

HONORING MARITZA FROST 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 Maritza Frost as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. At the age of 12, Maritza Frost said goodbye to her paternal grandparents, Jose and Sarah, never to see them again. Cuba was not a place that would welcome her back.

With a happy heart, she came to "The Land of the Free" in the company of her father, Jose, mother, Zenaida, and sister, Sandra. Her new journey began.

She started school shortly after her arrival, soon realizing the challenge of learning a new language and a new culture was monumental but not impossible. She took the challenge because she knew, deep in her heart, that with God's help, all things were possible.

Several years later, she married into the American culture, His name: Patrick. Later in life, she had two wonderful children, Maxwell Alejandro and Maria Elizabeth.

Upon marrying, Ohio became her new home. There, she found the opportunity to complete her education and became a special education teacher. She worked diligently for 37 years, of which 32 were dedicated to the Osceola County School System.

Retirement brought more opportunities. She found herself connecting with different local organizations, developing a deep and profound connection with Moms Demand Action, where she currently serves as a Survivor Lead in Orange County.

As she navigated through different channels, she joined LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), the Women's Voter Club of S. Orange, and the Lake Nona Democrats, as well as the Orange County Democrats, where she serves as Delegate. Through her state representatives, she is frequently involved in canvassing, phone banking, and other local events.

Never losing sight of her roots, she became extremely passionate about immigration issues and became active with Immigrants Are Welcome Here and the Faith Leadership Coalition.

Marches, protests, commissioners, school board and immigration building morning meetings, and more fill her days.

Never a dull moment. Christ said, "Love thy neighbor," and that is all she wants to do.

RECOGNIZING MS. LISA CAMPOS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional leader, devoted volunteer, and joyful servant of our community, Ms. Lisa Campos. Lisa is one of the most dependable and inspiring forces within the Community Service Council of West Pasco. Over the years, she has faithfully served in multiple leadership roles, including Vice President and

now President. In every capacity, she has led with humility, enthusiasm, and a steadfast commitment to strengthening our community. Her leadership style is rooted in collaboration and kindness—she brings people together, motivates volunteers, and ensures that each project is carried out with care, purpose, and heart. One of the clearest examples of Lisa's character is found in the Council's largest annual fundraising event, a high-energy cooking competition inspired by the show "Chopped." While the event draws excitement and applause, it also leaves behind a mountain of dishes and cleanup. Year after year, Lisa quietly steps away from the spotlight to take on one of the most grueling and unglamorous tasks—washing the dishes. She does so without hesitation, without complaint, and always with a smile. Her willingness to embrace the dirtiest job perfectly reflects her servant's heart. She leads not by title, but by example. Lisa's commitment to service extends far beyond the Council. She is a published children's book author whose work is available in both English and Spanish, demonstrating her creativity and her desire to reach and uplift children and families across cultures. She and her husband have also opened their home for many years to foreign exchange students, providing young people from around the world with a safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment in which to learn and grow. In addition, Lisa volunteers her time by bringing her pet dog to senior citizen events, offering companionship, comfort, and joy to seniors who may otherwise feel isolated. These simple but meaningful visits brighten lives, spark connection, and remind our older neighbors that they are seen and valued. What truly sets Lisa apart is her spirit. She is cheerful, positive, and always ready to step in wherever help is needed—whether organizing an event, encouraging a fellow volunteer, or filling a last-minute gap. Her presence uplifts every room she enters, and her reliability makes her someone the community can always count on.

Mr. Speaker, for her leadership, her generosity, and her unwavering commitment to serving others, I am proud to recognize Lisa Campos as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District. Her contributions have strengthened the Community Service Council of West Pasco and enriched the lives of countless individuals throughout our district. She exemplifies what it means to serve with humility, compassion, and joy.

RECOGNIZING LESLEY ROBINSON AS A "MONTANA INNOVATOR" FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

HON. TROY DOWNING

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, in honor of America's 250th birthday, Montana's Congressional Delegation is recognizing exceptional individuals who embody the spirit of our great state and Nation.

This March, I am proud to highlight Montana's rich agricultural history and celebrate an individual who works tirelessly to give a voice to Montana's ranching families: Lesley Robinson.

