

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
THE LIFE OF ROBERT “BOBBY”
DOUGLAS

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Robert “Bobby” Douglas, an esteemed wrestler and coach who exemplified the grit and toughness that define what it means to be from eastern Ohio.

Born in Bellaire, Ohio, Bobby attended Bridgeport High School, where he rose through the wrestling ranks, winning the Ohio 112-pound state title as a sophomore. As a senior, he captured the 127-pound title. His success in high school led him to West Liberty State College, where he won an NAIA championship and finished second at the NCAA Championships. After two years at West Liberty, he transferred to Oklahoma State, where he claimed the Big Eight Conference 147-pound title and helped the Cowboys secure the 1964 NCAA team championship.

At the senior level, Bobby won three national freestyle championships. He competed as a featherweight at the 1964 and 1968 Olympic Games, placing fourth in 1964. His leadership and skill led him to captain the United States Olympic freestyle team at the 1968 Games. He earned a silver medal at the 1966 World Championships and a bronze medal at the 1970 World Championships. He retired from competition in 1970 with an extraordinary record of 303–17.

Bobby’s passion for wrestling and for developing the next generation of athletes was evident in his coaching at UC Santa Barbara, Arizona State University, and Iowa State University. He is one of only a handful of collegiate coaches to win more than 400 dual meets, and he won an NCAA team national title at Arizona State in 1988. He coached multiple United States Olympic teams and continued to cement his legacy as an all-time great by coaching Cael Sanderson to a gold medal in the 185-pound weight class at the 2004 Olympic Games. Bobby’s coaching accomplishments include 13 NCAA champions, 110 All-America performances, and 68 conference titles. After his induction into the NAIA Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1985, Bobby rightfully earned his place in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1987.

I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring and remembering the life of Robert “Bobby” Douglas.

RECOGNIZING MS. KELLIE
RODRIGUEZ

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of a dedicated community leader in my district, Ms. Kellie Rodriguez. Kellie is a community builder, prevention leader, and recovery advocate whose work across Pasco County exemplifies the spirit of the Congressional “Heroes Among Us” Award.

As Executive Director and CEO of the Alliance for Healthy Communities and President of The Hope Shot, Kellie has devoted her life to strengthening individuals, families, and neighborhoods through prevention, recovery, and community connection. Her leadership is rooted in both professional expertise and lived experience. As someone in long-term recovery herself, she leads with empathy, transparency, and an unwavering belief that people and communities can heal and thrive. Under Kellie’s guidance, the Alliance for Healthy Communities has grown into a multi-coalition organization addressing substance use prevention, youth leadership, mental wellness, and suicide prevention across Pasco County. She has united diverse sectors of the community—including schools, law enforcement, healthcare, businesses, faith organizations, and local government—to develop data-driven, compassionate, and sustainable solutions.

One of Kellie’s most significant accomplishments is the co-creation of the All Ways Center in New Port Richey with The Hope Shot. This innovative facility is the county’s first Prevention and Recovery Resource Center, housing prevention and recovery services under one roof. The center serves as a hub for education, support, and connection for residents throughout the region, ensuring that individuals and families have access to critical resources and guidance. Kellie is also deeply engaged in civic life. She is an active Rotarian with Holiday Rotary, a mentor and collaborator with local hospitals, schools, behavioral health providers, and government leaders. Her work has expanded youth prevention initiatives, promoted recovery-friendly community efforts, and strengthened partnerships that enhance Pasco County’s overall health and resilience. Known as a connector, visionary, and compassionate leader, she brings people together across sectors to create meaningful change.

Through tireless service, innovative leadership, and a steadfast commitment to others, Kellie Rodriguez continues to transform lives and strengthen the fabric of her community. Her work ensures that residents across Pasco County have access to prevention, recovery, and the support they need to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Kellie Rodriguez for her extraordinary dedication and impact. For her compassion, vision, and transformative serv-

ice, I am proud to honor Kellie Rodriguez as a 2026 Heroes Among Us recipient for Florida’s 12th Congressional District.

