

5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers that Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales."

My constituents in the East Bay are among the many adopters of digital assets and cryptocurrencies. And while I have consistently opposed any Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolutions advanced by the House Majority—and am concerned about the loss in critical tax revenue as a result of this CRA—I believe the digital asset space offers new pathways for economic opportunity, especially for historically marginalized communities; and I strongly believe we must craft an inclusive regulatory framework that protects consumers, holds bad actors accountable, and supports financial inclusion for those who utilize these services.

I welcome the opportunity to work with my colleagues to thoughtfully legislate oversight of and implement necessary guardrails around digital assets so that we protect consumers—especially Black and Brown entrepreneurs, small investors, and working people—and promote innovation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF SKOKIE MAYOR GEORGE VAN DUSEN

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 14, 2025*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and long career of my dear friend, George Van Dusen. George is retiring after serving as an excellent Mayor of Skokie for 25 years. I have had the privilege of representing the Village of Skokie for the entirety of my congressional career, and George Van Dusen has been a fierce and effective advocate for his community throughout my tenure. George was a partner who I knew I could rely upon, and my staff and I took every possible opportunity to work with him and his team.

Mayor Van Dusen has dedicated 52 years of his life to public service—41 of those years serving as an elected official with the Village of Skokie. Mayor Van Dusen has been a proud Skokie resident since 1974, and it comes as no surprise that his engagement in the community led him to serve as both a trustee and eventually mayor.

Mayor Van Dusen served as my predecessor, Congressman Sydney Yates' Director of Suburban Operations from 1973 until Representative Yates' retirement in 1999. This experience as a congressional staffer provided George with invaluable knowledge about how a legislative office works and how to best collaborate with me and my staff to improve the lives of Skokie residents.

While serving in his capacity as Director of Suburban Operations, Van Dusen was elected to the Skokie Village Board as a Trustee in 1984 and was appointed mayor in 1999. Thanks to Mayor Van Dusen's 26 years of leadership, the Village of Skokie is in very good shape. Skokie has seen significant growth and prosperity under his stewardship. Thanks to Mayor Van Dusen's steady hand, the Village has seen significant economic de-

velopment and Skokie's population has consistently grown. George has been a leader on everything from infrastructure investment to promoting affordable housing to ensuring that sustainability issues are front and center for the Village. Mayor Van Dusen was a key supporter of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, which opened in Skokie under his tenure. This institution is now a landmark that has received national acclaim as it combats hatred and bigotry.

Skokie is a wonderfully diverse community where more than 90 languages are spoken, and has long been a village that welcomes, respects and values all residents. Mayor Van Dusen has lifted up and celebrated the cultural richness of Skokie, through events like the Festival of Cultures and by ensuring respect and access to village services for everyone.

I am grateful to have had Mayor Van Dusen as a partner within the 9th Congressional District of Illinois these past 26 years, and I am even more grateful to be able to call him a friend.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I thank Mayor Van Dusen for his service and wish he and wife Susan all the best. He leaves shoes that will be very hard to fill. I hope Skokie's future leaders have the same skill and compassion that he showed throughout his career. I wish him nothing but the best in future endeavors.

#### MARIANAS AIR SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ACT

**HON. KIMBERLYN KING-HINDS**

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 14, 2025*

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce critical legislation that would include my district, the Northern Mariana Islands, in the Department of Transportation's Essential Air Service (EAS) program. This would place the Northern Mariana Islands alongside Alaska and Hawaii as locations exempt from EAS requirements, ensuring that scheduled air service remains consistently available for residents and visitors of the Marianas.

Air service is vital and the only practical means of transportation between the islands of the Marianas. Unfortunately, commuter air service has often been unreliable. In recent years, fare prices have surged and remain at historically high levels. For nearly two decades, only one carrier has provided air service between the islands of Tinian, Rota, and Saipan, as well as to Guam.

The sole carrier has suspended air service multiple times for extended periods due to disputes with airport authorities. This instability and uncertainty are a constant worry for the local community knowing air service can cease at any moment for our remote, isolated islands. This uncertainty not only disrupts daily life but also hampers our ability to attract tourists, draw investments, and rebuild our economy. Restoring EAS eligibility would guarantee that the Northern Marianas always have a baseline level of daily air service across all three of our airports.

