

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 Karlina 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

the power of service-driven leadership, and the lasting impact one person can make. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Kim Castaneda for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL DAVID DUTTLINGER, RETIRED

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special patriot, Rear Admiral David Duttlinger, Retired, of Berea, Kentucky. After thirty-three years of service, he retired from the Naval Reserves on September 19, 2025.

Rear Admiral Duttlinger was born in Berea, Kentucky. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Vanderbilt University and was commissioned an ensign through the Naval Reserve Officers ROTC scholarship program in 1992. He holds a Master of Science from Stanford University in Environmental Engineering and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kentucky.

Rear Admiral Duttlinger's operational tours include company commander/engineering officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, Port Hueneme, California; assistant officer in charge, Detachment 309 for Amphibious Construction Battalion 1, Coronado, California; operations officer, Seventh Naval Construction Regiment, Newport, Rhode Island; and deputy operations officer First Naval Construction Division, Little Creek, Virginia. He completed numerous support assignments across the country and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Rear Admiral Duttlinger is a Seabee combat warfare officer and a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has earned numerous military decorations including the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and more.

In his civilian life, Rear Admiral Duttlinger was first a project manager specializing in water/wastewater infrastructure projects. He later went to work for the Bluegrass Area Development District (ADD), where he worked to increase access to public water. In 2013 he became Executive Director of the Bluegrass ADD, a position that he currently holds.

It is my honor to recognize, before the House of Representatives, the dedicated and patriotic service of Rear Admiral David Duttlinger, Retired, on the occasion of retirement from his outstanding military career.

CELEBRATING DIWALI THIS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world,

and this month, millions of Americans will come together to celebrate Diwali, or Deepavali, the festival of lights.

Diwali, symbolizing unity and renewal, marks the victory of light over darkness and is a significant cultural and spiritual celebration, observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and others in the United States and across the globe.

Virginia, and the United States as a whole, is home to a vibrant and thriving Hindu community. Hindu Americans contribute meaningfully across sectors, including business, law, government, technology, medicine, science, education, and philanthropy.

Several states, including the Commonwealth of Virginia, have passed legislation to officially proclaim October as Hindu Heritage Month.

I encourage residents across the Commonwealth and the country to join in celebrating Diwali and take this opportunity to learn more about Hindu American civic engagement, history, traditions, and culture.

In this spirit, I join those across the country in celebrating October as Hindu Heritage Month. May this Diwali bring joy, light, and prosperity to all those who celebrate.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DEBRA JONES ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of Victorville City Councilwoman Debra Jones. During her nearly fourteen years of dedicated public service, Debra has advocated tirelessly for the Victorville community and its citizens' most pressing concerns. Debra is renowned in our community as a selfless and caring servant and is a true friend to all who have the privilege of knowing her.

Elected to the City Council in November 2018 and sworn into office the following month, she went on to serve as Mayor from December 2020 through December 2023. Debra was instrumental in championing Measure P, which expanded law enforcement, strengthened code enforcement, and led to the development of a new police station and civic plaza, enhancing public safety and revitalizing the city's core. She also helped establish the Victorville Wellness Center, the first facility of its kind in San Bernardino County, which reduced the city's unsheltered homeless population by fifty-seven percent and now serves as a model for other communities.

In addition to her work in public office, Debra has been deeply involved in education and community service. She co-founded the Adelanto Elementary School District's first Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, served two terms on its Governing Board, and has devoted herself to volunteerism, philanthropic writing, and foster parenting—particularly for infants prenatally exposed to illicit drugs.

Debra has also represented Victorville on numerous regional boards and commissions, including the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, the San Bernardino Council of Governments, and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority. Her serv-

ice on these bodies has been marked by professionalism, collaboration, and a deep commitment to transparency and good governance.

Debra's accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of her family. Her husband, Gene, and their six children have stood by her side throughout her many years of public service and community leadership.

Debra has had a profound impact on the Victorville community. Heather and I deeply appreciate her years of service, and we wish her and her family well as she enters this next stage of her already eventful and purposeful life. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilwoman Debra Jones and celebrating her retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING EQUITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Federal Government Advertising Equity Accountability Act, which would require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) and businesses owned by minorities and women. Federal agencies would be required to provide prior and projected total expenditures for such contracts. At my request, the Committee on Appropriations has required many federal agencies to provide such information each of the last several years, but this bill would codify this requirement and apply it to all federal agencies.

In 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined spending on advertising contracts with minority-owned businesses by five federal agencies—the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—and found that only five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising contracts went to minority-owned businesses. In light of these concerning findings, I, along with several other Members of Congress, sent letters to GAO in 2016 and 2022 requesting updated information on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. In 2018 and 2024, GAO issued reports on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The 2024 report revealed that only 15 percent of federal advertising contract obligations went to SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The federal government is one of the largest advertisers in the United States, and it has an obligation to ensure equitable access to its contracts for SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. GAO's findings demonstrate that there is still much progress to be made.