

But I have concerns about how crypto is currently being regulated and the financial security of my constituents who invest or store their dollars in crypto. Rather than considering the three bills before us this week, Congress should consider legislation that puts guardrails in place to protect consumers, prevent fraud, and establish an effective regulatory framework for crypto. Instead, these H.R. 3633, S. 1582, and H.R. 1919 fall short of creating an effective regulatory framework, allow Big Tech and the Trump family to enrich themselves, and stifles innovation at the Federal Reserve.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let me tell you a bit about what these three bills would do. H.R. 3633, which Republicans are calling the CLARITY Act, would carve the crypto industry out from current securities laws and regulations. This would continue to expose consumers to harmful crypto practices. Additionally, the CLARITY Act would not only enable conflicts of interest from Trump and his family through meme coins like \$TRUMP, but it would also send the message that Congress approves of the way President Trump is selling access to the White House. That is why I joined Congressman VINDMAN in sending a letter to the House Committees on Financial Services and Agriculture expressing our serious concern that the CLARITY and GENIUS Acts, including dangerous carveouts for the President and Vice President from conflict-of-interest rules.

S. 1582, the GENIUS Act, is a bipartisan attempt at establishing a framework for stablecoins—a type of cryptocurrency primarily used for trading crypto assets, transacting in goods and services, insulating against local currency instability, and sending payments across borders. While S. 1582 is a step in the right direction, it fails to establish an effective federal framework to regulate stablecoins. The bill also opens up a path for Big Tech and other commercial businesses like Meta, Amazon, and Walmart to amass consolidated power over both commerce and banking services. Each of these corporations are exploring starting their own stablecoins.

Finally, H.R. 1919, the Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act, would immediately halt and prohibit the United States from exploring the potential benefits of a central bank digital currency (CBDC). This bill would stifle innovation at the Federal Reserve as they research and develop ways to meet the evolving money and payments landscape, keeping the U.S. behind the starting line as other countries race ahead and compete to develop and implement CBDCs. As much of our transactions have moved away from using the physical dollar through the increased use of credit cards, mobile wallets, and cryptocurrencies, the Federal Reserve has been researching ways to innovate the U.S. dollar. Congress should not stifle the ability of the Federal Reserve to meet the needs of our evolving digital age.

Mr. Speaker, rather than putting forward three bills that fail to make consumers safer and stifle innovation, Congress should instead consider a comprehensive regulatory framework for crypto that will promote the responsible development of these digital assets while protecting American consumers and investors. I urge my colleagues to reject H.R. 3633, S. 1582, and H.R. 1919.

RECOGNIZING THE 2025 CLASS OF THE OHIO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Agricultural Council will mark the induction of its 2025 Hall of Fame class at a special ceremony to be held next Friday, August 1, during the Ohio State Fair. I am honored to commend to the House this year's four inductees:

John Linder of Edison in my congressional district served as 2020–2021 President of the National Corn Growers Association. His leadership skills, integrity, and dedication to the promotion of agriculture led to his 2023 election as president of MAIZALL—The International Maize Alliance, which works to break down barriers to trade and innovation. He and his brother are the fifth-generation operators of Linder Farms in Morrow County, where he also co-owns a propane business. John is also famous statewide and nationally as a champion tractor puller.

The late Bill Isler of Prospect in my congressional district was a third-generation farmer and pork producer in Marion County. His commitment to innovation in the field of herd health earned him international recognition. As owner/operator of Isler Genetics, he was among the first to implement specific pathogen-free herd standards. A recipient of the Ohio Pork Industry Excellence Award from the Ohio Pork Council, Bill joins his brothers, Dick Isler and the late Gene Isler, as a Hall of Fame member.

The late Steven D. Maurer of Botkins in my congressional district was a long-time public servant both locally and statewide. For much of the 1970s, he served as Mayor of Botkins, later representing the area in the Ohio Senate for one term. He held top roles at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and led the Ohio Department of Agriculture for several years in the late 1980s. For 16 years, he worked as State Executive Director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency. Steve traveled overseas extensively throughout his career to promote Ohio products and expand our state's trade opportunities.

A native of Carroll County, John H. Davis has dedicated his life to teaching others about the importance of agriculture. After several years in the classroom in Ashtabula County, he was tapped to oversee vocational agriculture education statewide. During his 20 years as Director of Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum, he expanded the camp into a year-round education center reaching thousands of students. John is a former Carroll County Commissioner and a member of the Carroll County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame.

Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to only 257 Ohioans since 1966. Consideration for induction is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to agriculture, Ohio's top industry.

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

the Ohio Agricultural Council for their ongoing work to honor Ohio's agriculture leaders.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALICIA EUGENIA WHITE BELL

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Alicia Eugenia White Bell.

Alicia was born in Macon, Georgia on February 22, 1943 to parents John Alfred and Emmie Lucinda White. They instilled in Alicia and her four siblings the value of education and a strong work ethic. Alicia received a four-year scholarship to Paine College in Augusta, Georgia and graduated Salutatorian.

A woman of faith, courage, and strength, Alicia touched the lives of many people in San Diego and beyond.

Alicia met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and participated in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement and the fight for justice and equality.

She also enlisted in the Domestic Peace Corps and worked with migrant workers before becoming a teacher at B.S. Ingram Elementary School and the lead teacher at Gingerbread Head Start Preschool in San Diego. Alicia also worked for twenty years as a Deputy Probation Officer with the County of San Diego Juvenile Division.

Alicia was deeply committed to serving her community and giving back. She owned and operated the Fourth District Seniors Resource Center gift shop, provided interior design services to low-income senior community residents at little to no cost, and was a motivational speaker and life coach.

Additionally, Alicia was the owner of "Just Because", a founding member of Ladies Involved in Vital Experiences, Inc. (L.I.V.E.), a past president of Encanto AARP Chapter 5417, a former board member and community ambassador for Fourth District Seniors Resource Center, and a coordinator for the Volunteers in Probation program.

Because of her incredible achievements, Alicia received the Retired Seniors Volunteer Service Award from the County of San Diego and was an honoree for the "Breakfast for Milady" San Diego Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Alicia's legacy will live on. My prayers are with her loved ones and may her memory be a blessing.

HONORING JOHN GHERINI

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, with his retirement as President of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library on January 17th, 2025, John Gherini, Esq. concluded over thirty-seven years of distinguished service to the Archive-Library. Established as public non-profit educational corporation in 1967, the Santa Barbaran Mission Archive-Library serves as a unique repository of Mission

Era California records, documents, and artifacts. As Professor Emeritus Robert Senkewicz of Santa Clara University, has written, "SBMAL is a unique and indispensable resource. Its artifacts and documents tell the deep and complex story of California's diverse peoples—especially Native Americans, Latinos, and Anglos—in a way that is unmatched anywhere else in the state."

John Gherini has worked long and hard behind the scenes to ensure the continued operation of the Archive-Library. Serving as legal counsel to the Board and dealing with bequests and grants in order to build the endowment essential to its continued function. His membership on the Board, which began in 1987, has resulted in numerous acquisitions not only of funds, but also of the papers of such distinguished scholars as Norman Neuerburg, the art historian behind the construction of the Getty Villa, and Doyce B. Nunis, Jr., longtime editor of the journal of the Historical Society of Southern California.

Besides his encouragement of other scholars, Mr. Gherini has written two books on the history of Santa Cruz Island, where he spent much time as a young man working with his family on the island, which his great-grandfather, Justinian Caire once owned in its entirety: Santa Cruz Island: A History of Conflict and Diversity and the two volume Santa Cruz Island, An Illustrated History provide rich and detailed histories of the largest of the Channel Islands. The second work "explores the geological origins of the island and traces the cultural history from the native inhabitants, over 13,000 years ago, to the establishment of the Channel Islands National Park in 1980 and current efforts to preserve and protect the island." (Santa Barbara Historical Museum website). Mr. Gherini has been a generous benefactor and deeply involved with many other organizations in the Santa Barbara area, including Bishop Garcia Diego High School.

On July 25, 2025, the Mission Archive-Library, at a special event in honor of Mr. Gherini, will name its exhibit space, which includes among other things large paintings by the distinguished turn of the twentieth-century California landscape and architecture artist Edwin Deakin, the Gherini Gallery. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. John Gherini and the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library on this auspicious occasion.

CONGRATULATING THE WEST
BROWNSVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE'S
SENIOR TEAM ON WINNING THE
TEXAS WEST CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the inspiring young women from the West Brownsville Little League's Senior Team, aged 15–16, for their astonishing achievement in finishing as runner-up as they competed for a spot in the 2025 Little League World Series.

