

Ms. Hanif is the founder of I Maintain, LLC., a company dedicated to personal growth, empowerment, and holistic wellness. She is also the author of a powerful book on self-journey and transformation, sharing her story and insight to uplift others navigating life's challenges. As Director of Mindfulness and Restorative Practices at Watch Me Grow, Inc. in Vallejo, Ms. Hanif integrates restorative approaches into youth and community programs that promote emotional wellness, conflict resolution, and resilience. Each month, she leads a free community sound bath at the Vallejo Library, creating a space for collective healing while also providing vital resources in mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Ms. Hanif has also collaborated with prestigious institutions such as Brown University, the University of Connecticut, and Compass Youth Collaborative, contributing her expertise to research and programming that promote youth leadership and trauma-informed practices. As an alumna of the Parent Leadership Training Initiative, she now serves as one of its Program Coordinators, continuing to empower parents as advocates and change-makers. Through her work, Ms. Hanif has demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to the healing and empowerment of her community. Her vision, compassion, and leadership continue to inspire transformation and hope across Solano County and the greater Bay Area. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize Fatimah Hanif for her extraordinary contributions to wellness, education, and community empowerment.

#### HONORING THE THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

#### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Three Valleys Municipal Water District as we celebrate its 75 years of service to the Pomona Valley.

First founded in 1950, the Three Valleys was originally called the "Pomona Valley Municipal Water District." It was established to provide a reliable water supply as orchards were converted into homes and businesses, when local leaders determined a new source of water was needed. In 1981, it adopted the name Three Valleys Municipal Water District to reflect the broader region it serves—the Pomona, Walnut, and San Gabriel Valleys.

Early in its history, the District joined the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, securing Colorado River water through a 242-mile-long aqueduct, ensuring a stable supply for the growing population residing in the 133 square miles it serves. This vision allowed the region to transition from an agricultural hub to a thriving residential and commercial community, while safeguarding one of its most vital resources.

In 1987, the District completed the Miramar Water and Hydroelectric Facility, a \$30 million project that strengthened water storage, distribution, and energy infrastructure, demonstrating the careful planning and collaboration executed by Three Valleys, the City of La Verne, and Golden State Water Company.

Today, Three Valleys provides water to 13 member agencies, continuing to support the Pomona Valley's growth and resilience.

The District has also earned recognition for excellence in governance, earning its District of Distinction accreditation in 2014 and again in 2024, along with the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence, reflecting its commitment to ethical leadership and public accountability.

For its long-standing service, visionary leadership, and lasting impact, made possible by its hard-working staff, it is my honor to recognize Three Valleys Municipal Water District. Its service to the Inland Empire is worthy of the highest commendation.

#### CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN AND ITS IMPACT ON SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its impact on Special Olympics Virginia.

Special Olympics Virginia has provided year-round sports training and competition to thousands of athletes for decades, empowering them to achieve their personal best while fostering inclusion, respect, and community engagement. Through these programs, athletes not only develop athletic skills but also gain confidence, leadership abilities, and lifelong friendships. As we gather today to honor our athletes and their families, I am extremely thankful for our Special Olympics' extraordinary service to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Additionally, the Law Enforcement Torch Run exemplifies the incredible partnership between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. Officers from across the Commonwealth have volunteered to carry the Flame of Hope, raising awareness and vital funds to support Special Olympics programs. This collaboration has helped break down barriers, build trust, and promote understanding for individuals with disabilities.

As we celebrate our athletes and their families, we recognize the dedication of their coaches, volunteers, and law enforcement officers whose commitment has transformed the lives of countless Virginians. The legacy of Special Olympics Virginia and the Law Enforcement Torch Run is one of inclusion, compassion, and unwavering support for every athlete's potential.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for joining me in honoring the 40th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its impact on Special Olympics Virginia.

