

did not let anything stop him from enjoying and going about his daily life. Most of all, Gordon was always devoted to his wife Barbara, keeping humor and love alive in their relationship.

Gordon had an incredible sense of humor and was simply an amazing reflection of what eastern Connecticut has to offer. His impact will not soon be forgotten, and his legacy will live on in the lives he touched and the long-lasting effects his work will continue to have on the Stafford and greater Connecticut community. Gordon is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara, his six children, 17 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, sister, and many nieces and nephews. To this end, I ask that my colleagues in this chamber join me in honoring the example left by my friend and colleague Gordon Frassinelli.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, due to travel restrictions related to my pregnancy, I was unable to travel to D.C. to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 20; NAY on Roll Call No. 21; YEA on Roll Call No. 22; and NAY on Roll Call No. 23.

HONORING THE LATE CAROLYN JEAN SNYDER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Carolyn Jean Snyder. She passed away peacefully on Friday, December 6, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Carolyn was a community leader and realtor in the community of Torrance.

Carolyn Snyder was born in South Charleston, West Virginia on September 9, 1937, to her parents Boyd and Josephine O'Dell. In 1956, Carolyn moved along with her parents to Torrance, California.

In Torrance, Carolyn was a dedicated community leader and a successful realtor with over 25 years of experience. In her free time, Carolyn served the community of Torrance in numerous ways. As a Commissioner on Aging, she served the residents of the city and advocated for the needs of aging people. Carolyn was active in the Parent Teachers Association as well as the Pacific Coast Little League and the American Youth Soccer Organization. She supported the Torrance Education Foundation and the local Relay for Life. For over 40 years, Carolyn volunteered for the Torrance Memorial Hospital, assisting this important institution with its annual Holiday Festival, an important event for our community.

Beyond Carolyn's numerous contributions to the South Bay, she also loved being with her family and friends. She traveled a great deal and loved camping and sewing. It was an honor for my wife Betty and I to have known Carolyn.

Carolyn is survived by her children, James Franklin Campbell, Troy Campbell, Todd Sny-

der, and Tori Parker, eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and siblings, nephews, nieces and cousins. Carolyn left an indelible mark on the community of Torrance and will be deeply missed.

HONORING COLONEL HAROLD PRESSEL

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Colonel (COL) Harold Pressel, U.S. Army Air Corps, on the auspicious occasion of his 101st Birthday on February 3, 2025.

COL Pressel honorably served alongside the "Greatest Generation" in WWII as a machine gunner on the B-24 Liberator, during which he earned—among myriad awards and decorations—the Purple Heart for his actions and wounds in combat. His aircraft was hit by flak after turning around for a second bomb run, which pierced the fuel tank. After bailing from the plummeting aircraft, COL Pressel told himself not to panic even when overcoming his parachute malfunction that caused him to barrel 120 MPH towards the ground.

After landing safely, he was surrounded by the enemy. Five German soldiers took him to a nearby farmhouse, where a German officer was waiting. While being interrogated with the rest of his crew, COL Pressel and his crewmates remained steadfast by answering every enemy question with only "name, rank, and serial number"—and was thrown in a boxcar headed to a German Prisoner of War camp. After suffering horrors from starvation to bug infestations, COL Pressel and his crew were liberated by General George Patton's Army on April 29, 1945.

COL Pressel returned to the United States a hero. After a brief time at the air base in Middletown, he was honorably discharged from military service. He began his civilian career at the Motter Electrical Shop in York, Pennsylvania—where he helped build numerous nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania.

COL Pressel shared two sons—Jim and Gary—with his beloved wife, Grace, before her passing, as well as four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored, humbled, and privileged to recognize Colonel Harold Pressel on his 101st Birthday. I wish him the blessings of great health, happiness, and prosperity in his future adventures. "Thank you" will never be enough for his service and sacrifices in the name of our great Nation. His life and legacy set the standard by which we all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER P. CALLAHAN

HON. GABE AMO

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the 44th Adjutant General

of Rhode Island, Major General Christopher P. Callahan. After a storied career of more than four decades of service to our country, I would like to take a moment to express my profound gratitude and admiration for Major General Callahan's steadfast contributions to our state in advance of his retirement on January 31, 2025.

