EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING LATINO BOOK REVIEW'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Latino Book Review's 10th Anniversary. For the last 10 years, Latino Book Review has worked diligently to make sure Latino voices have their rightful place among the Nation's great contributors to arts and literature across the United States.

Latino Book Review was founded in 2016 with the purpose of elevating the voices of our Nation's Latino communities. In offering a forum for book reviews, news and scholarly articles, podcasts, art and more, they provide audiences with a reverent celebration of Latino cultural heritage.

In their first decade, Latino Book Review has achieved remarkable accomplishments. They have included contributions from over 500 authors, provided students in higher education from across the country with the opportunity to publish their work, and gave the recipients of nationally acclaimed awards the chance to share their journey. In their first 10 years, across their platforms, they have promoted Latino contributions to our Nation's cultural landscape to over 100,000 individuals.

Not only does this anniversary mark the recognition of the growing legacy of the organization, but it also celebrates Latino Book Review's relocation to San Antonio, Texas. It is a tremendous honor to welcome the organization to a city whose identity is deeply rooted in an immense pride in its Latino culture.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebration of Latino Book Review's 10th Anniversary. May they continue to shed light upon the stories, voices, and images that define our Nation's Latino communities.

HONORING PROFESSOR NATHANIEL TRUEDELL

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professor Nathaniel Truedell, a devoted minister of music, educator, and mentor, in celebration of his 50th year of music ministry at Jones Tabernacle A.M.E. Zion Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

For half a century, Professor Truedell has lifted the hearts of the Jones Tabernacle family through praise and worship. His devotion, discipline, and dedication have made him a cornerstone of the congregation. Through changing times, technological shifts, and pastoral transitions, he has remained a steady and stabilizing presence. He has always turned the spotlight and applause away from himself and toward the glory of God.

Professor Truedell's influence reaches well beyond the church walls, leading the Broad Ripple High School Gospel Choir and the Ebony Majestic Choir at Indiana State University for years. 50 years ago, he founded the community choir Sounds of Aquarius. He also taught at Broad Ripple High School and Washington Middle School, where he shaped the lives of countless students—myself included—through his teaching of theatre, drama, and music.

Those who know Professor Truedell describe him as humble, kind, generous, patient, and always striving for excellence. He is a leader, a teacher, and a mentor whose impact is felt by the many people he has served throughout our community.

Mr. Speaker, Professor Nathaniel Truedell has spent 50 years using music to serve God and uplift others. As Jones Tabernacle A.M.E. Zion Church gathers to celebrate his ministry, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Professor Truedell's faithful service. musical excellence, and lasting legacy.

HONORING LAURA JACQUES AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Laura Jacques as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Laura is a dedicated member of the Antioch Historical Society and the Woman's Club of Antioch. In her role with the Historical Society, Laura has played a central role in organizing and running several community events, including the city's 150th anniversary and the relocation of the Red Caboose. For every event, Laura goes above and beyond, including helping produce a commemorative coin, a book documenting Antioch's history, and a celebratory barbecue. As a part of Antioch's Women's Club, Laura has worked tirelessly to transform her local community. She has dedicated her efforts to enhancing the Women's Club's outdoor space, while also spearheading the early stages of a new mural on the building that will celebrate local history and art. In addition to directly supervising the construction of the space, Laura was instrumental in the project's fundraising. Across all her roles, Laura consistently drives positive changes in her community through her leadership, sense of civic responsibility, and commitment to excellence. Her efforts have benefited Antioch community members of all ages, and her dedication to supporting the community is truly commendable and does not go unnoticed. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Laura Jacques for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES FREDERICK ''RICK'' HINES, JR.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District, of the great state of Florida, I rise today to honor the life of the late Pastor James Frederick ''Rick'' Hines, Jr., a well-respected man of God, spiritual leader and mentor, loving son, husband, and father. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas Pastor Hines was a passionate and beloved youth pastor, at Koinonia Worship Center and Village, who was dedicated to spreading the Word of God;

Whereas Pastor Hines devoted countless hours to mentoring young people and often credited the church's success with its youth, to practicing the teachings of one of his favorite Bible verses Proverbs 22:6: ''Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it;''

Whereas Pastor Hines served his country dutifully as a soldier in the United States Army from 1977 to 1979;

Whereas Pastor Hines was a lifelong resident of South Florida who loved his community and worked to make it a better place to live; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida honor the life and legacy of the late Pastor James Frederick ''Rick'' Hines, Jr. and commend him for his commitment and dedications to his family, his church and our community.

