

chairperson of the Medical Committee. Through these positions, she has helped organize health fairs, wellness programs, and community outreach initiatives that have benefited families across Central Florida.

Mrs. King also serves on the Board of Directors of Solid Rock Community Church in Kissimmee, Florida, where she supports outreach ministries and programs that strengthen and uplift local communities.

A devoted wife, mother of two, and grandmother of three, Mrs. King is known for her compassion, leadership, and dedication to service. Through her professional achievements and longstanding commitment to community outreach, she continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals and families throughout Florida.

HONORING DIRK SLOOTEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dirk Slooten whom I have selected to receive the American Dream Award for California's 4th Congressional District. This award recognizes the achievements of immigrants in my district who have made remarkable contributions to our communities in the areas of Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service. As the Lake County honoree, Mr. Slooten is very deserving of this award and recognition.

Mr. Slooten was born on August 3, 1951, in Purmerend, the Netherlands. In 1972, Mr. Slooten received his degree in Construction Engineering from MTS Hendrick de Keizer College in Amsterdam. Mr. Slooten received his second degree, this time with an emphasis on International Relations, from Diablo Valley College in 1974.

As the Mayor of the City of Clearlake, Mr. Slooten has distinguished himself as a visionary leader whose practical approach to complex challenges has produced meaningful and lasting benefits for our community. Prior to serving as Mayor, Mr. Slooten owned Slooten Consulting, a Civil Engineering and Land Surveying business, from 1994 to 2018. Drawing upon a strong business background, he brings thoughtful judgment, fiscal responsibility, and a forward-looking perspective to his service as an elected official.

Mr. Slooten has also served as the Chair of the Planning Commission of Clearlake, where he demonstrated a keen understanding of economic opportunity and community needs. Mr. Slooten was also the President of the Rotary Club of Clear Lake, Chair of Rotary District 5130 Disaster Relief, Chair of Lake Area Rotary Clubs Association, and a Member of the Yolo County Airport Commission. In these positions, Mr. Slooten remained a steadfast advocate for economic development, playing an instrumental role in creating opportunities for residents and businesses alike.

Beyond his public service, Mr. Slooten has consistently demonstrated his personal investment in the future of our community. Mr. Slooten has generously contributed to numerous non-profit organizations including Adventist Health, Lake County Wine Alliance, Yuba

Community College Foundation, and Veterans of Lake County. Mr. Slooten also coached soccer for Davis American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and AYSO Select for 10 years. Through his generous contributions to charitable and civic causes, he has exemplified the spirit of service, entrepreneurship, and community stewardship.

Mr. Slooten married Karen Slooten and has three children. His daughter Greta married Andrew Wyeth and had two children: Rowan and Callum. Mr. Slooten's sons, Peter and Paul, were adopted from Guatemala in 1986.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize Dirk Slooten for his achievements and for enriching our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today with the American Dream Award.

RECOGNIZING THE ALPENA HIGH SCHOOL ENGINEERING TEAM ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE GREAT LAKES ROV COMPETITION

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary achievement of the Alpena High School Engineering Team, who recently represented Michigan's 1st Congressional District with distinction at the Great Lakes ROV Competition.

Under the leadership of their coach, Mr. Robert Thompson, and in partnership with Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Alpena Community College Marine Tech Program, these talented students work collaboratively to develop vital marine research equipment and educational content. Their efforts highlight the ingenuity, discipline, and determination of Northern Michigan students and demonstrate what can be accomplished when education, technical training, and community support come together.

This year, the team delivered a record-setting performance at the regional competition against teams from Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, earning the distinct honor of advancing to the World Championship in St. John's, Newfoundland this coming summer. During the competition, the students were judged by local professionals who evaluated the design and functional operation of the robots, poster displays, and engineering presentations.

