

Even though D.C. is located on two rivers and has suffered substantial coastal floods, it was omitted from the list of eligible entities in the CZMA. It is notable that under the CZMA, the term "coastal state" includes the states and territories. D.C. residents pay full federal taxes and therefore D.C. is usually treated as a state for federal programs. It appears D.C.'s omission was a mistake. This oversight likely occurred because the CZMA was passed in 1972, which was before D.C. achieved home rule.

Scientists have predicted that the tides on the Atlantic Coast could rise two to four feet by 2100, causing property worth as much as \$7 billion in D.C. to be routinely under threat by floodwaters. This includes private homes and businesses, the National Mall, federal buildings and three military bases. The Anacostia and Potomac rivers, which surround D.C., are tidally influenced. In addition, the Maryland and Virginia coastal zones each include the tidal Potomac River, with Maryland's zone ending at the D.C. line.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

COMMEMORATING THE PENINSULA HUMANE SOCIETY & SPCA

HON. KEVIN MULLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable contributions of the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA to animal welfare and join in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the organization's founding and its great significance to my district.

As a lifelong resident of San Mateo County, I have witnessed the transformative work of the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA. Since its founding in 1950, the Peninsula Humane Society has expanded from its modest beginning to a new state-of-the-art facility, offering comprehensive services that go far beyond the traditional role of an animal shelter. It has expanded to include a Wildlife Care Center opened in 2024 and a soon-to-open Animal Sanctuary to provide a permanent home to animals not supported by the current model. The organization was a trailblazer from the beginning and became a leader in animal welfare practice and policy. It has grown to be one of the largest humane organizations in the United States.

The 1970's saw many innovations in animal care begin at the Society. Educational offerings were expanded, with volunteer PHS/SPCA docents offering humane education in San Mateo County school classrooms. An education center was established as well. Also in this decade, PHS/SPCA became the first humane society to have an on-site spay/neuter clinic, which meant it no longer needed to rely on outside veterinarians. Wildlife rehabilitation began on site as well.

In the early 1990's PHS/SPCA was among the first shelters to offer services for pets belonging to domestic abuse victims and a free animal behavior helpline for local pet owners. In addition, humane education offerings expanded to thousands of schoolchildren in San Mateo County. The now robust and renowned PHS/SPCA behavior and training program started in the early 2000s.

In 2006, the Mobile Spay & Neuter Program was started, providing free spay and neuter surgeries in underserved communities. Taking these services out into the community reduced unwanted or abandoned litters. As more and more organizations followed suit and offered accessible spay and neuter services, the number of euthanized animals has vastly decreased. It was in this era that the foster program began, allowing the Society to take in more animals. The Kitten Nursery was also founded, which now sees hundreds of orphan kittens taken in and placed in loving homes each year. And the 100 percent donor-funded Hope Program began, enabling the Society to provide enhanced behavior and medical support to pets who need it to become ready for adoption.

In 2011, PHS/SPCA opened the Tom and Annette Lantos Center for Compassion, named after one of my predecessors in this Congressional District and his wife. This shelter was built to modern standards, centered on the best possible animal care and allowing the public to see and engage more fully with the animals.

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA has reduced the number of animals euthanized in San Mateo County by 99 percent since 1970, ensuring that nearly every animal brought into one of its facilities finds a home. It holds monthly pet food drives for low-income residents and responds to every reported case of animal abuse within San Mateo County, removing animals from harmful environments and working with authorities to prosecute their abusers.

The organization also runs an impressive variety of impactful programs and resources that go beyond the ordinary vaccinations and microchipping services many other organizations offer. The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA offers behavior and training consultations and classes, continuing care when a pet's owner passes away and family or friends are unable to take them in, pet loss support groups to help owners with the death of their pet, wildlife education programs so children of San Mateo County understand the animals of the place where they live, and pet-assisted therapy that brings a team with a pet to healthcare and correctional facilities, drug rehabilitation centers, schools, and libraries to provide unique therapeutic interaction.

Its open-door policy—welcoming every animal regardless of health, age, or circumstance—demonstrates a deep and abiding commitment to compassion and leading to the organization rescuing 4,093 animals in 2024 alone. Whether it is a lost pet or an injured wild animal, the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA answers the call with expertise and care. In 2024, the great work of the PHS/SPCA is reflected in the nearly 150,000 volunteer hours given by members of the community who walked dogs 17,000 times, cleaned wildlife enclosures, played with kittens, and bottle-fed baby animals—equivalent of the work of 69 full-time employees.

I am proud that the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is part of the 15th Congressional District. The 75th anniversary of the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is not just a celebration of the past—it is a powerful reminder of the good we can do when we lead with compassion. On this day, let us honor its legacy and thank all those who have contributed to its mission.

