

On behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, I extend our deepest thanks to Lieutenant Governor Benavente, his wife Vicky Benavente, their children, and family for a lifetime of service to our Commonwealth.

CELEBRATING THE EXEMPLARY
LEADERSHIP OF MS. DALILAH
GARCÍA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to recognize Dalilah García, President of FemCity Brownsville, of a women empowerment organization.

Ms. García was recently honored as one of twelve 2025 Women of Distinction by the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC) for her unstoppable resilience, dedication to female empowerment, and rich cultural heritage.

Dalilah García is an example of what it means to build community, leadership, and foster inclusivity. She boasts over five years of experience in public relations, business, organizational development, and project management.

Prior to her role as President of FemCity Brownsville, Ms. García served as a Census Media Specialist at the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

After her work with the EDA, she assumed her role as President of FemCity Brownsville in December of 2017. In her current role, she collaborates and organizes monthly gatherings, workshops, and business support services for women in our community hoping to become entrepreneurs and success stories in their own right.

In addition to her professional endeavors, Ms. García is a recipient of the 2025 Estrella de Tejas Award. This award is presented to outstanding Hispanic women who have made great contributions to their local communities and serve as role models for other women.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of South Texas, I wish to honor Dalilah García for her commitment to women empowerment and our community. Her advocacy has changed the landscape of our region, and her story is only just beginning.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER
OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COACH-
ING ICON PHIL ROBBINS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional dedication and service of legendary coach Phil Robbins, a dedicated football coach in Southwest Virginia who helped build legacies across the district.

As a student-athlete, Coach Robbins played both college football and baseball at Emory & Henry College. His time at Emory & Henry made an impression on him to continue in the world of sports as a leader, mentor, and coach.

His coaching career started as an assistant coach at Washington County's Patrick Henry High School for four years. In 1971, Coach Robbins took over the football program at John Battle High School in Washington County.

Later in 1977, Coach Robbins led Christiansburg High School in Montgomery County. He helped lead the Blue Demons to the program's first playoff game in 1981.

Coach Robbins then went to Powell Valley High School in Wise County, where he would build a strong foundation for a storied football program that achieved monumental success. From 1983 until the school's final football season in the fall of 2010, Coach Robbins helped Powell Valley claim seven state titles. During that time frame, his teams accumulated more than 260 wins.

According to Tim Hayes of the Bristol Herald Courier, the 1998 Powell Valley team under Coach Robbins is considered by many as the best prep football squad to play in the coalfields of Southwest Virginia.

His coaching not only produced NFL running backs Thomas Jones and Julius Jones, but countless college standouts over the course of his career and many who followed in his coaching footsteps. Coach Robbins contributed to other programs, including Powell Valley's track and field program. Under his tenure, Powell Valley's track and field team produced two state titles.

After his tenure with Powell Valley, Coach Robbins remained in the coaching community. He spent the past few years helping with the football team at the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

Southwest Virginia communities appreciated all the hard work and dedication that Coach Robbins put into the development of student-athletes in the region. Last year, the Phil Robbins Field was christened at Wise County's Bullitt Park, where Union High School plays its football games. With this, we honor Coach Robbins in the most memorable way. Players and coaches should be inspired by his legacy, defined by a deep personal calling to coaching and athletics in communities across Southwest Virginia.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF H.E. CHRISTIAN "CHRIS"
PEEPLS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of H.E. Christian "Chris" Peeples, a dedicated public servant and tireless advocate for public transit whose decades of service improved the lives of countless residents in the East Bay and beyond.

Chris Peeples was first appointed to the AC Transit Board of Directors in November 1997 to fill one of the District's two At-Large Board positions. He went on to earn the trust of voters time and again, being elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020. Over the course of his distinguished tenure, he represented Ward 1—including Albany, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Richmond, San Pablo, and the surrounding unincorporated

communities—with energy, vision, and compassion.

A longtime champion for transit riders, Director Peeples was deeply engaged in the AC Bus Riders Union, Alliance for AC Transit, Regional Alliance for Transit, Alliance for Sensible Transit, and the Coalition for a One Stop Terminal, among many other groups. His commitment extended beyond the Bay Area, as he actively participated in the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies and the American Public Transportation Association, where he elevated local priorities to national and international conversations.

