

Golden Gate subdivision, and the broader Coconut Grove community has left an indelible mark, earning her widespread respect and admiration; and

Whereas, Mrs. Cooper-Baker was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, and she is survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives, including her beloved niece Clarice Cooper, president of the Coconut Grove Village West Homeowners and Tenants Association; and

Whereas, the Coconut Grove community and all who were touched by her life will forever cherish the memory of her generosity, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to the preservation of history and education; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the life of Leona Louise Cooper-Baker, extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones, and honor her immeasurable contributions to the community and to the preservation of Black and Bahamian history and culture.

REMEMBERING DENNIS CAHILL

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember and honor Dennis Cahill, a devoted public servant and lifelong Tempean who passed away last month. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy of leadership, craftsmanship, creativity, and love for the city he helped shape.

A bricklayer by trade and a proud union member, Dennis built homes, schools, churches, and public spaces long before he held elected office. Through his family's company, Cahill Contracting, he trained and mentored apprentices and took pride in teaching the craft to the next generation. That same commitment to workforce development later guided his service as Arizona's Director of Apprenticeship Services, where he worked to expand opportunity for young tradespeople across our state.

His eleven years on the Tempe City Council came during a period of significant growth in Tempe. Dennis took part in decisions that shaped the city's future. He championed the creation of Tempe Town Lake, pushed for the development of a regional light rail system, and supported one of Tempe's earliest efforts to protect public health through an indoor-smoking ordinance. He also helped launch the Ensure to Insure program so that more young people could access affordable auto insurance. Today, the Dennis J. Cahill Senior Center stands as a tribute to his years of advocacy on behalf of Tempe families.

Public service was only one dimension of his impact. Dennis was an artist whose mosaics brighten public spaces throughout Tempe, a storyteller who brought people together, and a student of history who believed deeply in the principles of the Constitution. His patriotism inspired his friends, neighbors, and especially his children and grandchildren.

Dennis was the son of Evelyn and James Cahill and the big brother of David, Donald, and Dwight. He is survived by his children, James, Maret, and Brendan; by many grand-

children and great-grandchildren; and by relatives and friends who loved him dearly. He spent his final years with his beloved, Liz Varney.

Dennis leaves behind a city that reflects his work, his creativity, and his belief in community. From Tempe Town Lake to the senior center that bears his name, his influence is visible in the places where families gather, learn, and build their lives. Tempe families will continue to benefit from the causes he championed.

Mr. Speaker, we remember Dennis Cahill not only for what he built, but for how he built it. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family, and I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring a craftsman, artist, public servant, and father who helped shape Tempe into the city it is today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG CASAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Mr. CASAR. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 289; NAY on Roll Call No. 292; NAY on Roll Call No. 294; NAY on Roll Call No. 295; NAY on Roll Call No. 296; NAY on Roll Call No. 298; NAY on Roll Call No. 299; YEA on Roll Call No. 301; NAY on Roll Call No. 303; NAY on Roll Call No. 304; and NAY on Roll Call No. 305.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Organization for Women of New Jersey (NOW-NJ) as they celebrate their historic 50-year milestone of promoting equal rights for women and girls. It is my privilege to recognize the powerful impact made by NOW-NJ to build a New Jersey where everyone, regardless of race, gender identity, or background has the freedom and opportunity to thrive.

Since 1975, this multi-issue, multi-strategy organization has gone above and beyond for marginalized communities and stands as one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in our country. NOW-NJ continues to lead the charge in efforts to combat violence and harassment against women, and push back against renewed attacks on reproductive rights, civil rights, and LGBTQ+ rights. I commend NOW-NJ for their outstanding holistic approach to advocate for social change.

For half a century, this group has led with purpose, through intersectional, anti-racist grassroots activism, to expand opportunities in education and the workforce. It is valuable for New Jersey residents to have NOW-NJ as a resource for guidance and leadership. NOW-NJ's legacy of resilience will live on for generations.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring NOW-NJ for their exceptional contributions to the community and congratulating them on their 50th anniversary of service.

HONORING MARKENZY LAPOINTE

HON. FEDERICA 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 distinguished career and inspiring journey of Markenzy Lapointe, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. Appointed by President Joseph Biden and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December of 2022, Mr. Lapointe led an office of nearly 500 attorneys and support professionals dedicated to investigating and prosecuting federal crimes in South Florida and litigating civil matters in which the United States has an interest. Mr. Lapointe served in this capacity until he ended his term with the outgoing Biden Administration. His leadership in this pivotal role serves as a testament to his unwavering commitment to justice and public service.

