

School District. These roles shaped his understanding of how governance, community expectations, and financial stewardship intersect, and they helped build the pragmatic, student-centered approach that has defined his leadership.

In 2015, Mr. Fine joined the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team as its chief administrative officer. Two years later, he became FCMAT's chief executive officer, leading the organization through a period of extraordinary growth, innovation, and modernization. Under his direction, FCMAT strengthened its statewide role as California's foremost fiscal oversight and assistance agency, supporting TK-14 institutions with tools, training, and expert guidance that have become indispensable across the state.

During his tenure, Mr. Fine oversaw the expansion and refinement of FCMAT's fiscal tools, including updates to the multiyear financial projection software, enhancements to the fiscal health risk analyses, and improvements to charter school oversight guidance. He championed increased clarity, accessibility, and transparency in all FCMAT products, ensuring that leaders—from superintendents to school board members to chief business officials—could rely on timely, accurate information to guide their decisions.

Mr. Fine also strengthened FCMAT's essential role in California's system of fiscal oversight under Assembly Bill 1200. His clear, data-driven communication with state agencies, county offices, and local educational leaders has been crucial in responding to structural deficits, declining enrollment, and rising pension, benefit, and operating costs. He is widely recognized for his candor, clarity, and willingness to address complex issues head-on, always with the goal of supporting stability and avoiding harm to students.

A defining aspect of Mr. Fine's legacy is his deep commitment to developing the next generation of fiscal and operational leaders. Under his leadership, the CBO Mentor Program expanded, diversified, and strengthened pathways for emerging leaders in both K-12 and community college systems. His belief that strong fiscal systems depend on strong people has shaped FCMAT's culture and helped elevate the value of professional learning statewide.

Within FCMAT, Mr. Fine fostered a culture rooted in collaboration, excellence, and public service. He cultivated a team of analysts, data specialists, and operational experts whose work is respected across the state. Colleagues consistently describe him as principled, steady, and deeply dedicated to the mission of supporting sound governance and fiscal solvency throughout California's education system.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Fine is a devoted husband, father, and community member. His service on local boards, commissions, and philanthropic organizations reflects the same commitment to public well-being that has guided his professional life. His belief in the power of strong, well-managed public institutions has been a constant throughout his career.

As Mr. Fine prepares to retire in 2026, his impact on California's schools and colleges will endure far beyond his tenure. The systems he strengthened, the leaders he mentored, and the culture of integrity he championed at FCMAT will continue to sup-

port stable, transparent, student-centered decision-making across the state for years to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Michael Fine for his extraordinary service, his steady leadership, and his enduring contributions to California's students, families, and communities. His work has safeguarded the fiscal health of our education system and strengthened the foundation upon which our public schools depend.

HONORING AMY EMERICK CLERKIN

HON. ADELITA S. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amy Emerick Clerkin who has served as a dedicated staffer in the House of Representatives for 20 years.

I have known Amy for many years. She worked for my father, the late Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva, for two decades, including 16 years as his chief of staff. Throughout this time, she served as a trusted leader with the heart of a true public servant.

She has navigated the late-night votes, the procedural labyrinths, and the political systems that change in a moment's notice. And she has done it with a steady purpose that never makes the headlines but keeps the whole thing standing. She fought for wins both big and small, weathered the chaos, and held on to her sense of mission. Politics can be chaotic, but she is a calm, steady, and thoughtful leader.

In addition to leading my father's congressional office, Amy served as an advisor to the Congressional Progressive Caucus, where she spearheaded efforts to raise the Caucus's national profile, and build its power and influence within Congress.

Amy connected with people across roles, perspectives, and ideologies to make Congress a better institution. She approaches everyone with respect and a genuine interest in finding common ground. Colleagues and stakeholders readily engage with her because they trust her judgment and integrity. She has thoughtfully guided other congressional staff as they navigate the contours of policymaking.

Throughout her time on Capitol Hill, Amy dedicated herself to an office and the policies that seek to provide opportunities, resources and basic equity to communities in need. She never took the easy road or wavered in this dedication.

Amy's capabilities helped my father achieve a lasting impact for Arizona. We are thankful for her service to this great institution and for her 20 years of service to the people of Arizona.