At the world championship, the team will compete against students from around the world, deploying custom-built Remotely Operated Vehicles designed to solve real world marine challenges. These students not only represent the future of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, but they also highlight the critical role skilled innovators play in strengthening our Nation's infrastructure, maritime capabilities, and national security.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing the Alpena High School Engineering Team on this tremendous achievement and wish them the very best as they represent Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula at the international competition in Newfoundland. I cannot think of a better group of young adults to represent Michigan's 1st Congressional District on the world stage.

RECOGNIZING THE DAMASCUS COORDINATION CENTER IN THE ENDURING MISSION OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for more than a decade, the people of Syria have endured conflict, terrorism, displacement, and immense humanitarian suffering. Today, the United States, together with its Coalition partners, remains committed to the enduring defeat of ISIS and to advancing conditions that promote regional security, protect civilian populations, and prevent the re-emergence of terrorist organizations that threaten the American people, our allies, and our interests abroad.

The collapse of the brutal Assad dictatorship presents new opportunities for advancing counterterrorism objectives working with the new administration in Syria and partner forces committed to stability and security in the region. While significant progress has been achieved, lasting peace and prosperity requires continued coordination among military, diplomatic, humanitarian, and reconstruction partners.

The Damascus Coordination Center represents a new chapter in a cooperative effort, implementing President Trump's vision for Syria and the region. The Center serves as a forum for cooperation among United States Government agencies, Coalition members, Syrian authorities, private-sector, and international organizations to advance security, stabilization, humanitarian assistance, explosive ordnance mitigation, economic recovery, infrastructure restoration, and the safe and voluntary return of displaced persons consistent with United States law and policy.

The United States recognizes that enduring stability in Syria cannot be achieved through military means alone. It requires effective governance, accountable institutions, economic opportunity, protection of religious and ethnic minorities, respect for human dignity, and sustained national, and international partnership.

It is critical that departments and agencies of the Executive Branch within their respective authorities actively engage with the Damascus Coordination Center to further these shared objectives.

United States allies, international organizations, humanitarian institutions, private-sector partners, and nations committed to the enduring defeat of terrorism must support coordinated efforts to foster peace, stability, reconstruction, and prosperity for the Syrian people.

The United States remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that ISIS and other terrorist organizations can never again use Syrian territory to threaten the American homeland, our allies, or the international community. Through unity of purpose, responsible leadership, and sustained partnership, we reaffirm our commitment to a secure, stable, and prosperous Syria.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF REY MORA VEGA**HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rey Mora Vega, a distinguished healthcare leader, dedicated public servant, and compassionate member of our island community whose decades of service helped strengthen Guam's healthcare system and improve the lives of countless individuals.

Rey Mora Vega passed away on February 7, 2026, leaving behind a legacy defined by humility, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to serving others. Throughout his life, he demonstrated that true leadership is measured not by titles or recognition, but by a genuine desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. His steady presence, thoughtful leadership, and compassionate spirit earned him the admiration of all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

A graduate of Cebu College of Medicine in 1983, Rey devoted his professional career to advancing healthcare on Guam. He spent nearly two decades serving at Guam Memorial Hospital, where he held several leadership positions before being appointed Interim Hospital Administrator. During a pivotal time for the hospital, he provided steady leadership and worked tirelessly to improve operations and ensure quality care for the people of Guam.

His dedication to public service continued when he joined the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, now known as the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center. Rey first served as Deputy Director before becoming Director, leading the agency through a critical period of transition while working to strengthen behavioral health services, improve accountability, and expand access to care for individuals and families across our island.

Throughout every chapter of his career, Rey earned the admiration and respect of colleagues, healthcare professionals, government leaders, and patients alike. He approached every challenge with professionalism, compassion, and quiet determination, always placing the needs of others above his own. His leadership was measured not only by the positions he held, but by the trust he inspired and the lives he touched.

Those who knew Rey understood that his greatest strength was not only his professional expertise, but his character. He was known for treating everyone with kindness and respect, listening before speaking, and leading with grace during both moments of progress and times of challenge. His calm demeanor and unwavering sense of duty helped guide institu-

tions through change while never losing sight of the people they were created to serve.

