and I remember that he too took pride in decorating his D.C. office to reflect our South Pacific home and culture. He worked for important rights such as nominating our youth to the U.S. Service Academies, including our first ever successful nominee and graduate, my Chief of Staff Leafaina Tavai, so his work was foundational for many future successes, including our Medicaid program. He had the wisdom of experience and a gentle but effective way of expressing his opinion and views. He was an accomplished author, and his books are valuable additions to our library and schools. He will be deeply missed. May God bless his family and loved ones in this time. American Samoa honors him as a public servant and statesman. God has welcomed him home as a man of faith.

RECOGNIZING THE GRAND OPENING  
OF THE ENDEAVORS  
HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER  
IN EL PASO

**HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2025*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the grand opening of the Endeavors Health & Wellness Center in El Paso, Texas. Endeavors is a distinguished Texas-based nonprofit organization dedicated to serving veterans, active-duty service members, first responders, caregivers, and their families through comprehensive housing, behavioral health care, wellness, and community support services.

Endeavors has demonstrated commitment to the El Paso community through the establishment of the Endeavors Health & Wellness Center, a centrally located facility designed to expand access to integrated, whole-person care that complements and strengthens existing local, state, and federal resources.

The Endeavors Health & Wellness Center in El Paso represents a significant investment in community care, strengthening El Paso's continuum of services through increased access to critical behavioral health resources, collaboration with local and national partners, and the promotion of dignity, resilience, and recovery among those who have served and sacrificed for others. This community-focused asset will undoubtedly help thousands of El Pasoans in need of support. I am grateful for Endeavors' commitment to care for veterans, active-duty service members, first responders, caregivers, and their families and look forward to continuing to collaborate for the greater good of so many.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE  
TOWN OF CUTLER BAY

**HON. MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2025*

Ms. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor twenty years of the Town of Cutler Bay, a beautiful town in Florida's 27th District, and a shining example of local leadership, community strength, and the American promise at work.

On November 8, 2005, the people of Cutler Bay voted to chart their own destiny, becoming Miami-Dade County's newest town. In just two decades, from the Deering Coast to Saga Bay, Cutler Bay has shown what happens when citizens don't wait for change—they build it. I am honored to represent them in Congress, and I have been delighted to stand shoulder to shoulder with this remarkable community to help them become even stronger.

My support for Cutler Bay's versatile efforts has been constant, from recognizing our health partners during National Health Center Week, to advocating for small businesses and delivering federal resources to strengthen local infrastructure and environmental resilience.

In 2023, I secured \$4.4 million in federal funding for the Marlin Road Improvement

Project, a major investment to bring new sidewalks, dedicated bike lanes, upgraded lighting, and high-visibility crosswalks to make Cutler Bay safer and more accessible for everyone. These improvements will revitalize a key corridor for residents, students, and small businesses, making daily life safer and more connected.

But their work doesn't stop at the surface. I have also worked hard to secure funding for what lies beneath Cutler Bay's homes, our water, our wetlands, and our way of life. That's why I recently toured the Cutler Bay Coastal Wetlands Project, a key component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), the largest ecosystem restoration effort in the world, authorized and funded by Congress. This project restores the natural flow of freshwater from the C-100 canal system into the coastal wetlands along Biscayne Bay, helping rebalance salinity levels, reduce saltwater intrusion into the Biscayne aquifer, and revive native wetland habitats.

Work like this is a testament to what happens when federal, state, and local partners come together with a shared mission: to protect South Florida's water supply, to defend Biscayne Bay, and to build resilience against sea-level rise. Cutler Bay's Coastal Wetlands Project is a local piece of a much larger Everglades restoration puzzle, one that keeps South Florida safe, strong, and sustainable for generations to come and one that I am happy to be a part of.

I congratulate Mayor Tim Meerbott, the Town Council, our first responders, and every resident of Cutler Bay, on twenty extraordinary years. They have proven that when a community lights its own path, the future shines brighter for all of Miami-Dade.

I am deeply proud to represent the Cutler Bay community in the United States Congress.

HONORING SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT SALUD ASAELI AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of SMSgt. Salud Asaeli, as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her distinguished leadership, mentorship, and advocacy that exemplify the highest standards of dedication, compassion, and resilience. Previously as First Sergeant for both the 60th Healthcare Operations Squadron and the 60th Medical Group Staff at Travis Air Force Base, SMSgt. Asaeli supported the well-being of over 600 Airmen and civilians. Her commitment extends beyond duty hours, as she provides 24/7 leadership to address quality of life, morale, health, and readiness issues. From September 2024 to April 2025, she served with distinction as First Sergeant for the 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, offering steadfast support to deployed personnel during a critical mission period. At Travis AFB, SMSgt. Asaeli also serves as Senior Mentor to the First Sergeant Council, guiding 27 First