

Since 1886, the district has been providing public education in the Tanque Verde Valley. The first Tanque Verde school opening its doors all those years ago began a legacy of service and education that has impacted generations of valley residents.

Through the work of dedicated staff and the commitment of students and their families, Tanque Verde schools have served as an example of excellent public education.

The district will celebrate this historic milestone on September 23, bringing together members of the Tanque Verde community, both past and present, as a picture of the community's rich and unique history and honor the people who have made the district's success possible.

To superintendent Dr. Scott Hagerman, teachers and staff, and students and families, congratulations on an incredible 140 years. Through their work and dedication, Tanque Verde Valley is home to outstanding public education. Congratulations again, and here is to many, many more wonderful academic years ahead and lives impacted of our future generations through the power of public education.

HONORING LISA SCOTT BEING NAMED 2027
ARIZONA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Lisa Scott from the Vail School District earning the title of 2027 Arizona Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Scott, who is an eighth grade science teacher at Esmond Station K-8, has earned the highest honor among educators in being named the 2027 Arizona Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Educational Foundation.

This esteemed award celebrates and honors educators who represent the very best of their profession by both inspiring their students and also strengthening the local community.

Not only has Mrs. Scott been an amazing educator, she has done so while also navigating significant life changes that resulted from a near-death experience in December of 2022.

The discovery of a kidney stone led to Mrs. Scott experiencing a loss of consciousness, septic shock, and treatment with a medication that restricted her limbs' blood vessels to the point of needing to amputate both her hands and feet.

Committed to continuing to do what she loves, even after a life-altering event, Mrs. Scott returned to the classroom in July of 2024, where she has proven that anything is possible when you refuse to be defined by circumstances.

Being a great example to all the students that she serves and teaches, her colleagues, her administrators, but also our entire community of what grit and dedication and passion for a career like education can do for someone.

Congratulations to Mrs. Scott, Lisa, on this incredible achievement. I thank her for the impact she has made on her students and our entire community.

LOWALU FIRE STATION

(Ms. TOKUDA of Hawaii was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, after the Lahaina wildfire, West Maui knew we could not afford to wait to strengthen fire protection and emergency response, so the community got to work.

They donated land and raised \$3 million to build a new fire station in Olowalu. This station will cut emergency response times by up to 15 minutes. That can mean the difference between life and death, between a home burning and a home being saved. It will also cut fire insurance costs by nearly half for homeowners, saving families thousands of dollars annually.

The land was donated. The money was raised. The project was fully funded. Then President Trump's steel tariff slapped over \$300,000 to the cost, not because the project changed, not because it went over budget, but because the President changed our trade policy. This is what reckless tariffs look like in real life.

Today, it is a fire station on Maui, but across our country, families, businesses, and communities are paying more because of the President's tariffs, including for the things that they need to keep themselves safe.

A fire station is not a luxury, not in West Maui, not after Lahaina. I am fighting to get relief for Olowalu, but we cannot fight these tariffs one fire station, one small business, or one community at a time. Congress has the constitutional authority over tariffs and trade, and it is time we take that responsibility back.

No President should be able to unilaterally impose tariffs that make it harder and more expensive for Americans to protect their homes, their communities, and their lives.

West Maui has already paid too high a price. We should be making communities safer, not making safety more expensive.

HURRICANE LALA

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, Hurricane Lala never technically made landfall in Hawaii, but disasters aren't measured by whether the eye of a storm crosses a shoreline. They are measured by what they leave behind, and Lala left devastation.

Over 3 days, an estimated 1.3 trillion gallons of rain fell across our State. Hawaii Island took the brunt of it, with some communities seeing 20 to 40 inches. I saw the damages myself.

At Na'alehu Elementary, buildings were pushed off their foundations by the force of water and debris. Parts of Highway 11 were washed away. At Na'alehu Cemetery, floodwaters tragically disturbed the resting place of generations of loved ones.

