

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.

For 46 years, Kathy has been a pillar of the Lakewood Community, beginning her career as a teenage lifeguard at her local pool, where she safeguarded residents and discovered her passion for public service. Over several decades, Kathy worked her way to the City Manager position, which she has held for the past 18 years. During her tenure, she secured 192 acres for city parks and open spaces, including nearly 60 acres in the heart of Lakewood. She oversaw the largest infrastructure investment in the city's history along the West Colfax Corridor. As a regional leader in Jefferson County, Kathy helped create the Volunteers of America Colorado Navigation Center to address homelessness.

Kathy's dedication to service does not end with the City of Lakewood. She formerly served on the Red Rocks Community College Advisory Council, as president of the Colorado Women's Forum, the Colorado Municipal League executive board, and the Colorado City and County Management Association.

Kathy led the City of Lakewood to become a national sustainability beacon by increasing the number of electric vehicles in the city's fleet, installing solar power at Whitlock Recreation Center, adding EV charging stations at city facilities, and creating a residential composting program. Kathy has gone above and beyond in her service to the community and has been an inspiration to those around her.

The City of Lakewood and the State of Colorado have benefited from Kathy's hard work and commitment to creating a better future for all Coloradans, and her absence will be felt by the community she served so well.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Kathy Hodgson on her well-earned retirement and to thank her for her service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Mrs. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I was unavailable to vote because of a health emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 228, and YEA on Roll Call No. 229.

HONORING SYLVINA FRAUSTO

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 Sylvina Frausto, 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 Yolo County honoree, Ms. Frausto is very deserving of this award and recognition.

Ms. Frausto was born in Tamazula, Jalisco, Mexico. Since moving to Woodland, California, over fifty years ago. Ms. Frausto has distinguished herself as a visionary leader whose practical approach to complex challenges has produced meaningful and lasting benefits for our community.

After earning her high school diploma, Ms. Frausto attended Woodland Community College. Ms. Frausto served as a Parish Administrative Assistant at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church for twenty-five years. Ms. Frausto also worked at the Woodland Joint Unified School District as the School Secretary where she mobilized parents to improve the Woodland School District Music Program and educated families on how to protect themselves from fraudsters preying on our immigrant community.

Beyond her professional roles, Ms. Frausto has consistently demonstrated her personal investment in the future of our community. Ms. Frausto served as the bilingual secretary for the Yolo County Public Defender's Office while also accompanying individuals who are seeking justice for domestic violence to their court appointments. For the past 16 years, Ms. Frausto has also generously contributed her time to teaching origami at the Woodland Senior and Community Center twice a month.

Ms. Frausto has remained a steadfast advocate for a diverse range of communities, serving on the Elementary School Site Council, Diocese of Sacramento Stewardship Committee, Sacramento Valley Organizing Community, Chief Advisory Board, Empower Yolo Advisory Committee, and the Yolo County Office of Education-Participant in Roadmap to the Future. Ms. Frausto is also the chair of the following committees: Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Ministries, Yolo County Monroe Detention Facility, and the Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility. Through her generous contributions to charitable and civic causes, she has exemplified the spirit of service, advocacy, and community stewardship.

Ms. Frausto is a proud single parent of two children. Her daughter earned her master's degree at Stanford University and her son serves in the Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize Sylvina Frausto 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.

HONORING MASTER DEPUTY MARA EVERSON 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 Master Deputy Mara Everson as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Master Deputy Mara Everson is an Air Force veteran and dedicated public safety professional whose career reflects an unwavering commitment to service, leadership, and community engagement. She holds a Master of Science in Homeland Security and is both a certified Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Practitioner and Crime Prevention Practitioner.

Throughout her law enforcement career, Master Deputy Everson has served in a variety of roles dedicated to protecting and supporting her community. As a detective in the Criminal Investigations Unit, she specialized in domestic violence, child abuse, and missing persons cases, demonstrating exceptional compassion, professionalism, and dedication while assisting victims and their families during some of their most difficult times.

Master Deputy Everson also serves as an LGBTQ liaison and safe place coordinator, fostering trust and collaboration between law enforcement and the LGBTQ community. Through outreach, advocacy, and education, she has worked to create safe, inclusive environments and strengthen relationships between community members and public safety professionals.

Master Deputy Everson's distinguished military service, professional achievements, and commitment to crime prevention have made a lasting impact on the communities she serves. Her leadership, integrity, and dedication to public service exemplify the highest ideals of citizenship and reflect great credit upon herself, her profession, and the state of Florida.

HONORING BERNARDO "BERNIE" NARVAEZ

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 Bernardo "Bernie" Narvaez, 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 Napa County honoree, Mr. Narvaez is very deserving of this award and recognition.

Mr. Narvaez was born in Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico. He immigrated to the United States with his family in 1990 and grew up in poverty. After the September 11 attacks, Mr. Narvaez enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, served honorably for six years, and is a Veteran of the Iraq War.

After his honorable service from the Marine Corps, Mr. Narvaez began working in insurance and risk management, founding Narvaez Insurance Services with his father. They have served more than 4,000 families and small businesses. He built on this experience as the Co-Chair of the Rotary Fire Relief, offering funds to small business owners affected by the Napa fires. Mr. Narvaez currently serves as the City Councilmember for Napa's District 4 and Vice-Chair of the Napa County Climate Action Committee.

Mr. Narvaez is widely respected for his tireless work ethic and a deep sense of responsibility to our Napa community. His career has been defined by dedication and integrity, evident by his many leadership roles with organizations including Napa Sunrise Rotarian, Government Affairs Director with Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Commandant of Napa Marine Corps League, NVT Board of Directors, and Member of Napa County Veteran Commission.