

RECOGNIZING WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN MATZ

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz as he enters retirement after serving 16 years as sheriff and a total of 36 years with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Matz has lived a life defined by service, leadership, and a commitment to helping others. He served in the Wisconsin National Guard for 30 years and worked as a deputy throughout that time. During his service, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and retired as the command sergeant major of Wisconsin's 120th Field Artillery Battalion.

Few people have devoted as much of their lives to their nation and community as Sheriff John Matz.

Through decades in the military and law enforcement, he has shown his dedication and commitment to serving the people of Winnebago County and has made a lasting impact on countless lives across northeastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sheriff John Matz on his retirement and thanking him for his decades of honorable service to Winnebago County, northeast Wisconsin, and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF MATT JOSKI

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kewaunee County Sheriff Matt Joski as he enters retirement after more than 33 years of dedicated public service.

Sheriff Joski's career reflects a deep commitment to serving his community, his State, and his country. Before his law enforcement career, Sheriff Joski served for 11 years in the United States Marine Corps. He later continued that life of service as Kewaunee County sheriff and through his dedicated work with the Wisconsin National Guard.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Joski has been known not only for his dedication to public safety, but also for his writing on mental health, physical safety, and community issues, and for his mentorship with first responders and military personnel. The trust he built between law enforcement and the communities across Kewaunee County has made a lasting impact on northeastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sheriff Matt Joski on his retirement and in thanking him for his decades of honorable service to Kewaunee County, northeastern Wisconsin, and the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL HUNN ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate my good friend Michael Hunn on his retirement from

CalOptima Health as its CEO. Throughout his time at CalOptima, Michael expanded Medi-Cal services and increased community investment initiatives for our working families throughout Orange County.

As CEO, Michael followed through with his commitment to supporting our most vulnerable populations by creating a safety net so they could receive the healthcare services that they deserve.

Because of Michael's efforts, Orange County today is healthier, stronger, and more resilient than ever before.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of you to join me in congratulating Michael for his accomplishments and innovative leadership.

RECOGNIZING BILL THOMPSON OF ORANGE COUNTY

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Orange County resident Bill Thompson for his generous contributions and support of Lestonnac Free Clinic.

For years, Bill has worked with Lestonnac to provide critical healthcare for uninsured communities throughout southern California. With Bill's help and the help of other generous volunteers, Lestonnac has executed on its clear vision, expanding healthcare so that nobody goes without.

Just last year, Bill worked with Lestonnac to open the Nation's first dedicated free surgery clinic, a groundbreaking initiative to provide life-changing procedures to veterans and others, no questions asked.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Bill for his commitment to helping our neighbors in need.

CELEBRATING ASSEMBLYWOMAN SHARON QUIRK-SILVA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva's 12-year career in the California State Assembly.

Throughout her time representing north Orange County, she has led with vigor and determination and has set the standard for what it means to truly be a public servant. She supported our veterans, expanded affordable housing options, and secured millions of dollars for our working families here in Orange County.

As she marks the close of a 12-year career in the California Legislature, Sharon will be leaving a legacy of hard work, partnership, and accomplishment that have strengthened our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in honoring Sharon Quirk-Silva's lasting impact on our communities. I thank Madam Quirk-Lady.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANA NOGALES

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ana Nogales and her 30 years of leadership and service with Casa de la Familia.

In 1996, Dr. Nogales founded Casa de la Familia with a vision of helping individuals heal their wounds of psycho-

logical trauma. Since then, Dr. Nogales and Casa de la Familia have followed through on that vision.

From mental health services to stigma reduction, their work has impacted the lives of many here in California and Orange County.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Nogales and Casa de la Familia for 30 years of very important and critical work. We wish them another 30 years of success in Orange County.

I congratulate and thank Dr. Ana Nogales and wish her a happy 30.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RYLEE ROSE BELZA

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

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of Rylee Rose Belza, a beloved 11-year-old from Marysville who entered into eternity with her Savior on July 8.

Rylee was the cherished daughter of Dom and Julia Belza and a loving sister whose joy filled her family's life.

Our hearts are with Dom and Julia. I have seen the deep faith, amazing grace, and love that has been guiding the Belza family during this painful time.

Rylee was a bright light. She loved her family, her friends, softball, and fishing. Her church and her faith in the Lord were central to her life.

The picture that really stuck with me at her memorial was Rylee worshiping with arms stretched wide even as she was battling cancer. She carried joy into every room and made people laugh. She consistently placed herself behind others.

She had a beautiful voice, and she loved to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." She wanted to be the President. She told her classmates as much, and, Mr. Speaker, I bet you she would have been.

The Yuba-Sutter community has responded with compassion, love, and prayer for the Belza family.

