

served as Project Manager for transformative transit initiatives, including the AirTrain System and the Airport BART Station, helping enhance connectivity and streamline passenger travel.

In 2003, Ivar was appointed Deputy Airport Director for the Design & Construction Division, where he oversaw the implementation of an ambitious 10-year, \$5 billion Capital Improvement Program. Under his leadership, SFO completed numerous groundbreaking projects, including the Replacement Air Traffic Control Tower, Terminal 1 Redevelopment, Terminal 3 Renovation, the Baggage Handling System Modernization, the AirTrain Extension, and the creation of the on-site Airport Hotel.

In 2014, Ivar advanced to Chief Operating Officer, supervising vital airport divisions including Design & Construction, Operations & Security, Information Technology, Planning & Environmental Affairs, and more. Two years later, in 2016, he was appointed Airport Director. His tenure as Airport Director was marked by his unwavering commitment to operational excellence, sustainability, and passenger experience.

In addition to being a graduate of San Jose State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Finance from San Francisco State University, Ivar also holds a private pilot's license and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California. His commitment to innovation and public service has been an inspiration to all who have had the privilege to work with him.

His technical expertise and visionary leadership have left an indelible mark on SFO, elevating it as a world-class gateway for travelers from around the globe. On behalf of the constituents of California's 8th, 15th, and 11th Congressional Districts, we wish Mr. Satero best wishes in his well-earned retirement and extend our sincerest gratitude for his many years of service to the community.

#### RECOGNIZING JUDY McDONALD

##### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judy McDonald for her extraordinary service to the people of Tarrant County. For nearly 28 years, Judy has dedicated herself to improving the lives of countless individuals by helping them find meaningful careers, ensuring businesses thrive, and offering unwavering support to our community. Her leadership has left an indelible mark on Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, transforming it into a nationally recognized leader in workforce development.

Her passion, commitment, and tireless work have touched the lives of so many. No job was too small, no business too insignificant, and no individual ever beyond help. She has been a beacon of hope for those looking to build better futures, and your impact can be seen in the thriving businesses and empowered individuals across our region.

As Tyrone Taylor, Chair of the Workforce Development Board, so aptly said, "Judy's commitment to our cause and her ability to in-

spire and mobilize our team has been instrumental in achieving our goals." Her leadership has inspired and empowered all those around her, and the legacy she has built will continue to benefit our community for generations to come.

I thank Judy for her incredible service. Her dedication has shaped the future of Tarrant County, and it is with great pride that I acknowledge and celebrate her contributions here today.

#### EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE RECOGNITION OF JANUARY AS "MUSLIM-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" AND CELEBRATING THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE OF MUSLIM AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES

##### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize January as "Muslim-American Heritage Month" and celebrating the heritage and culture of Muslim Americans in the United States. I thank the endorsing organizations that joined this important resolution: American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Islamic Relief USA, Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS), Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), and Project Islamic Hope.

I am honored to partner with my Senate colleague, Senator BOOKER, to introduce this important resolution to recognize the many contributions of Muslims in the U.S. and worldwide. I am also honored to have Reps. OMAR, TLAIB, and SIMON join me as cosponsors. The value of this bill to Muslim Americans is great because their contributions to the establishment of the United States is an inspiration that others can look to as an example of what a diverse community of people can accomplish. Unfortunately, these contributions have historically been overlooked. Diversity is a corner stone of American democracy and success; our American Muslim community is a vital contributor to our nation's strength, as well as to the talents, perspectives, and achievements this diversity brings. This bill illuminates the economic and cultural contributions of Muslims to America, and it helps combat harmful stereotypes.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing January as "Muslim-American Heritage Month" and celebrating the heritage and culture of Muslim Americans in the United States by supporting this important legislation.

#### CONGRATULATING SARA CULLINANE ON HER EXCEP- TIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

##### HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sara Cullinane on her ex-

ceptional accomplishments as Director and Founder of Make the Road New Jersey. As she embarks on her new chapter of her life and passes the reign to new leadership, I want to recognize the extraordinary and powerful work that she has accomplished for the immigrant, working-class, and Latinx communities in the State of New Jersey. It has been an honor to partner with her.

