

chefs; and the deep pride of our hardworking residents.

Visitors may come for the food, the views, the art—but they leave with something more. A sense of calm, of peace, of awe. They say they have just visited a place where love is paramount—love for a city, a culture, the Earth, and for each other.

I congratulate and Felicidades to Santa Fe—and it has always been No. 1 in our hearts. Now the world knows it too.

HONORING ARLENE BYCZEK OF
WARRENDALE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District recognizes Arlene Byczek, a beloved resident of the Warrendale neighborhood in Detroit, for her decades of unwavering service to our community.

Originally from New Jersey, Arlene moved to Michigan to earn her nursing degree from Henry Ford College and settled in Warrendale with her husband, Richard, in 1975. She dedicated nearly 20 years as a parish treasurer at Sacred Heart of Jesus and continued her community involvement at Ss. Peter and Paul parish, helping with school fundraisers, Scout Troop committee, and serving as a basketball coach.

Arlene played a vital role in local organizing as a founding member of the WaSaTi Block Club and a longtime member of the Warrendale Business Association and Warrendale Community Organization. Most in the community know her as “the Bike Lady,” whose daily rides symbolize her deep love and constant care for her neighbors. Warrendale is better because of her.

The 12th Congressional District celebrates Arlene Byczek for her service to the community and our district. We send Arlene Byczek and her family our best wishes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PHIL GREEN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Phil Green, who passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Phil was an incredible father, citizen, and advocate for ALS patients, and he will be deeply missed.

Phil Green’s journey was one of resilience, dedication, and advocacy. A former walk-on kicker for the 1991 University of Washington National Championship football team, Green went on to build a fulfilling life with his wife Jennifer and their four children, Arianne, Hunter, Parker, and Whitney, in Temecula, California. Unfortunately, he began experiencing unexplained muscle weakness in early 2018 and was diagnosed with ALS later that year.

Following his diagnosis, Green became a tireless advocate, working with prominent ALS organizations such as Augie’s Quest, I AM ALS, and others, and he worked with Major

League Baseball to raise awareness of ALS and Lou Gehrig’s day. Beyond advocacy and raising awareness, Green was committed to advancing research by partnering with UW Medicine to support ALS initiatives at the Center for Translational Muscle Research and the Institute for Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine. His life centered on creating a better future for others with ALS, combining personal courage with public advocacy to drive meaningful change.

Phil is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and four children. I extend my personal and heartfelt condolences to the Green family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Phil. Although he may be gone, Phil’s many contributions have left an enduring legacy. I and many others will keep working until we find a cure for ALS.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
BARUCH SAMUEL BLUMBERG

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary legacy of Dr. Baruch Samuel Blumberg and commemorate 100 years of his enduring impact on scientific advancement and human welfare.

Dr. Blumberg was born on July 28, 1925. In a fitting tribute to his trailblazing discoveries, the world observes World Hepatitis Day on this date each year. In 1967, Dr. Blumberg and his colleagues discovered the Hepatitis B virus and developed the first blood test to detect it. Two years after his discovery, he helped develop the first Hepatitis B vaccine—widely regarded as the world’s first “anti-cancer vaccine.” This seminal contribution had a global impact, reducing Hepatitis B infection rates in Chinese children from 15 percent to 1 percent within a decade. Much of this research was conducted at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1976, Dr. Blumberg was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology, alongside Dr. Daniel Carleton Gajdusek, in recognition of these groundbreaking discoveries.

His contributions to Hepatitis B research extended far beyond his initial breakthroughs. He continued his advocacy and research efforts through helping to establish the Hepatitis B Foundation and the Institute for Hepatitis and Virus Research—later renamed the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute after his passing in 2011. At their Doylestown, Pennsylvania campus, he actively worked with scientists and the public health team. He also served on the Foundation’s Scientific and Medical Advisory Board and as its Distinguished Scholar for nearly two decades.

