

the distinguished career and dedicated public service of the Honorable Jaime E. Carrillo, Kleberg County Court at Law Judge in Texas.

A graduate of Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University), where he earned his Bachelor of Political Science, he later received his Juris Doctor from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. His academic achievements laid the foundation for a career rooted in integrity and professionalism.

Judge Carrillo has devoted more than three decades to the legal profession, including over twenty years in private practice and nearly a decade serving on the bench since his election in 2016.

In addition to his judicial and legal service, Judge Carrillo is a published author of legal articles, training materials and has served as an instructor and lecturer on a variety of legal topics.

Beyond the courtroom, Judge Carrillo has remained deeply engaged in his community. He has served as President of the Kleberg County Bar Association, held leadership roles within the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Texas Defense Lawyers Project. Judge Carrillo also participated in organizations including the Kingsville Noon Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. His commitment to membership, legal education and community outreach reflects his dedication not only to the profession, but also to the people he serves.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Texas's 34th Congressional District, I commend Judge Jaime E. Carrillo for his years of service, his leadership in the legal community, and his commitment to justice.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. FIGURE
SKATING COMMUNITY AND
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 5342

HON. JEFF CRANK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 67 lives that were lost on the tragic flight last year on American Airlines Flight 5342. Amongst the 67 lives lost, 28 of them were members of the U.S. Figure skating community, many of them calling my district of Colorado Springs their training ground. These skaters were some of the brightest in their sport, returning from the U.S. Championships and National Development Team Camp in Wichita, Kansas.

They had spent nearly a week with their training mates on the National Development Team, training mates who had built a bond, many over several years, a bond that was extremely close due to the nature of their training. When they said goodbye, they said goodbye knowing that they would soon all meet again in Colorado Springs for another training opportunity.

The United States and the international skating community had suffered a great loss, and the surviving members of the United States skating community had suffered a great trauma.

When the news of Flight 5342 broke, the skaters on the National Development Team knew exactly who was on that flight. They sent

countless group messages begging for responses, but all their responses went unanswered. A tertiary trauma to that of the incident and the survivor's guilt many of them hold.

On that flight were Alydia Livingston, Olivia Eve Ter, Everly Livingston, Brielle Beyer, Jinna Han, Cory Haynos, Edward Zhou, Angela Yang, Lily Li, Sean Kay, Spencer Lane, Alexandr Kirsanov, Vadim Naumov, Evgenia Shiskova, Inna Volyanskaya, Peter and Donna Livingston, Luciano Aparicio, Franco Aparicio, Justyna Magdalena Beyer, Jin Hee Han, Roger Haynos, Stephanie Haynos, Julia Kay, Christine Lane, Olesya Taylor, Kaiyan Mao, and Yu Zhou, all members of the U.S. Figure Skating community.

They were the United States' world-class coaches, dedicated loving parents, and the next generation of elite Olympian athletes, who we will never forget. I thank Candence Floyd for being a shining light in a moment of tragedy and for helping honor her lost teammates.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in praying for the families and friends of all these lives lost during this tragic flight.

RECOGNIZING BERKNER HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of Berkner High School and STEM Academy in Richardson, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans Program.

Through this initiative, students created more than 20 Valentine's Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make this project a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine's Day cards received by our office.

This outpouring of kindness reflects the deep gratitude for our veterans that remains strong throughout North Texas.

The creativity and compassion demonstrated by these students are a testament to the caring spirit present throughout their school. I commend them for their generosity and community involvement and thank them for helping make this year's Valentines for Veterans program so meaningful. It is an honor to represent them in Texas' 24th District.

RECOGNIZING RAFAEL CABRERA
AND THE LATIN BUILDERS AS-
SOCIATION

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Latin Builders Association and to congratulate Rafael Cabrera on his installation as the 26th President of the LBA.

For more than five decades, the Latin Builders Association has played a critical role in shaping the construction and development industry across South Florida, promoting high standards of professionalism while helping drive economic growth and opportunity throughout the region.

The LBA has been instrumental in empowering local and minority-owned businesses, strengthening the construction workforce, and fostering productive partnerships among industry professionals, community leaders, and government at every level. These efforts have helped expand economic opportunities and strengthen South Florida's diverse business community.

