

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.

She earned a degree in Agricultural Business Marketing with a minor in Fruit Science from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she met her husband, Tim. After graduation, they moved to the Central Valley to continue their families' farming legacies.

Since marrying in 2010, Jenny and Tim have farmed almonds in Wasco and Shafter, instilling the values of hard work, stewardship, and love of the land in their children. Before her advocacy work, Jenny spent five years in agricultural sales and later became a freelance writer, using her platform to connect farmers with consumers. Known as "Almond Girl Jenny," she has shared stories as a blogger, social media content creator, and freelance writer, strengthening the public connection to agriculture.

Jenny's leadership began early when she helped revitalize the Kern Young Farmers & Ranchers in 2011, serving as Chair for two years, and later as California YF&R State Chair in 2018. She has been a Kern County Farm Bureau Board member since 2011, serving in multiple leadership roles, and has represented Kern and Kings counties on the California Farm Bureau Board since 2018. Beyond Farm Bureau, Jenny's service extends to the Almond Board of California Leadership Program, the Wasco Planning Commission, and California Women for Agriculture. She also brings a wealth of knowledge in water management and currently serves as Executive Director for multiple water agencies.

In 2020, Jenny and Tim launched a direct-to-consumer almond business, sharing their family farm and farm-fresh almonds with households across the country while continuing daily farm life with their young family.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman DAVID VALADAO and I invite our colleagues to join us in recognizing Jenny Holtermann for her dedication to family farming, leadership in agriculture, and service to her community, which have left a lasting mark on Kern County and the broader agricultural industry. Her years of service and commitment to agriculture have strengthened the Farm Bureau and inspired meaningful progress throughout the agricultural community. We wish her continued success as she moves forward from her role at the Kern County Farm Bureau.

HONORING MR. CHRIS R.  
SHERIDAN, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2025*

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Chris R. Sheridan, Jr., a distinguished leader in our community and the recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Central Georgia Council of Scouting America. Mr. Sheridan's lifelong dedication to civic engagement and educational advancement reflects the values we cherish in our society. An event to celebrate his contributions to his community and serving others was held on September 25th 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Anderson Conference Center in Macon, Georgia.

As an Eagle Scout, Mr. Sheridan embodies the principles of leadership, service, and commitment. His influence is clear through his extensive board service on organizations like

Mercer University, NewTown Macon, the Grand Opera House, The Lewis Foundation, The Phil and Alice Sheridan Foundation, The Ocmulgee National Park Initiative, Comp Trust Captive Insurance Company, the Navicent Health Foundation and the Macon Rescue Mission. His contributions have profoundly impacted our community, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to improving the lives of those around him.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to Central Georgia, Mr. Sheridan has received many accolades, including the R. Kirby Godsey Leadership Award, Alumnus of the Year from Mount De Sales Academy, the Legacy of Leadership Award from Middle Georgia State University Foundation, the Sir Award from the Associated General Contractors of Georgia, the Meritorious Service Award from Mercer University, Person of the Year from Family Advancement Ministries, Citizen of the Year from the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce and the Bishop Gartland Award from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah. These honors reflect not only his achievements but also the respect he has garnered from peers and community members alike.

Mr. Sheridan's relentless pursuit of excellence and his dedication to uplifting others is a shining example of what it means to serve. It has been said that "service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mr. Sheridan has paid his rent, and he has paid it well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring Mr. Chris R. Sheridan for his service to his community, and all of humankind. May God continue to bless him and his family as he continues on his journey to making the world a better place to live for all people.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE  
LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALBERT J.  
"AL" LLORENS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2025*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable life and legacy of my good friend, Albert J. "Al" Llorens.

Born and raised in Chicago, Al grew up in Englewood on the Southwest side and attended Chicago Public Schools. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in mathematics education from the University of Illinois at Champaign and later a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from National Louis University.

Al was, above all, a good man. He believed deeply that making the world a better place begins in the classroom. For more than 30 years, he poured his heart into teaching mathematics and coaching at the high school level. He loved the classroom and dedicated himself to empowering the next generation of students.

But Al's impact reached far beyond the walls of any classroom. Even when he stepped away from teaching—always calling it a "leave of absence" rather than a retire-

ment—he carried his passion for students into his work with the Illinois Education Association. Before being elected IEA president in 2023, Al served two terms each as vice president and secretary/treasurer, working tirelessly to address the teacher shortage crisis in Illinois and to ensure that every student had access to a higher quality education. As president of the IEA, he was a giant in education, fighting for his beloved teachers and students until the very end. Al dedicated his life to strengthening public education as he believed deeply in its power to transform communities, leaving a legacy that will continue to change the lives of many.

I will miss Al not only for what he accomplished, but for how he carried himself. He was a friend to all, a leader who combined compassion with resolve, and a fierce advocate for public education.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Wanda, his children, and his grandchildren. May they find comfort in knowing that Al's life's work continues in the generations of students and educators he inspired.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF GUS BUTCHIKAS

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2025*

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable man, Gus Butchikas, who passed away on September 21, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. Gus was a beloved member of our community, a devoted husband and father, and a cherished friend to many, including myself.

Born into the legacy of Angelo's Steak Pit, Gus dedicated himself to preserving and enhancing the family business, ensuring that it remained a cornerstone of Panama City Beach. His culinary talents were evident in the creation of signature recipes, including the renowned Greek dressing, which continues to be prepared exclusively by family members. Beyond his professional achievements, Gus was known for his deep faith, kindness, and unwavering commitment to his community.

As a trusted confidant to governors, political leaders, and public servants, Gus played a pivotal role in guiding many of us in our public service journeys. His wisdom, encouragement, and genuine care for others left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In this time of sorrow, our thoughts and prayers are with Patti, Angelo, Brittany, Evey, and the entire Butchikas family. May they find comfort in the knowledge that Gus was called home to the Lord, where his spirit will continue to shine brightly.

May he rest in peace. His legacy lives on in all of us.