

For decades, Jaquie has organized people to build power, to demonstrate solidarity, and to stand up and fight back against injustice.

Whether as the board president and founding member of Chicago's Women's March, her work with the Poor People's Campaign, or her current service as the vice president of external relations for SEIU Healthcare, Jaquie has not only been on the front lines for some of the most significant struggles, but she is the light that has guided our movements with fierceness, joy, authenticity, and powerful love.

The work she holds closest to her heart unfolded over two decades ago after the murder of her son and only child, Kenneth. Kenneth was a victim of gun violence. As an assignment of love, Jaquie helped organize one of the biggest marches in the Nation's Capital that the Nation had ever seen: the Million Mom March on Mother's Day of 2000. In front of the White House, she held up Kenneth's picture, honored her son and every single child we have seen lost to gun violence.

For Algee, marching is a sacred act. When we march, we resist despair. When we stand up and press on, we demonstrate that we will keep fighting until we are, in fact, victorious. When we lock arms, we remember that we are not alone.

That is the gift of Jaquie Algee. For so many of us, she has motivated us to persist, to face the light, to never give up, and to hold out hope because we, in fact, are not alone. Whenever she can be, she is right next to us, arm in arm, marching on.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to commend Jaquie Algee for her lifelong commitment to building the beloved community, championing civil and worker rights, and practicing solidarity across our intersections, across our identities, and across our issues.

I thank Jaquie Algee for being a spiritual mother for me. We know that all power is to the people.

CELEBRATING LIFE OF KEVIN GONZALEZ

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Kevin Gonzalez, my 18-year-old constituent who was a U.S. citizen boy who lived his last few weeks of life fighting to be reunited with his parents, showing us all the power of love.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Born in Chicago, Kevin was a U.S. citizen whose family was separated after his parents, Isidoro and Norma Anabel, were deported to Mexico. To keep their family together, Kevin moved to Mexico. But during a recent visit to Chicago, he became ill, was diagnosed with terminal colon cancer, and began undergoing treatment.

After Kevin stopped responding to treatment, his parents sought permission to travel to the U.S. to see their son. Their visas were denied by DHS. Desperate to reach their son, they tried to return to him the only way they

knew: by crossing the border. But instead of being reunited, they were detained by CBP for a month.

That is when Kevin showed us the power of love. He fought—even as he lay dying—to be reunited with his parents. He spoke out. And while a community came around him to reunite him with his parents, Kevin's love kept him alive until he could see them one more time. He waited for them. And he passed away less than 24 hours after reuniting with them.

Kevin's example invites us to love one another in a way that defies borders and death and authoritarians and all those who would separate our families and seek our destruction.

So, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to commend Kevin Gonzalez. May we honor his memory by fighting for a more compassionate and just world that honors our shared humanity and dignity.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Kevin Gonzalez—my 18-year-old constituent, who showed us all the power of love.

Kevin, nacido en Chicago, era ciudadano estadounidense; su familia fue separada después de que sus padres, Isidoro y Norma Anabel, fueran deportados a México. Para mantener a la familia unida, Kevin se mudó a México. Sin embargo, durante una visita reciente a Chicago, enfermó, fue diagnosticado con cáncer de colon terminal y comenzó a recibir tratamiento.

Cuando Kevin dejó de responder al tratamiento, sus padres solicitaron permiso para viajar a Estados Unidos y ver a su hijo. El Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) les negó las visas. Desesperados por llegar hasta él, intentaron reunirse con su hijo de la única manera que conocían: cruzando la frontera. Pero, en lugar de reencontrarse, fueron detenidos por CBP durante un mes.

Fue entonces cuando Kevin nos mostró el poder del amor. Luchó—incluso mientras moría—por reencontrarse con sus padres. Alzó la voz. Y mientras la comunidad se unía para lograr ese reencuentro, el amor de Kevin lo mantuvo con vida hasta que pudo verlos una vez más. Los esperó. Y falleció menos de 24 horas después de haberse reunido con ellos.

El ejemplo de Kevin nos invita a amarnos unos a otros de una manera que desafía las fronteras, la muerte, a los autoritarios y a todos aquellos que pretenden separar a nuestras familias y buscan nuestra destrucción.