RECOGNIZING DWIGHT AND MARTHA SCHAR

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the exceptional philanthropy of Dwight and Martha Schar as Ohio's Ashland University celebrates yet another milestone in the couple's generosity to the school.

An Ohio native, Dwight Schar graduated from Ashland University (then known as Ashland College) in 1964, majoring in education. He then began his teaching career while also selling houses on the weekends, which soon became the basis of his next career. He joined Ryan Homes full time in 1968, leading the company's acquisition and development work in Ohio and two other states.

In 1973, Dwight took on a corporate role for Ryan Homes, serving as a vice president in the Washington area. Seven years later, he founded NVHomes, a Virginia-based homebuilder that has become one of the Nation's leaders in home construction. NVHomes was acquired by Ryan Homes in 1987; Dwight continued to lead the company (renamed NVR)

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after the acquisition, serving as chief executive officer into 2005 and as chairman of the board until 2022.

For decades, the Schars have supported Ashland University's programs and facility development, contributing more than $60 million in all. Buildings in the College of Education and the College of Nursing bear the Schar name, as do campus athletic and dining facilities—all made possible because of the couple's commitment to the school.

Tomorrow, October 2, 2026, students, administrators, and supporters of Ashland University will gather at the newly christened Schar Plaza to mark the opening of three newly renovated residence halls. Funding for these renovations came from the Schars' recent $20 million gift to Ashland University—the largest gift it has ever received.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 4th Congressional District, I offer my sincere thanks to Dwight and Martha Schar for their inspirational, generous support of higher education at Ashland University. Their contributions continue to transform the Ashland campus, enhancing the educational experience for current students and attracting potential students for generations to come.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND MACK JENKINS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary life and legacy of Reverend Mack Jenkins, who passed away on September 22, 2026, at the age of 85.

Reverend Jenkins was born on January 10, 1941, to the late James, Sr. and Hannah Bracy Jenkins. The youngest of ten children, virtues such as kindness, humility, forgiveness, and unconditional love were cornerstones of his childhood.

Reverend Jenkins began his educational journey at the historic Calhoun School. Following his graduation in 1958, he began his pursuit of a degree in Fashion-Clothing and Tailoring at Wenonah State Technical Institute, which is now known as Lawson State Community College. His pursuit of his degree was suspended when he was drafted into the United States Army, where he proudly served his country. He later matriculated at Trenholm State Technical College, where he earned his degree in Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration, which prepared him for his career in the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

A committed servant of God, Reverend Jenkins confessed Christ at an early age and became an active member of Rock Creek Missionary Baptist Church. While at Rock Creek, he faithfully served in several capacities, such as choir member, deacon, Sunday School teacher, and superintendent. He was also a member of the renowned Beulah Primitive Baptist Church Male Chorus.

A strong believer in Christian education, Reverend Jenkins served as Congress President for the Old Alabama District Association for more than 30 years. Under his leadership, the first nationally certified Baptist Leadership School was established, and numerous Rock Creek members, along with other district associations members from Lowndes, Macon, Dallas, and Monroe counties earned certification. Additionally, he carried and provided funds for members to attend local, state, and national Baptist conventions to stay abreast of the latest trends in Christian education. He also attended the Southeast District State Convention in June and the Alabama Missionary Baptist Congress of Christian Education in July of 2026.