Representing our community to the nation is an unseen achievement in the past 73 years of the team's history in Brownsville. Competing in softball takes dexterity and discipline,

but most importantly, sacrifice. A tremendous commitment has been made by the participants and their families as they worked towards this exciting goal. They are showing the country the hard work and team spirit that South Texans have always represented.

These young women have made their community, families, coaches and friends immensely proud, and I encourage them to continue supporting each other in the games ahead. But most importantly, I encourage them to cherish every moment as they are making history in The Rio Grande Valley. Rest assured I am cheering for you every step of the way.

Mr. Speaker, our West Brownsville Little League Senior Softball Team has made all of us immensely proud.

HONORING UAW LEADER BRUCE
BAUMHOWER AS HE RETIRES

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable, hard working, good natured man of labor: Bruce Baumhower from Toledo, Ohio in our 9th Congressional District. Mr. Baumhower formally retired on June 30, 2025 after serving as the President of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 12, the longest run of service in the union's history—over a half a century. He will be honored at a special event prior to Toledo's 2025 Jeep Fest—a celebration he co-founded in 2016—on Saturday, August 2, 2025.

Bruce Baumhower is a Toledo native who graduated from Whitmer High School in 1972. He started work at Jeep the same year. Throughout his employment at Jeep, Bruce involved himself in union activities, rising through the ranks after election to Steward, Bargaining Committee and Vice Chairman. In 1993 he was elected President of UAW Local 12, the second largest UAW local in the nation. He has been ably at the helm since. UAW Local 12, based in Toledo, represents approximately 16,000 members at 47 work-sites. His leadership is humble yet reliably strong and honorable, and always visionary.

Throughout Bruce's tenure as leader of UAW Local 12, he has steered the union—and the Toledo community—through crisis and calm. Most notably, he led the effort to establish the plants and supplier park that built the Wrangler and the Gladiator, two locations that have defined Toledo's skyline and its workforce. He has been an integral part of redefining Jeep as Toledo's identity and his integrity and work ethic symbolizes Toledo, Ohio—a city whose motto is: Laborare est Orare, "To Work is to Pray."

In addition to his duties as President of UAW Local 12, Bruce is president of the UAW's Community Action Program, which coordinates political and community action for all seven Toledo area UAW locals. Mr. Baumhower currently also serves on the board of Imagination Station and the Regional Growth Partnership.

As one of the founders of Toledo's Jeep Fest, Bruce has further imprinted Jeep on Toledo. It is said that he and another member had a conversation about Jeep's 75th anniversary.

From that moment, Jeep Fest was born. Eight years later, it is a three day festival drawing thousands of people from all corners and highlighted by a parade of hundreds of iconic Jeeps. Currently Bruce serves on the Board of Directors of Jeep Fest and leads off the parade with union members, who are both actively working and retired, all proud of Jeep's continuing and amazing success—America's most popular vehicle. The parade celebrates and American success story led by union members who show great pride in their roles and led by an energetic President.

The great UAW pioneer Walter Reuther noted, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well." Bruce Baumhower epitomizes these words. His noble spirit guides the Union and the City in which he has played such a pivotal role.

Now as he formally retires, we, wish him well on his journey, knowing he will be spending his time with his wife Kim, three children and eight grandchildren, engaged in all they most enjoy. I thank Bruce for all he has given to our community and our Nation during a trying era for US automotive manufacturing. He makes us proud. May he enjoy a well-earned retirement. May God Bless him unselfishly and continually.

CONGRATULATING THE ASIAN PACIFIC
ISLANDER AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS
SOLANO COUNTY CHAPTER AHEAD OF THEIR 10TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following letter congratulating the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Solano County Chapter ahead of their 10th Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders banquet.

The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Solano County's 10th Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders banquet is a wonderful tribute to our community, and I am proud to represent the organization and the young leaders being honored at this event.

JOHN GARAMENDI,
UNITED STATES CONGRESS,
August 8th, 2025.

Re 10th Annual Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders

APAPA SOLANO COUNTY CHAPTER
Vallejo, CA.

DEAR APAPA-SOC AND 2025 APAPA-SOC INTERNS, It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Solano County Chapter (APAPA-SOC) for another year of exemplary service and join you in celebrating your 10th Annual Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders banquet. Reaching this important milestone is a true testament to your organization's dedication, perseverance and commitment to excellence. APAPA-SOC's continuous efforts to empower Asian and Pacific Islander Americans by encouraging civic participation through leadership and mentorship programs, internships, and scholarships deserve the highest commendation. Over the past decade APAPA-SOC has