Por eso, en nombre del Tercer Distrito Congressional de Illinois, es un honor para mí reconocer a Kevin González. Honremos su memoria luchando por un mundo más compasivo y justo, que respete nuestra humanidad y dignidad compartidas. Descansa en paz.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. May Kevin rest in power. I thank him for showing us the power of love, the power of a boy who just wanted to be reunited with his parents one last time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHMIDT). The gentlewoman from Illinois will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF KYLE BUSCH

(Mr. MCDOWELL of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MCDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Kyle Busch, a fierce competitor, a legendary race car driver, and, most importantly, a great man.

Kyle was a husband to Samantha and a father to two beautiful children. He was a brother, a son, a businessman, a driver, an entertainer, and one of the greatest competitors to ever get behind the wheel racing cars.

If I sat here and listed every checkered flag that Kyle Busch ever won, my time would expire before I could finish.

Kyle Busch was a winner. Kyle won 234 races across the top 3 series in NASCAR, including 63 wins at the cup level, making him the ninth all-time winner on the cup series.

Kyle was a fierce competitor. It was like he hated losing more than he loved winning. We all got an inside look at that through listening to his team radio on race days. Kyle had an expectation that if he was behind the wheel of a car, he should win. He had every right to believe that because he was that good.

We all remember the Michael Jordan flu game during the 1997 NBA finals. Imagine Michael Jordan playing every game after the All-Star break with the flu and still winning MVP because that is what Kyle Busch did.

In February of 2015, Kyle wrecked hard at Daytona and compound fractured his right leg and broke his left foot. After multiple surgeries, by early May, Kyle was back racing in the All-Star race. By November, Kyle Busch was a NASCAR champion.

Behind the wheel, Kyle Busch was fast. Truth be told, sometimes he was too fast. Even NASCAR couldn't contain him, and he was regularly penalized for speeding off of pit row. This would infuriate Kyle. But he was so fast that by making him go to the back of the pack, that didn't mean he wouldn't still win.

Mr. Speaker, Kyle Busch's story was that of race legends racing with incredible teams. He started in the truck series for Jack Roush and Roush Racing. He spent time with Hendrick Motorsports racing for Rick Hendrick. From 2007 to 2023, Kyle drove the number 18 for Coach Joe Gibbs at Joe Gibbs Racing. Then, in 2023, he joined Richard Childress Racing and welcomed North Carolina, racing in the number 8 car proudly representing my hometown.

He also drove for two of the best team presidents in NASCAR with Dave Alpern at Joe Gibbs Racing and Mike Verlander at Richard Childress Racing. Both call the Sixth District of North Carolina their home.

Kyle's impact across the NASCAR family was massive. He inspired a generation of drivers who are working their way through the ranks right now. That impact alone is an incredibly strong legacy to leave.

But the track is only part of Kyle Busch's story. Alongside his wife, Samantha, they started the Bundle of Joy Fund to advance access to fertility treatments through care and coverage, building awareness and providing support for the many who have struggled to bring children into the world.

Because of his efforts on the track, he was able to make an impact on countless families and couples' lives by providing support and to let them know that they were not alone.

Most importantly, Kyle was a devoted husband and a loving father. It was obvious that above all of his racing success, all of the trophies that he won, nothing mattered more to him than his precious family.

Mr. Speaker, as we continue to show-er the Busch family with prayer and as we grieve this loss alongside Kyle's wife, Samantha; his children, Brexton and Lennix; and his entire family, let us remember that Kyle Busch will forever be a legend.

There are heroes, and there are legends. Heroes get remembered, but legends never die. Kyle Busch was a legend behind the wheel. In that sense, he is immortal.

COMMENDING CHARTER OAK HIGH SCHOOL CHEER AND STUNT TEAM

(Mr. CISNEROS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Charter Oak High School Cheer and STUNT Team for making history by becoming the first San Gabriel Valley school to win a CIF Southern Section STUNT cheer championship.

Their hard work and dedication paid off. They should all be very proud of themselves for capturing the Division 2 title.

Congratulations to Coach Ashley Garcia for all the time and energy she spent training these talented athletes.

An additional shout-out to sophomore Juliette Ramirez for being the top power player and point earner and to senior Kaelynn Quezada who made a triumphant return from injury this season. She came back stronger than ever and scored 249 points in 265 rounds. I'm not really sure what that means, but it sounds incredible.

