

CONGRATULATING MR. TRAVIS TREJO ON 8 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MARYLAND'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my Legislative Director, Travis Trejo, on celebrating his eighth anniversary of employment with my office. Travis is a dedicated staff member who has repeatedly demonstrated his commitment to my legislative goals. With loyalty as rare as Travis' on Capitol Hill, I am truly grateful to have him as the leader of my legislative team.

Mr. Trejo has risen through the ranks of my office, beginning as Staff Assistant to currently serving as my Legislative Director. He has always taken on a supporting role, working tirelessly to ensure my legislative agenda is met. He is a mentor to not only the legislative team, but also to other members of my staff.

It is important that Representatives recognize outstanding staff such as Mr. Trejo. Oftentimes, the work of these staffers goes unnoticed but is nonetheless critical in maintaining the functions of our government. Travis is a true patriot, and Maryland's First Congressional District undoubtedly owes him a great debt of gratitude.

I thank Travis.

CONGRATULATING JACK GODBEE

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Jack Godbee, upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Semper Fortis"

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Jack's nomination, and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate Jack. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

THANKING ROGER SARRAULT FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE U.S. ARMY AS A MEMBER OF THE DUSTOFF CREWS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Roger Sarrault for his valiant

service with the U.S. Army as a member of the Dustoff crews during the Vietnam War. This recognition is presented in correspondence with the Dustoff Crews of the Vietnam War Congressional Gold Medal Act, honoring the individuals who served in these selfless and heroic missions. Mr. Sarrault's service exemplifies the unwavering dedication shown by members of these Dustoff Crews to both their fellow servicemembers and their country. Dustoff crews—which include a pilot, crew chief, and medic—served courageously aboard helicopter air ambulances and are credited with saving over 900,000 lives throughout the Vietnam War.

Serving with the 68th Medical Detachment (Dustoff), Mr. Sarrault participated in numerous recovery missions, often under enemy fire. His role in rescuing wounded soldiers from active combat zones demonstrated extraordinary courage and was vital to saving countless lives. His service reflects the bravery and sacrifice of so many Dustoff crew members who risked everything to bring others to safety.

Following his military service, Mr. Sarrault has remained a steadfast advocate for veterans and his community. He is an active member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 274 in Cheboygan, Michigan, where he serves on the Honor Guard and regularly participates in events that honor fellow service members. In addition to supporting community celebrations and veteran fundraisers, Mr. Sarrault volunteers his time at Bishop Baraga School, teaching students about patriotism and proper flag etiquette. His community commitment is further reflected in his charitable efforts, including distributing toys at Christmas and making pasties to support his local VVA chapter.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Roger Sarrault for his extraordinary courage as a member of the Dustoff crews during the Vietnam War and thank him for his unwavering commitment to his fellow servicemembers, community, and country.

IN MEMORY OF OVERSEER ROOSEVELT CARTER, I

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of a loving husband, dedicated father, outstanding Man of God, devoted spiritual leader, gifted musician, astute entrepreneur, and dear friend of long-standing, Overseer Roosevelt Carter, I, who passed from labor to reward on June 15, 2025. A funeral service to celebrate his remarkable and committed life was held on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at First Monumental Faith Ministries in Albany, Georgia.

The journey of the resilient life of Overseer Roosevelt Carter began with his birth on June 16, 1944, to the union of Deacon Enoch and Deaconess Mary Magdalene Carter in Leesburg, Georgia. Always spurred by a love of learning, he attended Lee County Training School in Leesburg, Georgia, before pursuing Announcing and Broadcasting at the Broadcast Schools of New York. Overseer Carter pursued theological studies at Bethany Bible

School and Theological Seminary, earning both a Bachelor's in Ministry and a Master's in Theology.

