

HONORING MS. MARTHA G. SCOTT  
STREET RENAMING

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District is proud to honor Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott with the re-naming of "Rhode Island Street" in her hometown, Highland Park, to "Martha G. Scott Boulevard," a truly well-earned recognition.

Ms. Scott has dedicated more than half a century to public service in multiple capacities, including functioning as the first woman mayor of the city, the first Black mayor in Michigan, and as a member of the Michigan legislature, where she has championed causes such as preserving the Davison Freeway and pursuing insurance reform, among other issues.

The 12th Congressional District honors Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott for her distinguished service, and with great pride, we are proud to celebrate her remarkable legacy as former Mayor of Highland Park, Michigan State Representative, Senator, and as the current Wayne County Commissioner for District 3. I thank her for being a true advocate for the people and the light in many of our lives.

REMEMBERING MIGUEL ÁNGEL  
GARCÍA-HERNÁNDEZ

### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply heartbroken over the loss of Miguel Ángel García-Hernández, who succumbed to his injuries following the horrific shooting at the Dallas ICE facility. Miguel was a husband, a father, and a hardworking man whose greatest joy was providing for and being present with his family. His death is an immeasurable tragedy that has left a lasting void for those who loved him most.

My prayers and deepest condolences are with Miguel's wife, Stephany Gauffeny, their four children, and the baby they were expecting, as they face this devastating loss. To lose a loved one under such violent circumstances is a burden no family should ever bear. His loved ones should know that they are not alone in their grief—our community mourns alongside them, and we extend every measure of compassion and support possible.

We will always remember Miguel Ángel García-Hernández as a hardworking father, husband, neighbor, and colleague. Today, we stand in solidarity with the Mexican community as we grieve this loss together, and we hold on to the hope that his memory will strengthen our resolve to bring an end to the epidemic of gun violence in our country.

REMEMBERING WALTER  
GRAINGER

### HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Walter Grainger, a lifelong resident of Bakersfield, California, who passed away on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at the age of 99.

In May 1944, just weeks after graduating from Kern County Union High School, later renamed Bakersfield High School, Walter enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served honorably during World War II. He and his four brothers together wore our Nation's uniform in defense of freedom.

After the conclusion of his military service, Walter dedicated his life to education and community. He taught at Bakersfield High School, Shafter High School, and North High School, where he chaired the Industrial Arts Department, before later working as a safety consultant for the school district. Beyond the classroom, Walter was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and faithful member of First United Methodist Church.

Even in his nineties, Walter continued to serve. He was instrumental in the design and construction of the Kern County World War II Veterans Memorial at Jastro Park. His vision and leadership helped shape one of the most beautiful veterans memorials in the West. Today, that memorial stands as a lasting tribute to all who served, including Walter and his brothers, whose names are engraved in granite for generations to see.

Walter was a deeply respected member of the community, and when he spoke, people listened. He lived his life with humility, service, and quiet strength. His legacy is found not only in the memorial he helped build, but in the family he loved, the students he taught, and the community he served.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life of Walter Grainger. May his memory serve as an inspiration to all of us, and may his family take comfort in knowing the profound and enduring impact he had on Bakersfield, Kern County, and our Nation.

HONORING BISHOP TONY SHOMARI  
MARSHALL AND THE HOUSE OF  
PRAYER INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District honors Bishop Tony Shomari Marshall and the House of Prayer Institutional Church in Detroit, Michigan, as they celebrate 25 years of ministry and public service.

Bishop Marshall, the founding pastor, is a revered preacher, educator, chaplain, and author who has dedicated his life to serving people in need. A committed "teaching priest," he has studied under numerous scholars and earned degrees and certificates from respected institutions, including Taylor Univer-

sity, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Trinity International University, Andersonville Theological Seminary, and Ecumenical Theological Seminary.

Consecrated to the office of Bishop in 2021, he now serves on the Board of Bishops with the Deliverance Tabernacle Fellowship of Ministries. For 25 years, his church has uplifted Detroit through worship, education, service, and love. I congratulate Bishop Tony Shomari Marshall and the House of Prayer Institutional Church on this extraordinary milestone.

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL  
PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK 2025

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate International Plasma Awareness Week, an annual campaign dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of source plasma collection, recognizing the valued contributions of donors, and increasing understanding about plasma protein therapies and the rare diseases they treat.

As co-chair of the Congressional Rare Disease Caucus and a member of the Congressional Plasma Caucus, this annual event, celebrated from October 6 to 10 this year, is close to my heart.

For many people with rare diseases, plasma-derived therapies mean the difference between life and death, or between a life of diminished health and physical limitations and one filled with hope and possibility.

For example, Guillain-Barré syndrome is a rare but serious neurological disorder that can lead to rapid muscle weakness and, in severe cases, paralysis. A related condition, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), is characterized by ongoing nerve inflammation that can significantly impair mobility and quality of life. For both these conditions, immunoglobulins reduce inflammation, regulate the immune system, and help patients regain function. Most patients with CIDP require life-long treatment to manage their symptoms.

In the case of primary immunodeficiencies, hemophilia, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, and other conditions, the body does not make important proteins, or those proteins are functionally damaged. These patients also rely on plasma-derived medicine to replace their programs and restore their health. In most cases, plasma-derived therapies are the only available treatment for these conditions. That is why it's so important that we raise awareness of the importance of plasma-derived therapies this week, and work to improve access to these unique biologic products.

I'm committed to working to ensure that every individual, regardless of how rare their disease may be, has access to the therapies they need to lead healthier, fuller lives.