Kaelynn was also named the Valle Vista League MVP, and that I do know is incredible.

I congratulate her on that achievement.

This was a remarkable season capped by historic victory. I am incredibly proud of the Charter Oak team, and I hope they enjoy their major win.

CONGRATULATING EDGEWOOD SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Edgewood softball team for their impressive victory in the CIF Southern Section championship.

Their teamwork, hard work, and devotion to the game paid off with this

success, and they should be so proud of their achievements.

A special shout-out to junior Alexis Hurtado for her amazing performance. She pitched a complete game, played great defense, and helped guide her team to victory.

The entire team demonstrated dedication to athletic excellence and made our district proud with this impressive game.

I congratulate them on their accomplishment. They earned it through their hard work and dedication.

I wish them good luck in the CIF Southern Section playoffs. I will be rooting for them.

RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pride Month and celebrate the strength, resilience, and diversity of the LGBTQI+ community in California's 31st District and across the country.

It was just over a decade ago that the Supreme Court announced their decision to affirm marriage equality as the law of the land. This historic step forward remains a landmark legal victory for LGBTQI+ Americans in the fight for equality, but today that fight continues. There is always more work to be done to make this country a more inclusive and welcoming place for all.

This Pride Month is about coming together as a community to celebrate the freedom we all deserve because everyone deserves to love who they love and to live openly and authentically, without fear of discrimination.

I also want to take a moment to reaffirm my commitment to fighting for trans equality. I will always defend their right to live as who they are. As a member of the Congressional Equality Caucus and an original cosponsor of the Equality Act, I am proud to champion their fight for equal justice, equal dignity, and equal rights.

Happy Pride Month.

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GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gun Violence Awareness Month and to honor the thousands of Americans who lost their lives to gun violence.

In 2025, gun homicides killed an estimated 15,000 people. This number represents children taken from their parents, young people with bright futures stolen from them, beloved community members and so many families torn apart by the cruel injustice of an act of violence permitted by our broken policies.

I know family and friends who have lost loved ones due to an act of gun violence. For them, it is pain that will live on forever.

Thoughts and prayers are not enough. It is time for us all to confront this epidemic head on with long-overdue gun reform. Commonsense gun safety laws are not controversial. In fact, a majority of Americans say it is far too easy to legally obtain a gun in this country.

No one should have to bear the trauma of losing a loved one to a preventable incident of gun violence. I promise you that I will fight every day to forge a better tomorrow where everyone is safe from this unconscionable harm of gun violence.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB TOMLINSON

(Mr. SCHMIDT of Kansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a devoted public servant, educator, and proud Kansan, my friend, Bob Tomlinson, who passed away in February 2025 at his home in Kansas.

Bob Tomlinson lived a life defined by service to others. Whether in the classroom, the Kansas Statehouse, or around the family dinner table, Bob believed deeply in showing up for people, listening carefully, and leaving every place a little better than he found it.

From an early age, Bob demonstrated a passion for public service and civic engagement. In fact, his family recalls that his first campaign began in junior high school when he ran for student council. That sense of responsibility to contribute, to lead, and to serve never left him.

As a young man, Bob attended Boys State, worked with Republican U.S. Senator Bob Dole and Democratic State Senator Anthony Hensley, and built a bipartisan spirit that would become a hallmark of his public life. Bob understood that public service was never about headlines or partisanship. It was about people, especially those who felt unheard or overlooked.

Bob earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and later a master's degree from Baker University. He went on to spend nearly two decades working in education, serving as a social studies teacher and counselor at the Shawnee Mission School District alternative education program at Horizons High School. Those who knew Bob understood that he had a special heart for students who needed extra care, extra patience, and someone who believed in them when much of the world often did not.

Bob did not simply teach history. He taught young people that their lives mattered and that they could still shape their own futures.

Bob's commitment to his community naturally led him into elected office. He served on the Roeland Park City Council before representing Kansas' 24th House District in the Kansas State House of Representatives from 1993 to 2003. During his decade in the legislature, Bob earned respect on both sides of the aisle for his thoughtful approach, his kindness, and his ability to build genuine friendships across political differences.

He later served as assistant insurance commissioner for the State of Kansas from 2003 to 2012, continuing a