HONORING TANYA JACOBS 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 Tanya Jacobs, as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her tireless work that has brought healing, justice, and hope to countless individuals in Northern California. As the founder of Community Villages, Tanya has built a critical support network for underserved communities facing food insecurity, homelessness, and mental health challenges. Her leadership has been defined by compassion, strategic vision, and an unshakable commitment to equity. Tanya has also served with distinction at the District Attorney's Office, where she advocates for survivors of crime with empathy and strength, ensuring they are seen, heard, and supported during life's most difficult moments. Over the past two decades, Tanya has made a deep impact on behavioral health, community development, and education. She has mentored young professionals, served on the Board of the East Bay California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and volunteered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, always leading with integrity and care. Having overcome significant adversity, she brings lived experience to her work, turning hardship into healing and modeling the very strength she inspires in others. Her unwavering dedication to justice, healing, and human dignity makes her a role model and a true force for good in our communities. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Tanya Jacobs for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Corpus Christi Catholic Church of Ahwatukee as it celebrates forty years of faith and service. Since its founding in 1985, Corpus Christi has grown into a vibrant spiritual and community center for thousands of families in the Valley.

Corpus Christi was established by Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien to serve the fast-growing Ahwatukee area. Parishioners celebrated their first Mass at Mountain View Lutheran Church, sharing worship space while they organized for a permanent home. In just a few years the small congregation tripled in size, and the parish was able to build its own worship space with classrooms, parish offices, and a rectory.

As the community continued to grow, parishioners completed a second building fund and constructed a permanent church, dedicated by Bishop O'Brien in 1997. What began as a community of 300 families has grown to

more than 2,000. Today, Corpus Christi continues to expand its ministries in faith formation, outreach, and community service.

Under the leadership of Father James Aboyi, the Corpus Christi parish remains a cornerstone of Ahwatukee's Catholic community. Its forty-year history reflects the faith, generosity, and unity of its members, who continue to strengthen the spiritual and civic life of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Corpus Christi Catholic Church on this milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RODERICK "ROD" FIKEL

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Roderick "Rod" Fikel of Coldwater, Michigan, as the Veteran of the Month for November for his distinguished service to our community.

Rod served as an MOS 25V Combat Documentation Specialist in the U.S. Army from 1989 to 1996 and was deployed to both Kuwait and Iraq. For his dedicated service to our country, he was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Valorous Unit Award. He has also received numerous skill badges.

Since returning, Rod has become a cornerstone of the veteran community, actively participating as a dedicated member of the American Legion. Additionally, when the Branch County Department of Veterans Affairs sought to assemble veterans for a community committee, Rod was the first person to respond and attended every meeting. During these gatherings, Rod offered support and advice to his peers and became well-known for his positivity and sense of humor.

Rod has also shown remarkable perseverance in the face of adversity. Despite being diagnosed with cancer, he has remained strong and in high spirits, continuing to offer support to the veteran community.

Rod is truly an inspiration to many, and I express my profound gratitude for his significant and lasting contributions to our great Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF JERRY "PEANUTS" GAINES

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Sheriff Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines. Sheriff Gaines dedicated his life to serving the Warren County community for nearly half a century. Prior to his service in law enforcement, Sheriff Gaines served our Nation in the United States Army and as a Warren County Magistrate. In 1978, Sheriff "Peanuts" Gaines was first elected as Warren County Sheriff, serving until 1982, and then was re-elected, serving from 1987 to 2018. His 41 years of service to our county made him the longest serving sheriff in the history of Kentucky. He was a five-time President of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association, the 1995 Sheriff of the Year, President of the National Sheriffs' Association and the only Kentucky sheriff to ever serve as President of the Kentucky Association of Counties. Sheriff Gaines was also a founding member of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association's Boys & Girls Ranch, which has served children in every part of the Commonwealth.

I offer my deepest condolences to the Gaines family, the Warren County Sheriff's Office, and to all who had the pleasure of knowing Sheriff Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines. His legacy will endure for generations to come. He will be remembered as a stranger to none. He exemplified his kindness and love for people daily. I thank him for selflessly answering the call to serve and devoting his life to making Warren County a better place. His service should inspire us all.

HONORING TIFFANY HARRIS AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON- GRESSIONAL 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 and honor Tiffany Harris as one

of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. A proud Richmond native, Tiffany Harris has dedicated her career to empowering young people and strengthening her community. A former participant of the Bay Area Girls Club (BAGC), she returned to the organization as a leader in 2011 and has served as Executive Director since 2015. Under her leadership, BAGC has reached more than 7,000 girls aged five to eighteen through afterschool programs, mentoring, and enrichment activities that promote confidence and leadership. She has expanded the organization's reach by securing and distributing more than \$100,000 in scholarships for college-bound girls and launching programs in STEM, leadership, and college and career readiness. BAGC's signature event, Men Who Cook, has become a beloved community tradition and a vital source of funding to sustain youth programs. With an 89 percent participant success rate in higher education or career pathways, BAGC continues to serve as a trusted community anchor and was recently named the 2025 Best Non-Profit for Activities and Fun by the Best of El Cerrito. Beyond her role at BAGC, Tiffany is an active civic leader throughout West Contra Costa County. She has served as Chair of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Program Chair of the Richmond Rotary Club, President of the Richmond Kiwanis Club, and Co-Treasurer of the West County Forum. She also serves on the Task Force for the Black Women and Girls Initiative with RCF Connects, continuing to champion equity, leadership, and opportunity for young women of color. A graduate of The Branson School and Holy Names University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in communications and English, Tiffany combines strong academic training with deep community roots. She is also a devoted wife and mother of four whose compassion and vision continue to inspire the youth she serves and the community she represents. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Tiffany Harris for her extraordinary leadership, her dedication to uplifting the next generation, and her unwavering commitment to building a stronger, more equitable community.