

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING EL SEGUNDO'S LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the El Segundo Little League All-Stars, a baseball team from the City of El Segundo, who won the 2023 Little League Baseball World Series on the 27th of August. El Segundo defeated the Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

This year's championship win is the first for a team from Los Angeles County since 1993 and is the first for a team from the City of El Segundo.

The El Segundo Little League All-Stars—Lennon Salazar, Finley Green, Quinn Boehle, Lucas Keldorf, Colby Lee, Max Baker, Brody Brooks, Declan McRoberts, Ollie Parks, Louis Lappe, Crew O'Connor, and Jaxon Kalish—should be proud of their accomplishment, as they have secured the 8th total title for the State of California, the most of any State in the union. The El Segundo Little League team won 5 consecutive elimination games to compete in the championship and took home the win in a 6–5 game. Louis Lappe hit a legendary walk-off home run to win the game in the sixth inning. The team was led by Manager Danny Boehle and Coaches Tim Abrams and Eddie Lee.

I am happy to know that this team had the full support of their city behind them, and residents gathered across the city and Southern California to cheer them on in a wonderful display of community. Their achievements are made all the more special by the hard work and the team effort made by every player, coach and supporter along the way.

On behalf of California's 36th Congressional District, I would like to sincerely congratulate the El Segundo Little League All-Stars team on winning the Little League World Series and wish them best of luck in their future efforts. Their performance was a sight to behold, and they have made us all proud. Go Gundo.

### HONORING JOSEPH TRENT SIFF

#### HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today, it is with a heavy but grateful heart that I rise in honor of the late Joseph "Joe" Trent Siff, who was a dedicated, principled political activist with more than 50 years of support and work for local, state, and national leaders. His involvement began in 1968 and lasted through his local precinct work in Houston and his volunteer work for Rep. LIZZIE FLETCHER in 2022.

Joe was born on November 16, 1947, in Akron, Ohio, the son of Alvin Stanley and Iris Gene Siff. The Siff family moved from Akron to Houston, Texas, when Joe and his twin brother Ted were 6 months old.

From the beginning, Joe and Ted were each other's biggest supporters and good-natured competitors—even running against 1 another for president of their sixth-grade class, but losing to a third candidate.

With an impressive list of accomplishments as a child and young adult, Joe was an Eagle Scout as well as a proud member of the first class to attend all 4 years at Memorial High. He was also a multi-year class officer and champion orator and debater. Joe excelled at almost everything he did.

As a huge Houston Colt 45's/Astros fan, Joe worked for many years as a press box runner and assisted sports writers, announcers, and scoreboard keepers during home games. Always 1 to pay it forward, he helped several fellow members of the Memorial High speech and drama teams get summer jobs as tour guides and ushers.

After completing his freshman year at Lafayette College, Joe finished college at Rice University, studying architecture. In 1968, he was part of the campaign team to elect John Hill as Governor of Texas.

In 1970, Joe was elected president of the Associate Student Chapters of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA), where he served on the national board and testified before Congress. Two years later, Joe would return to help John Hill become the Texas Attorney General while also taking part in the campaign for Sissy Farenthold for Governor. He also served on the advance team for Sargent Shriver's Vice-Presidential campaign.

Campaign work inspired Joe and eventually resulted in him becoming an assistant to Boston Mayor Kevin White. Before Joe's health problems arose, he would also serve as a precinct election worker. He was a loyal member of the Texas Democratic Party. His advocacy, like his concern for others, knew no boundaries; his passion knew no limits.

At the completion of his work for Mayor White, Joe returned to Houston where he started his career as a financial advisor. He quickly became a senior vice president at Prudential Bache Securities and then at Lehman Brothers.

In the early 1980s, Joe married Bonnie Hickerson. This marriage was blessed with the births of Iris Trent Siff and then Jordan Benjamin Siff.

