

these lands, and their descendants have found another home at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Canfield so history will remember his name. There is strength in culture and tradition, there are leaders we will follow to show us the way. Let Mike Canfield be remembered as one of those leaders.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GLENN IVEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the first vote today due to my participation in the shadow hearing, "Kidnapped and Disappeared: Trump's Detention Abuses," where I was discussing the impacts of this administration's immigration policies on constituents in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 313.

#### HONORING THE IRVING PARK YMCA'S 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the Irving Park YMCA's 100 years of service and support in Chicago's Northwest side.

Since its construction in 1925, the Irving Park YMCA has averaged 10,000 members per year assisting in youth development and serving Chicago's adult populations. Through summer camps, outdoor experiences, sports programs, life-saving swimming lessons, Leader's Club, Girls on the Run and more, the Irving Park YMCA has fostered lifelong healthy habits, leadership skills, and success for city children and teens.

The YMCA has served Chicago families by offering drop-in childcare services, FitStart, a personalized 12-week program to support wellness goals, SilverSneakers, a fitness program for older adults, affordable accommodations, and support services, promoting stability, safety, and healthy habits. Through its centennial, the Irving Park YMCA has been a hub for health, wellbeing, and youth development.

From hosting world events and international expositions in the 1920s and 1930s, to providing one of the first strength training facilities in the NFL to the Chicago Bears, to offering childcare for first responders, and essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Irving Park YMCA remains a pillar to the city of Chicago.

As the Irving Park YMCA enters its next 100 years of service, it will continue to pursue its mission to strengthen community by connecting all people to their purpose, potential, and each other.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all our colleagues in the House of Representatives in celebrating this remarkable contribution.

#### HONORING EUGENE OGASAWARA WITH THE CA-37 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR AWARD

#### HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Eugene Ogasawara with the CA-37 Public Service Honor Award, a dedicated public servant whose commitment has made a significant impact on the U.S. Department of State.

Eugene, a native of Los Angeles, began his career with the federal government in 2004 with the Department of State as a passport specialist at the Los Angeles passport agency. By 2008, just four years after his first day, Eugene's dedication had carried him upward—he was promoted to Supervisory Passport Specialist, marking the first of many milestones in a career defined by integrity, growth, and the respect of those around him.

From 2010 to 2019 Eugene served as a passport specialization specialist in Tucson, Arizona overseeing the passport printing contract and ensuring compliance with department standards. In 2019, the road led him home to Los Angeles once again. This time, he returned as the agency's Customer Service Program Manager, a position he has now held for more than six years. In this role, Eugene serves as both guide and bridge—shaping the agency's customer service initiatives, coordinating closely with congressional offices, and bringing the Department's work directly to the community through a wide array of outreach events.

Eugene's decision to pursue federal service was inspired by his father, who dedicated over 35 years to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. His legacy instilled in Eugene a deep appreciation for public service and the importance of serving the community with integrity.

Each step of the way, he has continued to build on a legacy rooted in service, connection, and the belief that meaningful work touches real people. Eugene's career reflects a dedication to public service and to the people of Los Angeles. His commitment ensures that the Department of State runs efficiently.

I honor Mr. Eugene Ogasawara for his exceptional service and commitment to his community and recognize the lasting impact he has made on countless individuals.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. KEVIN RYAN

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing of a longtime consummate public servant and friend, Connecticut State Representative Kevin Ryan. Representative Ryan died on November 23, 2025, after a courageous battle against cancer, surrounded in his final days by family, friends and political colleagues. He will be long remembered for his decades of public service and dedication to issues of public health and children's welfare.

Raised in Montville, Connecticut, Representative Ryan graduated from St. Bernard Boys High School before studying English and Biology at Villanova University. He went on to earn a Doctorate in Optometry and Public Health Certificate from the Pennsylvania School of Optometry and a Masters in Community Psychology from the University of New Haven.

