

of Harlingen. The project highlights the hospital's role in guiding the community through defining moments, from the Great Depression to hurricanes, the polio epidemic, and modern medical breakthroughs.

For 100 years, Valley Baptist Medical Center has been more than a hospital. It has been a place where families have welcomed new life, where loved ones have received life-saving care, and where generations of healthcare workers have built meaningful careers in service to others. Its legacy is woven into the history of the city itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Valley Baptist Medical Center and in recognizing the extraordinary contributions it has made to the Rio Grande Valley. May its next century be marked by continued growth, innovation, and service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE NEABSCO BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SERVING FAMILIES IN NEED

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Neabsco Baptist Church located in Woodbridge, Virginia for their extraordinary commitment to serving families in need.

During the height of pandemic, the church created the Food Giveaway Program to help members from the congregation put food on their tables. As the harmful impacts of the pandemic spread throughout the Prince William County, the church expanded its mission—opening its doors to the entire community.

As of today, volunteers come together once a week to package and distribute food boxes to families across the community. What started as a small operation has now grown into a critical lifeline for thousands. The Neabsco Baptist Church has now provided food to over 5 million families, ensuring that no one goes hungry.

I want to personally thank the Neabsco Baptist Church and all the volunteers for their unwavering commitment and generosity. Having had the opportunity to join them alongside my team to pack food boxes, I have witnessed firsthand their compassion and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Neabsco Baptist Church for the lasting impact it has made on the lives of families throughout the Prince William County community.

HONORING JOYCE T. ARCENEUX-MATHIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Joyce T. Arceneux-Mathis.

Joyce Arceneux-Mathis is a cum laude graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she earned a degree

in Music Education. She later received a magna cum laude Master of Music Education degree from Loyola University.

Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis has 38 years of experience in education, including 30 years of dedicated service to students in the Natchez-Adams County School District, four years in the Detroit Public Schools, and four years as President of the Mississippi Association of Educators. She currently serves as an adjunct instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Natchez Campus, where she teaches Music Appreciation.

In 1996, Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis became the first Black woman elected to the Natchez Board of Aldermen, representing Ward 1. In that position, she has chaired the Utilities, Public Properties, Fire, and Recreation Committees. In 2008, she was selected by the Board of Aldermen to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore, a role she held until 2020. She was inducted into the Mississippi Municipal League's Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis has also been deeply involved in civic and political engagement. She was elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention for three assemblies—1992, 1996, and 2000—and served as an At-Large Member of the Democratic National Committee from 1993 to 2001. In 1998, she made an historic run for Congress to represent Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District.

Joyce is the daughter of Eddie and Thelma Turner. She is married to Jewell Mathis and is the proud mother of Joycelyn Yvette Hooker. She is a member of St. John United Methodist Church, a retired member of the Retired Education Personnel of Mississippi, and Director of The Mathis School of Music. She currently serves as President of the Natchez NAACP and is a founding member of the Natchez Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis has been named Woman of the Year by the Bluff City Post and has received three citations from the Natchez NAACP, including the Medgar Evers Award for "Enhancing the Dream" (2014), Woman of the year (2016), and the Phillip "Bucket" West Public Official Award (2018).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joyce T. Arceneux-Mathis for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and lifelong service to the Natchez, Mississippi community.

CELEBRATING THE MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Minneapolis American Indian Center on its 50th anniversary. Since opening its doors on Franklin Avenue in 1975, the Center has been a cornerstone of support, empowerment, and cultural preservation for the more than 35,000 tribally diverse American Indians living in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

Guided by strong Native values, the Minneapolis American Indian Center has carried

out its mission through a wide range of programs and services that preserve cultural traditions and create pathways for opportunity. Its youth, elder, and intergenerational programs provide stability, encourage academic achievement, improve health and wellness, and help break the cycle of generational poverty. Importantly, all programs and services are provided at no cost to participants, ensuring equitable access to resources.

