

Mr. Speaker, as Sister To Sister celebrates their 30th anniversary, I want to thank them for all they have done for the Hampton Roads community. I wish them many more years of success.

HONORING MELISSA SIGMOND FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today in recognition of Melissa Sigmond, a remarkable leader, executive, and community advocate, in celebration of Women's History Month. Throughout her career, Melissa has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence and service, using her diverse skill set to benefit both the business and nonprofit sectors.

Melissa's professional journey is nothing short of inspiring. After earning her degree from UCLA, she began her career in Hollywood, where she worked on global feature film and television production. This experience provided her with a strong foundation in leadership, creativity, and strategic thinking. However, Melissa's career path took a pivot as she transitioned into the finance sector, working at Bank of America, where she led the corporate events team. She then continued her career in finance with hedge and venture funds in Manhattan, where her contributions were instrumental in driving business success.

In 2013, Melissa decided to apply her expertise to nonprofit leadership, an area where she shines. She led the design, build, and opening of New York City's first technology center for older adults, a project funded by former Mayor Bloomberg, Google, Sony, and a range of corporate donors and private foundations. This groundbreaking initiation not only provided critical resources for older adults but also reflected Melissa's deep commitment to using her skills to serve others and address the needs of marginalized communities.

Today, as Chief Executive Officer at the Riverdale Y, Melissa continues to make a profound impact. She has proven herself as a transformational leader, dedicated to building and strengthening community in the Bronx. Her work at the Riverdale Y reflects her dedication to creating inclusive and supportive environments that benefit individuals and families across the borough.

Melissa's multifaceted career and unwavering commitment to social impact highlight her exceptional leadership and ability to create positive change. She has worked with numerous philanthropic organizations, technology and education nonprofits, and faith-based institutions, always focusing on advancing the well-being of the communities she serves. It is with great admiration that I honor Melissa Sigmond for her outstanding accomplishments and tireless dedication to making a difference in the lives of others. Her ability to bring together diverse sectors for the greater good, as well as her devotion to the Bronx and beyond, exemplify the values we celebrate during Women's History Month.

HONORING DR. STANLEY AND
PEARL GOODMAN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman, two extraordinary individuals whose unwavering dedication to service, philanthropy, and cultural enrichment has profoundly impacted South Florida and beyond.

Since making Broward County, Florida then home in 1962, Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman have been steadfast champions of initiatives that uplift individuals, families, and seniors. Then generosity and leadership have played a vital role in expanding social services, advancing education, promoting Jewish values, fostering a love for the arts, and supporting groundbreaking research in Multiple Myeloma.

Through their philanthropy, the Goodmans have cultivated a spirit of giving, inspiring others to contribute their time, talents, and resources to causes that create lasting change. Their contributions have not only provided immediate support to those in need but have also established a legacy of enduring impact through endowments and promised gifts that will benefit generations to come.

Today, we recognize and celebrate Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman for their remarkable generosity, vision, and commitment to strengthening our community. Their efforts serve as a beacon of inspiration, reminding us of the power of service and the profound impact compassionate, thoughtful individuals can make on others.

On behalf of the constituents of Florida's 25th District, I extend my deepest gratitude to Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman for their lifelong contributions. May their legacy of kindness and philanthropy continue to enrich lives for years to come.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JAMES MUNS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. James Muns of Plano, Texas, who peacefully passed away on March 6, 2025.

Mr. Muns was born on January 6, 1932. He attended Abilene Christian University, where he met his wife Betty. In the 1970's, Mr. Muns and Betty moved to Plano, where he established the Muns Enterprises investment company that specialized in real estate. One of his first investments in Plano was in the El Rancho Estates, allowing it to become one of the most spectacular and successful properties in the region. From 1992 to 1996, Mr. Muns proudly served as the Mayor of Plano. Under his leadership, Plano experienced significant economic growth, commerce, and population growth, setting the stage for it to be nationally recognized as one of the best cities to live in Texas and the United States. For his

outstanding contributions to the City of Plano, Mr. Muns and Betty were named Plano's citizens of the year in 1994.