Joe's personality was infectious. He maintained relationships, fostered friendships, and often tried to help friends achieve their goals. It was a natural transition in the 1990's when he created his firm, Access Strategies, to connect people and their ideas to the capital and other resources they needed. This talent, matched with his wide-ranging network, resulted in projects involving real estate, art, book and live performance productions, and so much more. His multi-decade representation of artist David Adickes is 1 example of his many skills.

A great storyteller with an unceasing curiosity about the world around him, Joe loved his family, conversations, politics, architecture and design, and travel. He was a kind and supportive father, brother, and friend, including mine for many decades.

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, our world lost a bright soul, who was committed to making it a better place for everyone. Joe was 75 years old, and is survived by his 2 children, Iris and Jordan, and their mother, Bonnie; his twin brother Ted Siff (Janelle Buchanan) of Austin, Texas, as well as nieces and numerous cousins.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I am pleased to honor the life and legacy of Joe Siff, and I am grateful to share his story with the rest of our Nation. I cherish our memories while admiring his significant, personal contributions.

He worked tirelessly to make our state and the world a better place. May he Rest in Peace.

### CELEBRATING HONEYWELL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

#### HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Honeywell on 100 years of operations and doing business in South Bend, Indiana.

For a full century now, Honeywell has been a staple in the South Bend community as well as a source of stability and economic opportunity for hardworking Hoosiers in our area.

I often say that Hoosier manufacturing is second to none. Honeywell's South Bend facility proves this point every single day. By manufacturing aircraft wheel and brake systems, Honeywell Aerospace helps to keep people in the skies and American aviation safe and constantly on the move.

I had the pleasure of touring their South Bend facility and meeting members of Honeywell's team last month. There, I was able to see firsthand the quality, professional work Honeywell employees do day in and day out and why Honeywell has chosen a home in South Bend for the past 100 years.

Congratulations again on reaching this impressive milestone. I thank them for their many contributions to the city of South Bend and Indiana's Second Congressional District. I wish them continued success and many more years in business and anniversaries to celebrate going forward.

### BATTLE CREEK'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor Battle Creek, Nebraska as they celebrate their

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150th birthday. One hundred fifty years ago in August 1873, Battle Creek was founded. Sitting along the Elkhorn River Valley in Madison County, Battle Creek has grown through the years, welcoming new families, businesses, and visitors.

With a population of a few more than 1,000 people, they exhibit the best of what small town Nebraska has to offer: A great quality of life, family-owned businesses, and great recreation. They're one of the first stops on the Cowboy Trail. And Battle Creek is proud of its community members—both new and old. One outstanding example is Rose O'Neill, the cartoonist who imagined the Kewpie Doll, which has gained fame around the world. As Battle Creek reaches this sesquicentennial birthday, there is much to celebrate.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, congratulations on 150 years.

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BURGESS OWENS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, this year, the entire state of Utah celebrates a remarkable milestone in our community's history—the 75th anniversary of Salt Lake Community College. As Utah's largest college with more than 45,000 students across 10 campuses, SLCC has played a pivotal role in shaping the lives of countless individuals and has been a cornerstone of education and progress in the Beehive State.

Over the past seven and a half decades, Salt Lake Community College has been a beacon of opportunity, offering a pathway to success for students from all walks of life. It has embraced the values of collaboration, community, inclusivity, learning, innovation, integrity, and trust, providing a welcoming environment for students of varying backgrounds and aspirations.

As we commemorate this milestone, we must recognize the dedication and hard work of the faculty, staff, and administrators who have tirelessly supported and guided our students throughout their educational journeys. The impact of their commitment extends far beyond the walls of the classroom, touching the hearts and minds of our community members.

The successes achieved by Salt Lake Community College alumni are a testament to the institution's commitment to excellence. Graduates have gone on to become leaders, innovators, and contributors to our society in various fields. Their accomplishments reflect the quality of education and opportunities provided here.

I would also like to acknowledge the role of the community in nurturing and sustaining this institution. Salt Lake Community College has thrived because of the unwavering support of the people it serves. Your investment in education has paid dividends in the form of a more skilled and empowered workforce, contributing to the prosperity of our region.

