

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.

HONORING QUAKERTOWN WEST
END FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 ON
THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise in recognition of the distinct achievements and serviceable contributions of the Quakertown West End Fire Company No. 2, on this occasion of their 100th anniversary as of September 25, 2025. For a century, the men and women of the West End Fire Company No. 2 have served Upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with distinction, dedication, resilience, and valor.

West End Fire Company No. 2 is known as Bucks County Station No. 18 and has been completely staffed by volunteers since its formation in 1925.

Their unwavering dedication to continued training and willingness to serve their neighbors to meet the needs of the ever-changing fire service landscape is no better demonstrated than in their daily quick response to all types of emergencies.

Station No. 18 has modern fire equipment and is constantly adding to its services. As expected, they have the most modern Fire Suppression equipment, Heavy Rescue equipment, and Water Rescue equipment.

The West End Fire Company No. 2 is a sister Company to Quakertown Fire Company No. 1, which both operate as the Quakertown Fire Department.

Throughout its long history, Station No. 18 has embodied the core values of: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. They have safeguarded the Community, provided critical support in times of need, and stood ready to respond when called upon. Their knowledge and skills, and superior operational support personnel, have been, and continue to be, some of the most skilled and dedicated in the fire service.

As we celebrate this historic milestone, it is my distinct honor to celebrate those who faithfully served in the West End Fire Company No. 2 over the past century. Their sacrifices of their time and those of their families have ensured our fire safe security. It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge their service and pay tribute to their bravery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the West End Fire Company No. 2, Quakertown, Pennsylvania, in extending a heartfelt thank you to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, in this distinguished Fire Company. May the next 100 years of Firefighters serve with the same valor, honor, dignity, and dedication to duty as the exemplary men and women of the West End Fire Co. No. 2 have so expertly demonstrated over the last century of service.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH DRURY
CONNER AS OHIO'S 13TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT CHAM-
PION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Jackson High School Automotive Teacher Joseph Drury as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Joseph was recently awarded a \$50,000 prize for his school's skilled trades program as a winner of the 2025 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. He is 1 of just 25 teachers around the country to be honored with this award—a true testament to his determination to better the lives of his students.

This annual award was created to recognize excellence among high school skilled trades teachers, a group of educators that is frequently overlooked and underappreciated, yet so important to ensure that students have the tools to excel in a career in the trades.

Inspired by his own experiences as a high school student, he told his automotive instructor on graduation day that he wanted to be a teacher one day, too. He has 15 years of industry experience in dealerships and six years as a bus mechanic for Jackson Local Schools. Joseph is most passionate about sharing his love for automobiles with students, seeing them grow more confident as they acquire the knowledge and skills to become self-sufficient with automotive operation and upkeep.

By using real-world scenarios and hands-on projects, students gain practical experience with modern repair technologies, preparing them for future careers in the automotive industry. The Automotive Technology Program at Jackson High School prepares students to be high-tech automotive technicians, move into advanced training within the industry, or earn an associate degree in the automotive technology field.

Joseph's students have a 95 percent job placement rate within six months of graduation, with many students employed at local auto shops, dealerships, or starting their own businesses. In the last 3 years, 100% of students enrolled in Joseph's automotive technology classes have graduated, and 85% of them have done so after earning one or more industry certifications. Thank you Joseph for doing this work to inspire the next generation of skilled mechanics.

With this award, and all the hard work that came before it, Joseph is a shining example why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions." He has certainly made Jackson High School and our greater community proud.

WELCOMING THE ECUMENICAL PA-
TRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE,
HIS ALL HOLINESS BAR-
THOLOMEW

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents at St. John the Baptist Greek Or-

thodox Church in Omaha, I would like to welcome their Spiritual Leader, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew, to the United States. He is visiting the United States next week to meet with the president and members of the House and Senate Leadership and to receive the revered Templeton Prize.

Known as the "Green Patriarch," he is well known for his efforts to promote ecology and the protection of the environment. He has been at the forefront of religious freedom and bringing together others from many faiths to work towards better cooperation and understanding. Through dialogue and visitations, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has significantly advanced Orthodox relations with the Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Baptists, and others through visitations and open dialogues.

In addition, His All Holiness has visited several Orthodox Nations that were part of communist Eastern Europe to strengthen his contacts and relations with various Orthodox national churches there.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has brought together Christians, Muslims, and Jews at international peace conferences and meetings to advance greater cooperation and mutual understanding. His efforts to promote mutual respect and religious tolerance included having theological conversations with Muslim and Jewish leaders.

His push for peace includes calling out both the Russian state and the Russian church for the invasion of Ukraine. In Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's opinion, he says, "This is the theology that the sister Church of Russia began to teach, trying to justify an unjust, unholy, unprovoked, diabolical war against a sovereign and independent country—Ukraine."

The Ecumenical Patriarch is a figure who has addressed the European Parliament and the U.S. Congress (in 1997 when he received the Congressional Gold Medal), and has met Heads of State in Great Britain, Canada, South America, Greece, Russia, Norway, Finland, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Ethiopia, Korea, and Cuba. As Ecumenical Patriarch (the only Christian Leader in the world who is considered equal to the Pope of Rome in honor), he has met with every Pontiff since John Paul II, including Leo XIV. He has also traveled to Libya, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Qatar, and Bahrain, and met with both political and religious figures in those Islamic countries, many of whom no other Christian hierarch of such stature has ever visited.

I welcome His All Holiness to the United States, and I congratulate him on his well-deserved honor.

HONORING LYNN ADAMS ON HER
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and career of community leader Lynn Adams in celebration of her retirement. Since 2007, Lynn has served as the President of the Pacifica Beach Coalition (PCB), dedicating herself to promoting conservation, stewardship, and restoration.

Lynn began volunteering with the Pacifica Beach Coalition in 2002, working to clean up