Today, I ask the House to join me in praying for Rylee's family and every person her life touched. Rylee's life was far too short, but her outsized legacy will remain with her family and her community for many years to come.

PEOPLE ARE DYING IN ICE DETENTION

(Ms. BARRAGÁN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, Edwin Lopez-Cornejo told his mother that he could no longer feel his face. He was losing feeling in his arm, and he was scared. He was inside an ICE detention facility despite having a valid work permit.

Edwin suffered from serious medical conditions, but ICE denied him care and the medications he needed. Edwin

died on August 1 after just 6 weeks in ICE custody. He was only 41 years old. He was a father.

Edwin's story should stop us in our tracks because he is not alone. People are dying in ICE detention. People have been killed during immigration enforcement operations. The people the Trump administration is going after are not serious criminals or the worst of the worst.

In July, more than one-half of the people arrested by ICE had no criminal convictions and no pending criminal charges. These are workers, parents, and caregivers. They are people who have lived in our communities for years, yet the administration is stripping away legal protections to detain and deport them.

Look at Haitian families with temporary protected status. For years our government told them: You can come live here, and you can come and work here.

They built their lives here. They pay taxes. They cared for our parents and our grandparents. In Florida alone, an estimated 93,000 Haitian workers with TPS spent years caring for Holocaust survivors. Some had worked there for over two decades, and then this administration got rid of their protections. Scores of people lost their jobs.

Those caregivers were not here illegally. The government changed their status so they could send them back to a country where their lives are in danger.

Then, let's look at what happened to Lorenzo Salgado Araujo. Lorenzo was a 52-year-old father of three with no criminal record, and he had applied for a legal work permit. Lorenzo had lived in this country for nearly 35 years and built his own construction business. Yet, in July, ICE agents killed him while looking for another person.

One of Lorenzo's sons, Ronaldo, watched the video of his father and said: "My father was always a strong man and never wanted us to know if he was in pain. He never complained . . . but it hurt my heart to hear his scream."

Two fathers: One killed by ICE in the street; one dead after 6 weeks in ICE custody.

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This abuse does not stop with immigrants. U.S. citizens are being rounded up and deported.

When the Supreme Court allowed ICE to profile people racially during enforcement stops based on their race and their language, Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh wrote that if you are a U.S. citizen, you are going to be free to go after just a brief encounter.

That is not what happened to Brian Jose Morales Garcia. He is a U.S. citizen who was deported to Mexico after a traffic stop in Texas, even though he repeatedly told the ICE officer he was a U.S. citizen and asked to get the proof of citizenship at his home. They ignored him. They deported him.

For 4 months, Brian was stuck in Mexico. Imagine this: an American citizen stuck in Mexico for 4 months, separated from your work and family before you are finally allowed to come back to this country and having to hire a lawyer.

Since Trump returned to office, more than 50 people have died in ICE custody. Others, including U.S. citizens, have died during immigration enforcement operations.

Congress must stop this out-of-control agency and hold them accountable for every death at the hands of ICE. People are dying. Americans are less safe because of this rogue agency that is out in the streets with masks and no identification.

Mr. Speaker, this administration and Republicans in Congress continue to kill innocent people and make us less safe. This must stop.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 46 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Gather us together, O God, in the company of those whom You have called to serve in this time and place. Then, may we, together, draw near to You with sincere hearts to receive the law You would place within them and to respond to the truth that You would write on our minds.

Cleanse us from our own guilty consciences and free us from our tendencies to seek our own well-being, to make our own rules, and to listen to our own voices.

Release us from all that keeps us from seeing You more clearly, loving You more dearly, and following You more nearly, this day and every day.

Then, having placed our faith in You, may we hold on unswervingly to the hope we profess. Allow the fruit of our faith to be borne in our efforts, and may we be more inclined to support one another with love and mutual encouragement and to live lives reflective of Your grace and mercy.

These things we pray in the strength of Your eternal love and in the power of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. STRONG) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STRONG led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 2, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Ms. Jana M. Lean, Chief, Elections Division, California Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special General Election held on August 18, 2026, the Honorable Aisha Wahab was elected Representative to Congress for the Fourteenth Congressional District of California.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.,
CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE,
Sacramento, CA, September 1, 2026.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: This is to advise you that as of September 1, 2026, the county of Alameda had an estimated 0 unprocessed ballots. The current U.S. House of Representative 14th District encompasses the county of Alameda.

As of August 26, 2026, at 3:21 p.m. the unofficial results of the Special General Election held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, for U.S. House of Representative 14th District show that Aisha Wahab received 51,692 votes or 53.1% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

According to the unofficial results, it appears that Aisha Wahab has received the majority of votes cast for the U.S. House of Representative 14th District of California.

To the best of the Secretary of State's knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the registrar of voters for the county of Alameda, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

JANA M. LEAN,
Chief, Elections Division.