Representative Ryan began his career in government service in 1985, when he was elected to the Montville Board of Education, where he served as Secretary for one year and Chairman for six years. In 1992, he was elected to the State House of Representatives for the 139th District, a seat to which he was re-elected 21 times, a powerful statement of how much the people of that district trusted and admired him. I had the honor to serve alongside Kevin for one term in the General Assembly on the public health committee, which I chaired, and we became friends for life. He had a shrewd understanding of the legislative process from day one, and a wicked sense of humor, which members from both sides of the aisle appreciated and enjoyed. At the State Capitol, during his tenure he served on the committees, which made a difference on the issues he cared deeply about—public health, environment, and appropriations.

Drawing on his educational background and passion for improving the lives of Connecticut's children, Representative Ryan also served on the Pilot Studies Committee. On this committee, Kevin helped address Medicaid administration and emergency medical services for Connecticut's youth and conducted a study on the proposed Constitutional Amendment on the Rights of Children. Throughout his career, Representative Ryan's legislative ability never faltered. Just this year, he sponsored multiple successful bills protecting workers' rights and increasing access to clean energy.

Ryan's service to the Montville community extended beyond his role as state representative. He was also a member of the Montville Public Safety Committee and Justice of the Peace and previously served as chair of the town's Democratic Committee. Kevin Ryan contributed to the Rotary, the Knights of Columbus, Moose Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as the Alliance for Living Board of Directors and Eastern Connecticut Cable Television Advisory Board. He also furthered his interests in children's welfare and public safety as President of the Board of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeast Connecticut and Chairman of the Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council.

Representative Ryan made connections with legislatures across the country. He served as Treasurer and President of the National Conference of Legislators from Gaming States, Treasurer of the Summit of Rural and Agricultural Leaders, and National Vice President of the Council of State Governments, where he also sat on the Agriculture Committee.

Representative Ryan also benefited Connecticut's communities in his private life. He provided care at the Connecticut Visual Health Center in Bridgeport and Mobile Medical Testing Service (now known as Exemplar Health Services). He was also an Adjunct Professor of Physics at the University of New Haven from 1980 until his death.

Representative Ryan earned innumerable commendations and awards, including the Distinguished State Legislature Award from the

Connecticut Psychological Association, Legislator of the Year from the Connecticut Farm Bureau, the American Lung Association's Breath of Life Award, a Public Service Award from the Connecticut Secretary of State, and Legislative Awards from the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut. Representative Ryan was also named Champion for Community Providers by the Connecticut Community Providers Association and received a Community Service Award from the Norwich NAACP. He was a Henry Toll Fellow and a winner of the William Fitzgerald and Senator Chris J. Dodd Awards.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Ryan's loss is felt by his colleagues in Connecticut and across the country as well as his constituents in Ledyard, Montville, and Norwich. Kevin's irreverent humor and tenacious work ethic won't soon be matched. Representative Ryan championed the needs of his constituents to his last days, proving his commitment to his constituency. Despite how monumental a chasm is left by his death; I take solace in the knowledge that Representative Ryan's memory and example are survived by the countless lives he touched through his decades of service. I ask my colleagues join me in honoring Kevin's life and legacy.

#### REMEMBERING FRED HAMPTON, SR. AND THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IN CHICAGO

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, December 4, 1969 is a part of history that many Chicagoans would like to forget especially the family and friends of Fred Hampton, Sr., who was killed by Edward Hanrahan Cook County States Attorney and his band of police raiders in an apartment on W. Monroe Street. Although people were outraged and mourned they also used the atrocity as a rallying point, they agonized, they organized, they advocated, they registered people, they voted, they voted Edward Hanrahan out of office, they elected Jane Byrne, they elected Harold Washington as mayor, they projected Rev. Jesse Jackson, Lu Palmer, Nancy Jefferson, Tim Evans, Danny Davis, Bobby Rush, Mariam Stamps, Jim Compton, Rev. Ray Evans and others as leaders, they changed the culture and the history of Chicago.

As a result of the murder of Fred Hampton, the city of Chicago will never be the same. One could go so far as to say that the country will never ever again be the same. Chicago produced individuals who contributed significantly to America, especially Black America becoming what it is today.

Home of Rev. Jesse Jackson, and home of Barack Obama when he was elected President. Illinois is a progressive state, with Chicago leading the way. Not nearly as progressive as it could and should be; but much better than what it was and Chairman Fred Hampton's life and death played a great role in causing Chicago to become what it is today.