Since 2015, Major General Callahan has faithfully carried out the duties as Adjutant General and Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard. As the senior-most officer and strategic leader of our state's military forces, he is responsible for the mission readiness of all Army and Air National Guard units in the Ocean State. Over the past decade, more than 3,000 soldiers and airmen have skillfully and successfully deployed on missions around the globe thanks to Major General Callahan's leadership.

But beyond the logistical demands of ensuring that the National Guard is well-equipped, well-trained, and well-led, Major General Callahan capably navigated our community through the once-in-a-generation challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to Major General Callahan, the Rhode Island National Guard played an instrumental role in our state's robust vaccination efforts. As I look back on how we came together to keep Rhode Islanders safe, his example shines as a testament to courageous leadership during uncertain times.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for General Callahan's willingness to answer the call and serve our Nation with distinction. He has nobly served his fellow Americans and fellow Rhode Islanders for more than 40 years and our state will deeply miss his steady presence and wealth of experience. I thank him for his service and dedication.

HONORING EVAN MARQUARDT

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible service of Evan Marquardt to the people of the Iowa Third District.

Always the first to arrive to the office, Evan's service to the people of Iowa is reflected in his commitment to running the best constituent response program on Capitol Hill. As a staff assistant, legislative correspondent, or legislative aide, nothing is more important to our team than ensuring every constituent is heard by their Member of Congress. A strong leader in our office, Evan has also proudly served as Fantasy Football Commissioner, Office Emergency Coordinator, and March Madness Tournament champion. His name shall live in glory in the Nunn office as the winner of the 2023 Fantasy Football season and in infamy as the loser of the 2024 Fantasy Football season.

A champion on the dodgeball court, and a true champion for heartland values, Evan embodies the hard work and passion for putting others first that have made him a fighter for Iowa.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
MCKINLEY "ISA" RACHED

HON. ROBERT GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Isa Rached, a truly extraordinary individual who left an incredible mark on the Long Beach community. Isa passed away on January 2, 2025, and while his presence will be deeply missed, his legacy of compassion, creativity, and service will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Isa was an artist at heart, a talented sketch artist whose creativity extended beyond the canvas. He crafted magnificent dresses for his performances at It's a Drag to Give, where his artistry and passion for self-expression flourished. Isa was known for his unwavering kindness and his ability to lift others up with his infectious smile, reminding everyone he met of the kindness that still exists in the world. His life was characterized by his kindness and compassion. He always had a constant drive to explore new ideas of service and support for his community.

Whether it was through his leadership in local causes like the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition, the Downtown Business Association, or his advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, Isa never had a negative word to say about anyone. His life was dedicated to bringing people together, creating a space where diversity was celebrated, and every voice was heard. Isa was a champion of service, always finding new ways to support others with an open heart.

A Buddhist, his faith was a guiding force in his life. It inspired him to live with compassion and courage, always striving to create peace and harmony in the world around him. His spiritual practice was a core part of his identity, infusing his actions with a deep sense of purpose and mindfulness.

He had a love of adventure and travel, and his zest for life led him to explore new experiences—like learning to scuba dive. Isa's passion for fashion and his eye for design made him a visionary fashion designer.

Isa's legacy is one of boundless generosity, artistry, and unwavering positivity. He has touched countless lives, and his impact will continue to be felt in the ongoing work of the organizations and causes he championed.

I extend my deepest condolences to Isa's family, friends, and the entire Long Beach community. Isa is survived by his mother, Rocio, father, Hector, sisters, Vanna and Josie, three nephews, Abraham, Jayden, Naithan, and niece, Evelyn.

Isa's spirit of adventure, creativity, and kindness will continue to inspire us all. His smile, his heart, and his dedication to peace will forever be with us, reminding us of the beauty in service and the power of compassion.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIED VICTORY AT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the Battle of the Bulge and the courage of the American troops who fought there.

