

she went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Denver. She completed her post graduate studies at the Arizona State University, Flagstaff and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed served as a lay pastor at both Middletown Community United Church and Kelseyville United Methodist Church. She worked to establish a weekly meal program and served as the president of Lake County Church Women's United. Mrs. Brumfield Reed also served as a past member of the Lake County Board of Supervisors and a past Trustee of the Middletown Unified School District. Through her position as the Lake County Geothermal Coordinator, she promoted underground utilities in Middletown and Lower Lake, wastewater collection in Middletown and Anderson Springs, and wrote the grants for the creation of the Anderson Springs Water System.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed's community involvement goes beyond her participation in government. She is a co-creator and co-founder of both the Gibson Museum and Cultural Center, and the Anderson Springs Community Service District, as well as the past President of the Anderson Springs Community Alliance and the Lake County Historical Society. She has also been involved in several community organizations including the Ladies of the Lake, Sistas of Lake County, Oro Fino Rebekah Lodge, and Middletown Lioness.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed is married to Stanley H. Reed, and has four children with her late husband, Richard Brumfield: Rick, Randy, Khristan, and Star Brumfield.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Brumfield Reed's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Lake County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

RECOGNIZING FRANCIS "FRANK" ANDROSKI, ROY GRENAWALT, AND HANS DERKATSCH

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of three remarkable veterans in my district: Francis "Frank" Androski, retired United States Air Force; Roy Grenawalt, retired United States Army; and Hans Derkatsch, retired United States Army. These men have taken the values they learned in military service—discipline, dedication, and a commitment to others—and applied them to serving their community in meaningful ways.

Through their work with Friends Grief Services, they provide programs and resources to people of all ages who have experienced loss and grief. Frank faithfully picks up and delivers mail, ensuring the organization's daily operations run smoothly. Hans brings healing and wellness to the community by teaching beginner yoga classes, helping participants find balance and peace during difficult times. All three gentlemen serve on the Advisory Board, con-

tributing to planning activities and supporting fundraising efforts to expand the reach of Friends Grief Services.

But their greatest accomplishment is the compassion, support, and guidance they provide to those navigating loss. Their dedication embodies the mission of Friends Grief Services, and it is why they are affectionately known as the "Wise Men of Friends" Support Groups. I am grateful for their service—not only to our country, but also to our community. Their example reminds us that leadership, selflessness, and care for others continue long after military service ends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their unwavering commitment to serving others and supporting the mission of Friends Grief Services. For their extraordinary generosity and dedication, I am proud to recognize Francis Androski, Roy Grenawalt, and Hans Derkatsch as 2026 Heroes Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District. They are truly an inspiration, and I am grateful for their efforts.

HONORING COLONEL CHRISTOPHER COOK

### HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 2026*

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Christopher Cook for his exemplary service, steadfast leadership, and enduring commitment to our Nation throughout a distinguished career in the United States Army.

Colonel Cook was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from The Citadel in May 2000 and earned his Army Aviator designation at Fort Rucker, Alabama, in May 2001. From the outset of his career, he demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and a commitment to excellence that would define his decades of service.

From February 2002 to December 2006, Colonel Cook served with C Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. During this time, he held numerous key leadership roles, including AH-64D Apache Longbow Scout Platoon Leader, Class III/V Platoon Leader, Assistant Battalion Operations Officer, Battalion Adjutant, and Battalion Rear Detachment Commander. His leadership during this formative period laid a strong foundation for future operational success.

From August 2007 through June 2014, Colonel Cook served with the elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. As a proud Night Stalker, he held positions of increasing responsibility, including Platoon Leader and Operations Officer for B Company, 2nd Battalion; Company Commander for A Company, 2nd Battalion; Battalion Operations Officer; and Battalion Executive Officer. During this time, he deployed globally in support of critical missions as a Fully Mission Qualified MH-47G Chinook Pilot in Command, Air Mission Commander, Army Special Operations Aviation Operations Officer, and Task Force Commander.

Colonel Cook continued his distinguished service from June 2014 to June 2016 as the G-3X, Chief of Sensitive Activities for the United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He later served from July 2016 to May 2018 as the J-31 Air Division Rotary Wing Operations Officer at United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

From June 2018 to June 2019, Colonel Cook commanded the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, Joint Task Force—Bravo, in Soto Cano, Honduras. He subsequently commanded the Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from July 2019 to July 2021. From July 2021 to July 2023, he served as Director of Security Cooperation for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Advisory Directorate. His final assignment was Deputy Commander of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), where he continued to exemplify the highest standards of leadership and service.

Throughout his career, Colonel Cook deployed multiple times in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel. He is a highly accomplished aviator, qualified in the OH-58A/C, AH-64A, AH-64D, CH-47D, CH-47F, MH-47G, and MH-6M aircraft.

Colonel Cook is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Citadel and a Master of Science in Organizational Communication from Murray State University.

His numerous awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Medal with "V" Device and Air Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; Presidential Unit Citation; Army Superior Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Commendation; and Air Force Meritorious Unit Award. He is also authorized to wear the Master Army Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Combat Action Badge. In addition, he has earned several prestigious foreign awards, including the Chilean, German (Silver), Brazilian, and British Parachutist Badges, and has been recognized by the Army Aviation Association of America with both the Bronze and Silver Orders of Saint Michael.