#### RECOGNIZING WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUDY HOOVER

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the dedicated public service of Ms. Judy Hoover, a distinguished member of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors who celebrated her final meeting as Secretary and Supervisor on December 4, 2025. Her six-year commitment to Warminster Township has been marked by leadership, promise to strengthening local government, and an unwavering focus on the residents of Warminster Township.

Throughout her service, Judy witnessed and helped guide Warminster through a period of transformation when the Township faced financial challenges in 2019 when she was first elected. Under her leadership and a committed Board of Supervisors, Warminster established a more stable, professional, and forward-looking municipal environment by 2025.

Judy played an influential role in decisions vital to Warminster's fiscal health and infrastructure. Highlights of her service include transforming greater expertise into local water authority and making improvements at Five Ponds Golf Course. Judy maintained the standard of being thoughtful and resident-focused in her approach to governance. Ms. Hoover has been especially proud of the work of Library Director Peter Lehu, whom she praised as "the best Library Director the township has ever had." She hopes to continue supporting the library and other community institutions in the years ahead.

Her advice to the incoming 2026 Board is to support newly elected Supervisor Mary Owens, "hold tight" to the Township's financial stability, and examine every issue with the care required to secure a better future for Warminster residents.

Beyond her elected service, Ms. Hoover has been an invaluable resource to constituents in her part-time role with the Office of State Representative Brian Munroe. In that capacity, she has assisted residents of Warminster Township and the 144th Legislative District with questions, concerns, and access to government services.

Her long professional career reflects a deep commitment to public service and organized labor. Ms. Hoover served the City of Philadelphia as a Real Property Evaluator and later as Legislative Coordinator for AFSCME District Council 47. She has held numerous AFSCME leadership roles over decades—including Business Agent, Delegate, Trustee, Steward, Legislative Coordinator, and Health & Welfare Fund Trustee and has received substantial training in fiduciary responsibilities and public employee benefit trusts.

Her community involvement has been no less impressive. Ms. Hoover has served as a Township Auditor, a Township Supervisor, and Secretary. She remains active with the Warminster Parks and Recreation Board, Friends of the Library, Friends of the Parks, and numerous nonprofit groups. She lives in the Meadow Woods section of Warminster with her two grandchildren, who attend Willowdale.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Judy Hoover. Today, we

honor her in return for all she has done for the community. Warminster Township, Bucks County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are better because of the service, dedication, and integrity that Judy Hoover has brought to every role she has held. May we wish her continued success as she remains engaged in the civic life of her community.

#### RECOGNIZING BYUZAND YEREMYAN

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mr. Byuzand Yeremyan, President of Armenians of Colorado, for his exceptional dedication and steadfast commitment to our community.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Mr. Yeremyan's volunteer service with Armenians of Colorado. Armenians of Colorado is a nonprofit organization devoted to preserving and promoting Armenian culture and heritage in our state.

Over the last decade, Mr. Yeremyan has devoted his time and leadership to the community, including through the establishment of the Armenian School of Colorado in 2017. Through this initiative, students learn about Armenian language, literature, history, and culture, ensuring they continue to be passed down to future generations.

Nourishing younger generations, supporting Armenian Americans in Colorado, and engaging the broader community are just a few of the ways Mr. Yeremyan shows up for Coloradans. He also previously served on the boards of the Lone Tree Arts Center Fund and the U.S. Bank Development Network, and currently contributes his time and expertise as a board member of the Coalition Against Global Genocide (COAGG).

I commend Mr. Yeremyan for years of devoted leadership, service, and commitment to the Armenian community and to the people of Colorado. His efforts embody the spirit of civic engagement and cultural stewardship.

#### HONORING RUBEN J. SALDAÑA

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruben J. Saldaña, a dedicated public servant whose retirement marks the culmination of thirty-seven years of distinguished service to the state of Texas and the Texas A&M University System.

Dr. Saldaña's career reflects a lifelong commitment to education, community leadership, and the advancement of opportunities for families across South Texas. A native of Mercedes, Texas, he began as a young leader in FFA and 4-H before earning degrees from Texas A&M University and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, ultimately completing his Doctor of Education at Texas A&M. His professional journey took him from the classroom to the field, serving as a science