

I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

RECOGNIZING ISABELLA GARCIA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Isabella Garcia for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Isabella has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Isabella, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Isabella's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Isabella Garcia on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE 2024 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 170 inventors who will be inducted as the 2024 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). An induction ceremony will take place June 23–26, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate these inventors and their incredible accomplishments. The ceremony will be presided over by the Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Coke Morgan Stewart, and President of the National Academy of Inventors, Dr. Paul R. Sanberg. To be named as a Fellow, these individuals were nominated by their peers and underwent a review process by the NAI Selection Committee, which ultimately deemed their innovations as making a significant impact on the quality of life, economic development and the welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida and the United States.

The NAI Fellow program has 2,068 Fellows worldwide representing more than 300 prestigious universities and governmental and nonprofit research institutes. Collectively, the Fellows hold more than 68,000 issued U.S. patents, which have generated over 20,000 licensed technologies, 4,000 companies and created more than 1.2 million jobs. In addition, over \$3.2 trillion in revenue has been generated based on NAI Fellow discoveries.

Among NAI fellows, there are more than 170 senior leaders of research universities and nonprofit research institutes, over 755 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, 63 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 70 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S.

National Medal of Science, 57 Nobel Laureates, over 533 AAAS Fellows, over 395 IEEE Fellows and more than 232 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions.

Founded by Dr. Paul R. Sanberg at the University of South Florida in 2010, the NAI's mission is to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate, and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit Florida and communities all throughout the United States. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor the 2024 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors for this outstanding achievement. We owe a debt of gratitude to these inventors for their invaluable contributions to society, which continually propel us forward. May their example inspire future generations to pursue their own paths of discovery and innovation, ensuring a bright and innovative future for us all. I include in the RECORD the 2024 National Academy of Inventors Fellows Class:

Ishwar Aggarwall, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Pierre Agostini, The Ohio State University; Mark Akeson, University of California, Santa Cruz; Yousef Al-Abed, The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research; Herb Aldwinckle, Cornell University; Dan Ammon Jr., University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; Alain Aspect, Institut d'Optique Graduate School; Corinne E. Augelli-Szafran, Southern Research Institute; Clinton Ballinger, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Robert S. Balog, Texas A&M University; Prith Banerjee, University of Illinois at Chicago; Ronald Barrett-Gonzalez, University of Kansas; Robert Bartlett, University of Michigan; Peter J. Basser, National Institutes of Health; Mounqi Bawendi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dibakar Bhattacharyya, University of Kentucky; Pratim Biswas, University of Miami; Silvia Blemker, University of Virginia; William Branch, University of Georgia; Malcolm Brenner, Baylor College of Medicine; Richard K. Brow, Missouri University of Science and Technology; Edgar B. Cahoon, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Jianfeng Ca, University of South Florida; Hui Cao, Yale University; Arnold Caplan, Case Western Reserve University; John M. Cioffi, Stanford University; Corie L. Cobb, University of Washington.

Eric W. Cochran, Iowa State University; Daniel Codd, University of San Diego; Todd J. Cohen, New York Institute of Technology; Bruce N. Cronstein, New York University Grossman School of Medicine; Maria Croyle, The University of Texas at Austin; Anthony Czarnik, University of Nevada, Reno; Arvin Dar, Memorial Sloan Kettering Institute Cancer Center; Matthew Darr, Iowa State University; Hiranmoy Das, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Kenneth Dawson-Scully, Nova Southeastern University; Edward J. Delp, Purdue University; Horacio Dante Espinosa, Northwestern University; Ying Fang, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Aaron Franklin, Duke University; Eby Friedman, University of Rochester; Klaus Früh, Oregon Health & Science University; Lilit Garibyan, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard University; Robert Garry, Tulane University; Manas Ranjan Gartia, Louisiana State University; Arun K. Ghosh, Purdue University; Simon Francis Giszter, Drexel University; Steven Goldman, University of Rochester; Andrea Goldsmith,

Princeton University; David Gracias, Johns Hopkins University; Joel S. Greenberger, University of Pittsburgh; Jaime Grunlan, Texas A&M University; Ephraim Gutmark, University of Cincinnati.

Keith Hearon, Boston University; Larry Heck, Georgia Institute of Technology; Wolfgang Heidrich, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology; Joseph P. Heremans, The Ohio State University; Mark Hoffman, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Kaibin Huang, The University of Hong Kong; Bertram Jacobs, Arizona State University; Hamid Jafarkhani, University of California, Irvine; Shubin Jiang, The University of Arizona; Christopher S. Johnson, Argonne National Laboratory; Sergei V. Kalinin, University of Tennessee, Knoxville/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Homayoon Kazerooni, University of California, Berkeley; Brian G. Kiernan, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Steven Koester, University of Minnesota; Johann Walter Kolar, ETH Zurich—Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich; Farinaz Koushanfar, University of California, San Diego; Ferenc Krausz, Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching, Germany; Ashok Kumar, University of South Florida; Eren Kurshan, Princeton University; Ioannis Kymissis, Columbia University; Klaus Lackner, Arizona State University; Gregory Lanza, Washington University in St. Louis; Matthew Laskoski, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory; Chih-Kung Lee, National Taiwan University.