Overseer Carter began his ministry through the power of music. He launched his career as a DJ in Brooklyn, New York, gaining recognition as one of the best in the United States. His musical journey included working at WJIZ, where he earned the title "No. 1 Soul Wax Man," famously known as "The Love Man—6 Foot 2." He also collaborated with prominent organizations such as Atlantic Recording Company in New York, WDAS Radio Broadcasting Station in Pittsburgh, PA, and WOAK in Atlanta, Georgia.

As an astute entrepreneur, he founded and served as President of Flint River Construction, a respected general contracting firm known for projects of regional and national significance, including the construction of Concourse E at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. He worked alongside influential figures such as former Atlanta Mayors Maynard Jackson and Bill Campbell, and specialized in building church structures.

Additionally, Overseer Carter was a trailblazer in agriculture, producing livestock and various crops, and he created Carter's Farm Peanut Butter, which proudly sold in Walmart and Kroger stores—a historic accomplishment for an African-American-owned agribusiness.

Patriotically committed to public service, he became the first African-American man to run for County Commissioner in Lee County, Georgia. Although he won the district of Chokee, changes in the rules requiring county-wide wins prevented him from taking his seat. No stranger to adversity, during his campaign, his car was shot at in a crude attempt to derail his progress, yet Overseer Carter stood firm in his commitment to bring about positive change.

Overseer Carter answered the most important call of his life—the call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This journey began at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Camilla, Georgia, and expanded to include service at Ephesians Baptist Church in Albany and New Mt. Pleasant Church in Waycross, Georgia.

In 1984, he co-founded First Monumental Faith Ministries alongside his loving wife, First Lady and Co-Overseer, LaVerne Shinault Carter. For 35 remarkable years, he shepherded his congregation through blessings, baptisms, weddings, and offered comfort to grieving families. Under their dynamic leadership, First Monumental became a beacon of hope and salvation.

As the great Agriculture Chemist George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong because someday in life you will have been all of these." Overseer Carter's legacy extended beyond church walls, serving people from all walks of life. He founded First Monumental Community Outreach, Inc. (FMCO), providing critical support services. Notably, he spearheaded initiatives like Job's Place, the first assistance program for individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Dougherty County, and collaborated with the City of Albany to combat homelessness, successfully transitioning over 15 families to sustainable living.

Overseer Carter also enhanced economic empowerment through projects like the Monumental Development Center and Fluff-n-Fold

Laundromat, fostering job creation for local residents. Even amidst significant health challenges, he remained dedicated to sharing God's goodness, writing, preaching, and singing about His grace. He authored two impactful books, "Freedom in Worship" and "Stuck in A Rut," and expanded his ministry globally through TBN and various national and local media outlets.

As we remember Overseer Carter, we acknowledge that all his achievements were made possible through God's grace and the unwavering support of his devoted wife, LaVerne, and their children—Pastor RoDerald Carter, Pastor Lorenzo Heard, daughter-in-love Attorney Marilyn Moss Carter, and a vast circle of family, friends, and loved ones.

On a personal note, I am profoundly grateful for Overseer Carter's wise counsel and enduring friendship throughout the years. He has been a source of encouragement during my time in Congress, and I am proud to have called him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 765,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in extending our heartfelt condolences to Overseer Roosevelt Carter's family and the members of First Monumental Faith Ministries. We celebrate his leadership, his lasting impact on the community, the church, and all mankind. His legacy of love and service will continue to inspire us all.

HONORING THE 2025 ALLEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce will hold an induction ceremony in Lima on July 10 to mark the induction of the 2025 Allen County Agriculture Hall of Fame class. I am honored to commend and include in the RECORD this year's inductees:

John and Mary Rudolph of Rudolph Foods
Walter Paxson
Jim Hefner
Allen County Agricultural Society

Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to fewer than 50 people and organizations since 2013. Consideration is based on each nominee's contributions to the agriculture industry in Allen County.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am pleased to join in the accolades for these distinguished inductees as they are recognized for their commitment to agriculture and their service to others.

CONGRATULATING JOHN EPPS

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, John Epps, upon his acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force, the United States Air Force.

