

his fellow Vietnam Veterans. May we always remember the sacrifices of his generation, and may we remain forever grateful.

HONORING IRIS CHACÓN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Iris Chacón as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. Iris Chacón is an actress, dancer, singer, and producer. She was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and now resides in Kissimmee, Florida.

Her TV show, "El Show De Iris Chacón," conquered a worldwide audience. She has won two gold records and two platinum records in her recording career, and was the first Latin artist to perform at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. She also performed at Madison Square Garden and the Resorts International Hotel in Atlantic City and in Las Vegas.

Iris starred in three films and four soap operas, and was invited to "The David Letterman Show," "The Merv Griffin Show," "The Late Show," "The Morning Show," "Geraldo Rivera," and was featured as one of the best TV entertainers in the world in "The Joan Rivers Show." She was also featured in publications such as "Daily News," "The Face," "Interview," "GQ," "Cosmopolitan," "The Village Voice," "The New York Times," and "People." In addition, Iris was the first Latina to appear on the front page of the prestigious "Wall Street Journal."

With her own publishing company, she just launched the second edition of her bestselling book, "Yo Soy Iris Chacón," an inspirational autobiography that has received various awards and recognitions, and has been included as a study textbook in the University of Puerto Rico General Library.

In 2025, Iris was recognized as one of the top five most influential women in the City of Kissimmee. For the past 10 years, she has been the spokesperson for Advantage Medical Group, a conglomerate of clinics with doctors from Puerto Rico, based in Orlando and Kissimmee, and owned by the Puerto Rican philanthropist, Arcilio Alvarado, M.D. As the wellness director for all four clinics, she helps elderly locals, giving them joy and hope during challenging times. She visits many of the area's nursing homes, bringing them her music, health, and personal development presentations to her Golden Age audiences.

HONORING JAMIE MICK

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional leader, volunteer, and advocate in our community, Jamie Mick, whose dedication and selflessness make her a truly deserving recipient of the 2026 Heroes

Among Us Congressional Award. Jamie Mick has been a cornerstone of the Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired & Blind (LVIB) since joining its Board of Directors in 2008. Her connection to vision loss is deeply personal, as both her grandfather and mother were legally blind due to age-related macular degeneration. This lived experience, combined with her passion and commitment, has guided her leadership across multiple roles, including Board President, a position she is slated to step into once again.

For more than a decade, Jamie has chaired the Chasco Coronation Ball, LVIB's signature fundraiser. Beginning as co-chair in 2010, she has led the event independently, cultivating a strong, diverse committee and implementing a fair, balanced evaluation process for nominees. Her vision ensures that both nonprofit organizations and individual honorees are celebrated, preserving cherished traditions while keeping the event relevant and impactful. Through her leadership, the Ball has raised nearly \$738,000 in support of LVIB's mission, complementing her personal contributions exceeding \$20,000. Jamie's devotion extends to LVIB's youth programs, particularly the Lighthouse Prom. From coordinating dance lessons to personally donating and assembling corsages and boutonnieres, she has shaped the event into a beloved celebration for nearly 60 teens from six Lighthouse organizations. Her attention to detail, enthusiasm, and encouragement help ensure each participant feels seen, celebrated, and supported. Her generosity is matched by her approachability and steady guidance. Jamie shares hundreds of volunteer hours, inspires committees, and uplifts staff and clients alike, making a profound and lasting impact on the organization and the broader community. Beyond LVIB, Jamie's commitment to service resonates throughout Pasco County. She actively supports Leadership Pasco, Rotary Club of Trinity, and Rotary District 6950, serving in leadership roles that range from Public Image Director to Rotary Youth Exchange Officer. Across every organization she touches, Jamie's leadership, generosity, and encouragement create meaningful, lasting change.

Jamie Mick's dedication, vision, and selfless service exemplify the spirit of community and the power of one person to make a lasting difference. For her extraordinary contributions to LVIB and her broader impact across Pasco County, I am honored to recognize her as a 2026 Hero Among Us.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING CHILD HEALTH COVERAGE COMPENSATION IN DIVORCE ACT OF 2026

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Child Health Coverage Compensation in Divorce Act of 2026. This bill would require all health insurers to directly reimburse a custodial parent for any out-of-pocket medical expenses for a child incurred by such parent if a court directs a noncustodial parent (including a stepparent) to provide health insurance for the child.

