

youth through education, mentorship, and community involvement.

A resident of Panola County, Dr. Clark has devoted over 32 years to education, serving in the North Panola, South Panola, and East Tallahatchie School Districts. Her dedication earned her the title of Teacher of the Year and a role on the district leadership team. She holds a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Christian Education, a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, and a bachelor's in Special Education and Reading—earned from institutions including Jackson State University, Walden University, Lincoln University, and Grand Canyon University.

Born in New Orleans to Marie B. and J.C. Clark, Dr. Clark was raised with strong values of service and excellence. She became the first Black woman to run for alderman in Pope, Mississippi. Her family's legacy includes her mother, the first Black nurse in the South Panola School District, and her brother, Dr. Brel Clark, the district's first Black valedictorian.

Dr. Clark is the proud mother of Alisha Bland, Julianne, and Jerlisha Gipson; a grandmother; a great-grandmother; and a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. A former twirler for the world-famous Sonic Boom of the South at Jackson State University, she performed nationally with pride and grace.

She has served as Youth Director for Pope Chapel AME Zion Church for 40 years and as Lay Council President at the church, district, and conference levels. Her leadership has inspired countless youth through faith, education, and purpose-driven service, organizing impactful programs and attending conferences across the country.

Dr. Margie Faye Clark is deeply dedicated to serving not only her local community but also surrounding areas across state lines. Through her nonprofit, Amarie Youth Impact, she has led numerous outreach initiatives, educational workshops, and mentorship programs that have benefited youth and families in Mississippi and beyond. As Vice President of the local NAACP chapter, she advocates for equity and justice while continuing to empower youth through Amarie Youth Impact. Her influence extends widely, driven by a mission to uplift and inspire.

Dr. Clark's life is a testimony of faith, family, and fortitude. She lives by Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Her legacy is one of sowing seeds that continue to bear fruit in the lives of future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Margie Clark for her dedication to serving this great state and country.

HONORING DAVID GROFF FOR HIS DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Mr. David Groff for his 50 years of service with Garden Spot Fire Rescue (GSFR).

Mr. Groff began his service as a firefighter, joining the then-called Liberty Fire Company at

his friends' invitation when he was 17 years old. From his early days with the department, he demonstrated a heartfelt dedication to bettering his community, saving countless victims from fires, and of all kinds of danger, particularly vehicular incidents. Having entered prior to the implantation of modern rescue technology, such as the Hurst Power Rescue Tool, Mr. Groff rescued victims by hand and demonstrated an undeterred spirit for service.

For 19 years, he served as a career emergency medical technician, or EMT, with Brickerville Fire & EMS Company. He went on to become GSFR's EMS sergeant, where he played a key role in securing a Quick Response Service certification from the Pennsylvania State Department of Health. Throughout his time with Garden Spot Fire Rescue, he has helped further the department's reputation for safety, excellence, and efficiency.

Despite battling cancer, Mr. Groff remains committed to serving his community. His unwavering stamina toward making a difference deserves recognition. I am grateful for his selfless years of service to his community and for all he has done for Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY B. CABALLERO, MPH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS (AAPCHO)

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of our community, Executive Director of the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations Jeffrey B. Caballero, MPH, who has received the Hepatitis B Foundation's 2025 Community Leadership Award.

Prior to becoming Executive Director of the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Jeffrey began his journey at the University of California, San Diego where he studied biochemistry and cell biology. After graduating UC San Diego in 1988, he continued his studies at the University of California, Los Angeles—School of Public Health where he received his Master of Public Health degree. He also attended UCLA Anderson School of Management's Health Care Executive Program.

Since 1993, Jeffrey and his colleagues at the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations have dedicated their time and energy to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Jeffrey's oversight of the overall strategic direction and execution of the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations' mission seeks to bring about a world in which all the communities AAPCHO serves have equitable access to affordable, high quality, and culturally and linguistically proficient health care. To date, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations comprises 34 community health organizations serving over 750,000 patients nationwide.

