

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.

The regular collection of information on federal advertising contracts with SDBs and businesses owned by women and minorities is essential to bridging the gap between what current statistics show and a more inclusive advertising landscape. This bill would help achieve this goal while also promoting transparency and encouraging federal agencies to strive to reach minorities, who often receive the news from smaller media outlets that serve communities of color. The requirement that agencies submit prior and projected information on the amount of advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women would allow federal agencies to evaluate their progress. The regular collection of this information would also demonstrate that the promotion of equity in advertising and in all areas of government, is a continuous effort and is important to the mission of every federal agency.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING JUDGE TERRY DAVIS  
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 Judge Terry Davis, a distinguished leader and trailblazer, as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Her visionary leadership and lifelong commitment to service have strengthened the fabric of Solano County for decades. Judge Davis began her career as the Founding Director of the Solano College Small Business Development Center, where she empowered entrepreneurs and expanded pathways to economic opportunity across our region. She later served as Executive Director of the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club, where under her guidance the organization's budget grew more than fivefold, allowing countless

young people to access a safe and supportive environment to learn, grow, and thrive. Today, Judge Davis serves with distinction on the Solano County Superior Court, where she presides over juvenile justice and dependency cases. In this critical role, she brings compassion, integrity, and structure to some of our community's most vulnerable youth, offering not just legal judgment but also hope and a path forward. Her dedication to public service extends well beyond the courtroom. She has contributed her leadership to the Sutter Solano Medical Center, the City of Vallejo Human Relations Commission, the Mare Island Reuse Advisory Committee, and the Board of Trustees at her local church. Judge Davis's journey is a testament to courage and purpose. Leaving behind a successful nonprofit career to pursue her dream of becoming an attorney, she graduated from UC Hastings and rose to the bench, proving that it's never too late to follow one's calling. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize and honor Judge Terry Davis for her extraordinary contributions to our community.