

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ALIX DESULME

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize Mayor Alix Desulme for his philanthropy and commitment to helping at-risk youth.

I am honored to reach out on behalf of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project to present him with a Congressional Award for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the City of North Miami. Each year, we recognize distinguished Role Model Mentors, and it is a pleasure to extend our congratulations as he joins this esteemed group. His recent reelection as Mayor is a testament to his remarkable achievements. As one of the youngest Haitian Americans to hold such a position, his impact on the community has been profound. His leadership has driven significant progress in economic development, infrastructure improvement, and community empowerment, guided by his principle of "Putting People First." His commitment to creating a supportive environment for youth is commendable.

Through his initiatives, he has addressed the challenges faced by young individuals, especially those from underserved backgrounds. His focus on promoting educational opportunities and mentorship aligns perfectly with the mission of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, fostering pathways for success and instilling hope in the next generation. It is a privilege to recognize his achievements and express gratitude for his commitment to enhancing quality of life in North Miami. His leadership inspires both youth and the broader community to strive for excellence and unity. I Congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition. We look forward to our continued partnership in empowering young leaders.

We now recognize Mayor Alix Desulme for his exemplary leadership and steadfast dedication to the North Miami community. Mayor Alix Desulme is valued as one of the youngest Haitian Americans to hold such a pivotal position in the City of North Miami. As a young leader, he has significantly influenced the lives of numerous residents. Under his stewardship, the city has achieved notable advancements in economic development, enhancements to infrastructure, and the empowerment of the community.

HONORING ROBERT TORRES

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Torres for his

more than 25 years of service to the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga. Mr. Torres is being recognized for his leadership and philanthropy that have undoubtedly benefited the growth and sustainability of the Club.

Mr. Torres was born and raised in St. Helena and represents the third generation of the Trinchero family, the founders of Trinchero Family Estates. He graduated from St. Helena High School in 1978 with honors and scholarships in mathematics and art and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Torres serves as Principal, Vice Chair, Director, and third-generation owner of Trinchero Family Estates. He is married to Maria Franchi Torres, and they are the proud parents of two children, Matthew and Julia.

Mr. Torres has been a Board Member and Executive Committee Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga since 1999. During his tenure, Mr. Torres has been instrumental in expanding the Club from modest after-school programs into a multi-site organization now operating six facilities across our Napa Valley community, including Teen Centers, Clubhouses, and satellite school sites. Mr. Torres helped lead multiple capital campaigns, including the successful funding and construction of the St. Helena Clubhouse, which opened in 2008, and the Calistoga Clubhouse, which opened in 2017. Under his leadership, the Club's annual operating budget has grown from \$300,000 to \$2.8 million, ensuring long-term stability and expanded services for thousands of children throughout our Upper Napa Valley.

In 2012, Mr. Torres co-founded and co-chaired The BIG Night, the Club's premier annual fundraiser. The event has become the Club's largest and most impactful fundraiser, generating \$1.2 million in 2025 alone. Over the years, Mr. Torres has donated more than \$2 million to the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga. He has been a strong advocate for affordability and access for all families, helping create a scholarship policy ensuring that every child can participate regardless of financial circumstances.

Beyond his work with the Boys & Girls Clubs, Mr. Torres has been a lifelong philanthropist supporting local education, family services, and youth development initiatives in our Napa Valley. Through Trinchero Family Estates giving initiatives, he has championed community welfare and family-centered programs, promoting safe and enriching environments for children throughout our region.

Mr. Speaker, through more than 25 years of dedicated service, leadership, and generosity, Robert Torres has made a lasting impact on youth in our St. Helena, Calistoga, and the broader Napa Valley community. It is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING MARINE STAFF  
SERGEANT CARL E. BUSSEMA

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of Marine Staff Sergeant Carl E. Bussema for his valiant service to our country during the Korean War. Staff Sergeant Bussema served with distinction during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir and the Battle of Toktong Pass 75 years ago.

Staff Sergeant Carl Bussema was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in October 1928. He grew up on the north side of Kalamazoo and attended Central High School. In 1948, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea in September 1950.

