

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

need—uplifting the poor, the sick, the voiceless, and the forgotten.

To many, Didi Krishna is more than a leader; she is a spiritual guide and a saint-like presence. Her gentle demeanor, deep compassion, and unwavering devotion have earned her the love and respect of people from all walks of life. She leads not with fanfare, but with quiet strength and grace, always placing service before self.

Mr. Speaker, Didi Krishna Kumari's tireless efforts are a testament to the profound impact one individual can have through a life of purpose and humility. It is my honor to recognize her extraordinary contributions to humanity.

#### CONGRATULATING KAI AGYEMANG

##### 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, Kai Agyemang, 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.

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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 Kai'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 Kai. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

#### NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

##### HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2025*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, post office disruptions, National Police Week, and Helene recovery.

Dear Friend,

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1—better known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill"—a historic piece of legislation that will:

- Keep taxes low for working Americans.
- Strengthen border security.
- Rebuild our military.
- Drive American energy independence.
- Protect entitlement programs so the Americans who need them have them.

This bill is key to fulfilling the America First agenda. Below, you will find some of the most important components of the One Big Beautiful Bill that will make a difference in our mountain communities.

Providing tax relief for workers and families

Provides a \$5,000 tax cut for the average American family.

Eliminates taxes on tips, overtime, and car loan interest for cars made in the U.S.

\$4,000 tax deduction for seniors.

Increases the child tax credit to \$2,500 per American family through 2028.

Making tax dollars work for the American people

Strengthens Medicaid by preventing illegal aliens and folks who can, but refuse to, work from unlawfully collecting benefits.

Roots out waste, fraud, and abuse from Medicaid by removing deceased individuals from the program.

Reverses the Biden-era mandate that allowed Medicaid to cover "gender transition" procedures for minors.

Reversing green energy radicalism

Eliminates hundreds of billions of dollars in Green New Deal tax credits.

Repeals the Biden administration's electric vehicle mandates.

Drives American energy independence by opening federal lands and waters to oil, gas, coal, geothermal, and mineral leasing.

Streamlines onerous permitting processes so America can build again.

Refills the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, reducing our reliance on foreign oil and strengthening our national security.

Securing our borders

Authorizes \$46 billion to complete construction of the border wall.

Hires 10,000 new Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel, 5,000 new Customs officers, and 3,000 new Border Patrol agents with the goal of deporting at least 1 million illegal immigrants every year.

Bolsters the Department of Homeland Security efforts to secure our borders.

Ensuring the U.S. military remains the strongest fighting force in the world

Ensures critical investments to rebuild our military, improve quality of life for service members, bolster munitions production, and modernize our nuclear arsenal.

Launches President Trump's Golden Dome initiative to ensure the homeland is protected from modern and advanced threats.

This bill will restore American greatness and improve the lives of Americans nationwide—from the mountains of Western North Carolina to the coastlines of California.

The American people are ready for our Golden Age. Now, it's time for the Senate to act.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,  
Member of Congress.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION HOME RULE ACT

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Zoning Commission Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). Currently, the membership of the Commission consists of two federal officials (the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS)) and three members appointed by the D.C. mayor, subject to D.C. Council approval. Federal officials are members of the Commission even though the Commission has no authority over federal property.

Land use is a quintessential local matter. Despite the D.C. Home Rule Act, which gave

D.C. authority over local matters, 40 percent of the members of the Commission are federal officials, who are not accountable to the more than 700,000 D.C. residents. The federal government would lose nothing under this bill because the federal government's land-use interests in the Nation's capital are protected by federal law and federal agencies.

The Commission creates the zoning maps and regulations, which must "not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan for the national capital." The mayor is responsible for the local elements of the comprehensive plan, subject to Council approval. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), which is the central planning agency for the federal government in D.C. and approves federal projects in D.C., is responsible for the federal elements of the comprehensive plan. This bill would not alter the comprehensive plan process or the authority of NCPC and the Commission.

This bill would immediately remove the AOC and the NPS Director from the Commission, and the Commission would, at least initially, consist solely of three mayoral appointees. D.C. would have the authority to reconstitute the membership of the Commission through local legislation.

This bill is an important step to increase D.C. home rule. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. ALFONSINA DIAZ

##### HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2025*

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure to honor the life of Ms. Alfonsina Diaz—a World War II survivor; lifelong educator; a woman of God; mother, grandmother, and great grandmother to her family and community; and most importantly, her legacy of 100 years of life that demonstrate the values of spiritual strength and the significance of family.

Known to her family and friends as Ancin, she is the eldest of six children born to Maria Santos Tanaka Diaz and Joaquin Flores Diaz. Despite her childhood and much of her youth remembering the painful occupation of the Japanese during World War II, she intentionally lives and chooses to carry her life with the spirit of resilience and joy. A fond memory of her youth includes working alongside her sister Cecilia Tanaka Diaz Reyes, first cousin Matilde Cruz Baron, and aunt Asuncion Tanaka Santos at Tommy's Soda Fountain. Owned by her uncle Tom Santos Tanaka, Sr. and father Joaquin Flores Diaz, it was a popular spot for the teenagers during the 1950's. She always had fun when she worked.

After graduating from high school, she worked at C.L. (previously Sinajana) Elementary as an elementary school teacher for the 1st to 3rd grades. She met her husband and they've stayed together since marrying in June of 1950. When they moved to Agana Heights, they've welcomed their seven children: Carmelita, Robert, Marie, Joaquin, Martha, Daniel, and Nora. As she raised her family, she continued to be a full-time teacher.

The love she had for her job can be felt through her previous and present students—