Over the past five decades, the Center has developed and expanded initiatives that address the holistic needs of community members. Programs such as Family Services, Youth Services, the Culture Language Arts Network, Native Fitness and Nutrition, and more all reflect the Center's broad impact. The Family Stability Program, for example, provides case management, financial aid, and critical connections to prevent families from entering the child protection system. Meanwhile, the Native Fitness and Nutrition Program successfully promotes physical activity and healthy nutrition among Native families by providing free gym and fitness center space and exercise and sport activities.

The Minneapolis American Indian Center has also made significant contributions to arts and culture. The renovated facility includes expanded gallery and studio spaces, language classes, dance, and film festivals. The Two Rivers Gallery nurtures emerging Native artists by offering exhibition opportunities, creativity support, and professional development. Through the Boys & Girls Club of the Minneapolis American Indian Center, Native youth are empowered with culturally relevant opportunities to grow, lead, dream, and realize their full potential.

I am proud that my office was able to secure \$3 million in federal funding to support the renovation and expansion of the Minneapolis American Indian Center. These investments have created new health and wellness facilities, strengthened youth programming, and ensured that this vital institution will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Minneapolis American Indian Center's 50 years of service. Its tireless work has strengthened families and enriched cultural traditions across Minnesota. The Center stands as a powerful example of resilience, community, and the enduring strength of Native nations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY OLSZEWSKI, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I necessarily missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 284.

CONGRATULATING CALVO ENTERPRISES, INC. ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, the year 2025 marks a major milestone in Guam's history—

the 50th anniversary of Calvo Enterprises, Inc., a family-owned company that has become a cornerstone of our island's economy and community life.

The story of Calvo Enterprises begins nearly a century ago, in 1938, when Eduardo "Jake" Calvo founded Guam's first locally owned insurance agency. At the time, he could not have imagined that his vision would grow into a multi-generational enterprise shaping so many aspects of life on our island. Yet from those modest beginnings, the Calvo family built a foundation of entrepreneurship and service that continues to this day.

Over the decades, the family's ventures expanded beyond insurance into wholesale distribution, retail, broadcasting, healthcare, real estate, and tourism. By the 1970's, under the leadership of Jake's sons Paul, Edward, and Jerry, these businesses were formally brought together under one structure—Calvo Enterprises, Inc. (CEI, established in 1975).

Since then, CEI has become one of Guam's most dynamic business groups. It secured the Pepsi bottling franchise, making Mid-Pacific Distributors a household name. It acquired KUAM, Guam's oldest television and radio station, ensuring that local voices would continue to have a strong platform. It transformed Pay-Less Supermarkets into the island's leading grocery chain. And it launched Calvo's SelectCare, which today provides health coverage for thousands of individuals and families.

But what makes this 50-year milestone so significant is not just the breadth of the businesses, it is the enduring impact on Guam's people. Through its companies, CEI has created jobs, modernized industries, and introduced new consumer choices. Through its civic partnerships, it has helped develop cultural and tourism landmarks such as Two Lovers Point. And through its philanthropy, it has stood beside families in times of hardship, most notably through the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, which continues to support patients and their loved ones.

The Calvo family's contributions have also extended into public service. Governor Paul M. Calvo and Governor Eddie Baza Calvo each brought their business experience to government, guiding Guam through periods of challenge and transition. Their leadership reflected the same qualities that defined their family business: fiscal discipline, innovation, and a belief that Guam's future is worth investing in.

Today, CEI is led by the third generation—Leonard P. Calvo, Jake Calvo, and Eddie Baza Calvo—who continue to steer the company with the same values their grandfather instilled: hard work, integrity, and care for community. Their recent acquisitions and ventures, from Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance to the opening of Guam's first Daiso store, demonstrate a forward-looking vision while staying rooted in Guam's needs.

Anniversaries are not just markers of time; they are reminders of legacy. For fifty years, Calvo Enterprises has helped build the economy of Guam, but more importantly, it has helped build trust, resilience, and opportunity for the people of Guam. Few companies can claim such a wide-ranging and positive impact.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Calvo family and to every employee, past and present, who has contributed to this extraordinary journey.