Shortly after his deployment, Staff Sergeant Carl Bussema fought in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. Thousands of men from the 1st Marine Division and the Army X Corps, alongside troops from the Republic of Korea and Great Britain, defied the odds, holding off over 120,000 Chinese Communist soldiers for 17 days. Severely outnumbered by an overwhelming and surprise Chinese offensive and fighting in Arctic conditions, his division confronted the adversity and fought with valor, successfully avoiding encirclement and destruction, allowing for the successful withdrawal of U.S. Army, Marine Corps, and United Nations forces from North Korea. Thanks to the selfless efforts of these men, the Battle of Chosin is considered a defining moment of the Korean War.

Additionally, Staff Sergeant Bussema is a veteran of the Battle of Toktong Pass, where less than 300 Marines successfully defended against 5,000 Chinese soldiers for five days amidst blinding snowfall, sub-zero temperatures, and dwindling supplies. Here, Staff Sergeant Bussema served with immense courage and distinction, earning a Bronze Star for maintaining radio communication with his artillery battery while under enemy fire from an exposed position. Staff Sergeant Bussema's heroic actions serve as a stark reminder that our freedom is never truly free.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Marine Staff Sergeant Carl E. Bussema and "The Chosin Few" on the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir and the Battle of Toktong Pass.

REMEMBERING JOHN GARZA

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember John Garza, a dedicated Tempe firefighter, Marine Corps veteran, and lifelong public servant who passed away earlier this

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month after a courageous battle with cancer. John lived a full life with a deep commitment to service.

John served with Tempe Fire Medical Rescue for twenty years. He responded to countless emergencies and delivered lifesaving care to thousands of Arizonans. He served several roles, from paramedic to captain, to engineer, and took pride in mentoring younger firefighters. Colleagues remember his solid judgment, quick thinking, and a steady presence he brought to even the most difficult calls. His last assignment, Engine 273 at Station 3, was a place where he earned the respect and friendship of everyone he served with.

John's dedication to the people of Tempe extended far beyond the calls he answered. A proud graduate of Tempe High School, he knew the neighborhoods, families, and history of this community as well as anyone. Fellow firefighters describe the warmth he brought into every room, the humor that lifted spirits on hard days, and the genuine kindness that made people feel seen and appreciated. He was the kind of public servant who led by example, placing others first and treating every person with respect and dignity.

Love of country and a belief in service shaped his life well before joining the fire department. As a United States Marine, John embodied courage, discipline, and devotion to country. He brought those values with him throughout his life and showed tremendous work ethic, passion, and pride in helping others. He possessed those same traits as a husband, father, and friend. Outside the firehouse, he found joy in the outdoors, whether hunting, fishing, camping, cooking, or golfing with the people he loved.

John is survived by his wife, Liana; his children, John Jr. and Maya; his parents, Robert and Nora; his sister, Elizabeth, and her children, PJ and Brooke. He leaves behind extended family, fellow Marines, and generations of firefighters who admire his character and carry his example into their own service.

Tempe is a better place because of John. He saved lives and selflessly uplifted those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Arizona, I extend my deepest condolences to his family and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a firefighter, veteran, husband, father, and friend whose life reflects the very best of public service.

#### HONORING KIM JONES LANG

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Miami-Dade County Police Officer Kim Jones Lang.

Kim Jones was born on October 16, 1958, in Miami, Florida, as the beloved firstborn child of Nina Jo Clark Jones and Thomas Jones, Jr.

Raised in a home filled with faith, devotion, and love, Kim embodied the strong Christian values instilled in her by her family, living a life of kindness, integrity, and unwavering dedication to serving others.

In matters of the heart, Officer Lang was blessed to share 43 years of marriage with her

devoted husband, Reverend Bernard Lang, with whom she built a life rooted in love and faith. Their union was blessed with two cherished sons, Justin and Julian, whom she nurtured with boundless love, wisdom, and encouragement.

Officer Lang dedicated her professional career to public service, joining the Miami-Dade Police Department, where she served with honor, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the citizens of Miami-Dade County, ultimately retiring in 2012 after an esteemed career.