Guided by the motto "Aim High. . . Fly-Fight-Win" the U.S. Air Force is the world's preeminent force in air, space, and cyberspace.

Throughout our history, American Airmen have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was honored to sponsor John's nomination, and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at Air Force Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate John. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING RICHARD STEIN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO ORANGE COUNTY'S ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Richard Stein, a leading advocate and partner for the arts and arts education across Orange County, California.

Richard, who recently stepped down as the President and CEO of Arts Orange County, led the organization for more than 14 years. Under his leadership, Arts Orange County addressed the needs of the arts and culture community in Orange County as a trailblazer among nonprofit arts councils worldwide—augmenting traditional arts agency programs and services with its unique role as the community's go-to arts consultant to government, education, and nonprofit organizations. This has helped enable Arts Orange County, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary, to become a leading advocate for the arts and arts education on the local, state, and national level. Richard's stewardship also led Arts Orange County to become a strong supporter of the Congressional Arts Competition, providing funds for winning artists to travel to Washington, D.C. to see their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol.

Prior to his appointment at Arts Orange County in August 2008, Rick transformed the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach into a major resident professional theatre over the course of more than 17 years as its Executive Director, growing its annual budget of \$700,000 to \$7 million and producing more than 100 plays, including two national touring productions. He also directed many notable productions at this venue, including several premieres.

Rick first came to Orange County in 1987, to serve as Managing Director of the Grove Shakespeare Festival in Garden Grove following a five-year stint as Director of Lincoln Theater at Connecticut's University of Hartford. Before that, he held management positions with two major symphony orchestras.

Rick holds degrees in English from Columbia and Syracuse Universities and returned to Columbia for postgraduate study in drama on a National Endowment for the Humanities summer fellowship. He was sent to Korea on

a cultural exchange by the International Theatre Institute—US, served on the executive committee of the League of Resident Theatres, and was a contributing writer to AMERICAN THEATRE magazine.

Rick is a former Chair of the John Wayne Airport Arts Commission, past President of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals—Orange County Chapter, and twice former Co-Chair of National Philanthropy Day—Orange County. From 2009 to 2022, he served on the board of Californians for the Arts/California Arts Advocates, a statewide organization promoting the interests of the arts community, including three years as its President.

Demonstrating his commitment to fostering an appreciation of the arts in the next generation, Richard has been a guest lecturer at University of California, Irvine and California State University, Fullerton, and was a commencement keynote speaker for the Laguna College of Art and Design. He has served as a panelist or site visitor for the National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, Western States Arts Federation, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, Riverside Arts Council, New England Foundation for the Arts, Louisville Fund for the Arts, City of Pasadena, and the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, for which he also produced its State Arts Awards.

Although his career has largely been in the theatre, Rick's first post after finishing graduate school was as Executive Director of a local arts agency, Oswego County Council on the Arts, located in Fulton, New York. In fact, the theatre company Richard co-founded in 1977, Contemporary Theatre of Syracuse, continues operation today as The Red House, a highly successful producer of multi-disciplinary arts. He is a 33-year resident of San Juan Capistrano with his wife, Alison, an artist.

I call on my colleagues to join me in celebrating Richard Stein's leadership and stewardship of the arts in Orange County and thank him for helping bring arts and culture to our community and country.

HONORING DIDI KRISHNA KUMARI

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Didi Krishna Kumari, a revered spiritual leader, humanitarian, and educator whose lifelong commitment to service has uplifted communities across the globe.

Born on May 9, 1961, Didi Krishna began her spiritual journey at the age of three under the guidance of saints Sadhu T.L. Vaswani and Dada J.P. Vaswani. She now serves as the head of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission, leading with humility, wisdom, and dedication to service.

Founded in the 1930's, the Sadhu Vaswani Mission has flourished under Didi Krishna's leadership into a global force for compassion and healing. With more than 60 centers across five continents, the Mission carries out extensive work in education, health care, spiritual development, and humanitarian relief. For over ninety years, it has served those most in