EXPOSING ORGANIZED ANTISEMITIC NETWORK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is sad but true that antisemitic hatred of

Jews has developed across America supported by well-funded networks of protestors. The highly respected former Attorney General of Virginia, Jason Miyares, has been courageous to expose the threats to free speech in an article of *Follow the Money* published today by the *Jewish Insider*, researched by Marc Rod. I include in the RECORD the article:

Jason Miyares alleges 'very organized' and well-funded network propping up antisemitic activity.

Former Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares on Tuesday laid out what he said was a coordinated network funneling U.S. funds to terrorist groups abroad and bringing foreign money into the U.S. to incite anti-Israel protests.

The former attorney general, who in his previous role sought to expose the financial records of American Muslims for Palestine, seemingly referring to ongoing litigation, that 'allegedly, a good number of charitable organizations and networks of them' funnel money both from the United States to terrorist proxies in the Middle East, as well as from overseas into campus protests.

'They're very organized, they're funded,' Miyares, a Republican, said at a George Washington University Program on Extremism conference on antisemitism. 'You could see it as a huge network, a huge network that is nationwide, of different entities funneling money in, in my opinion, to form a dissent on these college campuses and give people then the license and the permission to push rampant antisemitism.'

He said that there was clear proof that the protests were orchestrated, pointing to an incident at Virginia Commonwealth University where a large protest 'seemingly sprung out overnight,' where demonstrators arrived with premade barriers and signs, as well as full tactical gear and makeshift bear spray grenades, and coached other demonstrators on how to attack police.

Miyares said that he became particularly passionate about pursuing antisemitism as attorney general during a trip to Israel shortly after the Oct. 7, 2023, attacks, when he visited the site of some of Hamas' massacres. On the way home from the trip, he saw news coverage of protests on U.S. campuses of protesters waving Hamas flags and shouting Hamas slogans. 'It really struck me in my core. How in the world did we get this inverted?' Miyares said.

He highlighted one story of meeting a Jewish student who had spoken out against a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions resolution at his university, and returned to a sign on his dorm room door that read, 'if you open your mouth again, we will finish what the Final Solution started.'

The student's roommate, a German Jewish exchange student, ultimately decided to leave the school and the country entirely. Miyares alleged that the school knew who left the sign but didn't act until Miyares had a 'very, very frank, direct conversation' with the college president.

'Students feel intimidated and at times scared to speak out, and so it requires college administrators to give them that space and give them that ability, that they actually can share what they're experiencing,' Miyares said.

HONORING LARRY STANTON WIESE

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Larry Stanton Wiese. Larry graduated in 1990

with honors from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

He graduated from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1995 with a Juris Doctor and is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia. He currently serves the Order as the Executive Director and General Counsel. He also serves as President of the Fraternity Housing Corporation and President of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation.

Larry was initiated into Kappa Alpha Order while attending Midwestern State University by the Gamma Omega Chapter on January 23, 1987. While an undergraduate member, he served his chapter as both president and vice president. Following graduation, Larry served Kappa Alpha Order for one year as an Educational Leadership Consultant and as deputy province commander in Texas. He re-joined the staff of Kappa Alpha Order in July of 1995, as assistant executive director. He was named interim executive director in November of that year, and his official appointment was finalized on February 15, 1996, 30 years ago this year.

In this now 30th year, more than 70,000 of the Order's approximate 188,000 initiates have joined during Larry's tenure. KA is reaching all-time membership highs, all-time GPA marks for all undergraduate chapters, and record-setting fundraising for scholarships, leadership education, and internships. Leadership education programs have been revolutionized and are best-in-class across the fraternity and sorority world. Health and safety education continues to be at the forefront of all educational initiatives.

Larry is a past president and a former member of the board of directors for the Fraternity Executives Association. He is also a founder, past president, and board member of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee and founder and past President of the Fraternity and Sorority Action Fund. Larry also serves as the Fraternity Executives Association Liaison and board member for the Southeastern Greek Leadership Association (SGLA).