Hui (Helen) Li, Florida State University; Hai Li, Duke University; Wenbin Lin, University of Chicago; Walter Ian Lipkin, Columbia University; Xuedong Liu, University of Colorado Boulder; Devinder Mahajan, Stony Brook University; Abhijit Mahalanobis, The University of Arizona; Stanton F. McHardy, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Michael McLaughlin, The University of Adelaide; Shawn A. Mehlenbacher, Oregon State University; Charles L. Melcher, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Tommaso Melodia, Northeastern University; Rajesh Menon, The University of Utah; Theodore Moise, The University of Texas at Dallas; David Morse, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; Javad Mostaghimi, University of Toronto; Naima Moustaid-Moussa, Texas Tech University; Christopher Murray, University of Pennsylvania; Tina M. Nenoff, Sandia National Laboratories; Gabriele Neumann, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Kytai T. Nguyen, The University of Texas at Arlington; Michael Niederweis, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Thomas Nosker, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Rafail Ostrovsky, University of California, Los Angeles.

Cynthia Owsley, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Cengiz Ozkan, University of California, Riverside; Makarand Paranjape, Georgetown University; Dan Peer, Tel Aviv University; Yuri Karl Peterson, Medical University of South Carolina; Konstantin Petrukhin, Columbia University; Wellington Pham, Vanderbilt University; Edwin Piner, Texas State University; Darrin Pochan, University of Delaware; Francisco Quintana, Harvard University; Muhammad Rabnawaz, Michigan State University; P. Srirama Rao, Virginia Commonwealth University; Ramesh Raskar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Edward Ratner, University of Houston; Jeff Reed, Virginia Tech; Fan Ren, University of Florida; Catherine L. Riddle, Idaho National Laboratory; Guilermo Risatti, University of Connecticut; Carol Robinson, University of Oxford; Cliona Mary Rooney, Baylor College of Medicine; Alberto Salleo, Stanford University; Richard Samulski, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Gaurav N. Sant, University of

California, Los Angeles; Edward Sargent, Northwestern University; Charles Shoemaker, Tufts University; Daniel Siegwart, UT Southwestern Medical Center; Neal Sikka, The George Washington University; Blake Simmons, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Rajesh Singh, Morehouse School of Medicine; Anand Sivasubramaniam, The Pennsylvania State University; Yiqiao Song, Harvard University; Vivek Sujan, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Zhaoli Sun, Johns Hopkins University; Nian Sun, Northeastern University; Yang Tao, University of Maryland, College Park; Ravi Thadhani, Emory University; Voon-Yew (Aaron) Thean, National University of Singapore; Ashley Parkinson Thrall, University of Notre Dame; Martin Thuo, North Carolina State University; Theo T. Tsotsis, University of Southern California; Francisco Valero-Cuevas, University of Southern California; Omid Veisheh, Rice University; Victor Veliadis, North Carolina State University; Uzi Vishkin, University of Maryland, College Park; Edmund Waller, Emory University; Angela Wandinger-Ness, The University of New Mexico; Guoan Wang, University of South Carolina; Grace J. Wang, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Dean C. Webster, North Dakota State University; Di Wei, University of Cambridge; Marc Steven Weinberg, Draper Laboratory (CDSL), Ulrich Wiesner, Cornell University; Hugh E. Williams, RMIT University.

Peter Wipf, University of Pittsburgh; Gary E. Wnek, Case Western Reserve University; Jang-Yen Wu, Florida Atlantic University; Wei Wu, University of Southern California; Younan Xia, Georgia Institute of Technology; Longya Xu, The Ohio State University; Zhen Xu, University of Michigan; Mengsu (Michael) Yang, City University of Hong Kong; Yang Yang, University of California, Los Angeles; Jianhua Yu, University of California, Irvine; Carlos A. Zarate Jr., National Institutes of Health; Junshan Zhang, University of California, Davis; Zhongfei (Mark) Zhang, Binghamton University, State University of New York; Ji-Guang (Jason) Zhang, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Min Zou, University of Arkansas.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE ISRAEL OF STOCKTON

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Temple Israel of Stockton, one of the oldest continuously operating Jewish congregations west of the Rocky Mountains. This milestone is a powerful testament to the endurance, faith, and contributions of Stockton's Jewish community since California's earliest days.