As President of the Latin Builders Association, Rafael Cabrera brings a strong commitment to collaboration, innovation, and responsible development. His leadership reflects the organization's longstanding mission of advancing the construction industry while supporting the communities it serves.

I commend the Latin Builders Association for its enduring contributions to South Florida and congratulate President Cabrera on this important milestone. I wish him and the entire organization continued success in their efforts to build opportunities and strengthen our community for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY,
AND BRIGHT LIGHT OF MR.
ALGER B. BIZOR

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, legacy, and bright light of Mr. Alger B. Bizor—a man whose faith was steady, whose heart was generous, and whose presence left a lasting mark on his family, his community, and all who were blessed to know him.

Mr. Bizor was born on June 27, 1944, in Crockett, Texas, to the late Terry Bizor, Sr., and Annie B. Bizor. He was raised in Tyler, the Rose Capital of Texas, in the Jones Valley community, where his foundation of faith and family first took root. At an early age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior after his family joined Sandflat Baptist Church, later baptized at Liberty Baptist Church in Tyler. His faith remained a steady guide throughout his life, and he was a devoted member of Denley Drive Baptist Church in Dallas.

Mr. Bizor attended T.J. Austin Elementary School and Emmett Scott Junior High before graduating from Emmett Scott High School with the Class of 1964. He built a life defined by honest work and quiet determination, working for companies including Sterling Faucet, General Electric, and Piggly Wiggly, later known as Minyard's Grocery Stores. Even after retirement, service remained part of who he was. As a school crossing guard, he watched over the children of his community with pride and care, greeting them day after day with a steady presence that parents trusted and children adored.

More than anything, Mr. Bizor was a family man. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he poured his love into

the people who meant the most to him. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were truly the joy of his heart. And if you knew him, you knew that his door—and his table—were always open. He believed in lending a hand, sharing what he had, and making sure nobody around him felt alone. That was simply the kind of man he was.

Scripture reminds us in Psalm 30:5, “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” While we mourn his passing, we also give thanks for a life well lived and for the many memories that will continue to bring comfort and strength to those who loved him. Mr. Bizer leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Renee Bizer; his daughters, Sonya Renee Bizer, Wanda LaGail Wilson, and Kimberly Bizer Tolbert; his stepsons, Marvin Castle and Patrick McDonald; and his stepdaughter, Tawana Castle. He is also survived by his brothers, Charlie Bizer (Valencia) and Terry Bizer, Jr. (Emma), and his sisters, Marilyn Rainey and Evelyn Embry. He was preceded in death by his son, Martin Cokes, as well as his brother, Freddie Bizer, and sister, Sallie Mae Gossett. He also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family members, and friends whose lives are better because he was part of them.

Mr. Bizer’s legacy lives on not only in the family he raised but also in the community he helped shape through kindness, humility, and faith. His life reminds us that greatness is not always measured in titles or accolades, but in the love he gave to the people he lifted up, and the faith he carried along the way.

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH P. BROWN

HON. CHRISSE HOULAHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deborah P. Brown for more than forty-four years of extraordinary service to the American Lung Association and for a lifetime of visionary leadership dedicated to saving lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

As Chief Mission Officer of the American Lung Association, and previously as President and CEO of the Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic, Deb Brown has been a transformative leader whose steadfast advocacy, innovative leadership, and unwavering commitment to public health have strengthened programs, advanced research, expanded advocacy, and forged impactful partnerships across the Nation. Her work has helped improve lung health and strengthen public health protections for Pennsylvanians and communities nationwide.

Deb’s commitment to lung health is deeply personal. After losing loved ones to pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), she dedicated her life to ensuring that no family faces lung disease without access to support, education, and hope. That experience strengthened her resolve to raise awareness, advance research, and champion policies that improve quality of life for those living with lung disease.

