

the Travis and Vacaville Unified School Districts. Canine Officer Murph is a favorite among the students and these visits have allowed him to connect with hundreds of children.

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Canine Officer Murph assisted the Vacaville Police Department with the service of a high-risk arrest warrant. During this operation, the suspect, a suicidal individual who had attempted on many occasions to harm uninvolved members of the public, was confronted in front of his residence. The suspect was armed with a rifle, and Canine Officer Murph was deployed in a heroic effort to resolve the engagement without using lethal force.

Tragically, the suspect fired upon Canine Officer Murph and struck him in his left paw, causing a serious injury that ultimately resulted in the amputation of his leg. Despite his injury, Canine Officer Murph was able to successfully detain the suspect and prevent further harm to the public. During this incident, Canine Officer Murph displayed exemplary bravery and demonstrated the importance of his specialized training. Canine Officer Murph is currently recovering at home under the care of his partner Officer Hudson. On the day of his return home, K-9 teams across the region lined the streets to honor his service.

Mr. Speaker, Canine Officer Murph has displayed courage and valor in all aspects of his work. His selfless dedication and unfaltering bravery exemplify the highest levels of public service. Canine Officer Murph is truly deserving of this honor, and we wish him a speedy recovery and many dog treats in his future.

HONORING RUFUS “BUD” MYERS,
JR.

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rufus Myers, Jr., a cherished Indianapolis native whose legacy as a dedicated public servant continues to resonate throughout our community. His life’s work embodied the values of service, justice, and equity—values that will endure for generations to come.

Bud’s unwavering commitment to housing equity, social justice, and community advocacy transformed Indianapolis, leaving a lasting imprint on our city. As the Executive Director of the Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA) from 2001 until his passing, he led efforts to provide affordable housing to thousands of families. Under his stewardship, IHA managed 13 public housing communities and administered nearly 7,400 Housing Choice Vouchers. His tireless dedication ensured that vulnerable families in Indianapolis had access to a place they could call home, setting a gold standard for public service.

His influence extended far beyond his work with IHA. His impactful role at the Chicago Housing Authority, where he played a pivotal part in advancing the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, brought about nationwide improvements in tenant opportunities. His legacy also includes over three decades of service in the U.S. Congress, where he served as Chief of Staff to my mentor, Andy Jacobs, and other representatives

like Barbara Jordan, and Mickey Leland. Through these roles, Bud contributed to shaping policies that impacted our city and the Nation.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Bud was deeply embedded in the fabric of our local community. He served on the boards of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and the Indianapolis Housing Trust Fund and was actively involved with organizations like 100 Black Men of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Concerned Clergy. His leadership uplifted countless individuals and organizations, ensuring that the spirit of service and compassion remained at the heart of our community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and legacy of Rufus “Bud” Myers, Jr. His commitment to social justice, public service, and the well-being of others will continue to inspire us all.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN DILLON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the exceptional dedication and hard work of one of my outstanding constituents, Brian Dillon.

Brian has recently completed an internship in the Office of the Clerk for the House of Representatives, where he has been an invaluable asset, assisting with a wide range of matters that have come before him. This opportunity came after Brian made the remarkable decision to graduate from high school early, demonstrating not only his drive but his commitment to public service. With a deep sense of purpose, he traveled all the way from Florida to Washington, D.C., to contribute to the work of our government and lend a helping hand to the people of Florida and the United States.

Throughout his time here, Brian has played a role in supporting the office with various tasks, including assisting staff with vacant offices, processing administrative paperwork, and assisting with other legislative duties. His dedication and tireless work ethic have not gone unnoticed, and he has made an impact during his time with the House.

As Brian’s internship draws to a close, he plans to return to Florida, where he will embark on a new chapter of his career as an electrician apprentice. I have no doubt that his future is bright, and I wish him the very best of luck as he takes this important step toward a successful career.

It is young individuals like Brian who inspire all of us with their initiative, hard work, and commitment to their communities. I am proud to have him represent the great state of Florida, and I look forward to seeing the great things he will undoubtedly achieve in the years to come.

HONORING OFC. ELIJAH K. SHABAZZ AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Ofc. Elijah K. Shabazz was born in Albany, Georgia, and his mother and father are from Valdosta, Georgia. Ofc. Shabazz has two brothers and one sister. He is the youngest of his siblings. His family moved to Orlando in the early 70s when he was very young. However, he spent a lot of his childhood in Georgia with his great-grandmother and great-aunts and uncles, which were some of his fondest memories in his formative years.

