

faith community, serving as a youth director, choir director, pianist, and Girl Scout leader. Her unwavering commitment shone brightly as she transformed lives—not just by imparting knowledge but by nurturing faith and confidence among young souls. She led the Columbus College Baptist Student Union choir, instilling leadership and cultivating spiritual growth that reverberated through her community.

As a schoolteacher, she shaped young minds at Brown Avenue Elementary, Bibb Elementary, and St. Mary's Road Elementary. Her outstanding commitment led to her recognition as Teacher of the Year at St. Mary's Road Elementary—a celebration of her dedication, creativity, and tireless efforts in advancing education. With each lesson, Barbara fulfilled a critical role in shaping not just knowledge, but also character, integrity, and self-worth among her students.

Even in retirement, Mrs. Dorsey's passion for teaching and music did not fade. After retiring from St. Mary's Road Elementary in 1998, she enriched young lives through private piano lessons, igniting their imaginations and fostering a love for music. Sharing her talents at Girls Inc. and the historic Liberty Theater, she found joy in bringing smiles and laughter through the power of song.

Mrs. Dorsey's steps have truly been ordered by God. In her later years, she became a member of the South Columbus United Methodist Church where she continues to share her love of God and people.

Mrs. Dorsey has accomplished great things in her life but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God, her children: Gayle Daniels, Faye Boyer, Veleta Pasley, Belva Dorsey-Mott, Nicol Lewis, and Joni Dorsey, her nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

On a personal note, Mrs. Dorsey and her family have been friends and supporters for many years. She has been a beacon of hope in my life, oftentimes providing meals for me that nourished not only my body but my spirit. I will be forever grateful for her and her family's fidelity and friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring Mrs. Barbara Ann Dorsey on her 90th birthday. Mrs. Barbara Ann Dorsey is not just a woman celebrating a milestone; she is a treasure within our hearts and our community. As we gather to honor her 90th birthday, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for her friendship, her unwavering dedication to nurturing young minds, and the profound love she has shared with everyone who has had the privilege to know her.

I wish a happy 90th Birthday to Mrs. Dorsey. May her life continue to inspire those around her, illuminating paths with her love and wisdom, and may her legacy of kindness and service endure for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING RYAN NESSELRODT,
PH.D.

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2026

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Dr. Ryan

Nesselrodt, Ph.D. upon his completion of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science & Technology Fellowship. Dr. Nesselrodt served as a fellow in my Washington, D.C. office from September 2024 to December 2025, displaying remarkable technical knowledge, flexibility, and creative thinking.

As an integral member of my legislative staff, Dr. Nesselrodt assisted my work on the House Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, particularly my work on the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. His exceptional analytical skills and scientific background made him an invaluable advisor for the office on a variety of issues, ranging from plutonium pit production to geothermal energy to the maritime industry.

Throughout his fellowship, Dr. Nesselrodt was the driving force behind several critical legislative efforts. He drafted key provisions on nuclear weapons policy that were adopted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. He also was responsible for drafting and introducing the "Geothermal Tax Parity Act," which would incentivize geothermal energy production. In addition, he was instrumental in building support among industry stakeholders and Members for my "SHIPS for America Act." His work often required balancing competing legislative priorities, and he was always able to develop a range of sound policy options for my consideration.

Beyond drafting legislative language, Dr. Nesselrodt proved to be a critical voice in policy debate. He consistently offered thoughtful perspectives often not considered by other members of the team. His arguments, grounded in strategic realities, have been essential in helping the office promote responsible, effective policies.

Dr. Nesselrodt is a dedicated public servant, an extraordinary researcher, and a skilled communicator. He is precisely the kind of future leader and innovative thinker we need. I expect Dr. Nesselrodt's fellowship in my office will inspire and inform his future endeavors, and I am confident he will make invaluable contributions in his new role.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional district, I extend our deepest appreciation to Dr. Nesselrodt for his dedicated service as an AAAS Science & Technology fellow. He will always remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi.