#### HONORING GLORIA MALGAPO

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Gloria Malgapo, a distinguished

community leader, advocate, and early member of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA), whose service has strengthened civic engagement and representation for Asian Americans across Solano County. Ms. Malgapo has been an integral leader within the APAPA organization since its earliest days, serving as one of the founding members of both the Solano County Chapter and the National Organization. Through her leadership, she helped lay the foundation for an enduring network dedicated to empowering Asian American and Pacific Islander communities through civic participation and public service. As Vice President of APAPA Solano County, Ms. Malgapo has played a pivotal role in expanding local outreach, building partnerships, and encouraging civic involvement among emerging leaders. She has been a tireless advocate for APAPA's internship program, ensuring that students and young professionals have meaningful opportunities to learn about government, leadership, and civic responsibility at the local, state, and federal level. Ms. Malgapo has been deeply involved in community and civic events throughout the City of Vallejo and the broader Filipino American community county-wide. Her efforts have elevated the voices of Asian Americans in local and regional decision-making. Her work reflects the very best of civic engagement. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Ms. Gloria Malgapo for her extraordinary leadership, her lifelong dedication to public service, and her enduring commitment to advancing civic engagement and representation for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF "MR. PALM SPRINGS" HAROLD MATZNER

#### HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Harold Matzner—known to so many as "Mr. Palm Springs"—who passed away on September 4, 2025, at the age of 88.

Harold was larger than life, a man of vision, conviction, generosity, and deep love for the Coachella Valley.

As Chairman of the Palm Springs International Film Festival, McCallum Theatre, Palm Springs Art Museum, and Palm Springs Tennis Club, Harold helped shape the cultural and civic heart of our region. As a philanthropist he gave from his heart. For over nearly four decades, he donated more than \$70 million to local nonprofits, strengthening our hospitals, food banks, children's services, and LGBTQ+ organizations.

Under his leadership, the McCallum Theatre flourished, hosting world-class performances, community events, and educational programs that have touched countless lives. It is a place where students discover the arts for the first time, families share in the joy of music and dance, and audiences of all ages have their spirits lifted.

As a Board Member of Eisenhower Medical Center, Harold helped strengthen one of the

most vital health care institutions in the desert. Having worked there myself as an emergency physician, I saw firsthand the incredible care Eisenhower provides, mending broken bones, treating heart attacks, saving lives, and serving as a beacon of healing for our communities. Harold's steadfast support helped Eisenhower grow into one of the finest hospitals in the region.

He revitalized the Palm Springs Tennis Club, turning it into a welcoming gathering place for friends and neighbors. And at his beloved restaurant, Spencer's, named after his Siberian husky, he built a space where community and generosity were always on the menu.

Harold was also pivotal in revamping the Palm Springs International Film Festival, serving as its chairman for more than 20 years, donating over \$12 million of his own funds, and transforming it into a global beacon that draws Hollywood and international attention every year. His efforts turned the festival into a vital economic and cultural engine for the Coachella Valley.

Harold believed in the power of the arts to uplift and unite people. He believed in health care access as a foundation for dignity. And he believed in giving back more than you take, a principle that guided every chapter of his life.

He leaves behind his life partner, Shellie Reade; his children, Devin and Laura; and his grandchildren, Elizabeth and Emily.

My thoughts are with his family, friends, and all who were touched by his generosity. He worked with everyone and poured his heart into the people and causes he believed in. I will miss him as so many who called him friend.

May we honor his memory by carrying forward his passion for service, his generosity of spirit, and his unwavering belief in the potential of our communities.

#### HONORING MS. TAKAYLA PRATT

##### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. TaKayla Pratt, an accomplished healthcare professional whose dedication, faith, and perseverance have made a lasting impact on both her patients and her community.

Ms. Pratt has been employed at The Medical Center for six years, where she began her career as a surgical scrub technician before advancing to her current role as a registered nurse. Recently, she achieved a major milestone by graduating from the Mississippi University for Women with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Her colleagues speak highly of her commitment and growth. Terri Donham, Nurse Manager of Surgery, PACU, and SPD, stated, "Watching Kayla expand her knowledge base over the years has been awesome. She has grown from the shy, quiet young woman that applied for a scrub tech position to a nurse that takes amazing care of her patients when they come to the operating room." Similarly, Chrissy Nicholson, Chief Human Resources Officer, shared, "Congratulations to TaKayla

on earning her BSN and becoming a registered nurse! We are incredibly proud of her achievement and grateful to have her on our team."