As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to support Salt Lake Community College's mission of empowering individuals

through education. Let us rededicate ourselves to the values of learning, growth, and community that have defined this institution for 75 years.

Together, we can ensure that SLCC remains a beacon of hope and opportunity for generations to come.

Congratulations to Salt Lake Community College on this momentous occasion and may the next 75 years be even more fruitful and inspiring. I thank them for their dedication to our community and its future.

CELEBRATING EUGENE "GENE"  
FRANCK

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eugene "Gene" E. Franck for his service that went above and beyond the call of duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Gene was born in Berkeley, California, growing up in Albany with his family. As a child, Gene had always wanted to be a pilot, following in the footsteps of uncles who had flown for the military.

After he graduated high school, Gene enrolled at San Jose State University where he joined the Air Force ROTC on campus and pursued a degree in Aeronautical Operations to become a pilot. During his sophomore year of college, Gene decided to drop a class, becoming a "part-time" student eligible for the draft. Within a month, he received his draft letter. Remaining committed to his dream of becoming a pilot, Gene joined the United States Army, completing basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and graduating from flight school at the top of his class in June 1968.

On January 31, 1969, Gene was sent overseas as part of the first contingent stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam. With the call sign "Spider Man," Gene served with the "Ghost Riders," a Company 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion. By March 1969, Gene regularly flew UH-1H Huey aircrafts to carry out combat assaults and transport supplies to local infantry units, flying approximately 100 hours a month.

On November 18, 1969, Firebase Fuller, located atop Dong Ha Mountain, received enemy fire, critically injuring 3 men. Due to extreme cloud cover and poor visibility, the requested medevac units could not reach Firebase Fuller. After hearing a desperate call for anyone to evacuate the injured, Gene decided to risk his life and rescue the men. With only 40 feet of visibility and verbal radio directions from a Lieutenant on the ground, Gene safely landed and transported the injured to the USS *Repose* and an Army hospital in Quang Tri.

Gene returned to the U.S. in February of 1970. Just 1 week later, he married his wife, Noreen. They had 2 children, Chad, and Lisa. Gene returned to civilian life in Pleasanton, working at Pacific Bell Telephone Company for 27 years ascending from non-management personnel up to an executive at the time of his retirement in the late 1990s. He lost Noreen to cancer on October 6, 2008, after 39 years of marriage. He later married his current wife, Kay, and together they enjoy golfing, traveling,

and spending time with his 6 wonderful grandchildren.

Gene exemplifies the Army Aviation motto, "above the best." His bravery and courage went above and beyond, saving the lives of injured soldiers and countless others through the vital supplies he transported overseas. May we continue to honor and thank him for his sacrifice for our country.

CELEBRATING JOYCE GARDNER  
BAKER ON HER BIRTHDAY

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who embodies the spirit of selfless service, dedication, and commitment. Joyce Gardner Baker will be celebrating a milestone birthday on September 16, 2023, and today, I wish to honor her remarkable journey.

Joyce, originally from the Midwest, relocated to St. Petersburg in 1985. There she married her college sweetheart, Rick, and brought with her a fervor to serve and make a difference. From her professional endeavors at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to her influential role as St. Petersburg's First Lady, Joyce's contributions have been invaluable. Joyce's passion for service is evident in her unwavering dedication to both the community and church. Yet, above all, she holds her roles as a loving wife and dedicated mother to Julann and Jacob closest to her heart.

Mr. Speaker, it's individuals like Joyce Gardner Baker who are the pillars of our communities. I wish to convey our deepest appreciation for her years of service, for her unwavering spirit, and for the countless lives she has touched.

May she continue to inspire, serve, and be a beacon of light for many more years to come.