In 1988 he sensed a deep God-given appointment to preach the gospel and accepted a call to the ministry. In February 1989, he was called to serve as pastor of the Rock Creek Missionary Baptist Church. For more than 37 years Reverend Jenkins shepherded the flock entrusted to him. Reverend Jenkins was relied upon to pray for, love, guide, visit, counsel, and help each and every member. He did not simply occupy the role of pastor; he carried the responsibility of shepherding in his heart.

Reverend Mack Jenkins is proceeded in death by his parents, Mr. James, Sr. and Mrs. Hannah Bracy Jenkins; his siblings, James Jenkins, Jr., Willie Jenkins Humphries, Viola Jenkins Gatson, Reverend Leroy Jenkins, Joe Jenkins, Sam Jenkins, Leon Jenkins, Leon Jenkins, Isaiah Jenkins, and Novella Humphries. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 62 years, Rubye Osborne Jenkins; his sons, Frederick Jose Jenkins and Mack Aldrich (Kecia) Jenkins; one daughter, Gwendolyn (Lewis) Daniel; grandchildren, Fredria (Chris) Jordan, Atravius Smith, Kaylin Jenkins, Brandon (Marquetta) Daniel, Morgan (Gavin) Scott, Deidra (Kamontee) Sigler, Kaitlyn Patterson, and Aerrien Tarrance; 22 great grandchildren; one brother, Willis Jenkins; brothers-in-law, Tom Osborne, Sr. and Benjamin Osborne; sisters-in-law, Juliette Jenkins, Dorothy Gardner Jenkins Sanders, Vanessa Jenkins, Willie Frances Rudolph, Maggie (Eddie) Walker, Johnie Watson, Bonnie Johnson; godchildren, Jackie (Clemmon, Jr.) Barlow, Yvette Patterson, Diane Richardson, Addie (Leon) Bennett, Willie Mack, Jr. (Catha) Patterson, Michelle Jenkins, Barbara (Don) Hill; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

On a personal note, Reverend Mack Jenkins was not only a beloved pastor, but my cherished relative as well. A pillar of the Lowndes County community, Reverend Jenkins was devoted to his family and congregation and was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, cousin, uncle, pastor, neighbor, and friend. May we find comfort in knowing that Reverend Jenkins lived a full and blessed life and that his legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the exemplary life and legacy of Reverend Mack Jenkins.

HONORING STACY WAYNE AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Stacy Wayne as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. As principal of El Cerrito High School, Stacy has worked to foster a strong, safe, and high-performing environment for both students and staff. From the beginning, Stacy has brought her innovative vision to El Cerrito High while collaborating with students and faculty members. A committed leader, she has brought new ideas and dynamic energy to the El Cerrito community, elevating opportunities for academic success while prioritizing student well-being and school culture.

A frequent face at school events, from athletics to theater, Stacy is dedicated to ensuring that every student feels supported in their extracurricular pursuits. She has grown large amounts of school spirit, rallying students to support their peers. She further works with faculty and staff, ensuring active collaboration among teachers to foster a school culture that prioritizes education and student success while making students feel seen and valued.

The cohesive, encouraging environment she has cultivated at El Cerrito High School has benefited students, their families, and faculty alike. Stacy's dedication to student success, support for faculty, and outstanding service to the El Cerrito community do not go unnoticed. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Stacy Wayne for her positive contributions to our community.

CELEBRATING SHERIFF KEVIN L. SUGG

HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Sheriff Kevin L. Sugg, who has dedicated nearly four decades to serving and protecting his community.

For 39 years, Sheriff Sugg has answered the call to serve. Whether as an officer, patrolman, deputy, corporal, or sheriff, he has devoted his career to keeping the people of Houston County and Tennessee safe. Sheriff Sugg's record of service is extraordinary. Over the course of his career, he received the Life Saving Medal, was inducted into the Police Chief Hall of Fame, received the Medal of Bravery from the City of Alamo and the Medal of Valor from Crockett County, and was recognized with the 911 Institute's ''Going Beyond the Call of Duty'' Award. Each honor reflects his courage, dedication, and commitment to public service.

Sheriff Sugg's lifetime of service has included multiple lifesaving actions, including the heroic rescue of three children from a burning