Beyond his pioneering contributions to Hepatitis B research, Dr. Blumberg’s career was marked by other accomplishments across science, academia, and public service. After high school, he served as a U.S. Navy deck officer during World War II. He later earned his M.D. from Columbia University and a D.Phil. in Biochemistry from Balliol College, Oxford.

Beginning in 1977, Dr. Blumberg was a professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and was the first American to serve

a Master of Balliol College from 1989 to 1994. From 1999 to 2002, he directed the NASA Astrobiology Institute, and in 2001, he was named to the Library of Congress Scholars Council. In 2005, he became President of the American Philosophical Society, continuing his lifelong commitment to scholarship.

Dr. Blumberg’s character was just as remarkable as his professional accomplishments. He was a proud Jewish American born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He credited the teachings of the Talmud with shaping his mental discipline and societal contributions. His friends and colleagues described him as “endlessly curious, deeply compassionate and profoundly impactful.” It was said that during nature walks, he could speak with near encyclopedic knowledge about the plants and animals he encountered. He had a true zest for life and learning, as well as a deep commitment to teaching.

Today, on what would have been his 100th birthday, it is my distinct honor to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg. His unparalleled work continues to save millions of lives, and his example continues to inspire generations of scientists around the world.

CELEBRATING THE 81ST BIRTHDAY
OF DR. HESHAM ALALUSI

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I proudly honor the accomplishments and community dedication of Dr. Hesham Alalusi on his 81st birthday. We recognize his service as a distinguished engineer, educator, and humanitarian work at home and abroad.

He is proud of his roots and being born in Baghdad, Iraq. Dr. Alalusi was orphaned as a teen, and even under enormous challenges, he earned a PhD in civil and structural engineering from UC Berkeley and went on to shape Iraq’s infrastructure and engineering future before political unrest led him to resettle in the U.S.

Dr. Alalusi’s most enduring contribution, however, lies in the founding of the Alalusi Foundation, which has delivered over 830 million in humanitarian aid to orphans, widows, and families in Iraq, Syria, and Palestine, for medical assistance, food security, and access to clean water.

He has been married to his lovely wife, Diana, for 58 years, and has two children and six grandchildren. Dr. Alalusi’s life exemplifies resilience, generosity, and global compassion, and I am proud to uplift his remarkable legacy on his 81st birthday.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF DEDE HOWARD

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor DeDe Howard, an extraordinary woman whose remarkable achievements in pageantry

and philanthropy have inspired individuals across the Nation and beyond. For over four decades, Ms. Howard has shown leadership, compassion, and dedication through her outstanding career and selfless service.

Since capturing the Miss Hemisphere title in 1974, Ms. Howard has earned over 250 pageant titles, including Ms. Italy Worldwide 2000, Mrs. Christian World International 2004, Ms. America World Ambassador 2003, and Mrs. Minnesota United States. Her accolades include induction into the National Registry of the Library of Congress as Ms. Universe Outstanding Woman and the American Biographical Institute's Outstanding Woman of the 21st Century in 2002.

Ms. Howard's philanthropy reflects her compassionate heart. She founded National Teddy Bear Days and the House of Hope for Runaways, uplifting vulnerable youth, and has raised significant funds for Shriners Hospitals, Special Olympics, and Ronald McDonald House Charities. Her service earned her the 1999, Ms. Minnesota Outstanding Service Award, the 2001 Presidential Award, and the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award, among others.

We honor DeDe Howard for her incredible accomplishments, guided by her deep Christian faith, which has cemented her commitment to improving lives. Her legacy as a philanthropist, leader, and beacon of compassion will continue to inspire generations.

HONORING ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the rich history and enduring impact of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the Bronx.