# HONORING THE CITIZENS FOR EAST SHORE PARKS 40TH ANNI- VERSARY

## HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP), an extraordinary community organization founded in 1985 to protect open space and wildlife habitat and to provide recreational opportunities along the eastern shore of the San Francisco Bay.

Through their tireless advocacy and partnership with community allies, CESP was instrumental in the creation of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, which preserves and protects 8.5 miles of shoreline habitat and open space from the Bay Bridge to Richmond. This remarkable park provides Bay Area residents access to natural beauty and recreational opportunities in one of the Nation's most urbanized regions.

Over four decades, CESP has helped transform the East Bay shoreline from neglected dumping grounds into a connected landscape of parks, trails, and ecological preserves. Their efforts have supported the creation and protection of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, Point Molate Park, Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex, the Bay Trail connection at Golden Gate Fields, and the Albany Bulb.

Today, CESP continues to lead with vision and purpose, working toward incorporating the Golden Gate Fields property into McLaughlin Eastshore State Park and ultimately restoring the site to wetlands and marshes that will provide a resilient shoreline in the face of sea level rise. In this effort, CESP is committed to collaborating with Native American communities to restore these historically vital landscapes.

CESP's long-term vision is bold and inspiring: a connected, accessible shoreline of open space and parkland stretching from the Carquinez Strait to San Jose. Their work has created a legacy of preservation, environmental stewardship, and public access that will benefit generations to come.

On behalf of the constituents of California's 8th Congressional District, I commend Citizens for East Shore Parks for their outstanding contributions to our region and our environment, and I congratulate them on 40 years of remarkable achievement.

# HONORING MABLE EMMA JEAN WRIGHT

## HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District is proud to celebrate the 100th birthday of Ms. Mable Emma Jean Wright, who was born October 3, 1925. We extend our warmest wishes for this joyful celebration and offer heartfelt congratulations on reaching a remarkable milestone.

As a devoted mother of four, grandmother to seven, and great-grandmother to three, Ms. Wright has been a pillar of her family and

community. For thirty-five years, she was an employee of the DMC Harper University Hospital, as well as the oldest and one of the most cherished members of "I AM" Temple Detroit for nearly forty-three years. Her service to the church has been immeasurable. With deep love and admiration, she is affectionately known as "Mother Wright" by fellow church members and friends alike.

The 12th Congressional District honors Ms. Wright's blessing of longevity, her legacy of faith and service, and with great pride, we celebrate 100 remarkable years of her life. I thank her for being a light in many individuals' lives and wish her a wonderful birthday.

# COMMEMORATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AS NA- TIONAL ORANGE SHIRT WEEK

## HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the week of September 30, 2025, as National Orange Shirt Week. Also known as National Week of Remembrance, this designation aims to honor those who were forced to attend Indian boarding schools.

From 1819 through the 1960's, thousands of Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their traditional homelands to attend U.S. boarding schools. At these schools, countless children were stripped of their cultural identities, often through physical, sexual, psychological, industrial, and spiritual abuse and neglect, all with the goal of assimilation into non-Native culture.

This issue is personal to me. My grandparents, Ruth Stacy and Lawrence Little George, both survived Indian Boarding Schools. I would not be here today if not for the resilience of my ancestors and those who came before me. Tragically, many other children of these schools never got to return to their families or their communities.

Hearing the experiences of Indian boarding school victims and survivors serves to not only honor the Native spirit, but also to ensure that these types of injustices can never repeat themselves. It is for these reasons that I heartily support National Orange Shirt Week.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed 4 votes on September 10, and September 11, 2025.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 261; NAY on Roll Call No. 262; YEA on Roll Call No. 263; and NAY on Roll Call No. 264.

# HONORING MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT'S 105TH AN- NIVERSARY

## HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District proudly honors Macedonia Baptist Church as they celebrate 105 years of spiritual worship and leadership in our community. As part of their milestone celebration, we recognize the unveiling of the new historical marker, commemorating the profound impact the Macedonia Baptist Church has had on the city of Detroit and beyond.

Since its founding in 1920, the Macedonia Baptist Church has remained steadfast in its commitment to serving the spiritual and moral needs of Detroit and its surrounding communities. The church has consistently demonstrated deep roots and has always cared for the well-being of the community, engaging in meaningful outreach and service projects.

Their 105th anniversary shines a spotlight on the legacy of those whose labor and devotion have made the Macedonia Baptist Church a pillar in both Hamtramck and Detroit. This ceremony marks a historic occasion of remembrance, celebration, and renewed commitment to building a stronger future together through faith. The 12th Congressional District honors their service and dedication to creating a place of friendship and learning for our community. I thank them for being a guiding light rooted in faith and service to all.

# HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BRYAN SAKUMA

## HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2025*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Bryan Sakuma's service as Chair of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC).

Born and raised on the Sakuma family farm in Washington State, Bryan proudly represents the third generation of his family in the agriculture industry. From an early age, Bryan demonstrated a deep devotion to agriculture, spending weekends during his college years working the fields alongside his father and uncles while earning a degree in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University. He went on to earn a master's degree from WSU in 1980 and is a distinguished alumnus of the Washington Agriculture & Forestry Leadership Program, Class 12.

Following graduation, Bryan joined the family business full-time, operating a nursery. By 1998, he became President of Sakuma Bros. Processing, Inc., where he led fresh and IQF processing operations and expanded the company's Japanese export program. Since 2016, he has served as Vice President of Sales and Marketing, continuing to lead with the same dedication, integrity, and strategic vision.

Throughout his professional life, Bryan has exemplified leadership and service. In addition to his recent tenure as Chair of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, he has served as