Sara's leadership has been instrumental to the growth of such a powerful organization that truly serves those who need it the most. In acknowledging her time with Make the Road NJ, I want to applaud her unquestionable commitment to bettering New Jersey. Sara's work in providing immigrant and working-class communities with vital resources and education on the importance of knowing their rights in unprecedented times is admirable.

Make the Road New Jersey's success in assisting the immigrant community with legal services, health outreach, and educational programming have reached thousands of low-income individuals from underresourced and marginalized communities with critical, life-sustaining services, and transformational education. Sara has provided extraordinary leadership and guidance, and I add my voice to the sea of many who commend her remarkable vision.

I want to thank Sara for her hard work and dedication, which has inspired countless others to pursue their lives helping those who need it the most. I hope she takes immense pride in all the exceptional work that she has accomplished throughout this past decade. I wish her the best of luck in her next chapter.

#### RECOGNIZING TOMMIE "T-BONE" PRUITT, BLUES GUITARIST & VOCALIST

##### HON. MIKE EZELL

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tommie "T-Bone" Pruitt for his incredible achievements as a Blues guitarist and vocalist. His talent and dedication to preserving and sharing the rich heritage of Mississippi Blues is something to be celebrated. As a proud resident of Ellisville, Pruitt's contributions to the music world continue to inspire generations, and his artistry serves as a testament to the power of music in connecting people across cultures.

Pruitt's success reflects the spirit of Mississippi—resilient, soulful, and deeply rooted in tradition. His musical legacy will undoubtedly continue to shine brightly for many years to come, and I have no doubt that his influence will continue to be felt far and wide.

I thank him for his dedication to his craft and for making Ellisville proud. I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF OFFICER DORELLE C. BRANDON

**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a Chicago Police Department hero, Officer Dorelle C. Brandon. Officer Brandon was tragically killed in the line of duty 40 years ago, marking the first time in our city's history that a female officer laid down her life in the line of duty. As we reflect on her life and legacy, I want to pay tribute to her selfless service and commitment to our beloved Chicago.

Born in Chicago on December 27, 1948, to Charles and Dolores Brandon, Dorelle attended St. Joachim Grammar School and graduated from Harlan high school. After graduation, she was appointed to the Chicago Police Department on February 27, 1978, following in her father's footsteps. Throughout her tenure she earned three department commendations, a unit meritorious performance award, twenty honorable mentions and two complimentary letters.

Officer Brandon served our city and community with courage, dedication, and compassion for five years. She was tragically taken from us on the morning of January 24, 1984. While serving undercover, Officer Brandon and her partner attempted to arrest a drug dealer. The suspect resisted arrest and began to struggle with Officer Brandon attempting to grab her service weapon. Her partner then opened fire on the suspect and unfortunately struck Officer Brandon on accident.

Her story and sacrifice remind us of the danger law enforcement officers face every day. As the first female officer of the Chicago Police Department to lay down her life in the line of duty, she was a tragic trailblazer who will forever be remembered for her selflessness and bravery.

Officer Brandon is survived by her devoted husband, Matthew, who first saw Dorelle while standing in line at the Chicago Police Academy in January of 1978. While he was waiting in line with a fellow officer, Matthew said "Do you see that girl over there? She's going to be my wife." After meeting, they became inseparable and shared a readily apparent love and devotion to one another that continues to this day.

Officer Brandon was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. She is remembered by her husband, Matthew, daughter, Barbara Sharee Cannon, stepsons: Marvin Edward Brandon and Sean Scot Brandon, parents Charles and Dolore, stepfather, Norman White and her three brothers and five sisters.

This Friday, my fellow Chicagoans will gather to immortalize her sacrifice by naming the community room of the Chicago Police Department 3rd precinct office after her. I hope that her memory will continue to inspire others to public service and remind us of the great feats of heroism our brave officers perform on our behalf every day. May God continue to watch over them and keep them safe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Officer Dorelle C. Brandon's service and sacrifice.