Additionally, Jeffrey acts as the founding co-chair of Hep B United, a national coalition to unify and enhance local coalitions and community health centers dedicated to eliminating Hepatitis B virus infections and its complications. Hep B United was founded in 2013 as a partnership between the Hepatitis B Foundation and AAPCHO and has done incredible work in elevating Hepatitis B as a national priority. His lifetime commitment to eliminating health disparities related to Hepatitis B as well as liver cancer and his broader efforts to improving the lives of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been recognized by the Hepatitis B Foundation through his receiving the 2025 Community Leadership Award.

I wish to congratulate Jeffrey on his almost four decades of service to Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders and on his well-deserved recognition from the Hepatitis B Foundation.

HONORING DR. LYNN COMINSKY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker I rise today, along with my colleague, Mr. HUFFMAN, to honor Dr. Lynn Cominsky, an esteemed member of the Sonoma County educational community. After 39 years of service to Sonoma State University, Dr. Cominsky will assume the title of Emerita EdEon Director, marking a major milestone in her remarkable career championing public science education and outreach.

Dr. Cominsky earned her bachelor of arts in physics from Brandeis University in 1975, graduating magna cum laude with honors in chemistry. She went on to earn her Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981. In 1986, she joined the faculty of Sonoma State University as an associate professor of physics and astronomy, becoming a full professor at the university in 1991. She served as Chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy from 2004 to 2019, and twice as Chair of the Chemistry Department from 2005 to 2007 and again from 2018 to 2019. Through her cross-disciplinary leadership, Dr. Cominsky helped shape the academic direction of Sonoma State for nearly four decades.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Cominsky worked to expand equity in STEM education, especially for underserved and underrepresented students. She was instrumental in supporting Sonoma State's designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and helped develop national resources for autistic learners. She secured tens of millions of dollars in grant funding to support inclusive science programming and reduce bias and harassment in academia.

Dr. Cominsky also founded and led EdEon STEM Learning, Sonoma State's education and outreach center focused on space and Earth science. Under her direction, EdEon developed K-14 curriculum and classroom tools that engaged students and educators in cutting-edge research and inquiry-based learning. In partnership with NASA, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Education, EdEon created innovative ways to

engage students with astrophysics, Earth science, and engineering concepts, and built professional learning communities for educators across the country. The center collaborated with NASA on missions such as Swift, NuSTAR, and Fermi, producing educator guides, simulations, and videos used nationwide. EdEon also created programming for the NSF's LIGO project and led teacher training workshops that strengthened STEM education in underserved communities.

Among her many honors, Dr. Cominsky is the recipient of the Frank J. Malina Astronautics Medal, the American Astronomical Society Education Prize, the Sally Ride Excellence in Education Award, and was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Her work has been recognized nationally for advancing science education and outreach.

Dr. Cominsky currently resides in Sonoma County. She was married to the late Garret Jernigan, with whom she shared 42 years of partnership until his passing in 2022. In addition to her professional work, she is a dedicated mentor, public speaker, and advocate for expanding access to STEM fields across communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we recognize Dr. Lynn Cominsky for her extraordinary career and decades of service to education, Sonoma County, and the broader scientific community.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISE NOT TO RAISE THE SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE RETIREMENT AGE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a Resolution Affirming the President's Promise Not to Raise the Social Security and Medicare Retirement Age.

Social Security and Medicare are solemn promises made to generations of American workers who have paid into these hard-earned benefits during their working years.

Yesterday, Social Security celebrated its 90th birthday, and our resolution demonstrates continued support from Congress for this program so it can continue to support Americans throughout their retirement for decades to come.

As more than 11,000 Americans turn 65 each day, many will turn to these programs to access care and start their retirement. It is our duty to ensure these programs will be here for them to utilize in their golden years and not create delays to access these benefits.

Raising the retirement age would reduce benefits for millions of Americans, placing an unnecessary burden on seniors and those close to retirement who can't afford to wait to access their earned benefits.

I promise to oppose any changes to the retirement age for these vital national programs, just as President Trump stated on July 8, 2024. I agree with President Trump that we mustn't raise the Social Security and Medicare Retirement Age.

In a time of division, I'm glad to be able to find issues where people from both parties can agree.

