

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.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
KERSANDRA "SARGE" BROOKS

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service of retired Army Sergeant Kersandra Elaine Brooks of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Sergeant (E-5) Kersandra Elaine Brooks, also known as "Sarge," enlisted in the United States Army in 1979. During her service, she provided support for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and served with the United States Customs Service on the "Drug War" team. "Sarge" acquired vital skills through military operations specialist training, where she was trained in administration, telecommunications, signal corps, mortuary services, and "Top Driver." She has received numerous awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Expert Shooter Badge with M16 Rifle Bar, a U.S. military marksmanship decoration awarded to personnel who achieve the highest level of shooting proficiency.

After valiantly serving in the United States Army for 21 years, "Sarge" was honorably discharged in 2000.

Sergeant Brooks attended Sheridan Vocational Law Enforcement School and earned a bachelor's degree from Broward Community College. She remains active in the community, serving and helping others with compassion and grace. As a veteran, she works to provide other veterans with information and resources to assist them and their families. As a 40-year breast cancer survivor, she helps to raise awareness and funds for a variety of breast cancer and other charitable organizations. "Sarge" has one daughter, Michelle, and three grandchildren: Demaryiah, Demiyah, and Denorah.

Truly an inspiration, "Sarge" is known for her kind and generous spirit and her legacy of service to our country and community. I am fortunate and proud to call Kersandra "Sarge" Brooks my dear friend, and I ask all who know and love "Sarge" to join me in wishing her a very happy, healthy, and heartfelt 70th birthday.

HOUSING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague, Representative EMANUEL CLEAVER of Missouri, to raise a particular point that the Department of the Treasury should consider when evaluating the congressional intent as it relates to Section 1001 of this piece of legislation, the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. Mr. CLEAVER and I are both original cosponsors of this piece of legislation and were intimately involved in the drafting of the bill.

It is the intent of Congress that entities providing for the temporary acquisition of homes

during employer sponsored relocation home sale programs be exempt from the definition of large institutional investor in Section 1001 of this Act.

These entities provide a service to the private sector, government agencies and their employees by facilitating worker relocations. These properties remain available to American homebuyers; they are not removed from the homeownership market and turned into rental properties. Additionally, these transactions are in service of an employee relocation, not for investment purposes. As such, it is appropriate to exclude them from the definition of a large institutional investor pursuant to the Act.

Additionally, in this bill Congress grants the Department of the Treasury the authority to issue regulations aimed at carrying out the purposes of this section, avoiding market disruptions, and protecting consumers from harm. Under that authority, Treasury should issue rules clarifying the meaningful financial support required for homeownership programs under subparagraph (D). It is the intent of Congress that any meaningful financial support from the investor should include consideration of the physical condition of the home. It is also the intent of Congress that any homeownership program under subparagraph (D) must involve properties that are habitable and shall not impose significant repair obligations on the consumer before a deed is granted to them. Consumers attempting to purchase these homes should not be obligated to pay for significant repairs unless they have a deed in their name and full ownership rights, to prevent transactions that are built to fail.

HONORING STEPHANIE FLORCZYK
AS A 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 Stephanie Florczyk as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Stephanie Florczyk is a 340B program manager and front desk supervisor for SPEKTRUM Health, a healthcare practice in Orlando, Florida that serves the LGBTQ+ community. She is originally from Upstate New York and has lived in Central Florida for over 10 years.

Her journey to realize her authentic self, from the first indications that she was transgender as an early teenager to coming out as a transgender woman in her 30s and beyond, has provided her with a wealth of experiences.

She is trained in engineering and has experience in academia and biomedical research. Stephanie joined SPEKTRUM Health in 2022 and has served the organization in various roles. These roles have included supporting patient care and access to services, operating the pharmacy program and interacting with partner pharmacies, promoting access to PrEP and gender affirming care, grant writing, and outreach. She has worked to serve and support the LGBTQ+ community through SPEKTRUM Health and beyond. Stephanie is an advocate for transgender equality and ac-

cess to gender affirming care despite restrictions from recent legislation. Additionally, she is a passionate advocate for HIV prevention and recovery from substance abuse, both of which disproportionately impact the LGBTQ+ community and have affected Stephanie personally.

Stephanie believes in the power of education and in supporting the authentic expression of the individual, allowing each person to become the best version of themselves. She also believes in inclusion and in meeting people where they are to create the greatest positive impact on society.

HONORING COMMUNITY PROJECTS,
INC.

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 Community Projects, Inc., a local thrift store and non-profit organization, on its 85th anniversary of dedicated service to our Napa community.

Community Projects, Inc. is a cornerstone non-profit entity in Napa, California, governed by a dedicated Board of Directors and supported by a robust network of community volunteers, it operates as a 501(c)(3) organization focused on local community enrichment and support.

Since its founding on April 15, 1941, Community Projects, Inc. has grown into a dedicated band of more than 100 volunteers who have granted approximately \$17 million in donations over the years to charitable organizations. Their primary source of funding is the organization's thrift store located at 715 Franklin St., which provides affordable goods to the community while generating revenue for local grants and philanthropic projects.

Community Projects, Inc. remains one of the oldest active non-profit organizations in our region, continuing to adapt its fundraising efforts to serve the evolving needs of our Napa community. The proceeds from Community Projects' efforts have allowed the organization to donate millions of dollars back to our Napa community through grants to other local organizations and scholarships to Napa County Schools.

Some organizations supported by Community Projects, Inc. include Mentis, Cope Family Center, NEWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services, Girls on the Run, Project Napa Graduation, Can Do Pro Inclusion Napa, and Napa Wildlife Rescue.

Mr. Speaker, Community Projects, Inc. has done incredible work supporting our community for the past 85 years. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor this organization here today.

RECOGNIZING LAKEWOOD CITY
MANAGER KATHY HODGSON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathy Hodgson of Lakewood for her service as City Manager.