Director Peeples was especially devoted to advancing clean transportation and was a strong proponent of AC Transit's groundbreaking zero-emission fuel cell bus program. He spoke at and moderated panels across the country and abroad, promoting hydrogen and zero-emission transit as solutions to climate change and air pollution.

Chris was also a pillar of civic life, serving on the Oakland Ethics Commission and numerous community and political bodies. A graduate of Crown College, University of California at Santa Cruz, and Hastings College of the Law, he combined his intellectual rigor with a passion for equity and sustainability.

Christian Peeples leaves behind a legacy of advocacy, innovation, and public service that will endure for generations. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his extraordinary life and in extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and the community he served so faithfully.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF UAW
LOCAL 14

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special occasion for UAW Local 14 in my District. Tomorrow, on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, the union will celebrate 90 Years of Solidarity: A Milestone for UAW Local 14 . . . a testament to the enduring strength, unity, and unwavering spirit of our membership.

Throughout the decades, UAW Local 14 has been at the vanguard of manufacturing while at the same time ensuring worker rights, dignity and economic fairness, making history while leaving a legacy of accomplishments that continues to benefit workers across the Nation.

In 1935 a strike was called at Chevrolet Toledo. During the three-week strike, full bargaining rights were established as well as seniority. These key elements laid the foundation for the union's strength yet today.

In 1936 a national agreement, led by founder Bob Travis, allowed for the saving of the Chevrolet plant. This effort to spread unionization began with a 44-day "sit-down strike" and demonstrated the strength of solidarity.

One of the most difficult strikes in Toledo—fifty years after the deadly Auto-Lite Strike—was the 285-day AP Parts strike. The union held firm through this challenge to bring about a resolution beneficial to all.

Turning toward the future, UAW Local 14, General Motors, and Toledo Public Schools

came together in partnership to establish the Toledo Technology Academy. The legendary Local 14 leader Oscar Bunch, understanding the critical need for training in the advanced technologies taking shape, secured this innovative Toledo Public School in 1997 which thrives today.

Through the years UAW Local 14 has been an established and integral part of the fabric of our community, ensuring security for current workers and retirees, as well as making its mark on our community.

The union notes: "We stand on the shoulders of giants and are immensely proud of our history. As we move forward, UAW local 14 is committed to remaining a powerful, essential voice in our union and our community for many years to come."

The great labor leader Walter Reuther explained, "There is no greater calling than to serve your brother. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well." Throughout its nearly century of service, UAW Local 14 has met this challenge with honor.

I thank the Local 14 leadership—Tony Totty, Bernie LaPoint, Jr., Sue Rodgers, Rhoni Clark, Henry McCoy, all the shop stewards, and all their predecessors for their courage, consistency, and care. Ninety years is no small achievement. It is a testament to shared purpose, to collective power, and to neighborhoods knit together by trust and work.

May the halls of this Union always echo with the voices of the proud and the hopeful. May Local 14 forever remain a pillar for workers, for Toledo, and for Northwest Ohio.

We applaud 90 glorious years of solidary, struggle, and strength and look toward a future carrying forward these ideals.

CONGRATULATING GOODHART
SONS INC. ON THEIR 90TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Goodhart Sons Inc. on their 90th anniversary. Goodhart Sons Inc. is a steel fabricator and installer based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Their history began in 1935 when Frank G. Goodhart purchased the two-man sheet metal shop that he was once an apprentice at. In the 90 years since Goodhart's founding, Frank and successive generations of family leadership have tapped into new markets, both in their customer base and the regions they serve. The projects they have worked on vary, ranging from food and beverage equipment to ductwork and even hovercraft. Goodhart Sons moved to their current facility in 1971, which has continued to expand with each generation.

Today, Goodhart Sons Inc. is under fourth-generation leadership and employs over one hundred people. Goodhart Sons has built a reputation for large industrial work, and their installation team has worked across the United States and other countries. Goodhart Sons is also committed to the local community, best shown through their charitable donations and workforce development investments.