In a divorce, one parent is typically court-ordered to provide health insurance for a child. However, the other parent may pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child that are reimbursable by the insurer. Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, group health insurers are required to directly reimburse a parent who pays for reimbursable out-of-pocket medical expenses when the other parent has been court-ordered to provide health insurance for a child. However, other health insurers are not required to do so. This bill would require all health insurers to do so.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING AMANDA CLAVIJO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Amanda Clavijo as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. Amanda Clavijo serves as the Assistant County Manager for Osceola County, Florida, where she plays a vital leadership role in shaping the county's economic future and improving the quality of life for its residents. She is known for her humility, tireless work ethic, and deep commitment to public service. She aspires to be a role model for women and actively supports their growth and success.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Clavijo has demonstrated a steadfast belief that public service can positively impact communities and expand opportunities for residents. She began her career with Osceola County, working in Special Assessments. Following the Great Recession, she served as the Office of Management and Budget Director and Comptroller, where her steady leadership and fiscal discipline helped guide the county through challenging economic times and establish early investments in the Center for Neovation, a cornerstone of what would become NeoCity, an internationally recognized semiconductor and advanced manufacturing hub.

Now as Assistant County Manager, Mrs. Clavijo oversees multiple departments, while also helping lead the county's transformative work at NeoCity. Her work is key to advancing the Board of County Commissioners' bold vision for NeoCity and supporting partnerships that are bringing high-wage jobs, innovation, and long-term economic prosperity to the region.

Her efforts were integral to the County's award and implementation of state and federal government contracts and grants, totaling over \$500 million.

Raised in South Florida by a hardworking single mother who instilled the values of perseverance and service, Mrs. Clavijo embodies the promise of public education and opportunity. Yet despite her many professional accomplishments, she is most proud of her family—her husband, Luis, and their two children, Jack and Sophia. She is deeply devoted to them and is known for being at every field trip, game, and milestone, determined not to miss a moment. Through leadership, dedication,

and an unwavering commitment to service, Amanda Clavijo continues to make a lasting difference for the people of Osceola County.

HONORING MAJOR JAMES MALLO

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major James Mallo, an exemplary community member whose leadership and service have made a lasting impact on children and families in our community. Through his dedicated service on the Board of Directors at Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA) for 10 years, James consistently demonstrates a deep commitment to strengthening families and improving outcomes for children. James brings thoughtful leadership, integrity, and compassion to his role on the Board. He is not only strategic in his guidance, but also genuinely invested in YFA's mission, ensuring the organization remains responsive, effective, and centered on the needs of those it serves. His insight and steady leadership help drive meaningful decisions that directly improve the lives of children and families. His role on the RAP River Run Event Committee has strengthened community support and advocacy, while his involvement with the Rotary Club of Trinity brings him and fellow Rotarians to the RAP House Youth Shelter each month, where they cook for children and teens in our care. The time spent with these youth is impactful for both the kids and the volunteers, who generously donate both their time and resources.

Beyond his formal role on YFA's Board, James is known for consistently lending a helping hand across our entire community. He steps forward whenever there is a need—offering his time, expertise, or support—embodying the true spirit of community service. His willingness to serve others without hesitation inspires those around him and strengthens the organizations and people he supports.

James's leadership, generosity, and unwavering dedication make him a truly deserving nominee. His contributions reflect the very best of community involvement and have created a lasting, positive ripple effect throughout our community. Always ready for a challenge, James is an invaluable member of the YFA village, and I am profoundly grateful for his service. For his unwavering commitment, inspiring leadership, and extraordinary service to our community, I am honored to recognize him as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS M. COSTELLO FOR HIS SERVICE TO CONGRESS

**HON. BRYAN STEIL**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas M. Costello for his service to the United States Congress. Tom is retiring after almost two decades of service with the

Architect of the Capitol, concluding a career rooted in public service.