I extend my deepest condolences to loved ones. May they find comfort in knowing that Rey's life was one of purpose, service, and enduring impact. His decades of dedicated service to Guam's healthcare community exemplify the very best of public service, and his legacy of compassion and leadership will continue to inspire generations to come. Though he is no longer with us, the example he set through a lifetime of selfless service will remain an enduring source of inspiration for all who have the privilege of following in his footsteps.

HONORING ALBERT HARRIS AS
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR LGBTQ+
PRIDE MONTH**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Albert Harris as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Albert Harris has given nearly a decade of his life to the Orange County government as a photographer, but his work has always been about so much more than pictures.

He began capturing weddings the very moment the Supreme Court legalized marriage equality, celebrating love when it mattered most. To date, Albert has photographed over 300 weddings and 1,600 marriage proposals. Each one, a story of joy and commitment.

Two years later, he joined Orange County Health Services, where his lens turned to animals in need. Thanks to his photos and videos, countless homeless pets found families who would love them forever.

When Hurricanes Ian and Irma tore through Florida, and when COVID-19 brought the world to its knees, Albert stood alongside Orange County Fire Rescue and health workers. His images and videos didn't just document crisis, they comforted a frightened Nation, earning attention from coast to coast.

Alfred is also a 14-year Army veteran with deployments to Guantanamo Bay and Afghanistan. He has worn the uniform of public service since the age of 17.

At home, he is a devoted husband to his partner of 10 years and a proud father to three cats. Albert Harris still shows up every single day, making Orange County and the world a kinder, braver, better place.

HONORING GRACE CHEUNG-
SCHULMAN**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Grace Cheung-Schulman, whom I have selected to receive the American Dream Award for California's 4th Congressional District. This award recognizes the achievements of immigrants in my district who have made remarkable contributions to our

communities in the areas of Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service. As the Sonoma County honoree, Mrs. Cheung-Schulman is very deserving of this award and recognition.

Mrs. Cheung-Schulman was born in Hong Kong, where she received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Hong Kong. Mrs. Cheung-Schulman lived and studied in Canada, receiving a Bachelor of Music from the University of Toronto and Bachelor of Education from Queen's University. She then lived in New York before relocating to Sonoma County following the death of her husband, Professor Martin Schulman, in 2002. Mrs. Cheung-Schulman has also received a Master of Business Administration from Binghamton University.

Mrs. Cheung-Schulman is the co-founder and current Vice President of the Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of North Bay (AAPIC North Bay), the only organization of its kind serving the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community across the entire North Bay region. As anti-Asian hate was surging in the wake of COVID-19, Mrs. Cheung-Schulman came out of retirement to found AAPIC. She built AAPIC's entire digital infrastructure, making the organization fully visible to the public and enabling consistent outreach to a broad and diverse membership. Mrs. Cheung-Schulman has made great effort to ensure AAPIC's legal, financial, and contractual health.

Drawing on her own experience as an immigrant, Mrs. Cheung-Schulman has spearheaded new initiatives to safeguard, inform, and protect AAPI immigrants navigating an often complex and uncertain landscape through working directly with employers and immigrant families. Mrs. Cheung-Schulman has an extraordinary gift for showing up and seeking out the most isolated members of the AAPI community to ensure no one is left behind.

Mrs. Cheung-Schulman is also a Board Member of the Redwood Empire Chinese Association. She has supported local environmental efforts with the Southeast Greenway Campaign and Homeless Action advocacy community group.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize Grace Cheung-Schulman for her achievements and for enriching our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today with the American Dream Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes in the vote series on June 29, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 229, final passage of H.R. 7128 as amended, the TRIA Program Reauthorization Act of 2026; and YEA on Roll Call No. 228, final passage of H.R. 7757 as amended, the Kids Internet and Digital Safety Act.