Lesley is the Montana Stockgrowers Association's first woman president, elected in

2024 after having served in leadership since 2000. As the owner and operator of cow-calf operation Lazy JD Cattle Co, she not only advocates for Montana's stockgrowers, she is one herself.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Lesley and MSGA to better understand the needs of the Montanans who bring the quality beef we know and love to market. I can say without a doubt that ranching in the Treasure State has no finer advocate.

It is no secret that ranching is a part of the very fabric of the Montana way of life. With Lesley Robinson in the fight, it will remain that way for generations to come.

It is my honor to recognize her this March alongside eleven other individuals who represent everything that it means to be a Montanan.

HONORING BECKY RANKIN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Becky Rankin as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. Becky Rankin is a performing artist, community advocate, and mother of two. As an Orlando resident for nearly 40 years, she attended all Orange County Public Schools and received her Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Dance from Rollins College.

Upon graduating from Rollins, Becky pursued her love of the arts and began a career in the entertainment and service industries. She danced in the Orlando Opera Company's 1998 production of "Turandot" and was an early member of Voci, Orlando's premier modern dance company from 2000 to 2002.

In 2002, she moved to New York City, where she lived and worked before returning home to Orlando in late 2009. Becky found her way back to Orlando's stages in 2010, performing full-time in the tourism district until 2017. During this time, she began choreographing musicals for both high schools and middle schools in Orange County. Productions include "Anything Goes," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Beauty and the Beast, Jr.," "High School Musical, Jr.," and "Legally Blonde, Jr." She is currently working on Pershing School's production of "Between the Lines, Jr."

In addition to modeling and acting, Becky works with Orlando Elks Lodge 1079, where she manages the bar and contributes to their many fundraising and charitable works for the community. She is also a member of the Fort Gatlin Historical Group, which has worked in tandem with OCPS, county leaders, and the community to facilitate the creation of a green space at the historic site of Fort Gatlin. They aim to preserve and protect the rich history of early settlement in the area, as well as the contributions of the Navy Sound Lab. Becky also helps run her husband's business, Health Is Wealth Microfarms, which produces fresh produce for the greater Central Florida area.

RECOGNIZING MS. MARY
CHRISTOPHER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly special individual whose dedication and servant's heart have made a meaningful difference in our community, Ms. Mary Christopher. Ms. Mary is a tremendous blessing to all who have the privilege of working alongside her. Her willingness to step in wherever she is needed—without hesitation and without seeking recognition—reflects the very best of community service. She approaches every task with diligence, professionalism, and a level of skill that ensures the work is done thoroughly and thoughtfully. Mary's commitment goes far beyond simply completing assignments. She brings energy, enthusiasm, and a contagious passion for serving others. Her positive spirit uplifts those around her and serves as a powerful reminder of why community service matters. Whether assisting with daily responsibilities or supporting broader initiatives, she consistently demonstrates reliability, excellence, and heart.

What truly sets Mary apart is her attitude. She serves with joy. She works with purpose. And she inspires others through her example. Her presence strengthens every team she is part of and makes the lives of those around her easier, brighter, and more hopeful.

Mr. Speaker, for her dedication, her tireless work ethic, and her unwavering commitment to serving others, I am proud to recognize Mary Christopher as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District. She exemplifies the spirit of compassion and service that makes our community strong.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF
THE HILLVIEW JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT CAMPUS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the opening of the new Hillview Junior High School Replacement Campus in Pittsburg, California—a transformative investment for the Pittsburg community and a major milestone for the Pittsburg Unified School District.

On January 7, 2026, students walked through the doors of this state-of-the-art campus for the first time, marking the culmination of a large-scale construction effort that began in November 2023. This project reflects years of planning, collaboration, and steadfast community support.

The development of the new Hillview campus included several significant milestones. Built adjacent to the former school site, the new campus features modern classrooms, improved facilities, expanded parking areas, and sustainability-focused upgrades such as solar energy systems. These enhancements ensure that Pittsburg students have access to a safe and innovative learning environment.