For 90 eventful years, Goodhart Sons Inc. has been a business and community leader in

Pennsylvania's 11th District. I am grateful for the Goodhart family for their positive impact and wish them many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress with the most Filipino Americans of any Congressional district nationwide (nearly 200,000), I have been honored since 2019 to co-lead an annual resolution recognizing October as Filipino American History Month. I have joined many colleagues in doing so once again to recognize and celebrate the great contributions of Filipino Americans to our country, in government and law, music and entertainment, sports, business and countless other ventures.

The first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the continental United States took place on October 18, 1587, when the "Luzones Indios" came ashore from the Manila-built galleon *Nuestra Senora de Esperanza* in Morro Bay, California. This was followed by the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malo, Louisiana in 1763.

Since those early beginnings, our Filipino American community has grown to nearly 5 million people and is the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States. Many of the early Filipino immigrants were young men who came to the United States, most to Hawaii, California, Washington, and Alaska, seeking a better life.

This first generation of Filipino immigrants are commonly referred to as the "Manong generation" (Ilocano for first-born male). They worked mostly physically demanding jobs in tough conditions for very little pay. Over the years, they fought against discrimination, found a way forward, became respected members of their communities and made a better future for themselves and their future generations. Several generations have thrived upon that foundation.

The history of the Fil-Am community in Hawaii is particularly rich and echoes the national story. In 1906, the first fifteen Sakada contract laborers arrived in Honolulu from the Philippines aboard the SS *Doric*, marking the first sustained immigration into our country and the humble beginnings of Fil-Ams in Hawaii. By 1919, more than 29,000 Filipinos had traveled to Hawaii to take labor contracts. These first immigrants, those that followed and the subsequent generations eventually became trailblazers in politics and government, the military, business and entrepreneurship, journalism, popular culture, music and the arts and more.

Our resolution honors the tremendous and increasing contribution of Filipino Americans to our country in all areas including music, dance, literature, education, health care, business, literature, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, the fine arts and other fields. I include in the RECORD the names and accomplishments of Filipino Americans, again from my Hawaii:

Domingo Los Banos was Hawaii's first Filipino American school principal and a loyal

veteran of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment that fought in the Philippines during World War II.

Carolina Dizon Wong broke a glass ceiling when she obtained an M.D. degree and became the first Filipino American to start a medical practice in Hawaii in 1952.

Peter Aduja became the first Filipino American elected to public office in the United States when he was elected to the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives in 1954.

Larry Ramos became the first Filipino and Asian-American to win a Grammy Award playing the banjo for the New Christy Minstrels in 1963.

Benjamin Menor became the first Filipino American to serve in a state's highest judiciary office as a Justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court in 1974.

In 1978 Alfred Laureta became the first Filipino American to serve as a federal judge, serving in the federal court of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Ines Cayaban was the first Filipino American graduate of the School of Public Health, Nursing and Social Work at the University of Hawaii. She received the prestigious Jefferson Award in 1986 for her service.

In 1994, Ben Cayetano was elected the Governor of Hawaii, becoming the first Filipino American governor of a state in our union.

In 2019, Roy Macaraeg became the first Filipino American to become a general officer in the history of Hawaii's citizen soldier ranks.

In Hawaii, we also regularly honor the over 250,000 Filipinos nationwide who answered the call to protect and defend America and the Philippines in the Pacific theater. In 2016, President Obama signed into law the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act to bestow Congress's highest honor upon those veterans. With my colleagues in the House, I have introduced our Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act, which seeks to reunite World War II Filipino soldiers with their children, so that we can honor those living in our community who fought to protect the free and open Indo-Pacific that we have today.

Each and all these lives of achievement are but a small sampling of a broader community that has achieved so much and contributed so much to the rich fabric of our country. And the story of Filipino Americans is still in its early chapters.

It is fully appropriate that we again honor our Filipino American community whose story is a quintessentially American story.

HONORING JENNY HOLTERMANN

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Congressman DAVID VALADAO to honor Jenny Holtermann, a fourth-generation California farmer, water advocate, and strong communicator who has worked tirelessly to preserve family farming, elevate women's voices in agriculture, and strengthen the connection between growers and consumers. As she steps down as President of the Kern County Farm Bureau, we have no doubt her leadership and service will continue to influence the Central Valley and its farming community.

Jenny was born and raised on her family's almond and walnut farm in Chico, California.