

achievements, maintain the pioneer attitude, and strive to better their village through the principles on which it was founded. I thank and congratulate Tontogany on this significant milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
VILLAREAL JOHNSON, SR.

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 8, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Villareal Johnson, Sr. Villareal was a District of Columbia native, military veteran and dedicated civil servant. He passed on July 7, 2025, in the District of Columbia.

From a young age, Villareal had an interest in military service and saw himself fighting for what was right. Villareal followed his interests and joined the military, where he served in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm. In 2013, Villareal retired from military service with the Sergeant First Class rank, after serving in the Army, Army Reserves, and D.C. National Guard, as Military Police. After his retirement from military service, Villareal, like his father, began a career in the civil service, working as an investigator for the Child Support Division of Office of the D.C. Attorney General.

Villareal's dedication to service extended beyond his work. In his spare time, he tirelessly served his community as Boy Scout troop leader for Minnesota Ave. Troop No. 1202, where he shared his passions for the outdoors with his scouts and taught boys wilderness survival skills. In addition to his passion for the outdoors, Villareal was also passionate about do-it-yourself projects and the arts, as he was an artist, poet and writer.

Villareal's selflessness and dedication to both D.C. and our Nation should be recognized. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life and legacy of Villareal Johnson, Sr.

RECOGNIZING THE CONIFER AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 8, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Conifer Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Conifer Area Chamber of Commerce is a crucial support system for businesses and the community of Conifer, offering workshops on marketing, managing finances, and other economic opportunities for residents. In addition, the Chamber connects local small businesses and non-profits with the resources to grow their organizations, support staff development, and connect with new customers and members.

Under President Beth Schneider and the board's leadership, the Chamber has hosted a variety of events, which bring the community closer together and has paved the way for the town to foster a thriving economy.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to

congratulate the Conifer Area of Commerce for 50 years of service and thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF LEONARDO "FLACO" JIMÉNEZ

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 8, 2025*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Leonardo "Flaco" Jiménez who passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2025. A pioneer of Conjunto music, his music powerfully defined the arts. He brought generations together through his one-of-a-kind talent. He is survived by his wife, Adela, his eight children, and his brother, Santiago Jiménez, Jr.

A San Antonio native, Mr. Jiménez was born into a family of musicians. He was the grandson and son of trailblazing accordionists who encouraged "Flaco" to pursue music. He played with his father's band as a child, launching a career that spanned more than seven decades.

As "Flaco" began to master the accordion, he soon packed Texas' dance halls at a young age. His performances captivated audiences and spread throughout the country. His incredible talent led to collaborations with notable musicians who dominated the air waves. These collaborations exposed regions across the country and world to the Conjunto sound.

"Flaco" was an international ambassador of Conjunto music, and by extension, Mexican-American culture. Everywhere he performed, the rhythm from his accordion did more than move the crowd. It exposed people to the Mexican-American ethos. The shared stories of hope, love, perseverance and triumph touched and shaped the soundtrack of American life.

The power in "Flaco's" music forged a legacy defined by success. With albums such as *¡Ay Te Dejo en San Antonio y Más!*, and hits like "Margarita, Margarita" and "(Hey Baby) Que Paso," he received many prestigious accolades. "Flaco" became a 6-time Grammy Award Winning artist and received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. His album, *Partners*, was inducted into the National Recording Registry at the Library of Congress in 2021. He also received various hall of fame inductions and lifetime awards.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the life and legacy of a Conjunto and Tejano music icon who will long be remembered in my hometown, across the State of Texas, and around the world.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH-  
DAY OF MARY JANE  
COURTRIGHT

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 8, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary constituent from my district, Mrs. Mary Jane Courtright. Born on August 7, 1925, Jane exemplifies a century of steadfast dedication to education, family,

and community service. Her 100 years of life stand as a powerful testament to a life lived in service to others.

Jane's commitment to education was evident early on. She graduated first in her class from Camden Catholic High School and was awarded a full scholarship to Georgian Court College. There, she earned a bachelor of science in chemistry in 1946 while also serving as senior class vice president, in addition to participating in a plethora of other clubs and student activities. She went on to earn two master's degrees, one in science education and another in chemistry.

For over 25 years, Jane taught chemistry at Council Rock High School. As the only female educator in the school's science department at the start of her career, she pioneered the implementation of the AP chemistry program—a program that continues to flourish today.

In 1950, Jane married Joseph Albert Courtright and supported his service in the U.S. Navy, living in Philadelphia, Pearl Harbor, and Port Hueneme before settling in Warminster, Pennsylvania. After her husband's passing in 1958 while in the service of his country, Jane raised their five children with unwavering devotion and grace. Her strength and love built a family that now spans seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Beyond her roles as an educator and a mother, Jane served as the President of the Federated Women's Club of Warminster. Notably, she spearheaded a community initiative to create a lending library. By placing collection cartons in local grocery stores for donated books, Jane amassed an extensive collection of literature. Jane's initiative eventually grew into the Warminster Township Free Library, which today boasts over 100,000 volumes of literary works. Jane served as both president and treasurer of the Founding Library Board of Directors, volunteering for 54 years.

Jane actively practiced her faith as a parishioner and volunteer at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Warminster. In her service to the parish, Jane saw a need and organized Nativity's program to provide religious instruction for public school students. She served as principal of the new CCD program for several years and continued as a volunteer instructor for many more.

Now, as she approaches age 100, Jane remains an extraordinary force—focusing on her personal fitness with her trainer Sabrina Willard, who helped in her recovery from cancer and with whom she has now worked for the past 24 years.

As we celebrate Jane's 100th birthday, we honor her enduring dedication to Bucks County as an educator, community servant, loving mother, and an inspiring woman of remarkable strength and character.

CELEBRATING DIVJOT WARAICH  
AND AMANJOT SIDHU ON THEIR  
RECENT MARRIAGE

**HON. JANELLE S. BYNUM**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 8, 2025*

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent marriage of Divjot Waraich and Amanjot Sidhu. Divjot, the son of Sarabjeet and Ravinder, and Amanjot, the

daughter of Inderjit and Rupinder, cemented their bond on August 1, 2025. I rise to wish them both a lifetime of love, joy, and success together. I am so excited to see what the future brings the two of them. I congratulate Divjot and Amanjot.

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RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF  
LAKEWOOD

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 8, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Lakewood, Colorado,

for its induction into the All-America City Hall of Fame for its Sustainable Neighborhoods Program.

Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhoods program has brought residents together to promote water conservation, address food access issues, and reduce waste and neighborhood emissions. This program has served as a model for neighborhoods nationwide, empowering residents and their communities to adopt more sustainable lifestyles and reduce their ecological footprint.

The All-America City award from the National Civic League recognizes outstanding communities that leverage civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, and innovation to address local issues. It is because of the col-

lective efforts of communities like the City of Lakewood that we can hope for a greener future.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to thank the City of Lakewood for its hard work and dedication to sustainability in our community.