Hundreds of homes across Hawaii were damaged or destroyed. At the height of the storm, over 200,000 people were left without power.

However, I also saw Hawaii at its best: neighbors checking on neighbors,

community hubs feeding families, supplies flown in by helicopter and carried on horseback to communities cut off by damaged roads, school workers preparing food and hygiene supplies for our "children," "keiki," even while their campuses were closed.

When disaster strikes, Hawaii shows up. Now Washington needs to show up for Hawaii. I am grateful the President approved an emergency declaration, bringing critical FEMA resources to Hawaii, Maui, and Honolulu counties, but we need a major disaster declaration and individual assistance to help our families, farmers, and small businesses recover.

The storm may be gone, but the emergency is not. Families are still without power. People still need food, medicine, clothing, and basic necessities. Roads, homes, schools, farms, and businesses need to be repaired and rebuilt. Even as we recover, we have to prepare, because the Pacific is still churning. More storms are coming, and they will not wait for Hawaii to recover.

We need to replenish supplies, strengthen critical infrastructure, restore essential services, and make sure our most isolated communities are prepared to withstand whatever comes next.

Help our people recover, prepare for what is coming next, and do it now. That is what Hawaii needs from Washington.

HONORING GRAND MASTER NAVIGATOR SESARIO SEWRALUR

(Ms. KING-HINDS of the Northern Mariana Islands was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Grand Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur, captain of the Alingano Maisu, a cultural teacher, steward, and guardian of ancestral wayfinding knowledge.

A son of Satawal in the Federated States of Micronesia and the son of legendary master navigator Mau Piaulug, Sesario began sailing with his father at just 5 years old. He went on to lead 20 voyages across the Marianas, Palau, Yap, Taiwan, and Japan, helping preserve the ancient art of navigating the Pacific without modern instruments.

Sesario carried forward his father's legacy and helped ensure traditional navigation remained a living heritage, one that connects the peoples and islands of Oceania across our vast Pacific.

On behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, I extend my deepest gratitude to Captain Sesario; his wife, Florentina; his children; grandchildren; family; and friends.

His teachings will endure for generations, and his spirit will live on in the stars, skies, and seas.

"A very big thank you"; "Undangkulu na Si Yu'us ma'ase yan, kinisou."

HONORING GUAM-CNMI ESGR

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Guam-CNMI Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve State Committee for its steadfast support for our servicemembers, their families, and the employers who support them.

ESGR helps our citizen-warriors balance military and civilian responsibilities through outreach, education, recognition, and assistance with employment protections under USERRA. This mission is especially meaningful in the Northern Mariana Islands, where military service is deeply rooted in our community.

The Guam-CNMI ESGR has earned national recognition for three consecutive years. In 2024, Major General Benny Paulino received the James M. Roche Spirit of Volunteerism National Award. In 2025, Dave Sablan received national ESGR recognition, and in 2026 Don Clark was named National Employer Outreach Volunteer of the Year. These honors reflect the dedication of the entire committee and its volunteers.

On behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, I thank the Guam-CNMI ESGR for supporting those who serve our nation and strengthening the communities they call home.

"Thank you"; "Si Yu'us ma'ase."
"Thank you"; "ghilisow."

CONCERNS ON PROLIFERATION OF DATA CENTERS

(Ms. ANSARI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, this week, Donald Trump attacked communities across the country that are raising concerns about the proliferation of gigantic, power-hungry data centers. He called them backwards and poor.

According to the President, Americans should welcome data centers without question if they want to become "successful and rich." His exact declaration was: "Let data reign."

That is a wildly out-of-touch response to Americans who are worried about their electricity bills, their water supply, and the future of their communities, all of which are being made dramatically worse by this administration.

I represent Phoenix, Arizona, the Nation's fifth largest city, and we don't need any more data centers in our communities right now. We are already on the front lines of a severe and historic water crisis. The Trump administration just slashed our Colorado River water allocation by nearly 30 percent.