Beyond his remarkable military accomplishments, Colonel Cook is a devoted husband to his wife, Lisa, and a proud father to their two children, Kaitlyn and Collin.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Chris Cook's career reflects the very best of the United States Army: courage, professionalism, and selfless service. His contributions to our national security and his unwavering dedication to mission and country deserve our highest recognition.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Colonel Chris Cook for his extraordinary service and in wishing him and his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MAZON'S "NO ONE DESERVES TO GO HUNGRY" CAMPAIGN

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 2026*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, the list of the Trump administration's reckless attacks on SNAP, our country's largest and most efficient anti-hunger program, is miles long:

Taking food assistance away from 4 million Americans, illegally demanding SNAP participants' personal data, spreading misinformation about SNAP and fraud, failing to uphold their duties to states and program beneficiaries, eliminating 30 percent of USDA staff, haphazardly eliminating and relocating many regional offices and more.

Today, in response to these attacks, MAZON delivered more than 47,000 postcards to USDA. These postcards flooding USDA send a clear message: that no one deserves to go hungry and SNAP must be protected, not cut.

The more than 47,000 handwritten postcards MAZON delivered today also represent the more than 47 million Americans that are facing financial instability and aren't sure where their next meal will come from.

They are an expression of concern and outrage over the state of hunger in America and the need to take positive action to address it—not exacerbate it, as Republicans in Congress and the White House have chosen to do over the past year.

These postcards were sent from people's homes, synagogues, schools, community organizations, and nonprofits; some even hosted postcard writing parties where they invited their loved ones to take part in communal action with them.

It is an important reminder of what can happen when we refuse to lose hope. A reminder that we should continue challenging politicians who say that America can't afford to feed its people.

My hope is that these postcards refocus this administration on the things that matter. I hope that they remind the Secretary of her duty to carry out SNAP in good faith and as it was intended: to provide for the basic nutritional needs of the American people; to provide a hand up at a time when so many need help affording groceries, rent, utilities and childcare.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID HERNDON

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Dr. David Herndon, a skilled Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine whose generosity and expertise benefit our community through the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Dr. Herndon volunteers his time each Friday during his lunch hour, offering care with both remarkable skill and genuine compassion. A brilliant diagnostician and dedicated practitioner, he combines medical expertise, re-

search knowledge, and heartfelt concern to make a meaningful difference in the lives of his patients. His commitment ensures that our seniors receive not only expert care, but also dignity, reassurance, and hope.

For his enduring dedication, compassionate heart, and profound impact on our community, I am proud to recognize Dr. Herndon as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his unwavering commitment, selfless leadership, and the lasting, positive influence he has had on the lives of countless residents.

HONORING MARISA ALCORTA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 2026*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marisa Alcorta. I have named Mrs. Alcorta as the California 4th Congressional District's Woman of the Year for Yolo County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Services.

Mrs. Alcorta was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Plant Sciences, with a focus on Sustainable Agriculture and International Development from Cornell University. Mrs. Alcorta went on to receive her Master of Science in Horticulture and Agronomy. Marisa is also a Fellow of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, a highly selective statewide program that brings together agricultural leaders to deepen their understanding of public policy, leadership, and the challenges and opportunities shaping California agriculture.

Marisa Alcorta has played a leading role in strengthening agricultural education and workforce development in Yolo County. At the Center for Land-Based Learning, she developed and expanded programs that prepare agricultural employees for leadership and management roles on farms and ranches. She designed the AgHiRE workforce development program, which equips experienced Spanish-speaking agricultural employees with the communication and supervisory skills needed to advance in their careers. She also founded California's first registered agricultural apprenticeship program, creating a structured pathway for aspiring farm managers to gain hands-on training and formal recognition of their skills. Through these initiatives, she has helped build stronger career pathways while supporting the long-term succession of farms and agricultural businesses in the region.

Within our community, Marisa actively contributes to broader efforts that support farmers and agricultural communities throughout California. She serves on the Board of Directors of California FarmLink and has previously served as Chair of the Board, helping guide the organization's strategic direction and expansion of programs that support family farmers and improve access to land and capital. She also serves on the Farm Advisory Council for the California Climate and Agriculture Network, contributing agricultural practitioner perspectives to statewide policy conversations on climate resilience and sustainable agriculture.

Today, Mrs. Alcorta and her husband, Paul Underhill, live and farm in Yolo County. They maintain a close connection to the agricultural community as co-owners of an organic farming operation in the Winters area.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Alcorta's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Yolo County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

HONORING LESLIE LEW

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 2026*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie Lew. I have named Ms. Lew as the California 4th Congressional District's Woman of the Year for Napa County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Services.

Ms. Lew was born in Los Angeles. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from the University of California, Davis.

Ms. Lew is a Planned Parenthood champion with years of advocacy experience across multiple roles in our community. She has served as Chair of the Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, Vice Chair of the Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC), Co-Chair of the PPAC Legislative Workgroup, and Chair of the Planned Parenthood Northern California Audit Committee. Ms. Lew has been a long-time defender of justice and quality of life for everyone in our community.

Ms. Lew also works with political organizations and candidates to advocate for positive outcomes in our community. She is a member of the Napa County Democratic Central Committee and an elected delegate to the California Democratic Party. She has worked tirelessly to knock doors, make calls, and send texts for democratic candidates across the country. Ms. Lew organized Napa's first postcarding group with RiseUpNapa in 2018. She has also hosted and volunteered at numerous fundraisers for various causes and candidates.

Ms. Lew has helped our community with wildfire recovery by creating a shaded fuel break for fire resilience along a key ridgeline between Napa and Sonoma Counties. She is on the steering committee for the Napa County Prescribed Burn Association, and a member of the Good Fire Alliance and the Lake County Ecocultural Fire Crew.

Beyond her incredible work, Ms. Lew is a lifelong naturalist and outdoor adventurer. She lives with her husband, Tom Farella, and her children, Daisy and Gabe Farella.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Lew's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Napa County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.