HONORING MARIETTA P. VICENTE
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Marietta P. Vicente—affectionately known as Mayette—upon her retirement after 33 years of dedicated public service to the people of Guam through the Guam Waterworks Authority.

Marietta began her career in public service 1993, at a time when the Guam Waterworks Authority operated as the Public Utility Agency of Guam, or PUAG. From those early days to the present, she built a career defined by professionalism, reliability, and a deep commitment to public service.

For more than three decades, Marietta served with distinction in the Finance Division of the agency, ultimately retiring as Payroll Supervisor. In this critical role, she was responsible for ensuring that employees were compensated accurately and on time—an essential function for any organization, and particularly for a public utility that serves the entire island community.

Behind every reliable public service system are individuals whose work often happens quietly, but whose contributions are indispensable. Payroll operations are a prime example of that reality. The work requires precision, accountability, and constant attention to detail, and Ms. Vicente carried out those responsibilities with dedication and care throughout her career.

During her tenure, she also played an important role in modernizing the agency’s payroll operations. She helped guide the transition to new financial and payroll systems, including JD Edwards World and later JD Edwards EnterpriseOne. These system upgrades strengthened operational efficiency, improved accountability, and enhanced internal controls within the organization—changes that continue to benefit the agency today.

Her knowledge of the system and her commitment to excellence earned the respect of her colleagues and leadership alike. Over the years, she became a trusted resource within the Finance Division and an important part of the institutional knowledge that helps sustain effective public service.

Ms. Vicente’s story is also a reflection of Guam’s diverse and resilient community. Originally from San Jose City in Nueva Ecija in the Philippines, she has made Guam her home for the past forty-four years. Today, she resides in the village of Yigo, where she has built both a career and a life rooted in service to our island.

Her success in public service has been supported by the love and encouragement of her

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family. She is joined in celebrating this milestone by her husband, Arnoll M. Vicente; her children, Nicollette V. Velasco and Neal Keanu P. Vicente; and her father, Rosalino Paez. She also honors the memory of her late mother, Lilia Paez, whose guidance and values helped shape her life of dedication and service.

After more than three decades of hard work and commitment, Ms. Vicente retired March 6, 2026. In retirement, she looks forward to traveling and spending more time with her family—an opportunity that is well deserved after so many years devoted to public service.

Her career reminds us that the strength of our institutions rests on the dedication of individuals who work diligently behind the scenes to ensure that essential services continue to operate smoothly and reliably for the people they serve.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Marietta P. Vicente for her outstanding contributions to the people of Guam and to extend my sincere appreciation for her many years of service. I wish her and her family a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT AND DOWNTOWN DETAIL

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit and Downtown Detail. In many communities across our Nation, the relationship between law enforcement and the public is defined primarily by sirens and badges. But in Brooksville, Florida, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit and Downtown Detail have redefined that relationship. They have transformed it into a genuine partnership rooted in friendship, service, and shared pride in the community they serve. This remarkable team has moved far beyond traditional expectations of law enforcement. They are not simply a security presence at our events—they are a foundational part of Brooksville Main Street's success. Whether supporting a large-scale festival or a small neighborhood gathering, these deputies are consistently among the first to volunteer and the last to leave. From the physically demanding work of event setup and breakdown to ensuring the safety and comfort of thousands of attendees, their professionalism provides a sense of confidence and calm that allows our downtown events to flourish. Their presence reassures families, supports volunteers, and strengthens the spirit of community that defines Brooksville.

What truly distinguishes this team is their heart for service. Each holiday season, they go well beyond the call of duty to help transform our downtown into a winter wonderland. The assembly of our towering 40-foot Christmas tree and the installation of large-scale rooftop decorations would not be possible without their strength, teamwork, and dedication. They work shoulder-to-shoulder with volunteers—climbing heights, lifting heavy displays, and giving their time—simply because