Meanwhile, a single data center can consume tens if not hundreds of millions of gallons of water every year. If every currently planned project in the Phoenix area is built, data center water demand could increase by more than 450 percent.

It is extremely alarming, and my constituents are right to express their

concerns on how our government allocates its resources, including by providing immense tax breaks to ultrarich AI and data center companies.

Our electricity grid is also under enormous strain. Arizona families are facing higher utility bills, most especially as a result of Trump's illegal war in Iran, all while data centers demand staggering amounts of energy. Research has found that these facilities can make surrounding neighborhoods as much as four degrees hotter, in a city like Phoenix where extreme heat already kills people.

These are not irrational concerns. Even Vice President JD VANCE admitted that 99 percent—his words—of the backlash against data centers is happening in places where they are driving up utility bills.

Protecting Arizona's water is not backwards. Keeping electricity affordable enough for seniors to turn their air conditioners on during the summer is not poor, and allowing the wealthiest companies on the planet to consume our water and power while working families absorb the cost is not progress.

But here is the real reason that Donald Trump is so eager to tell communities to stop pushing back against data centers: Donald Trump is the sole beneficiary of a trust holding nearly 115 million shares of Trump Media. Trump Media is pursuing a pending \$6 billion merger with TAE Technologies, an energy company that explicitly markets its technology for AI data center expansion.

In other words, the President himself has an enormous financial interest in a company positioning itself to benefit from the growth of the data center energy market. He is once again using his Presidency to enrich himself and his family.

That creates a glaring conflict of interest when it comes to Trump using the power and platform of the Presidency to attack communities resisting the construction of new data centers.

Americans deserve to know whether he is speaking for the public interest or promoting his own investment portfolio.

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I support Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes' call for a statewide pause. Arizona should not approve another massive data center until we have a comprehensive plan to protect our water, our electrical grid, and Arizona ratepayers.

Congress also needs to investigate the President's conflict of interest and demand full transparency about how financial holdings intersect with his administration's data center and energy policies.

We can believe in American innovation without handing Big Tech a blank check on our water supply and electricity bills. Arizonans are not backward and poor. We are tired of being told to sacrifice more so that billion-

aires and the President himself can become richer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING CAROLYN BROWN

(Mr. WIED of Wisconsin was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional teacher in northeastern Wisconsin who retired this summer after decades of dedicated service in education.

Mrs. Carolyn Brown began teaching at my alma mater, Notre Dame Academy, in Green Bay, in 1996, following nearly three decades in education. She taught English and journalism and was notably Notre Dame Academy's first International Baccalaureate-trained teacher.

Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Brown was known as the school's biggest cheerleader. She could be found at games, plays, musical performances, and just about every other school event, always showing up to support her students.

She also started the school's annual Fall Fest Week and the Academy Awards talent show, giving students a chance to share their school spirit and talents while, of course, being there to cheer them along the way.

Mr. Speaker, we are so blessed to have educators such as Mrs. Carolyn Brown in northeast Wisconsin. I thank her for her many years of service to the youth of Green Bay, and I wish her the very best as she begins her much-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING BROWN COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WENDY LEMKUIL

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brown County Deputy District Attorney Wendy Lemkuil as she enters retirement after years of dedicated public service.

For three decades, Deputy District Attorney Lemkuil has served the people of Brown County in the courtroom, doing work that is often difficult, demanding, and unseen by the public.

Throughout her career as a prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Lemkuil has primarily handled drug- and homicide-related cases, successfully prosecuting hundreds of cases in her commitment to protecting our communities and keeping Brown County safe.

Through her service to northeastern Wisconsin, she has made a lasting impact not only on our communities but also on the people with whom she has worked. Those who know her and have learned from her have said that it will be nearly impossible to fill her shoes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Deputy District Attorney Wendy Lemkuil on her retirement and on thanking her for her years of honorable service to Brown County and northeastern Wisconsin.