HONORING JOHN CROMAN

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of John Croman, an extraordinary journalist and member of our community. Mr. Croman recently retired from his role as Chief Political Reporter for KARE 11 after nearly 30 years of dedicated service bringing reliable, informative, and timely political news to Minnesotans.

Mr. Croman attended the University of Kansas before moving to Minnesota to begin his career in reporting. He started at KARE 11 in 1997 as an investigative reporter and gravitated towards political reporting, where he would thrive for the rest of his career. He captivated audiences with his impeccable journalistic skills and his knack for making politics relatable. In his decades at KARE he covered major historical events, including the tragic loss of our late Senator Paul Wellstone, the 8-month recount of Minnesota's 2008 Senate election, and the legalization of same-sex marriage in Minnesota.

Those who worked closely with Mr. Croman admired his wealth of knowledge about Minnesota politics and history—they referred to him as "the contact, and the context," for every story. He was praised for his commitment to reporting on substantive policy rather than the fleeting trends of the moment, and his tireless dedication to the truth in his journalism.

Mr. Croman brought a unique flair to his work, often breaking into song and creating jingles for every occasion. He seized every opportunity to inject joy into his work and to share it with those around him, whether during marathon end-of-legislative-session nights, elections, or simply checking his microphone. He was also known for his dedication to his craft, often acting as his own cameraman and editor when working late or on days off, which he frequently did.

Chief Political Reporter John Croman embraced excellence, integrity, and passion for his work. His long and impactful career is a testament to his ability to communicate even the most complex issues to listeners and viewers around the state. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his remarkable service and celebrating his well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE INDUCTION OF  
KARMA MASON INTO THE WICHITA  
STATE UNIVERSITY'S  
SHOCKER SPORTS HALL OF  
FAME

**HON. RON ESTES**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Karma Mason on her induction into Wichita State University's Shocker Sports Hall of Fame.

This award was presented to Karma in honor of her contribution to the Wichita State University Championship Bowling Team from

1975 to 1978. Her exceptional talent and leadership proved instrumental to her team's success as she led them to the first national collegiate championship, culminating in three national championship teams over the course of her time at WSU.

Karma is a highly accomplished bowler with an outstanding record. Some of her impressive bowling achievements include a 196 average tournament score and a high tournament score of 279. She demonstrated leadership, hard work and dedication to the sport as team captain and anchor bowler for three years straight, proving integral to her team's success.

Karma's recent Hall of Fame recognition is just one of her many accolades throughout her long and successful career, and she continues to make Kansas proud. On behalf of the people of the Fourth Congressional District of Kansas, I congratulate Karma.

H.R. 10438, CAPPING COSTS FOR  
CONSUMERS ACT OF 2024

**HON. KIM SCHRIER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Ms. SCHRIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to correct the record. At the end of the 118th Congress, we erroneously added Ms. UNDERWOOD as an original cosponsor to H.R. 10438. I would like the record to formally recognize that Congresswoman UNDERWOOD of Illinois is not an original cosponsor of H.R. 10438 from the 118th Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes yesterday due to an unavoidable emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 22, H.R. 165 Wounded Knee Memorial Act; and NAY on Roll Call No. 23, Passage of S. 5 Laken Riley Act.

HONORING THE LIVES OF NEIL  
AND SANDI BROOKS

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn a devastating loss in eastern Connecticut, with the passing of a beautiful married couple—Dr. Neil Brooks and his wife Sandi (Silverman) Brooks of Vernon, Connecticut. Neil Brooks passed away sadly and suddenly on November 27, 2024, at age 82. He was joined less than a month later when the love of his life, Sandi, passed away unexpectedly at age 81 on December 24, 2024. Neil and Sandi's longtime marriage was truly a masterpiece that their offspring, friends, and community will forever cherish in their hearts.

Neil was born in Manchester, Connecticut to Abner and Lenore Brooks on November 17,