

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

Chair of both the Washington Blueberry Commission and the Washington Red Raspberry Commission. He has also contributed his expertise as a member of the Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration and the Washington State Strawberry Commission, among numerous other roles.

Bryan Sakuma's work has had a profound and lasting impact not only on the Pacific Northwest but on berry growers and agricultural communities nationwide. He has been a tireless advocate for growers, working to strengthen markets, support research, and promote the health and sustainability of the industry.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Sakuma's greatest pride is his family. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Barbara, and a loving father and grandfather. Two of his sons, Nathan and Noel, have continued the Sakuma tradition of stewardship, innovation, and service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to commend Bryan Sakuma for his outstanding leadership, his dedication to American agriculture, and the enduring legacy he has helped to cultivate. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for his service.

HONORING HOOKSETT LIONS
CLUB'S 2025 CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR, JOHN DANFORTH

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize John Danforth, Hooksett Lions Club 2025 Citizen of the Year.

John Danforth exemplifies the community spirit that makes Hooksett and New Hampshire such special places to live, work, and raise a family.

John is dedicated to serving the community of Hooksett, including holding leadership roles in Cub Scout Pack 292, Boy Scout Troop 292, and as a founder of Troop 603. John has also served on the town's Transfer and Recycling Committee, Budget Committee, Cemetery Commission, and as a Town Councillor.

Additionally, he has held significant positions in the Daniel Webster Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Hooksett Lions Club, and the Hooksett American Legion, where he helped establish a Gulf War monument at Veterans Park.

A proud U.S. Army veteran, John served during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and he continues to support veterans as the Acting Veteran Service Center Manager at the Manchester VA Regional Office.

It is thanks to the hard work and dedication of community leaders like John Danforth that the Town of Hooksett and the state of New Hampshire continue to thrive.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Danforth for being named the Hooksett Lions Club 2025 Citizen of the Year. I wish him and his family all the best in the years to come as they continue to work to make Hooksett a better place.

REMEMBERING NORLAN GUZMAN-
FUENTES

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2025

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I am profoundly saddened by the heartbreaking loss of Norlan Guzman-Fuentes, whose life was tragically taken in the recent attack at the Dallas ICE facility. His death is a sobering reminder of the human toll that violence leaves behind and the fragility of life when communities are confronted with such senseless acts.

At a time like this, my deepest condolences go out to Mr. Guzman-Fuentes's wife, Berenice Prieto, loved ones, and all who knew him. Their grief is immeasurable, and they deserve the comfort, compassion, and solidarity of their community as they endure this painful loss. My prayers are with them, and I hope they find strength in the love and memories they shared with Norlan.

As a community, we must stand together to reject violence and embrace peace and humanity. Every life lost diminishes us all, and we honor Norlan's memory by recommitting ourselves to building a safer, more compassionate future where gun violence must end. May his family be surrounded by support and healing in the difficult days ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
"MIKE" FRIEDMAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District honors the extraordinary life and legacy of Michael "Mike" Friedman, a tireless champion of economic justice and workplace democracy. From his early days as a truck driver and founding member of Teamsters for a Democratic Union to his

distinguished legal career. Mike's life was rooted in advancing the rights and dignity of working people.

As General Counsel at the Center for Community-Based Enterprise, Mike dedicated himself to helping businesses transition to worker ownership, empowering employees, and strengthening communities. His leadership extended beyond C2BE to the Michigan Center for Employee Ownership, Jewish Voice for Peace, and the Detroit Community Wealth Fund, where he shared his expertise and vision for a fairer, more just world.

Mike believed deeply in the power of unions to transform lives, which was reflected in his lifelong advocacy and teaching. His legacy will continue to inspire all who fight for justice, equity, and workers rights. Our thoughts are with his wife Barbara Harvey.

We extend our love to his wife, siblings, children, grandchildren, and friends as we celebrate his life, and we are committed to carrying forward his spirit of service, joy, and justice.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JOHN J. MEYERS, III

HON. MIKE HARIDOPOLOS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2025

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the life and legacy of John J. Meyers, III, a decorated veteran of the United States Navy who passed away on September 14, 2025, at the age of 87 in Sarasota, Florida.

John answered the call to serve his country as a naval aviator. He trained in Pensacola, flew with Squadron VS-34 aboard the USS *Essex*, and later served as an instructor pilot at NAS Meridian. His skill and leadership reflected the very best of our Nation's military tradition.

After his service, John carried those same values into civilian life. He built a respected career in aviation and financial services, retiring as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch in Sarasota. But beyond his profession, he was known for his mentorship and kindness.

John J. Meyers lived a life of honor, both in uniform and in his community. Today, we remember him not only for his service to our Nation but for the positive impact he left on those around him. May his memory be a blessing, and may his family find comfort in knowing his legacy of service will endure.