While the Northern Mariana Islands was originally eligible for EAS, none of our airports participated in the program in Fiscal Year

2011. As a result, we became ineligible following the enactment of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, which changed the definition of 'eligible place' for EAS assistance.

By amending this eligibility, we would ensure that EAS support is available to us if the need arises. This change would not automatically place Marianas airports in the program, but it would ensure that assistance is available whenever necessary to guarantee reliable air service.

I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING ASRA HUSSAIN RAZA

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 14, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Asra Hussain Raza, a remarkable individual whose dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to excellence left an enduring mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Born to Indian immigrants, Asra was raised in Carmel, Indiana. She attended Orchard Park Elementary, Towne Meadow Elementary, and Creekside Middle School, graduating from Carmel High School in 2016. Her academic journey continued at Indiana University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in healthcare management and graduated with honors. Asra's pursuit of knowledge led her to Columbia University, where she completed her Master of Health Administration, further solidifying her commitment to improving healthcare systems.

Professionally, Asra was a dedicated healthcare compliance specialist. She relocated to Washington, D.C. to further her career. Her work involved traveling to Wichita, Kansas, to assist a hospital in need, exemplifying her dedication to patient care and health equity.

Beyond her professional achievements, Asra was known for her kindness, generosity, and vibrant spirit. She had a passion for hosting gatherings, delighting guests with her culinary skills, and ensuring everyone felt welcomed and valued. Her family and close friends described her as a "kind and caring soul" who had a gift for making others feel special.

Tragically, on January 29, 2025, Asra's life was cut short in a devastating midair collision between American Airlines Flight 5342 and a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter near Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, Asra's life was a testament to the power of kindness, dedication, and the pursuit of excellence. Her unwavering commitment to improving healthcare, her boundless generosity, and her vibrant spirit continue to inspire all who knew her. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Asra Hussain Raza. Her memory will forever be cherished, and her impact will continue to resonate in our community and beyond.

RECOGNIZING EULESS POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT TODD BELLAH

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Euless Police Sergeant Todd Bellah, whose dedicated service in law enforcement has made a lasting impact on our community and the officers he served alongside.

After graduating from Haltom High School, Sergeant Bellah pursued a degree in criminal justice from Tarleton State University and Tarrant County College. Committed to continuous learning and professional excellence, he earned a Master Peace Officer license and a series of specialized certifications, including

Basic-Advanced SWAT, Basic-Advanced Police Sniper, SWAT Instructor, Sniper Instructor, Master TCOLE Instructor, Firearms Instructor-Range Master, and Department Master Armorer. His extensive expertise in tactical operations and instruction has been invaluable to his colleagues and the law enforcement profession.

Before his career in law enforcement, Sergeant Bellah honed his skills in machining, working at George Conover Tool & Manufacturing, Allen Duncan Company, and later Bose Machine Company. In 1991, he answered the call to public service, joining the City of Euless as a Public Service Officer. His leadership earned him steady promotions, becoming a police officer in March 1992 and moving up the ranks to Corporal, Senior Police Corporal, and, ultimately, Sergeant in 2015.

Throughout his tenure, Sergeant Bellah served in a variety of critical roles, including assignments in patrol, the Criminal Investiga-

tions Division (CID), and the Auto Theft Task Force. His expertise and leadership were particularly evident during his 23 years with the Euless Tactical Team and the Joint SWAT Team (NETCAST), where he held his final assignment as Assistant Commander. His contributions to these specialized units enhanced the safety and security of both his fellow officers and the community he faithfully served. He has been honored with numerous accolades, including Officer of the Year, the Life-Saving Award, multiple Certificates of Merit, and the prestigious Supervisor of the Year award reflecting his commitment to excellence and his courage in the face of danger.

Sergeant Bellah's career is a testament to the values of integrity and leadership, he will be greatly missed. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement, I wish him the best as he embarks on this new journey.