St. Luke's grew from All Saints Mission which began in 1914, meeting in the homes of community members like Mr. and Mrs. William Whitty. Under their leadership, St. Luke's Mission became official in 1921. Through decades of dedicated leadership that has ranged from Reverend Harold McLean to Reverend Hugh Henry, and Reverend Franklin Lionel Reid, St. Luke's has grown both physically and spiritually.

This church has been a pillar of faith and community, expanding its facilities, developing senior housing, and fostering fellowship and outreach programs. Under Reverend Reid's leadership, St. Luke's extended its care beyond the Bronx, reaching vulnerable children in Tanzania and South Africa.

Today, St. Luke's continues to be a beacon of hope and service under Reverend Pierre-Andre Duvert.

I commend St. Luke's for its unwavering commitment to faith, fellowship, and the Bronx community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LIZZIE TOLES

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District recognizes the life and contributions of remarkable resident Lizzie Toles, as she turns 100 years old. We congratulate her on decades of community work that has had a lasting impact on our community.

Lizzie's roots started in Mississippi, where she was born. She moved to Detroit in 1952, eager to work and make our communities a better place. When she worked at a local nursing home, people always loved her smile and conversations that brought so much warmth and comfort to every person she met. Mother Lizzie has three children—James, Patricia, and Jerry—and has five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Apart from her career and family, Lizzie has remained an active member of the community through her participation in water aerobics, bowling, and the Derrick Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. She loves her garden, and her home is surrounded by beautiful flowers, which reflect her love for nature. Join me in celebrating Ms. Lizzie on 100 years of life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MS. JAN SETNOR

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Jan Setnor, MSN, CRNA, Col. (Ret), USAFR, NC. Ms. Setnor will soon complete her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA). I am proud that Ms. Setnor was elected as the 2024 to 2025 president of this prestigious healthcare organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer more than 50 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals. CRNAs have full practice authority in the Army, Navy, and Air Force and are the predominant provider of anesthesia on forward surgical teams and in combat support hospitals.

As an AANA member since 1996, Ms. Setnor has contributed greatly to the healthcare community nationwide. She has held numerous state and national nurse anesthesiology leadership positions, including previous service on the AANA Board of Directors as President-Elect, Vice-President and, Director (as well as two terms as president of the Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

(VANA)). Her extensive involvement with the AANA includes roles as the Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists AANA Liaison, Professional Development Chair, and participation in various committees, including Political Action and Communications.

She served in the United States Air Force Reserve, retiring with 26 years of honorable service. Setnor's roles included Flight Nurse Instructor/Evaluator, CRNA, and senior staff member for the Air Force Surgeon General. Notably, she served in Afghanistan as both the Anesthesia Team Lead in the largest in-country medical facility and as the sole anesthesia provider at a Special Forces Forward Operating Base.

In addition to her work with the AANA and VANA, Setnor has contributed to the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care as a member of the Governance Unit-Standards Development Committee and served as the CRNA Advisor to the Virginia Board of Nursing's Committee of the Joint Board of Medicine and Nursing.

Ms. Setnor earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

During her AANA presidency, Ms. Setnor has been a prominent advocate for the patients and practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. She has worked tirelessly to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system. Ms. Setnor has advocated to eliminate burdensome regulations for CRNAs, to have CRNAs recognized as full practice providers in the Veterans Health Administration, and to address underlying causes of surprise billing such as provider discrimination.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Setnor today on a job well done. Her service to AANA and her commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Setnor's notable career and outstanding achievements.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend The Claremont Colleges on their 100th Anniversary. I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, on October 14, 1925, The Claremont Colleges were founded with the vision of creating a unique consortium of world-class institutions rooted in academic excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a shared commitment to the liberal arts and sciences; and

Whereas, for 100 years, The Claremont Colleges have contributed immeasurably to the intellectual, cultural, and civic life of California, the nation, and the world through the education of generations of students, groundbreaking research, and public service; and

Whereas, the consortium, comprising five undergraduate colleges and two graduate institutions, exemplifies the values of innovation; freedom of thought and expression; a