HONORING KEN AND LIZ NOBIS OF  
NOBIS DAIRY FARMS

**HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Ken and Liz Nobis of St. Johns, Michigan, a couple who have devoted their lives to the betterment of Michigan's agriculture industry, both on and off the farm. Ken and Liz are first and foremost dairy farmers, but they're also trailblazers, leaders, and advocates. I am fortunate to call them friends, and now we can all call them part of our State's rich history, as their names are added to the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame.

After proudly serving his Nation in the United States Army, Ken returned to the farm where he was raised. For more than 50 years now, he and his wife, Liz, have co-owned Nobis Dairy Farms, the third generation of the Nobis family to do so. The farm includes about 1,000 dairy cows and 2,500 acres on which they grow various crops, including alfalfa, corn, soybeans, and wheat.

As if that wouldn't keep them busy enough, the Nobis' have consistently and actively sought out ways to elevate Michigan agriculture. They have worked hand in glove with Michigan State University, helping hundreds of students complete research projects on the farm, hosting speaking engagements and other events, and creating scholarships for future farmers. Ken has served as the State's unofficial "Milk Man," leading at various times the Michigan Milk Producers Association, the Michigan Dairy Market Program Committee, the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, the National Milk Producers Federation, and the Michigan State University Dairy Stakeholder Committee, to name a few.

But what's always stood out to me is their desire to be the best possible stewards of what they've been given: the land, the animals, and their own time, treasure, and talents. Nobis Dairy Farms has been at the forefront of sustainability efforts in agriculture, and Ken and Liz have constantly sought to shine a light on food security issues with their involvement in supplying milk to food banks statewide. Never was this more apparent than during the Flint water crisis, when Nobis Dairy Farms helped coordinate the effort to provide tens of thousands of gallons of milk to Flint children to help mitigate the effects of lead in the body.

For thousands of years, farmers have been the unsung heroes we look to in times of feast and famine, bringing new life from the soil and stewarding resources to sustain life into the future. Today's farmers carry an extra burden: safeguarding life on this planet for generations to come. Ken and Liz Nobis have lived this quiet heroism on their bucolic St. Johns farm for more than 50 years, and it's only fitting their names now take their rightful place in the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR WALLACE CHAPEL ZION CHURCH

**HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest congratulations to the Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church on their 100-year anniversary.

For a century, the Wallace Chapel has been a pillar of strength and a source of inspiration within our community. Their unwavering commitment to serving others and being a source of hope has left an indelible mark on our communities.

The first congregation was established in 1923 when Adelaide Edney longed for a church of her choice in Summit, New Jersey. That summer, more than 30 people were regularly attending the church services, building the strong community that Wallace Chapel is known for today. From worshipping in the hallways to having their own property, Chapel Wallace remains a historic, cultural and sacred place to celebrate and worship the Lord.

As we celebrate this milestone, may we recognize the importance of this church for our community and the positive impact they have made towards other churches in the area.

Once again, congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone, and may God's grace continue to shine upon them.

CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF TENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the congregation of Tent Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as it celebrates the church's 250th anniversary.

Tent Presbyterian is an important institution in the Uniontown community, where its members bring the service and testimony of God into thousands of lives. Originally formed in 1773, the church was first led by Reverend James Powers, who inspired the congregation to have faith even when faced with the immense difficulties of early colonial life. Reverend Powers originally preached under a tent in the western Pennsylvania woods until the physical building was constructed 18 years after the church's founding.

Two hundred and fifty years later, Tent Presbyterian is currently led by Reverend Jeff Smith, who continues the legacy of service and faith started by Reverend Powers and built upon by many others. Reverend Smith has led his congregation faithfully over the past 4 years, dutifully bringing the Gospel's message into Fayette County. The church's work strengthens and enriches the community, providing spiritual guidance to many searching hearts.

Mr. Speaker, Tent Presbyterian Church is an important part of our region's heritage and history. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate its leadership and congregation on their 250th anniversary and thank them for their service to southwestern Pennsylvania.

WELCOMING HATEM HOSSINO

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to the Republican Study Committee's Senior Policy Counsel, Omar Hossino and his wife Leen, on the birth of their first child, a boy.