In Pennsylvania, Deb was instrumental in advancing landmark public health achievements, including tobacco prevention initiatives, asthma control efforts, expanded healthcare access, clean air protections and anti-idling

legislation that strengthened safeguards for residents across the Commonwealth. Her leadership also extended to Delaware, where she played a pivotal role in the passage of the state’s Clean Indoor Air Act—then the second comprehensive law of its kind in the Nation. As Chair of the Delaware Cancer Consortium, she led statewide efforts to improve cancer prevention, detection, and treatment.

Over the past eight years, under her national leadership, Deb advanced the American Lung Association’s work in research, advocacy, and public education. Under her direction, the organization successfully advocated for stronger car and truck emission standards, cleaner power plants, and critical methane emission controls from oil and gas operations—policies that continue to deliver lasting health benefits. She also served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. During her tenure, the organization supported approximately \$178.6 million in research investments to advance initiatives that improve lung health and accelerate innovation.

Deb’s leadership was particularly critical during the COVID-19 pandemic, when she helped advance science-based public health efforts to protect people living with lung disease. She also played an important role in advancing Tobacco 21 policies, protecting children from predatory marketing of e-cigarettes, and supporting state-level successes, including increased tobacco taxes. She strengthened advocacy efforts that bring lung disease patients and caregivers to Washington, D.C. each year to advocate for protecting access to affordable healthcare and securing sustained federal funding for the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

With degrees in Public Health and Health Education and as a Certified Health Education Specialist, Deb has dedicated her career to empowering communities through education, prevention, and advocacy. She has authored curricula, contributed to research publications, and trained advocates and educators across the country. Just as importantly, she is widely respected for her mentorship and compassion, helping cultivate the next generation of public health leaders.

Through her visionary leadership, deeply personal commitment, and tireless dedication to lung health, Deb has improved the lives of countless individuals and families and helped create healthier communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States. Her legacy will endure in cleaner air, stronger public health protections, groundbreaking research, expanded access to care, and the many lives saved and leaders inspired by her example.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the career and retirement of Deborah P. Brown.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JURY DUTY EXEMPTION FOR BREASTFEEDING ACT OF 2026

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Jury Duty Exemption for

Breastfeeding Act of 2026, which would allow breastfeeding individuals summoned for jury service in the federal courts or the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to be excused from service upon the individual’s request. The benefits of breastfeeding are well-documented, and individuals should not be deterred from breastfeeding by jury service.

This bill would apply to the D.C. Superior Court because Congress is the only legislative body that can mandate this exemption for the D.C. Superior Court. The D.C. Home Rule Act prohibits the D.C. Council from enacting any law relating to Title 11 of the D.C. Code, which governs jury service in the D.C. Superior Court.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING RABBI JOSEPH R. BLACK

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative JASON CROW, to congratulate our friend, Rabbi Joseph R. Black on his retirement and elevation to Rabbi Emeritus of the Temple Emanuel congregation in Denver.

Over his 43-year rabbinical career, crossing the country from Minneapolis to Albuquerque to Denver, where he served for 14 years as Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Black has exemplified what he calls the sacred work of “connecting tissue”—bringing people, text, tradition, and time into focus for his community. This same spirit of connection has made him a vital bridge between faith and public service in Colorado.

An award-winning songwriter and nationally recognized musician, Rabbi Black has recorded seven albums of original music and published two songbooks, becoming one of the most popular Jewish contemporary artists in the United States. Music has always been central to Jewish spiritual life, transmitted through voice, rhythm, and song long before prayer was fixed on the page. Rabbi Black brought this tradition to life with a thoughtful blend of music, storytelling, creativity, and Jewish learning that made ancient wisdom accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

His musical ministry transcends entertainment—it is activism set to melody. As he sang in the title track of his most recent album, *Praying with Our Feet*: “we will not stand idly by, and watch our values die. When we heed the call for justice, we are praying with our feet.” These words embody the essence of civic engagement—that faith without action rings hollow, and that true spiritual leadership requires translating values into public service.

Rabbi Black’s commitment to civic engagement reaches far beyond the recording studio or the synagogue walls. For 14 years, Rabbi Black has delivered opening prayers at the Colorado House of Representatives, offering lawmakers spiritual grounding as they undertake the “holy” and consequential work of governance. His message to legislators was to see beyond partisanship, remember their duty to all constituents, and find the divine spark in every person they serve.