This Saturday, January 25, marks the 80th Anniversary of this historic Allied victory. 41 days, Mr. Speaker.

For 41 days, our soldiers stood guard in much colder weather than we have experienced this week in Washington or back in my home State of Missouri.

For 41 days, these men, many still teenagers, fought from snow-covered foxholes when death and defeat looked imminent.

For 41 days, they saw their brothers, thousands of miles from home, succumb to hypothermia, bullets, bombs, and artillery.

For 41 days, over seven hundred thousand Allied troops, short on equipment, ammunition, and warm clothes, experienced warfare that they would never forget.

For 41 days, these heroes fought and won a battle that would fundamentally change the course of human history.

As we've all shivered through the freezing temperatures this month, it's impossible to imagine what must have gone through the minds of our soldiers hunkered down in the Ardennes.

The anguish and sacrifices these brave men endured will never be truly understood, but will never, ever, be forgotten.

It will not be forgotten by the liberated people of Western Europe, and certainly not by the American people these soldiers gave their lives defending.

Earlier today, the Embassies of Belgium and Luxembourg hosted a wreath-laying ceremony at the Battle of the Bulge Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery.

I want to thank these Nations for organizing this moving tribute to those who held the line for freedom over tyranny.

But most importantly, it is my distinct honor to pay respects to the victors of the greatest land battle in the history of the United States Army.

We are, and forever will be, grateful for your heroism.

HONORING HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Holocaust Learning Experience, hosted by MorseLife Health System, an organization that serves many Jewish older adults and their families.

This year, International Holocaust Remembrance Day marks 80 years since the liberation of the Nazi death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, by Allied troops. On January 27, 2025, we remember and honor the 6 million

Jewish men, women, and children murdered by the brutal Nazi regime.

We should never forget the atrocities of the Holocaust. At liberation, allies witnessed the devastation of human remains and the destruction of the human spirit. This is the day we also acknowledge the multigenerational impact of the horror and terror perpetrated against the Jewish people.

Globally, we are witnessing an alarming rise in antisemitism, and it is more important than ever to recognize and remember the critical lessons we all learned from the Holocaust. If we do not learn from our history, we are bound to repeat it. The Holocaust is a darkness and evil no one should ever want to see again. I am proud to recognize the Holocaust Learning Experience, which continues to deliver a fully developed curriculum for teachers to teach a hard but necessary lesson on this difficult period in history.

The purpose of the MorseLife Holocaust Learning Experience is to educate and transform generations to end antisemitism, prejudice, bias, and bigotry. This innovative Signature Educational Model is unique, action-oriented, and impactful. The Holocaust Learning Experience deploys and delivers grade-specific, cross curricula lessons from the Holocaust directly into 5th through 12th grade classrooms.

Students demonstrate a greater capacity to see themselves in the shoes of others and feel more comfortable explaining to their peers how hate led to the Holocaust. The most telling finding is that students report they will intervene amongst their peers when they witness hateful behavior toward others.

I wish to congratulate and encourage the Holocaust Learning Experience to continue changing lives of our Nation's young people. Each day, this initiative teaches students to stand up, not stand by. Thousands of students have been transformed by this learning experience, carrying forward the message that silence in the face of hate is unacceptable.

The Holocaust will never leave the conscience of humanity. It is on us to ensure the mantra, "Never Again" remains true.

HONORING IVAR C. SATERO UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative MULLIN and Representative PELOSI, rise today to honor the remarkable career of Ivar C. Satero, who retired as Airport Director of San Francisco International Airport (SFO) after decades of dedicated service to the City and County of San Francisco.

Ivar Satero began his extraordinary career in public service in 1984 as a Summer Engineering Intern while attending college. Following his graduation, he contributed his engineering expertise to the Department of Public Works and the Public Utilities Commission before joining the team at San Francisco International Airport in 1994.

Over the course of three decades, Ivar played an instrumental role in shaping the future of SFO, beginning with his work on the \$3 billion Master Plan Expansion Program. He