the country, including in Nashville and Atlanta. He has also served for many years as the president of the Margolin Hebrew Academy and serves as chairman of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis. He had wonderful parents, Irby and Bernice. I wish him and his wife Aileen and their children all the best and thank him for his service.

RECOGNIZING CLINICA SIERRA VISTA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clinica Sierra Vista as it celebrates 55 years of providing comprehensive, high-quality healthcare to hundreds of thousands of patients across the Central Valley.

Founded in 1971 as a small trailer clinic offering care to underserved migrant farmworkers in the southern San Joaquin Valley, Clinica Sierra Vista was built on the belief that every family deserves access to quality healthcare. Since then, it has remained committed to expanding aid to those who need it most.

Today, Clinica Sierra Vista operates nearly 100 locations, including community health centers, behavioral health sites, WIC locations, dental clinics, and mobile health units. Through its integrated medical, vision, dental, and behavioral health care services, the organization now serves almost 200,000 patients across Kern and Fresno counties, ensuring even the most rural communities have access to essential care.

Clinica Sierra Vista's mission is guided by its commitment to ensuring that healthcare remains a right for all, not just a privilege for some. That commitment has earned the organization numerous recognitions from groups including the American Heart Association, American Medical Association, and Delano Chamber of Commerce. Earlier this year, Clinica Sierra Vista also celebrated the opening of its first owned corporate headquarters in Bakersfield, marking an important milestone in the clinic's leadership and improvement of care coordination across the Central Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Clinica Sierra Vista on its 55 years of steadfast service to the residents of Kern and Fresno counties and in wishing the organization continued success for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KEITH BERRY

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Keith Berry, who passed on July 5, 2026. Berry was born in Greencastle in 1945. A graduate of Greencastle High School, he spent his entire life honoring the land and livestock commended to him by the Almighty God.

Farming was Keith's passion, and he advanced agriculture in many ways, serving as president of the National Pork Producers Council, Indiana Pork Producers president, Putnam County Council and Co-Alliance Board of Directors. In 2010, he was honored as an Indiana Master Farmer.

Keith supported many 4–H members at the Putnam County Fair livestock auction and members of the South Putnam FFA Chapter. For years, he faithfully attended the Putnamville Church of Faith.

Keith is survived by his wife Sharyl, his two children, four grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, three siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

HONORING BURDEEN CHICAGO AND THE ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP OF GERARDO AND ROLANDO ALVAREZ

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Burdeens Chicago, a family-owned small business deeply rooted in the Pilsen and Heart of Chicago neighborhoods, and to commend its owners, brothers Gerardo and Rolando Alvarez, for their remarkable journey of entrepreneurship, resilience, and community stewardship.

For decades, Burdeens Chicago has stood as a trusted neighborhood institution, serving generations of Chicagoans and reflecting the cultural pride, economic vitality, and enduring spirit of the communities it calls home. Gerardo and Rolando Alvarez, born and raised in these neighborhoods, first came to Burdeens not as owners, but as young employees in the 1990s, balancing work with their high school and college studies while learning the fundamentals of retail, customer service, and civic responsibility.

After pursuing professional careers, the brothers returned during a pivotal period in the retail industry, lending their leadership and vision to help modernize operations, expand the store's online presence, and adapt to changing consumer habits—while preserving the character and integrity that made Burdeens a neighborhood staple.

Through strategic foresight, Gerardo and Rolando guided a bold evolution of the business, transitioning from a traditional sneaker retailer into a nationally recognized destination for fitted hats and headwear.

This transformation positioned Burdeens Chicago at the center of a growing cultural movement that blends sports history, design, and regional identity, drawing customers from across the Nation and around the world.

During the unprecedented challenges of the COVID–19 pandemic, the Alvarez brothers assumed responsibility for day-to-day operations, ensuring the survival of the business and preserving a longstanding neighborhood presence during a time of economic uncertainty. Following this period of stewardship, ownership of Burdeens Chicago was formally transferred to the brothers, completing a full-circle journey from youth employees to business owners.

In January 2025, Burdeens Chicago reached another significant milestone with the opening of its second location along Little Village's iconic 26th Street corridor. This expansion not only reflects the continued success of the business but also celebrates and embraces the vibrant Mexican American culture of the community it serves.

Supported by community partners and local investment initiatives, this growth underscores the power of neighborhood-based entrepreneurship to strengthen local economies and create opportunity.

Today, Burdeens Chicago stands as a testament to generational entrepreneurship, cultural pride, and community-centered growth. Through their continued support of local youth, artists, and neighborhood organizations, Gerardo and Rolando Alvarez have demonstrated that small businesses are not merely commercial enterprises, but essential anchors of strong, connected communities.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Burdeens Chicago and commend Gerardo and Rolando Alvarez for their leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to Chicago's neighborhoods, and affirm that their work embodies the enduring promise of hard work, heritage, and opportunity that defines the American small business tradition.