Ofc. Shabazz’s mother was a physical therapist for the Orange County School Board working with special needs children, and his father worked in Central Florida for the Tri-County Transit Authority, which is now Lynx Transport.

Ofc. Shabazz has always had a special place in his heart to serve. When he was young, he was in the Boy Scouts of America, learning values and discipline to become productive in the community. He was also in the ARMY JROTC while in high school. Ofc. Shabazz would spend time with his mother in the historic town of Eatonville, Florida, volunteering at festivals and community events.

As time went on, after getting married and having children of his own, he decided to pursue his dreams of going into law enforcement. Ofc. Shabazz attended the Seminole State College School for Public Safety, where he earned his Florida Law Enforcement Certification. Ofc. Shabazz obtained his degree in the Science of Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College and became a police officer in Eatonville, Florida, where he served for eight years. While there, he also became a school resource officer at Hungerford Elementary School and resurrected the school safety patrol to give students a sense of meaning, purpose, and integrity, as well as assisting families living in poverty in the community.

Ofc. Shabazz also received a letter of commendation before joining the Belle Isle Police Department. Besides conducting his duties as an officer, he assists in new officer field training and as the police department’s mental health liaison and senior citizen public relations officer. Ofc. Shabazz received a life-saving award and a Distinguished Officer of the Year award for 2024 from the Belle Isle Police Department. Ofc. Shabazz continues to serve with pride and self-agency.

HONORING SERGEANT ERIK OLSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Erik Olson of the Napa County Sheriff’s Office. I have named Sergeant Olson as the California 4th District’s Public Safety Hero of the Year for

Napa County as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Born in Hayward, California, Sergeant Olson moved to Napa in 1980. He is a graduate of Vintage High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from Sonoma State University. Sergeant Olson attended the Napa Valley College Police Academy, graduating as class president in 2005.

In December of 2005 Sergeant Olson began his career with the Napa County Sheriff's Office. During his nineteen years of service, Sergeant Olson has held a multitude of positions, including Marine Patrol Deputy, K-9 Handler, Field Training Officer, Search and Rescue Team Liaison, Community Emergency Response Team Liaison, Napa Sheriff's Mounted Posse Liaison, EVOC/PIT Instructor, and Mobile Field Force Team Leader. Sergeant Olson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2021, retiring his K-9 partner of seven years, Chase. Sergeant Olson currently serves as the Marine Patrol and Off Highway Vehicle Unit Supervisor in Lake Berryessa.

On June 8, 2024, the Napa Central Dispatch received 9-1-1 calls regarding a shooting and fight between ten individuals in the Oak Shores Day Use Area of Lake Berryessa. Sergeant Olson responded to this call, learning as he arrived on the scene there were multiple victims with stab wounds and a gunshot victim. Sergeant Olson then attempted to locate the gunshot victim, breaking up a fight and assisting an unconscious victim in the midst of his search. After locating the shooting victim, Sergeant Olson immediately administered life-saving measures. Tragically, the victim passed from their injuries.

As the only officer on the scene for seven minutes, Sergeant Olson's presence was essential in bringing calm to the situation. He performed essential aid to victims and provided Napa Central Dispatch with critical information to relay to other responding units. Sergeant Olson's quick response allowed the shooting suspect to be apprehended and for safety to be restored to the area.

Sergeant Olson's actions during this incident show selfless dedication and service at the highest levels to our community and the Law Enforcement profession.

Outside of his law enforcement service, Sergeant Olson is also involved in his community, serving at The Father's House "We Love Our City" Ministry, which works in partnership with the Napa Valley Food Bank. Beyond his community service, Sergeant Olson loves to spend time with his wife, Sara, and their two daughters, Kadance and Kirra. He is an avid golfer and enjoys spending time outdoors, both hobbies he enjoys with his family.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Olson's actions on June 8, 2024, as well as his nineteen years of work with the Napa County Sheriff's Office, exemplify the ideals of public service. His courage, dedication, and quick-thinking are truly admirable, and we honor him today.