HONORING EVA SCHLOSS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in a heartfelt tribute, Dr. Doyle Stevick of the Anne Frank Center of the University of South Carolina paid tribute to Eva Schloss, age 96, of London. King Charles cited "May her memory be a blessing to us all." I include in the RECORD the following tribute:

The Anne Frank Center mourns the passing of Mrs. Eva Schloss, who left us on Saturday morning at the age of 96. Eva had a profound impact around the world, co-founding the Anne Frank Trust in the United Kingdom and speaking all over. She also had

a profound if lesser-known impact upon South Carolina and the Anne Frank Center.

Born in Austria on May 11, 1929, just 31 days before Anne Frank, Eva Geiringer fled with her family to Amsterdam, living in the same neighborhood as the Frank family. Betrayed on her 15th birthday and sent to Auschwitz, Eva managed to survive with her mother. When Auschwitz was liberated, she searched for her father and brother, who had been murdered, but recognized Otto Frank. Eight years later, Otto would marry her mother, Elfriede.

Eva bottled up her anger about what was done to her, her family, and her community for 40 years before beginning to speak. But once she did, she spent the next 40 years changing attitudes, changing lives.

Around 2015, Rabbi Hesh Epstein told me that he had been trying to bring Eva to Columbia for years. I replied, "Let me see what I can do!" I had been fortunate to get to know Dr. Dienne Hondius, a historian at the Anne Frank House, and the woman who first nudged Eva to share her story. She reached out directly, and we were exceptionally fortunate that Eva agreed to speak in South Carolina both for the Jewish community, interviewed by Dr. Lily Filler, and for school children on the USC campus in 2017.

Eva had spoken to audiences of 200–300 people before, but when President Harris Pastides interviewed her at the Koger Center, 56 busloads of school children, mostly middle school students born in 2005, were in attendance.

The Jerry and Anita Zucker Family Foundation generously donated 2,000 copies of Eva's autobiography (Eva's Story) for the students in attendance, and a signed nameplate was inserted into each copy. With 2,000 school students born in 2005, I imagined the many hundreds of them who would also live to 90, and in the year 2095 be able to tell their great-grandchildren, "I personally heard Anne Frank's stepsister describe her survival at Auschwitz." That will be 150 years after Auschwitz was liberated. We've only recently reached 150 years since slavery. The administration was understandably concerned about whether so many middle schoolers would behave appropriately. They gave her three standing ovations.

President Emeritus Pastides wrote that "I have met several brave souls who survived the darkest days of the Holocaust and all demonstrated concern and love for persons who have suffered in other times and places. Eva epitomized that by delving into the history of slavery in our country and demonstrating a kinship with descendants of enslaved people. Her visit to our university was an honor for our community. May she rest in eternal peace."

Eva had a generous heart and an infectious curiosity. She loved visiting the Horseshoe and learning about the University.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN JACOVETTA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2026

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize retired firefighter Kevin Jacovetta, who passed away on September 19, 2025 from cancer. Kevin, or "KJ", served Arvada Fire for over 33 years. He joined as a volunteer in 1988, was hired as a full-time firefighter in 1999, and held the roles of firefighter/EMT, engineer, and acting officer throughout his career.

Kevin's death has been designated as a Line of Duty Death—Illness (LODD—I), connected to severe burns that he sustained in 2011 while rescuing a fellow firefighter during a devastating house fire. His bravery that day earned him the Medal of Valor. While he courageously recovered and returned to duty, complications from his injuries eventually led

to his retirement in 2021 and a cancer diagnosis in 2023.

Kevin's passing is a solemn reminder of the risks our firefighters ensure to keep our friends, family, and neighbors safe. As a firefighter, husband, and father, Kevin's selflessness carried through every aspect of his life.

His legacy of kindness, dedication, and service to our community will not be forgotten.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize firefighter Kevin Jacovetta's legacy and extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the entire Arvada Fire Department.