they care about the joy these traditions bring to our citizens. Their commitment also extends to our local businesses. They are accessible, approachable, and always willing to listen to concerns, offer guidance, or provide assistance when needed. Because of their proactive engagement, our merchants feel heard, supported, and protected. By prioritizing relationships, they have elevated the reputation of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to one defined by excellence, approachability, and genuine compassion. Today, I am proud to recognize the dedicated professionals who embody this spirit of service: Deputy Jason Deso, Deputy Chris Morito, Deputy Juan Perez, Deputy Ashley May, Deputy Lauren Janezic, Deputy Vic Latty, Deputy Brian Timothy, Deputy Ben Witherell, Deputy Jack Evans, and Sergeant Dustin Adkins. These men and women do more than patrol our streets, they invest in them. Through active, joyful service, they have bridged the gap between law enforcement and the public, strengthening trust and unity in our community. Their tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on Brooksville, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment.

It is my distinct privilege to honor the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit and Downtown Detail for their exemplary service and steadfast dedication to the people of Brooksville. Their commitment to building trust, strengthening community partnerships, and going above and beyond the call of duty truly embodies the spirit of service. I am proud to recognize them as 2026 Heroes Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE CENSUS ACT OF 2026

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Full Participation in the Census Act of 2026, which would prohibit the U.S. Census Bureau (Bureau) from including questions on the decennial census about citizenship, nationality or immigration status.

Prior to the 2020 census, the Department of Justice wrote to the Bureau requesting that it "reinstate on the 2020 census questionnaire a question regarding citizenship." From 1970 to 2000, this question was sent to approximately 16 percent of the population in the decennial census through the so-called "longform." However, the longform was dropped from the census and replaced with the current American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is sent to approximately three million people annually, which allows the Bureau to get the necessary information on citizenship. Asking questions about citizenship status to every person in the decennial census has not been done in almost 70 years because it would discourage people, largely minorities, who are already undercounted in the census, from participating in the census. The ACS was created to make the decennial census simpler for people to complete, which facilitates higher participation rates and preserves privacy.

Fortunately, after a protracted legal and political process, the citizenship question was not

included on the 2020 census. However, this bill is necessary to ensure it cannot be asked on a future decennial census. The representative sample provided by the ACS is more than sufficient to determine citizenship statistics in the U.S. All individuals must be counted in the decennial census to ensure an accurate allocation of federal funds and representation in Congress.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE STOCKTON SYMPHONY ON THEIR CENTENNIAL YEAR

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Stockton Symphony during its 2026–2027 Centennial concert season. For a century, the Stockton Symphony has enriched the cultural life of Stockton and the Central Valley, bringing artistic excellence, educational opportunity, and community connection to generations of families.

Founded in May 1926, the Symphony gave its inaugural performance during "Music Week" for the Stockton Musical Club. The orchestra was formed by twenty local musicians under the leadership of Manlio Silva—an Italian immigrant, pharmacist by day and conductor by night—whose vision and dedication laid the foundation for one of California's oldest continuously operating professional orchestras. Just months later, in October 1926, the Symphony opened its first full season at the California Theater on Main Street, making high-quality musical performance accessible to the community. Silva continued to lead the orchestra until 1958, guiding it through decades of growth.

In the years that followed, conductors including Horace Brown, Fritz Berens, and Ralph Matesky sustained the Symphony's legacy before Kyung-Soo Won began a transformative 27-year tenure in 1967. Under his leadership, the orchestra evolved from a community ensemble into a fully professional organization of "metropolitan" status as recognized by the League of American Orchestras.

Since 1995, Maestro Peter Jaffe has led the Stockton Symphony in a period of continued artistic achievement and national recognition. Through acclaimed world premieres, composer residencies, and vibrant educational programs such as Harmony Stockton, Steppin' Out, and Magic of Music, the Symphony has strengthened its role as both a cultural anchor and an educational leader. Collaborations with local schools, colleges, arts organizations, and community groups continue to ensure that music remains accessible and inclusive for all.

Today, the Stockton Symphony presents both Classical and Pops concerts, engages renowned guest artists and rising virtuosos, and remains steadfast in its mission to inspire joy and build community through the magic of music.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Stockton Symphony on its Centennial Anniversary and in expressing our deep gratitude for 100 years of extraordinary service to the Central Valley. May the