Hatem Hossino, named after his paternal grandfather, was born at 8:29 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2023, in Arlington, VA. The name 'Hatem' is Arabic for "decisive," "determined," and "judge." The Hossino family traces its lineage to Syria, through the village of Salamiyeh.

As Chairman of the RSC's National Security Task Force, I have long valued Omar's strategic advice. He has been instrumental in moving forward important policy legislation through the House and continues to be integral to the Committee's congressional staff as it advances policies on behalf of the American people.

Best wishes to Omar, Leen, and all their families on the newest addition to the Hossino family.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR. SIDNEY BUTLER

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual, Sidney Butler, whose legacy continues to inspire and uplift our community. Sidney Butler dedicated his life to advocating for justice, community improvement, and school safety, leaving an indelible mark on the citizens of our county.

Mr. Butler's commitment to public service was exemplified by his unwavering presence at council and utilities meetings. He understood the importance of civic engagement and actively participated in the decisionmaking processes that shaped our community.

One of Sidney's most noteworthy contributions was his tireless work on various community projects, including the extensive remodeling of our beloved train station. His dedication to these endeavors demonstrated his deep-rooted commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Despite facing the challenges posed by his epilepsy disability, Mr. Butler never wavered in his pursuit of a more inclusive society. He tirelessly advocated for the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities, serving as a beacon of hope and perseverance. Remarkably, Mr. Butler never owned a vehicle, yet this never deterred him from reaching his destinations. He relied on his own two feet or the kindness of others who gave him rides, demonstrating his determination and resourcefulness.

One cannot speak of Mr. Butler without mentioning his famous saying, which encapsulates his unwavering spirit: "If you cannot run, then walk. If you cannot walk, then crawl, as long as you keep it moving." These words reflect his enduring commitment to progress, no matter the obstacles in his path.

As we remember Sidney Butler today, let us be inspired by his example. Let us continue the work he started, championing justice, community improvement, and school safety. In honoring his memory, we ensure that his legacy lives on, motivating us all to "keep it moving" towards a better future for our county.

Mr. Speaker, this tribute is a testament to the enduring impact of Sidney Butler's life and work on our community. May his legacy continue to guide and inspire us for generations to come.

KELLER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, MAXIMUS WILLIAMSON

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero of the week, Keller High School student, Maximus Williamson. At 14 years old, Maximus set a new National Age Group record for the boys 13-14 age group at the 2021 Texas Age Group Swimming Championships, becoming the fastest American male in the event's history for his age range.

He has continued to excel, recently breaking more records, and taking home the gold in the 200 meters individual medley course at the World Junior Championships. As if Maximus taking home gold wasn't impressive enough, his performance at the championships is matched by only 1 other American teenager, a man who went on to win 4 consecutive Olympic gold medals in the race. His time compares to what the great Michael Phelps accomplished at that age.

I congratulate Maximus on his win and thank him for representing North Texas well. I wish him all the best in his future competitions and will be rooting for him.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
THE SAVANNAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Savannah Fire Department for its unwavering service towards our community. Throughout my time in government at the local, state, and federal levels, I have always known them to be a reliable force for good in the Savannah area. For example, in early March the Savannah Fire Department saved the life of a young girl at a swim meet.

An 11-year old girl was swimming at the Chatham County Aquatic Center when she began to drown. Savannah Fire responded to the call and found the young girl unable to breathe and in cardiac arrest. The Firefighters quickly began CPR, and they continued until she regained breathing and a pulse. Thanks to the quick actions of Savannah Fire, she is still with us today.