Ms. Pratt credits her success to the supportive and family-oriented environment at The Medical Center, where she continues to grow professionally and provide compassionate care during some of life's most critical moments. She is also a proud member of Beulah Grove M.B. Church of Leland, Mississippi, where her values of service, faith, and community have been nurtured.

Outside of her professional life, Ms. Pratt enjoys traveling, exploring new restaurants, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. TaKayla Pratt for her outstanding accomplishments, her dedication to her patients, and her service to the community. Her story is a true reflection of perseverance, faith, and the power of service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOLEBURY SCHOOL

##### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Solebury School, located in beautiful New Hope, Pennsylvania. Solebury School has been a cornerstone of independent education in Bucks County, known for its close-knit community, academic excellence, and commitment to fostering intellectual curiosity and character in young people.

Solebury School was founded in 1925 by four visionary educators, Laurie Erskine, Julian Lathrop, Robert Shaw, and Arthur "Doc" Washburn, who shared a dream of creating a new kind of educational environment. As the school's first headmaster, Doc Washburn captured that vision best when he wrote, "Our goal is to start a small school with an informal atmosphere, where the needs of each boy would be attended to, where friendship between teachers and pupils would be encouraged, and where a boy would be prepared not only for college, but for life beyond high school."

From those humble beginnings, Solebury School opened its doors in rented quarters in September 1925 with just four boys and four teachers. One year later, the founders purchased the historic Michener Farm, establishing the permanent campus that continues to serve generations of students to this day.

Just down the road from Solebury stood the Holmquist School for Girls, founded in 1917 by Miss Karlene Holmquist, who shared a similar belief that education should help each student discover and develop her unique talents and capabilities. As both schools grew, they often collaborated, sharing theatrical productions, musical performances, proms, teas, and community gatherings. In 1949, these two institutions united to form one of the first coeducational independent schools in the Nation: Solebury School, as we know it today.

On October 1, 2025, Solebury marked 100 years since its first day of classes. Over the past century, Solebury School has remained

steadfast in its founding ideals such as personal attention, intellectual curiosity, and a deep respect for individuality. The school's faculty, students, and alumni continue to embody these values, carrying forward the founders' dream of education that not only prepares young people for college, but also for meaningful, purposeful lives beyond the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am proud to commend Solebury School for one hundred years of distinguished service to education and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to the faculty, staff, alumni, and families of Solebury School as they celebrate this extraordinary milestone and continue their inspiring journey into the next century of learning, leadership, and community.

#### HONORING KIM CASTANEDA AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

##### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kim Castaneda, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Kim has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and a lifelong dedication to building stronger, more equitable communities throughout Solano County. For more than twenty-five years, Ms. Castaneda has exemplified what it means to serve others. Through her work in the nonprofit sector, she has guided organizations through growth, crisis, and transformation, with a focus on ensuring that the most vulnerable are not left behind. As Vice President of Development and Communications at the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Ms. Castaneda has raised millions of dollars to fight hunger and played an instrumental role in doubling private donations, ensuring that thousands of families have consistent access to nutritious food. Her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic was especially remarkable. At a time when food insecurity reached unprecedented levels, she rallied staff, volunteers, and community partners to secure critical resources and distribute millions of additional meals.

Under her guidance, the Food Bank never turned anyone away and continues today to serve more than 65,000 households each month. She was also a founding board member of the Vacaville Recreation Foundation and helped establish the first Boys and Girls Club in Vacaville, expanding opportunities for local youth that endure to this day. She has also served on the Board of SafeQuest Solano, supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Her commitment to equity and inclusion is reflected in her advocacy for LGBTQ rights, foster youth, and women's empowerment, and in her leadership roles with key organizations including the Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Solano Economic Development Council, and the Travis Credit Union Foundation. In each of these, she has championed small business development, workforce opportunities, and economic inclusion. Her work stands as a testament to