

beloved institution and its legacy. I look forward to seeing it continue to bring joy to generations of families for years to come.

HONORING MRS. MONZOLA
RANDLE ROSS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong educator, community matriarch, and steadfast servant leader, Mrs. Monzola Randle Ross of Cruger, Mississippi.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Longevity has its place." That truth finds a shining example in the remarkable career and impact of Mrs. Ross, who faithfully served 41 consecutive years with Central Mississippi, Inc. Head Start, shaping the lives of more than 2,400 children across Holmes County.

Mrs. Ross began her journey in early childhood education as a part-time secretary at the Holly Grove Head Start Center. Through her dedication and love for children, she rose to become a teacher, then head teacher, and eventually center manager. Even after the closing of Holly Grove, her commitment never wavered. She continued to serve with excellence at the Goodman Head Start Center until her recent retirement.

More than an educator, Mrs. Ross was a life-mentor. From her handmade brown-paper-bag puppets "Mr. Do" and "Mr. Don't," to the life lessons she instilled in every classroom, she taught not only ABCs and 123s, but discipline, respect, and purpose. Her former students have gone on to become teachers, entrepreneurs, ministers, realtors, health professionals, farmers, public servants, and even Head Start managers themselves. In every one of their stories, her legacy endures.

She holds a national Child Development Associate credential and has received numerous awards throughout her career. Yet, her greatest reward came from the joy of watching children grow, thrive, and succeed—and from the unwavering support of her late husband, Mr. Albert Ross, her daughters Rose Berry, Lawanda Ross, and Pamela Wiley, and her beloved grandchildren.

Even in retirement, Mrs. Ross remains a pillar of the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington, Mississippi, where her celebration drew nearly 100 well-wishers—friends, family, and former students who came from as far as the West Coast and Chicago. The event featured touching tributes, musical performances, and reflections from those whose lives she touched most deeply.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating Mrs. Monzola Randle Ross for her extraordinary devotion to early childhood education, her love for her community, and her enduring legacy of compassion, excellence, and service. Mississippi is better because of her.

HONORING MARC SALTZBERG

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life and legacy of my friend Marc Saltzberg. He passed away peacefully on June 27, 2025, surrounded by his loving family following a prolonged battle with cancer.

After his retirement from a successful career in information technology, Marc dedicated himself to political activism. He became an integral member of local advocacy organizations, tirelessly supporting causes that he was passionate about. More than just a supporter, Marc sought to create spaces for open and thoughtful civil and political discourse within his community, fostering engagement at the grassroots level in ways that uplifted those around him.

Born in Chicago, Marc's journey took him to Carleton College, where he met his beloved wife, Nancy. Their shared passion for travel led them to countless adventures as a couple. In their youth, they hiked in Nepal, explored Turkey, and cycled in France. In later years, they returned to Turkey with their three children, Jenny, Alex, and Maria, as a testament to their lifelong sense of wonder and curiosity.

Marc's contributions to his community and to the causes he held dear are a true testament to his character. His commitment to the betterment of society was unwavering, and he and his family were committed to supporting organizations serving communities in need and environmental causes. Some of these organizations included Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union, Doctors Without Borders, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and many more. These causes reflected Marc's enduring belief in justice, compassion, and a better future for all.

Marc is survived by his wife Nancy, his children Jenny, Alex, and Maria, and his grandchildren. May his contributions to serving people in need live on through the people and organizations that he touched throughout his life.

Marc was a proud father, grandfather, and dedicated activist. His legacy of service and engagement will continue to inspire and guide many after him. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF FORMER FIRST LADY, MRS.
ROSALYNN CARTER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a former First Lady of the United States, former First Lady of Georgia, a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother and great-grandmother, tireless advocate, and dear friend, Mrs. Rosalynn Carter. Mrs. Carter transitioned from this life on November 19, 2023. On August 18, 2025, a wreath was laid at her burial site in Plains, Georgia to commemorate her birthday and all she did to serve humankind.

Rosalynn Carter was born and raised in Plains, Georgia to the union of Wilburn Edgar

Smith and Frances Allethea "Allie" Murray Smith. She graduated as valedictorian of Plains High School and then attended Georgia Southwestern College—now Georgia Southwestern State University—in Americus, Georgia where she served as Vice President of her class and graduated in 1946. In 1945 she began dating James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr., also from Plains and whose family farmed peanuts. Jimmy was attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, at the time. Jimmy and Rosalynn married in Plains on July 7, 1946, and they would go on to spend seventy-seven cherished years together.

In 1953, following the death of President Carter's father, the Carters returned to Plains and Mrs. Carter assumed responsibility for bookkeeping at the family peanut farm and established herself as an essential part of the business. After Jimmy was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1962, Rosalynn's role on the peanut farm grew, especially while he traveled to Atlanta for legislative sessions.

In 1970, Senator Jimmy Carter launched his campaign for governor and Rosalynn took a leading role on the campaign trail. In addition to handling most of her husband's political correspondence and meeting with constituents, Mrs. Carter began to travel across the state of Georgia to campaign on his behalf. From 1971 to 1975, as First Lady of Georgia, she was an equal partner and close advisor to Governor Carter and dedicated herself to improving mental health services, serving on the Governor's Commission to Improve Services for the Mentally and Emotionally Handicapped where she formally began working on one of her foremost initiatives: improving and breaking the stigma surrounding mental health.