HONORING THE 2025 WORTHWHILE GALA'S SPEAKER: T ORTIZ

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman whose courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to justice have transformed countless lives across our Nation and around the world. It is my distinct honor to recognize T Ortiz, who is the Guest Speaker at the 2025 Worthwhile Gala.

Ms. Ortiz's story is one of profound resilience and relentless hope. As a survivor who turned her most difficult experiences into a lifelong calling to protect others, she stands as a powerful reminder of the strength of the human spirit. For more than 15 years, she has been a leading force in the fields of anti-trafficking, juvenile justice, and child welfare systems reform. Her expertise is not merely professional. It is deeply personal, driven by empathy and the belief that every child deserves safety, every survivor deserves dignity, and every community deserves the tools to stand against exploitation.

Her impact is felt in boardrooms, classrooms, courtrooms, and every space where decisions about vulnerable children and survivors are made. Ms. Ortiz has shaped policies at the highest levels of government, ensuring that survivor voices are not just included but are central in the fight against trafficking and exploitation. Her insights have informed national and international strategies, and her leadership has guided lawmakers, agencies, nonprofit organizations, and service providers toward more humane and effective practices.

The world has taken notice of her extraordinary contributions. Ms. Ortiz has earned global recognition from prestigious institutions such as TIME Magazine, GLAMOUR Magazine, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and many others who have celebrated her as a trailblazer and a beacon of hope. These honors speak not only to her achievements but also to her heart. Her heart has compassion, humility, and an unwavering devotion that guides her work every day.

Mr. Speaker, what sets Ms. Ortiz apart is not just her expertise, but her spirit. She leads with grace. She advocates with love. She carries the stories of survivors with her, and she ensures those stories fuel lasting change. At the 2025 Worthwhile Gala, her presence reminds us that progress is possible when we listen, when we care, and when we choose to fight for those who cannot always fight for themselves.

As Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Task Force to End Human Trafficking, I am especially grateful for leaders like Ms. Ortiz. Leaders who illuminate the path forward and inspire all of us to do more, try harder, and serve better. Her voice has strengthened our Nation's efforts to confront injustice, and her example challenges each of us to act with greater compassion and courage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating T Ortiz for her remarkable achievements, her transformative leadership, and her profound dedication to creating a world where every person, especially every

child, is protected, valued, and free. Her work embodies the very best of who we aspire to be.

CELEBRATING COALITION FOR FAMILY HARMONY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Coalition for Family Harmony as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of unwavering service, compassion, and commitment to protecting survivors, rebuilding lives, and strengthening families across Ventura County.

For half a century, the Coalition for Family Harmony has stood as a lifeline for those in crisis and a guiding light for survivors seeking safety, strength, and healing. Since 1976, the Coalition has provided life-saving and life-changing support to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Based in Ventura County and operating the county's only rape crisis center, the Coalition helps survivors rebuild their lives and create healthier, safer futures. Through its tireless work, the Coalition not only restores hope and independence but also helps end the patterns of abuse that have long harmed families and communities.

What began as a small grassroots effort to provide safety and shelter has grown into a steadfast source of care, understanding, and healing for our community. Over the course of five decades, the Coalition has gone far beyond providing shelter and counseling. It has offered a path forward. Out of the bleakest of moments, the Coalition has provided survivors light, and in their most difficult hours, it has been there with the support that many never knew was possible. Through its 24-hour bilingual crisis hotline, community education, prevention programs, and trauma-informed services, the Coalition has made it possible for survivors and their loved ones to rebuild their lives with dignity and resilience.

This extraordinary work would not be possible without the dedicated staff, volunteers, and advocates who carry out a mission that truly changes lives. Their compassion, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to justice have touched countless individuals and strengthened our entire community. As the Coalition celebrates this remarkable milestone during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are reminded that its mission to build stronger, safer, and more resilient families has never been more vital.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep admiration and heartfelt gratitude that I recognize the Coalition for Family Harmony for fifty years of extraordinary service. I thank every staff member, volunteer, and supporter who has carried this mission forward for being a beacon of hope and healing in Ventura County and beyond.