Hillview Junior High School has been a cornerstone of Pittsburg since its founding in

1958, serving generations of families and shaping the lives of countless young people. The opening of the replacement campus honors that legacy while ushering in a new era of educational opportunity.

This achievement was made possible through the enduring support of the Pittsburg community, which shares in the belief of the power of strong public schools and the vital role they play in supporting youth, families, and our Nation's long-term success.

On behalf of the constituents of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to honor the opening of the new Hillview Junior High School Replacement Campus and to recognize the educators, community leaders, students, and residents whose dedication made this milestone possible. This campus stands as a testament to Pittsburg's enduring commitment to its children and its future.

HONORING COLONEL PAULETTE
SCHANK AS A DISTINGUISHED
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Colonel Paulette Schank as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. Colonel Paulette Schank served with distinction for 25 years in the United States Air Force, dedicating her career to leadership, service, and caring for others. Since retiring from military service, she has continued her lifelong commitment to improving the lives of veterans and members of her community through advocacy, healthcare, and volunteer service.

As a member of Congressman DARREN SOTO's Veterans Advisory Board, Colonel Schank is a trusted consultant when legislation affecting veterans is considered. Her knowledge and experience help ensure that policies reflect the real needs of those who have served our nation.

Colonel Schank also contributed significantly to the Friends of Fisher House's efforts, supporting outreach, education, and fundraising initiatives that helped bring the Orlando Fisher House to Lake Nona. The Fisher House now provides lodging and comfort to families whose loved ones are receiving care.

A dedicated healthcare professional, Colonel Schank built a distinguished career as both a nurse anesthetist and nurse practitioner. She recently earned her doctorate from the University of Central Florida, further strengthening her commitment to improving access to quality healthcare. She also volunteers at Shepherd's Hope, a free medical clinic that serves uninsured patients in Central Florida.

Her service extends to the Central Florida Red Cross, where she assists with hurricane and disaster response shelters and participates in programs supporting local veterans. She also volunteers with the Orlando VA Medical Center's animal visitation program, bringing her Shih Tzu, Wooki, to visit veterans in mental health units and the community living center each week.

Colonel Schank also serves on the board of the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park,

helping ensure that more than 1,200 fallen Central Florida veterans are remembered and honored year-round. Her life of service was recognized in the book "A Truth Worth Telling," where she is featured in the chapter titled "Selflessness."

RECOGNIZING MS. SOFIA
SUNDBERG

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary volunteer whose compassion and leadership have touched tens of thousands of lives, Ms. Sofia Sundberg. Through her dedicated service to the Alzheimer's Association, Sofia has made an exceptional and lasting impact on individuals and families facing the challenges of Alzheimer's disease. Her volunteer efforts have reached more than 40,000 constituents, a testament not only to the breadth of her service, but to the depth of her commitment to ensuring that no family faces this journey alone.

Sofia brings empathy, professionalism, and purpose to every role she undertakes. Whether engaging with families in need of critical resources, assisting with educational initiatives, or supporting community outreach events, she ensures that each individual feels heard, supported, and empowered. Her ability to connect with those navigating the difficult realities of dementia makes her an invaluable presence within the organization and within our community. What truly distinguishes Sofia is the compassion that fuels her work. While the measurable impact of reaching tens of thousands is extraordinary, her greatest contributions are reflected in the comfort she brings to caregivers, the clarity she offers to families facing uncertainty, and the hope she inspires in communities committed to advancing awareness and research. She embodies the core values of service, dignity, and excellence, and she sets a powerful example for volunteerism.

Sofia's dedication has significantly strengthened the reach and effectiveness of the Alzheimer's Association's mission. Through her tireless efforts, she has helped expand access to information, support, and connection-resources that are life-changing for families confronting one of the most difficult diagnoses imaginable.

Mr. Speaker, for her unwavering dedication, her compassionate leadership, and her profound impact on tens of thousands of individuals and families, I am proud to recognize Sofia Sundberg as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District. Her service reminds us that one person's commitment can transform lives and move us closer to a future without Alzheimer's disease.

RECOGNIZING THE ROCHESTER
OLYMPIANS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible Olympians from the