Before returning to Plains, Jimmy had already announced he was running for President in the 1976 election. Rosalynn was by his side, as always, and hit the road to talk with voters across the country. She told people why she believed this soft-spoken, Georgia peanut farmer should become president. In November of 1976, Jimmy Carter became President-elect of the United States and Rosalynn followed him to the White House where she would make her own mark in defining what it meant to be America's First Lady.

As First Lady of the United States from 1977 to 1981, Mrs. Carter attended Cabinet meetings, worked on domestic policy, and served as Honorary Chair of the President's Commission on Mental Health. In 1979, she testified before a U.S. Senate subcommittee in support of the Mental Health Systems Act, becoming the first First Lady since Eleanor Roosevelt to testify before Congress.

After leaving the White House, Mrs. Carter remained active in humanitarian work. She and President Carter devoted decades to Habitat for Humanity, where they built and repaired homes in communities around the world. In 1982, they founded the Carter Center, a nonprofit human rights organization, which has since become famous for its work to eradicate disease, strengthen democracies, and alleviate human suffering all around the world. In 1987, she established the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers at Georgia Southwestern State University, which continues to support those caring for loved ones with chronic illnesses or disabilities.

Over the course of her life, Rosalynn received numerous awards and honors, including being inducted into the National Women's

Hall of Fame in 2001 and being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999, which she was jointly awarded alongside President Carter.

Rosalynn Carter accomplished so much, for so many, for so long. She did so with the grace of God as well as the love and support of her devoted husband, their five children, and their twenty-two grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On a personal note, it has been an honor to know Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter for more than half a century. I will always cherish their friendship, as well as their sage counsel and advice which has been invaluable to me as I have served in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and service of Mrs. Rosalynn Carter on the occasion of her birthday. We pray for all those who continue to mourn her loss.

TRIBUTE TO LISA KAWAMURA—
CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRES-
SIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Lisa Kawamura of Arroyo Grande, California.

For more than 25 years, Lisa has been a dedicated lecturer in the Department of Communication Studies at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She has taught hundreds of students in public speaking, performance studies, and forensics, leaving a lasting mark as a mentor and role model. Beyond the classroom, she has served as the longtime advisor to the Nikkei Student Union Club, ensuring that students have a supportive community and opportunities for leadership.

Lisa's leadership extends well beyond the campus. As President of the Cal Poly Chapter

of the California Faculty Association and as Chair of the statewide Committee on Contract Development and Bargaining Strategy, she has been a steadfast advocate for fair pay, equity, and improved working conditions for all California State University faculty. She also represents her peers on the CFA statewide Board of Directors, amplifying the voices of faculty throughout the CSU system. Her commitment to equity is evident in her leadership of CalFac's Anti-Racism and Social Justice workshops, which she regularly co-leads across California. As a Japanese-American woman and longtime Central Coast resident, she brings both lived experience and deep empathy to her work, encouraging other women of color to speak up, advocate for themselves, and pursue leadership opportunities.

Lisa's service to the Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi American community is equally significant. She is a member of the CFA APIDA Caucus and previously served as Chair, working to advance visibility and representation at Cal Poly and across the CSU system. She is also active with Tsuru for Solidarity, a social justice organization dedicated to supporting immigrant rights and providing healing spaces for those impacted by incarceration—both historically during World War II and in the present day.

Lisa Kawamura is well known for her kindness, availability, and integrity. She is "only a phone call away" for her colleagues and students, and she consistently uplifts others by making sure their voices are heard. She has become a trusted mentor, dynamic public speaker, and respected leader in the Central Coast community.

I am honored to recognize Lisa Kawamura for her lifelong commitment to education, equity, and justice. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Lisa Kawamura, for her outstanding service to her students, colleagues, and community.

HONORING GLORIA GLOVER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Gloria

Glover for her remarkable dedication and service as Youth Director at New Green Grove Church of Faith in Greenwood, Mississippi. For over 20 years, Ms. Glover has been a steadfast leader, guiding and inspiring young people in her community through spiritual growth, education, and outreach.

Under her leadership, the youth ministry has flourished, encompassing a praise team, praise dancers, and numerous community service initiatives. Ms. Glover, alongside her daughter, LaFonda Knox, and youth minister Robert Keyon Beamon, has played an essential role in creating a vibrant and supportive environment where young members can grow in faith and contribute meaningfully to their community.

Bishop Milton Glass, pastor of New Green Grove for 30 years, affirms that the youth ministry's success has been vital to the church's growth and vitality. Thanks to Ms. Glover's tireless efforts, the ministry has grown to welcome new young members every month, many of whom have been baptized and actively participate in church life.

The young people under Ms. Glover's guidance have dedicated themselves to serving others. They have organized and delivered meals to seniors, collected and distributed socks and blankets to nursing home residents, gathered food for the Community Kitchen and disaster victims, and supplied hygiene products to the Delta Correctional Facility. Their outreach also includes toy drives supporting children during family visits to the prison, reflecting a deep commitment to compassion and community service.

Despite challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic and concerns over gun violence, Ms. Glover and the youth ministry have persevered, fostering a spirit of resilience and faith. Her leadership ensures that the church continues to be a beacon of hope and growth, especially for the young people who represent its future.

Today, I commend Gloria Glover for her outstanding commitment to empowering youth, strengthening her church, and serving her community. Her work exemplifies the profound impact that dedicated individuals can have on shaping lives and nurturing the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Gloria Glover's exceptional service and lasting legacy.