The Gold Rush of 1849 attracted several Jewish merchants to Stockton, who played a vital role in building Stockton's economic base, and in laying the foundations of both the city and the Jewish community. Founded in 1849 as Ryhim Ahoovim, a Jewish benevolent society, the congregation established a sacred foundation that has grown and thrived for generations. By 1851, Ryhim Ahoovim had acquired a cemetery for Jewish pioneers—still in use today—and the synagogue's first lot was gifted by Stockton's founder, Charles M.

Weber. Members of the congregation hauled lumber to the building site to complete the synagogue, which was dedicated in 1855.

Throughout its history, Temple Israel has reflected the resilience and leadership of Stockton's Jewish community—not only as a place of worship, but as a cornerstone of civic and cultural life. Under the guidance of devoted rabbis, the congregation grew in size and stature, creating a vibrant space for education, cultural programming, and social connection that continues to enrich Stockton to this day.

That spirit of compassion and responsibility was especially evident to the years leading up to World War II, when members of Temple Israel opened their arms to refugees fleeing Nazi Germany, and once again in the 1980's to Jews fleeing the Soviet Union. These new arrivals found safety and opportunity in Stockton, quickly becoming integral members of both the Jewish and broader Stockton communities. Their stories are a testament to the power of community and the enduring values that define Temple Israel's legacy.

Today, Temple Israel stands as a symbol of perseverance, compassion, and community. Temple Israel continues to nurture generations of Jewish life in Stockton, while honoring the vision and courage of those who laid its foundation 175 years ago.

I am proud to recognize Temple Israel of Stockton for its 175 years of spiritual guidance, community leadership, and enduring legacy. May it continue to inspire and uplift for generations to come.

HONORING RALPH VIGIL'S LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ralph Vigil's life and legacy. He lived a life of passion—passion for the protection of the water, the land, the ecosystems, and the community of our beautiful Pecos, New Mexico.

The first time I heard Ralph, he was talking about the importance of protecting our land as a place for everyone and everything, including our wildlife. He repeated the *dicho*, or Spanish saying:

“Un poquito para mi, un poquito para vos, un poquito para las criaturas de Dios” (“A little for me, a little for you, and a little for the creatures of God”)

as he spoke of how he farmed and felt some of the bounties in the field.

Ralph was colorful and strong in his language when he asked me and others in leadership if we would stand with the people and the places we all loved. (You all are laughing because you can hear him now.) The lands we love don't fight for themselves. They need leaders like Ralph who understand our “herencia (heritage), cultura (culture), y futuro (future)”), to organize the parcientes, organize the meetings, organize the hikes, and the advocacy. He was a tireless advocate for an array of conservation issues, from the Caja del Rio to our beloved acequias to protecting the Pecos watershed. There aren't many people in the Pecos Valley or in the conservation community who don't know the great Ralph Vigil

because if there was ever a problem to fix or knowledge to learn, he was the person to call.

New Mexico is blessed with a beautiful landscape. Ralph understood this better than anyone because there wasn't a day he wasn't recording footage or capturing photos of this beauty. His social media was sprinkled with beautiful sunsets and sunrises, clean flowing water, and the oasis of green that evokes awe in our desert landscape.

With his collaboration and leadership, some of the victories for our cultura, herencia y futuro include the moratorium on mineral development on state trust lands in the Pecos with Stephanie Garcia Richards, the two-year protection of the Pecos River Watershed from mining claims put in place by Secretary Haaland, and the inspiration he gave to leaders from Santa Fe to D.C.

Love is at its most powerful when it is unconditional when nothing is asked in return and setbacks and faults do not diminish the passion. Ralph loved New Mexico's lands and people unconditionally. Ralph was connected to the land and people of Northern New Mexico as if there were an umbilical cord that was never severed. He was connected to the land through his farming, his gentle care of acequias, and his protection of the watershed that in turn protected the water that is our lifeline. He embodied the definition of *querencia* (no translation—a place where one feels safe, happy, and strong, a place where they can truly be themselves).

He was a son, a father, a brother, an uncle and friend that everyone could look to for leadership and wisdom. Like so many, I cried when I learned of his passing.

I am honored to recognize the legacy that is Ralph Vigil. We are living through a historic moment where we need leaders like Ralph whose ability to transcend and translate is needed more than ever. His legacy will not only live on in his beloved rural communities but, today, also in the records of our great Nation—a Nation that Ralph made endlessly better during his incredible life.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF MADERA COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN ANDERSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Madera County Sheriff John Anderson. Born and raised in Williams, California, John enlisted in the United States Army directly out of high school and served four years in active duty with most of his service being based in West Germany and as an adviser in Laos.

After his honorary time served in the United States Army, John returned home and was working in a local feed mill for just a few months when he was approached, by the Police Chief of the City of Williams, to work a graveyard shift with the Williams City Police Department. This offer would be the start of a long and fulfilling career in law enforcement, later serving as a Deputy Sheriff in Stanislaus County.

By 1964, John joined the California Highway Patrol where he held significant roles over the