In 2007, the Muns established the Betty and James Muns Foundation to support philanthropic, educational, and humanitarian initiatives throughout North Texas. Mr. Muns was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to four children, ten grandchildren, and many more great-grandchildren. One of his sons, Mr. John Muns, currently serves as the Mayor of Plano in the footsteps of his father. I am deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Muns's passing, as he has made a positive and lasting impact on our community.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Mr. Muns's wonderful life and service. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

APPRECIATING MIA LOVE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Mia Love served her country with honor and distinction and to those that know her, she is a trusted friend and loving person.

I had the honor of calling Mia a colleague when she served Congress in 2015 through 2019, as the Congresswoman representing the 4th Congressional District of Utah. Notably, she was the first black female Republican to serve in the U.S. Congress.

Among her distinctions in Congress, Mia served on the Financial Services Committee, as well as the Terrorism and Illicit Finance, Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy and Trade subcommittees. She was also appointed as the only freshman to serve on the Select Panel for Infant Lives, to investigate the selling of organs. Additionally, she was a champion for reducing burdensome regulations and was also a leader in the push for immigration reform.

Mia's commitment to the citizens of Utah began prior to her time in Congress as she served on the city council and mayor in her home of Saratoga Springs, Utah.

After Congress, Mia became a contributor to CNN and was appointed a fellow of the institute of politics and public service at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University.

Born in New York City to Haitian immigrant parents, Mia is married and a mother of three.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Congresswoman Love and her family.

HONORING ROSEMARY ORDONEZ-
JENKINS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize an exceptional leader, advocate, and community servant, Rosemary Ordóñez-Jenkins, in

recognition of her outstanding contributions to our community and her enduring commitment to social justice. In celebration of Women's History Month, we take this opportunity to highlight the invaluable impact that Rosemary has made in the Bronx and beyond.

A lifelong resident of the Bronx, Rosemary is an Afro Latina and a proud member of the Garifuna community. She has spent her life dedicated to serving others, with a focus on empowerment, advocacy, and uplifting those in need. Rosemary's work continues to reflect her deep-rooted belief in the power of community and the importance of ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

Currently serving as Deputy Executive Director for Community & Economic Empowerment at Phipps Neighborhoods, Rosemary oversees a variety of programs aimed at ensuring that Bronx residents receive the support and resources they need. She leads the Resident Services portfolio, assisting households transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. Through her leadership, Rosemary and her team provide critical services that enable families to move into stable, long-term housing and integrate successfully into their communities.

Rosemary's efforts extend beyond housing support, as she also manages essential social service programs, including food pantries, services for older adults, and community development initiatives such as Beacons, Cornerstones, and Arches Re-Entry. Her work touches the lives of residents across the Bronx, Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens, and she continues to be a tireless advocate for those seeking financial stability and community involvement.

Her exceptional service to the community has earned Rosemary numerous accolades, including being named one of the Power Women of the Bronx by Schneps Media in 2022, as well as being named one of the 25 Most Influential Women in Bronx County by the Bronx Times in 2010. She has received widespread recognition from elected officials and organizations for her unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for economically challenged communities.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Rosemary is a prominent civic leader. She serves as Vice President of the Bronx Democratic Party, a Judicial Delegate, and a County Committee Member. She also holds a leadership role as a Special Advisor to the Garifuna Coalition and is an active member of Friends of Crotona Park. Furthermore, Rosemary serves as a Board Member of the Lincoln Fund, a renowned philanthropic organization working to foster positive change in underserved communities.

Her academic accomplishments are equally impressive. Rosemary holds a master's degree in social work from Fordham University and is a New York State Licensed Master Social Worker. She also earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Marymount Manhattan College.

Rosemary's legacy is one of profound service, dedication, and leadership. Through her work, she has created lasting change in the lives of countless individuals and families. Her tireless efforts to advocate for social justice, economic opportunity, and community empowerment continue to inspire those around her.