I would like to personally thank Advanced Firefighter Phil Haag, Captain Brian Smith, and Advanced Firefighter Mario Smith for their actions in saving this young girl. This is just one of the many ways they keep our community safe every single day.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT FIRE  
CHIEF STEVE DENSMORE

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize Assistant Fire Chief and Melvindale City Council Member Steve Densmore for his 27 years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Assistant Fire Chief Densmore got his start in public service in 1996. After only 1 year of service, he received the first of many Meritorious Company Commendations. In addition, he has been recognized numerous times for valor and lifesaving. Over the course of his public service career, Assistant Chief Densmore has committed himself to continuous professional development, completing numerous certification programs in various rescue operations techniques and other technical programming.

Assistant Chief Densmore has been an outstanding public servant to the communities

served by the Dearborn Fire Department. Please join me in recognizing his 27 years of commitment to protecting our families' safety across Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.

CELEBRATING CHOWCHILLA'S  
CENTENNIAL EVENT

**HON. JOHN S. DUARTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the city of Chowchilla's Centennial Celebration being held on September 23rd.

Since its incorporation 100 years ago on February 7, 1923, Chowchilla has distinguished itself as a vibrant agricultural city, idyllically nestled between the cities of Fresno and Merced, with close access to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Pacific Coastline, and Yosemite National Park.

Chowchilla hosts a rich culture that traces its roots back to the Chowchilla tribe who inhabited the area; the name 'Chowchilla' being a byword for bravery to the southernmost end of the Yokuts territory in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley.

At the heart of its celebratory traditions is the Western Stampede Cattle Drive which arrives in Chowchilla every year with great fanfare and excitement, showcasing the city's rich history. And Downtown Chowchilla displays the city's historical buildings and storefronts.

While home to only about 19,000 people, it's the birthplace of Ronald D. Moore, best known for his work on Star Trek, and Cameron Worrell, former NFL player of the Chicago Bears.

Chowchilla is now a part of a unique collective history—along with other small communities such as Kerman and Patterson—that emerged from the foresight of a real estate promoter O. A. Robertson who envisioned the productive and agricultural significance of the area to California's Central Valley.

On behalf of the people of California's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Chowchilla on 100 years of community-building that contributes so greatly to the Central Valley, and the state of California.

RECOGNIZING ALLAN AND KIM  
OVERHISER INDUCTION TO  
MICHIGAN FARMERS HALL OF  
FAME

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate both Allan and Kim Overhiser for their incredible service to Allegan County and on their induction to the prestigious Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. It is an honor to express my gratitude for their dedication and commitment to our community and Southwest Michigan.

Mr. Allan Overhiser was raised on the Overhiser farm and decided to follow in his family's fruit growing tradition. When his father retired, Allan and Kim Overhiser took over the

business and became the fifth generation of family farmers. Under their combined leadership, the farm has expanded to 325 acres and includes more than 30,000 fruit trees. Allan and Kim have brought on their son, Alex, to continue managing the family's farming operations.

Coinciding with his agricultural and business leadership, Allan has also diligently served his community. Allan spent 16 years as the Casco Township Clerk from 1988 to 2004 and has continued his service as the Township Supervisor since he was first elected in 2004. On Allan's watch, his constituents have directly benefitted from the development of a 20-acre park overlooking Lake Michigan, the creation of the South Haven Area Water and Sewer Authority, and the establishment of the South Haven Area Emergency Services Authority. He is a recipient of the Michigan Horticultural Society Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to helping run their family farm, Kim Overhiser has also distinguished herself as a community leader. She is a founding member of the Michigan Agritourism Association, a board member for the Lakeshore Harvest Country Association, a Cub Scout leader, and as a strong supporter of Fennville High School Athletics and Bands. Kim's passion for service has helped make Southwest Michigan an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the House for joining me to congratulate Allan and Kim Overhiser on their well-deserved Hall of Fame induction and for their years of dedicated service to Allegan County and Michigan's 4th Congressional District.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY  
LIFE AND LEGACY OF INA  
YVONNE WHISENHUNT TILLMAN

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of an educator, administrator, and all-around phenomenal woman, Ina Yvonne Whisenhunt Tillman, who passed away on August 8, 2023, at the age of 85.