Mr. Lapointe's remarkable legal career began with the Florida Supreme Court, where he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Harry Lee Anstead from 1999 to 2001. He subsequently joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, handling federal criminal matters ranging from narcotics and firearms offenses to bank and mortgage fraud. His tenure in private practice included over a decade at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, where he rose from litigation associate to partner before joining Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

Mr. Lapointe served as a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in Miami, where he handled complex commercial disputes, high-exposure product liability cases, professional malpractice matters, and criminal investigations. As co-chair of the firm's Advancement of Diverse Attorneys Committee, he demonstrated a steadfast dedication to promoting the retention and advancement of attorneys from various backgrounds, exemplifying his commitment to equity and inclusion within the legal profession.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lapointe has also demonstrated an exceptional commitment to pro bono service. He has received numerous accolades for his advocacy, including the Legal Aid/Put Something Back Pro Bono Award in Child Advocacy and the Daily Business Review's Most Effective Lawyer Award for Pro Bono in Family Law.

A proud alumnus of Florida State University, Mr. Lapointe earned both his law degree from the College of Law and his degree in finance from the College of Business. He also attended Miami Dade College, reflecting his deep ties to the South Florida community.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Lapointe's personal story is a profound source of inspiration. Born in Haiti, he immigrated to the United States as a teenager and settled in Miami's Liberty City neighborhood. A graduate of Edison High School, Mr. Lapointe went on to serve his country as a U.S. Marine during the Gulf War. Today, he is not only a

distinguished legal professional but also a trailblazer as the first Haitian-born American to serve as U.S. Attorney.

Mr. Speaker, please join me as I recognize Markenzy Lapointe. He embodies the values of perseverance, service, and excellence. His journey from Liberty City to leading one of the most significant U.S. Attorney's Offices in the Nation is a testament to the boundless opportunities our country provides. I extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Mr. Lapointe for his service to our Nation and his dedication to the pursuit of justice.

HONORING ROBERTO JUAREZ

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 Roberto Juarez, an esteemed member of our community whose dedication to excellence in viticulture, leadership, lifelong learning, and service embodies the very best of our Napa Valley agricultural community. Mr. Juarez's contributions have earned him the distinction of being named the Farmworker Foundation's first Napa Valley Farmworker of the Year.

Mr. Juarez was born in El Zanguarro, a small town in Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico, where agriculture was a way of life. As a child, he helped his family tend a garden of broccoli, squash, cilantro, and radishes, and joined a local youth agriculture group. By the age of 10, Mr. Juarez was already working to help support his family. Seeking new opportunities,

Mr. Juarez came to our Napa area, where he joined relatives who had settled in the region and began working as a landscaper at Moulds Family Vineyard. When the vineyard needed additional help, he transitioned to vineyard work, eager to learn about grape growing despite having no formal training in viticulture.

His strong work ethic and leadership quickly set Mr. Juarez apart from his peers. Within his first year, Mr. Juarez was promoted to vineyard manager, a position he has now held for nearly 18 years. He has earned deep respect from colleagues and winemakers for his foresight, communication, and dedication to quality. During harvest season, Mr. Juarez works closely with winemakers and viticulturists to anticipate challenges and ensure the highest standards of production. Leading by example, Mr. Juarez trains full-time staff and seasonal crews, working alongside them until they have mastered each task. Steve and Betsy Moulds, who recognized his potential early on, have supported his continued professional growth and education. Beyond his professional role, he mentors others by sharing his knowledge and experience.

A lifelong learner, Mr. Juarez recognized that mastering English would be essential for professional growth. He set a personal goal to become fluent within 5 years and achieved it through determination and sacrifice. Balancing two jobs and family responsibilities, he attended multiple classes through the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation and adult education programs, often going straight from work to class without stopping for meals. He became proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English, and later studied computer programs including Word and Excel to create schedules, reports, and track vineyard prior-

ities. Today, he communicates with clients and vendors entirely in English, a testament to his commitment to self-improvement.

Mr. Juarez has also become an advocate for others. After completing training through the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Association and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, he mastered the clean burn method for controlled fires and began teaching it to other vineyard workers and environmental managers in both English and Spanish. He serves on the Education Committee for the Farmworker Foundation, participates in CULTIVAR, and has contributed to Napa Green.

Beyond his professional life, Mr. Juarez has been married to his wife for 24 years. They are the proud parents of two children, ages seventeen and fifteen, who attend Vintage High School. Their son enjoys cooking and agriculture, while their daughter participates in color guard and volunteers with Aim High's after-school programs. Mr. Juarez encourages his children to follow the same values of hard work and perseverance that have guided his own life. He and his wife also regularly volunteer at school events, carnivals, races, and food fundraisers, and support local 4-H and FFA programs.

Mr. Speaker, through his leadership, pursuit of education, and commitment to service, Roberto Juarez has made a lasting impact on Napa Valley's agricultural community. His story reflects the hard work, humility, and excellence that define the people who make our region thrive. It is fitting and proper that we honor him here today as the first recipient of Farmworker Foundation's Napa Valley Farmworker of the Year Award.