It is with great respect and admiration that I recognize Rosemary Ordóñez-Jenkins as a

true champion of the Bronx, a leader in her community, and an outstanding woman whose contributions to our society exemplify the values we celebrate during Women's History Month.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW
BRAUNFELS NOON LIONS CLUB

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club on their 100 dedicated years of service to the New Braunfels community. Originally chartered as the Lions Club of New Braunfels on April 10, 1925, and later known as the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club, this organization has been an integral part of the community for 100 years, embodying the spirit of service and leadership.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with more than 1.35 million members in over 220 nations and geographic areas, united by the motto "We Serve;" the Lions focus on five core pillars of service. Preventing blindness and improving quality of life for those who are blind or visually impaired, ensuring access to food for all in the community, reducing the prevalence of diabetes and enhancing the lives of those afflicted, supporting programs that assist children with cancer, and protecting and restoring the environment to promote community well-being.

Recently, the Noon Lions volunteered at elementary schools in Comal County to provide free vision screenings for thousands of elementary school children. In the coming months, the Lions will travel to Belize and partner with the Belize City Lions Club to provide vision screening, meals to those in need, and support for the city. I know the Lions will be a beacon of light and hope and they will represent Texas well during their trip abroad.

Over the past century, the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club has exemplified the Lions' mission by making a profound impact in the local community through service, leadership, and philanthropy. They have made a lasting impact on the community by contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars to local causes, funding its charitable work through dedicated volunteer efforts at various fundraising activities throughout the community, and fostering a spirit of patriotism and community pride. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the New Braunfels Noon Lions. Here's to 100 more.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE
EPHRATA LIONS CLUB

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the Ephrata Lions Club of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania for their 100th anniversary.

Epitomized by the motto "We Serve," the Ephrata Lions Club has dedicated itself to

public service since its chartering on February 26, 1925. Presently led by President Kendra Rhinier, the club consists of fifty men and women who work tirelessly to better their community. Alongside robust community service programming, such as food drives and cleaning trash from highways, the Lions Club gives out around \$30,000 a year to those in need, as a result, they have raised funds for social services, disaster relief, youth programs, and more. The zeal of the Ephrata Lions Club is not limited to their town, but has uplifted people across the state, the Nation, and the world.

The Ephrata Lions Club is one of 49,000 clubs across 200 countries and regions, and Lions Club International boasts 1.4 million members.

As the Ephrata Lions Club celebrates this significant milestone, I would like to thank the club and its members for their record of selflessness. Their efforts have made both Ephrata and Pennsylvania's 11th District a better place.

HONORING J. MARK SWEENEY ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LI-
BRARY OF CONGRESS

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and the Committee on House Administration Ranking Member JOE MORELLE, I rise today to recognize J. Mark Sweeney, Principal Deputy Librarian of Congress, for his exemplary service to Congress and the American people upon his retirement.

Mr. Sweeney began his career at the Library in 1985 as a Library Technician, sorting, organizing, and shelving government publications. Nearly forty years later, he retires as one of the agency's most impactful leaders, leaving behind a commendable legacy of public service.

His legacy includes advancing several critical Library-wide initiatives that have enhanced the Library's services and enriched its offerings to users. Since stepping into the role of Principal Deputy Librarian in 2018, he has provided executive leadership to further the institution's priorities, including leading a process to develop and launch a user-centered strategic plan and improving the visitor experience for Americans traveling to the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building on Capitol Hill. His strong management skills also successfully guided the Library's operations through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

As Associate Librarian for Library Services, beginning in 2015, he was responsible for acquiring, securing, and preserving the Library's universal collections. His career contributions include playing an instrumental role in preserving and ensuring access to hundreds of years of American newspapers, from the eighteenth century to the present. His work with the United States Newspaper Program, along with his leadership in expanding digital accessibility within the National Digital Newspaper Program, continues to serve as a model of national cooperation in preserving important aspects of America's cultural heritage for Congress, researchers, and future generations.