He is a former vice-chair for the Non-Profit Organizations Committee of the Torts and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, and a former Vice President of the Rockbridge County, Virginia Bar Association. He is president and board member of the Lexington Downtown Development Association. He is president of the Historic Lexington Foundation and is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Larry is currently serving as Treasurer of the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council.

Larry is married to Dr. Dawn Wiese, a member of Delta Delta Delta. Their marriage ceremony was held on the grounds and gardens of Mulberry Hill on June 25, 2011. Dawn is a past board member of the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council, Chair of the Virginia Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail, Board member of Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation, Board Member of the Fraternity and Sorority Action Fund, Chief Operating Officer of FRMT, Ltd, and part-time faculty in the Department of Economics and Business at Virginia Military Institute. Their daughter, Jillian, is a 2022 graduate of Kenyon College (with honors) in Economics and Russian and where she was initiated into Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. Jillian

currently works in Washington, D.C. in government consulting.

HONORING CHIEF MIKE LORENZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Mike Lorenz and to commend him for his 28 years of service to the Ontario Police Department in my congressional district as he retires on February 18, 2026.

Chief Lorenz is a graduate of West Covina High School and California Coast University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

As a young adult, he honorably served our Nation in the United States Air Force from July 1993 to June 1997. Late in 1997, Chief Lorenz attended the 130th basic training academy at the San Bernardino Sheriff's Academy. During his time at the academy, he was hired by the City of Ontario, where he became a patrol officer in March of 1998.

Over the past 28 years he has served Ontario's Police Department in various capacities: Patrol, Narcotics, Gang Violence Suppression Unit, Field Training Program, Multi-Enforcement Team, and SWAT. For four years, he served Ontario as a task force officer with the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) Clandestine Laboratory Team, where he targeted labs producing methamphetamine and phencyclidine (PCP).

Chief Lorenz's remarkable career is marked by the several supervisory and command positions he has held in Patrol Operations, East Area Command, SWAT/Crisis Negotiations, Community Oriented Problem Solving/Multi-Enforcement Team (COPS/MET), Gang Suppression Unit, K9 and Interdiction, and Captain in Field Operations.

Before his time as Chief, he served as the Deputy Chief for two and a half years. After being promoted, Lorenz was sworn in as Chief of the Ontario Police Department in 2020.

For his remarkable career and outstanding service, it is my honor to recognize Chief Mike Lorenz ahead of his retirement from the Ontario Police Department. His commitment to our community and Nation is worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING TERRI JUDAH

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terri Judah for her outstanding contributions to Carlsbad, New Mexico. Terri is a community leader who has devoted her time and effort to feeding New Mexico's families and working for New Mexico's children for over two decades.

Terri gets a profound sense of joy from helping those in need and has organized an annual Thanksgiving food drive for over twenty years. The food drive started two decades ago

when Terri partnered with her daughters' Girl Scout troop to create 19 food baskets to deliver to families in need. Driven by Terri's enthusiasm and hard work, the food drive blossomed over time to include help from hundreds of volunteers in the community, including Girl Scout troops, sports teams, students, and local businesses. The Thanksgiving food drive now feeds hundreds of families each year and fed over 300 families last year.

The continued success of this food drive requires extensive dedication, compassion, and community support. In the weeks and months leading up to Thanksgiving, Terri starts setting up donation sites throughout town, storing donations, and coordinating volunteers to assemble baskets and deliveries. The entire community truly rallies around Terri and steps up to ensure families will not go hungry in the holiday season.

Terri also created Operation Hope—a project where she collects and restores used items such as furniture, clothes, and toys, to give to any family that reaches out for assistance. Terri began this effort when she learned that one of her former students was living hand to mouth, and she decided she could not sit idly by. She jumped into action, collecting items that could help her student's family live a little more comfortably and continues to offer support to any family that asks for help.

Above all her impactful work, Terri is a proud wife, mom, grandma, and friend to all. She has also taught kindergarten in Carlsbad Public Schools for the past twenty-five years. She is a beloved teacher, and her students are forever known as "Judah's Jaguars". She truly does it all.

On behalf of the people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I would like to thank Terri for her commitment to helping those less fortunate and ensuring her neighbors are fed during the holiday season. She exemplifies the best that New Mexico has to offer, and we are extremely proud of her incredible work.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.