Officer Lang's faith was the foundation of her life, having first joined the Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church before continuing her faithful service at New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, where she stood beside her husband in his pastoral leadership.

Officer Lang will always be remembered as a beacon of love, warmth, and generosity, whose presence brightened the lives of all who knew her. Kim's compassion extended beyond her family to the broader community, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Kim Jones Lang leaves a rich legacy in the hearts and minds of her devoted Husband, Bernard Lang; Sons, Justin Lang and Julian Lang; Sisters, Pamela Jones, Maria Jones, Chantel Jones-Whyte; and Brother, Thomas Chauncey Jones, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, please join me as I am honored to recognize the life and legacy of Kim Jones Lang as an expression of my deepest sympathy and respect for a life well-lived and a soul well-loved.

#### HONORING MAJOR LILIBETH F. GOLDSHINE

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major Lilibeth F. Goldshine, a decorated veteran and dedicated educator whose lifelong commitment to service and leadership continues to inspire our community.

Major Goldshine served in the U.S. Army from 1976 to 1997, including a tour of duty in Berlin where she earned the National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star. Throughout her career, she exemplified courage, dedication, and resilience in service to our Nation.

Since retiring from active duty, Major Goldshine has continued her mission of service by leading the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program in Indianapolis Public Schools for nearly 25 years. Through her mentorship and teaching, she has instilled discipline, leadership, and a sense of responsibility in countless young people, preparing them to face life's challenges with integrity and confidence.

Major Goldshine is a pillar in the community, a role model for women veterans whose stories of service and sacrifice often go unrecognized. Her dedication embodies the spirit of the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Women Hero Award, which honors outstanding Hoosier women veterans whose contributions to our community and Nation that are unmatched.

Major Goldshine was a recipient of this award over the summer, and now, I am honored to cement her legacy in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Major Lilibeth F. Goldshine for her exceptional service to our country, her unwavering commitment to education, and her lasting impact on the lives of Indianapolis youth. Her leadership and resilience continue to strengthen our community and inspire future generations.

#### HONORING NIMBUS ARTS

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nimbus Arts as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. Founded in 2005 by Jamie Graff and Dana Johnson, Nimbus Arts has become an intrinsic part of our community, providing art education and fostering creative expression throughout our Napa Valley.

The idea for Nimbus Arts was born out of a deeply personal experience. When Ms. Johnson's daughter was undergoing treatment at UCSF Children's Hospital, she witnessed the healing power of art through the hospital's family art programs. Wanting to bring that same sense of connection and creativity to her own community, Ms. Johnson partnered with fellow Napa Valley resident Jamie Graff and Janet Pagano, Executive Director of The Cantus Fund, to create an accessible, community-serving art center. Ms. Graff took on the role of Executive Director, and Nimbus Arts was launched in 2005, operating at first from borrowed spaces in churches and schools.

Today, Nimbus Arts has grown into a \$1.7 million enterprise with three well-equipped studios, including a dedicated ceramics and metal arts facility. The organization offers more than 800 classes and events annually to a diverse group of students, from toddlers to retirees. The organization works within public school systems providing arts activities on campuses and also works in court and community schools, including at Napa's Juvenile Hall, where art serves as a tool for self-expression and emotional exploration. Through its Hundreds of Hands initiative, Nimbus Arts coordinates large-scale community-based free public art projects throughout Napa Valley. The organization employs more than 40 artist instructors, many of whom have been with Nimbus since its founding.

Nimbus Arts' success is a direct reflection of the vision and dedication of its co-founders. Under Ms. Graff's leadership as Executive Director, Nimbus Arts has developed classes, camps, and workshops across disciplines ranging from painting and glass fusing to sewing and culinary arts. She also launched the Nim+BUS, a mobile art studio that delivers hands-on art experiences to schools and community events across our Napa County. Ms. Graff also worked with the board and staff to establish NIMBASH, the organization's annual gala and fundraiser. Her leadership has helped make Nimbus Arts a hub of creativity and collaboration, earning her recognition as Napa County's 2015 Arts Hero. Ms. Johnson