Tom began his career as a United States Marine with tours overseas including meritorious service and sacrifice with the Multi-national Force in Lebanon. Even during his time in the private sector, Tom continued to serve the Federal Government as a contractor before joining the Architect of the Capitol in 2006.

Since then, Tom has worked tirelessly in many behind-the-scenes ways to directly support Congress' legislative mission. For example, Tom's work was key to the restoration of the United States Capitol Dome, the replacement of the Legislative Call System, and ensuring clean, reliable power across Capitol Hill.

Tom's dedication to duty has garnered him the respect of colleagues and stakeholders across Congress. His leadership, skills, and wisdom on the jobsite have strengthened the effectiveness and credibility of the Architect of the Capitol with a tenure defined by integrity, accountability, and quality.

As Tom completes his service tomorrow, March 31, with the Office of the Chief Engineer, we extend our warmest wishes for a fulfilling retirement. His achievements and outstanding performance of duty stands as a testament to remaining "always faithful," and his actions merit this special recognition and the deepest gratitude of the American People.

HONORING NICOLE FENTY AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Nicole Fenty as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. Nicole Fenty is an events and venues supervisor for the City of Kissimmee with more than a decade of experience supporting community programs, public events, and facility operations in Central Florida.

She first joined the City on June 5, 2012, working in several community facilities, including the Kissimmee Civic Center, Oak Street Community Center, and Camp Discovery, where she served as a counselor, counselor-in-training mentor, and assistant director. Her early work focused on youth programming, recreation services, and supporting events that bring residents together.

Fenty returned to the City of Kissimmee in August 2022 and was later promoted to full-time service in March 2023. Since her return, she has progressed from facility technician (logistics) to events and venues specialist and currently serves as events and venues supervisor. In this role, she oversees the planning and operational coordination of a wide range of events held throughout Kissimmee and Osceola County, including weddings, community celebrations, festivals, award ceremonies, sporting events, and public gatherings of all sizes. Her work also supports emergency preparedness and public safety efforts. Fenty holds multiple Emergency Management certifications, including Incident Support and Shelter

Management training, as well as Crowd Manager and Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) certifications.

In March 2025, she was recognized as the City of Kissimmee's Employee of the Month for her dedication and service. Through her work in facility management, logistics, and event coordination, Fenty has supported community engagement and public events serving residents across Florida's 9th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MR. MARK KENYON

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary servant leader in my district, Mr. Mark Kenyon, whose dedication to others exemplifies the very best of our community. Mark embodies the spirit of service that defines the Community Service Council of West Pasco County, and his reliability, compassion, and hands-on leadership have made a lasting impact on countless families. Mark is involved in nearly every service project undertaken by the Council, consistently stepping forward with a willingness to help and a positive attitude that inspires everyone around him. His commitment is not occasional—it is constant. When there is work to be done, Mark is there, ready to serve. Among his many contributions, Mark's leadership of the Home Spruce Up Program stands out as a shining example of volunteerism at its finest. This initiative identifies homes in our community in need of non-structural repairs—projects that can dramatically improve safety, dignity, and quality of life for residents who may not have the financial means or physical ability to complete them on their own. As an experienced handyman, Mark plays a critical leadership role, carefully assessing each project site, determining necessary materials, estimating quantities, and projecting realistic timelines to ensure the work is done efficiently and effectively. Mark approaches each home with empathy and respect. He takes the time to understand the homeowner's needs and thoughtfully organizes volunteers to address them with care. Whether repairing steps, painting, clearing yards, or making small but meaningful improvements, Mark ensures that every project reflects quality craftsmanship and genuine compassion. His ability to coordinate teams, solve problems on the spot, and keep morale high has transformed the Home Spruce Up Program into one of the Council's most successful and cherished efforts.

What truly sets Mark apart is his heart. He treats every homeowner with dignity, listening to their stories and ensuring they feel seen and supported. Volunteers consistently share that Mark's leadership elevates the entire experience—he leads not by title, but by example. He arrives early, stays late, and never hesitates to take on the toughest tasks himself. Though he rarely seeks recognition, his impact is unmistakable. Beyond the projects he leads, Mark is the person the organization can depend on for nearly any event or initiative. His consistency and dependability have strengthened programs across the board and enabled the Council to serve more families than ever before.