I thank my colleagues who have already joined my resolution, and I urge all my colleagues to consider supporting this resolution which demonstrates the House of Representatives dedication to protect retirement security by not raising the retirement age.

HONORING THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE EXPANSION OF UNC CHARLOTTE'S JERRY RICHARDSON FOOTBALL STA- DIUM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the groundbreaking first expansion phase at my alma mater's, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Jerry Richardson Stadium. It is a privilege to honor UNC Charlotte and the 49ers community on this occasion that represents progress, pride, and great potential.

On August 27, 2025, the ceremony for the first expansion phase at Jerry Richardson Stadium, home of the UNC Charlotte 49ers football team, will commence. The renovations will include a new west tower that will house team dining, recruiting space, and a community event area. This groundbreaking will support Charlotte's growing role as a college football and sports tourism hub, as well as lay the foundation for the next generation of milestones, championship seasons, and moments to inspire pride across our entire state and region.

The renovations will significantly enhance fans' experiences by offering premium seating, including suites, club seating, boxes, ledge seating, and an east and west deck outdoor patio space. The beginning stages of the new project will increase capacity from just over 15,000 to over 18,000, with the potential to expand to 21,000 in future phases. These renovations will provide UNC Charlotte with new opportunities to host bowl games, high school championships, concerts, and community events.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the groundbreaking for the first expansion phase of Jerry Richardson Stadium at my alma mater, UNC Charlotte. I look forward to the positive impact these renovations will have on the UNC Charlotte football program, student-athletes, fans, and the entire community. I am proud to be associated with a university that is shaping North Carolina's future through education, innovation, and now, world-class athletic facilities.

RECOGNIZING BUCKS COUNTY AMERICANS FOR NATIVE AMERI- CANS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valuable contributions of Americans for Native Americans (ANA), a dedicated organization primarily supported by

benefactors from Central Bucks County, which lies within my district in Pennsylvania.

ANA is dedicated to improving the lives of Native Americans in the Hopi, Navajo, and Zuni Nations in the American Southwest. By providing essential goods and services, ANA addresses critical community needs while serving as a foundation for greater self-reliance and long-term empowerment.

Connie and Bill Eastburn founded this organization by recognizing pressing needs in these Native American communities—warmth, structure, and shelter. When they learned that 17 Navajo men had tragically passed away due to inadequate shelter, Connie and Bill jumped into action. Now, partnered with numerous organizations, they have been committed to helping and improving the lives of Native Americans in the American Southwest.

One facet of ANA's outreach efforts includes programs focused on supporting the wellbeing and education of Native American children. The largest program, Food for Kids, provides schoolchildren with much-needed meals. With the help of ANA's generous donors, the program's funding skyrocketed from \$10,000 in 2004 to \$178,400 in 2024–2025. Other programs include Clothing for Kids, Eyeglass Program, and the Family and Child Education Program—all of which support and empower these children and their families.

In addition, ANA supports the education of University of New Mexico-Gallup nursing students. By providing scholarships and financial aid to aspiring Native American nurses since 2006, ANA has sponsored 349 Associate Degrees in Nursing through its Advanced Degree Scholarships—totaling \$318,278 of educational aid. By investing in the next generation of healthcare professionals, ANA helps establish pathways toward self-reliance, economic opportunity, and improved health services within these Native American communities.

Furthermore, ANA pilots a program providing free veterinary care for Native Americans and their animals on Navajo and Zuni reservations. In partnership with various Zuni organizations, ANA began construction of a fully self-sustainable veterinary clinic—a vital step toward achieving their goal of equipping these communities with the resources needed for self-sufficiency.

Americans for Native Americans continues to leave an indelible mark on the Hopi, Navajo, and Zuni Nations in the American Southwest. I rise to recognize the incredible accomplishments of this esteemed organization and I commemorate their efforts and dedication. Through the endless passion and dedication of Central Bucks County residents, this organization demonstrates their unwavering commitment to serving these communities.

HONORING DARIO SATTUI AND V. SATTUI WINERY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dario Sattui and his V. Sattui Winery as they celebrate 50 years of winemaking excellence in our Napa Valley. Mr. Sattui's vision, dedication to our community,