REMEMBERING DR. HAROLD
JORDAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Harold Jordan, a pioneering

medical doctor and psychiatrist in my state of Tennessee who passed in December at the age of 87. Dr. Jordan became the first Black resident physician at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 1964 and Tennessee's first Black Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. My father, Dr. Morris Cohen, was the Superintendent of the Western State Psychiatric Hospital (now the Western Mental Health Institute) in Bolivar, Tennessee, in the mid-1970s, and worked with Dr. Jordan. After ensuring that every mental health facility in the state was accredited, Tennessee named a building in his honor: the Harold W. Jordan Habilitation Center in Nashville in 1979. Dr. Jordan also served for 18 years as the Chairman of the Psychiatry Department at Meharry Medical College, from which he graduated in 1962. He also served as its acting dean. He won the college's President's Award and its Humanism in Clinical Medicine Award. Vanderbilt established the Harold Jordan Lecture celebrating Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice in his honor. Born in 1937 in Newnan, Georgia, he knew by the age of seven that he would follow in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather into medicine. He graduated from Morehouse College with a degree in biology in 1958. After medical school, he married a nursing student named Geraldine, who survives him after 62 years of marriage. Family lore says they met while hiding after a bomb threat as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was preparing to speak at nearby Fisk College. Dr. Jordan and his wife raised four children in Nashville and belonged to the Clark Memorial United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. He served as an officer in both the Tennessee National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve. Dr. Jordan and his wife retired to Los Angeles to be nearer to their children. I extend my condolences to Dr. Jordan's family, friends and many admirers. He made a profound difference in our state and his compassion, patient care and mentoring of future doctors will be long remembered.

HONORING POLICE WEEK IN
PUERTO RICO

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous and dedicated men and women of the Puerto Rico Police Department as we commemorate Police Week from February 17 to February 23, 2025. Every day, law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to protect our communities, uphold the rule of law, and ensure that justice prevails. Their sacrifices often go unnoticed, but today, we take a moment to express our deepest appreciation for their service and commitment.

While no institution is without its challenges, we must acknowledge the unwavering dedication of our police officers who work tirelessly to make our communities safer. Their role is not only to enforce the law but also to serve with integrity, fairness, and a deep sense of responsibility.

In Puerto Rico, we have exceptional law enforcement professionals who have demonstrated exemplary service. I want to take

this opportunity to highlight some of the distinguished members of the Puerto Rico Police Department's Puerto Nuevo Precinct 282, who have gone above and beyond in 2024:

Director of the Year: Captain Rubén Gómez Sanabria

Outstanding Male Officer: Agent Daniel Ayala Almodóvar

Outstanding Female Officer: Agent Gretchen M. Arroyo Rivera

Distinguished Officers:

Agent Nicasio Lima Candelano

Agent Jeannette González Vázquez

Agent Marangely De León Sustache

Outstanding Civilian Personnel: Ms. Grisel Morales Guadalupe

These individuals exemplify the highest standards of public service and professionalism. Their dedication reminds us of the importance of supporting our law enforcement officers with the resources, training, and respect they deserve.

As we mark Police Week, let us reaffirm our commitment to those who serve and protect. Let us work together to ensure that law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to carry out their mission while fostering trust and accountability within our communities.

Mr. Speaker, today and every day, I stand with the brave men and women of the Puerto Rico Police Department, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring their service.

HONORING DEPUTY REIKO
MATSUMURA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Reiko Matsumura, an esteemed member of the Yolo County Sheriff's Office. I have named Deputy Matsumura as the California 4th District's Public Safety Hero of the Year for Yolo County in recognition of her 20 years of service to our community, embodying selflessness, dedication and service throughout her career.

A fourth-generation resident of Capay Valley, Deputy Matsumura graduated from the Los Rios Corrections Academy in 2004 and the Yuba College Police Academy in 2006. Over the years, she has completed more than 100 POST-certified courses, including training in Human Trafficking, Interview and Interrogation, School Vulnerability Assessment, and Swift Water Rescue. While balancing her work responsibilities, she is also raising her teenage son.

Deputy Matsumura began her career with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office as a Records Specialist before advancing through multiple roles, including Correctional Officer, Bailiff, Transport Deputy, Detective, and Capay Valley Resident Deputy. In each position, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and a steadfast dedication to public service.

Beyond her law enforcement duties, Deputy Matsumura has been an advocate for strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and the community. She has been a familiar and trusted presence at local schools, attending festivals, back-to-school nights, and school board meetings to foster a