Ina was born in Vredenburgh, Alabama, to the late Martha Packer Whisenhunt and Walter Carver Whisenhunt, Sr. Upon graduating high school, Ina followed her passion for education at Alabama State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1960. Returning home from Montgomery as a teacher, Ina spent the next decade teaching in the Selma City School System.

As a college student, Ina was inspired to get involved in the fight for civil rights by influential activists like Thelma M. Glass and Attorney E.D. Nixon, who served as her professors and frequent speakers. When she returned to Selma, she continued to stay involved in the Movement, participating in numerous marches and demonstrations. She was a proud member of the Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak, solidifying her commitment to fighting for liberty, equality, and justice for all, especially the African-American community. Bringing her activism to her classroom, Ina bravely

took on the task as 1 of the first Black teachers to integrate Cedar Park Elementary School.

In 1971, Ina left home again, relocating to Mobile, AL, to advance her career in academia. She served as the Educational Director of Head Start in Pascagoula, MS, before transitioning into the Mobile County School System as a Title-IV Assistant Director and Chapter 1 Assistant Director. Ina made her mark as a dynamic educator and always worked to improve the lives of her students both inside and outside the classroom. Aspiring to become a principal, Ina continued her education at the University of South Alabama, earning her master's degree in 1974 and then at the University of Alabama for her associate's degree 2 years later.

Following a battle between local Black educators and the school system, where a judge ruled in favor of the educators regarding discriminatory hiring practices, Ina accomplished her goal, becoming the Assistant Principal of Mattie T. Blount High School. She later served as Principal of E.T. Belsaw/Mt. Vernon School until her retirement in 1995.

Throughout her life, Ina was an active member of her community, no matter where she relocated. She was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; The Links, Incorporated; and Phi Delta Kappa.

She also received many awards and recognitions, including the Outstanding Educational Service Award from Blount High School; the Outstanding Educator Award from Phi Delta Kappa; the Top Career Woman of the Year in 1988; and the Area Director's Award from The Links, Inc.

Later in life, Ina expanded her community impact through the written word. She authored books and papers, even writing one on her life growing up in Selma, titled "Just Live," a compilation of short stories. Ina's penmanship led her to contribute to the Mobile Press-Register and win first place in the 1992 National Convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for her position paper.

Ina's is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Willie James Whisenhunt and Walter Carver Whisenhunt, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Felicia (Marvin); son, Joseph (Renunda); 6 grandchildren, Jeremy Populus Jones, Ari Clayton-Brinkley (Calvin), Kobi Jones, Mikah Jones, Charles Clayton, Chloe Jones; sister-in-law, Patricia Whisenhunt; 2 nephews, Bradley Whisenhunt and Corey Whisenhunt; 4 nieces, Angela Whisenhunt, Cheryl Whisenhunt Young (Kimmer), Denise Whisenhunt Carey (Rodney), and Erica Whisenhunt; 2 cousins, Mary Powell and Jacquitta Powell Green; 1 stepdaughter, Gracie M. Anderson (Brosowski); and a host of other family and friends.

On a personal note, my twin brothers and I affectionately called her "T'Vonne". Our families were close forever friends. Growing up in Selma, I have so many fond memories of the good times we enjoyed with her children. Her daughter "Lisa" and son "Jojo" were our childhood best friends. When those boys got together it was triple trouble. Even when they moved to Mobile, we continued to stay connected. Over the years, we have celebrated family triumphs and comforted each other during times of sorrow and pain. T'Vonne was like a second mother to me—always providing wise counsel and words of encouragement. She will be missed, but I know that her incredible legacy will live on in the many people she impacted.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Ina Yvonne Whisenhunt Tillman for her contributions to generations of scholars and decades of exemplary service as an educator and community activist.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 8, 2023*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the unofficial formation of the Palos Verdes Peninsula community. One hundred years ago, a small real estate rally took place that is credited with the inception of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Today, the Palos Verdes Peninsula is comprised of 4 beautiful cities. The first city to be incorporated on the peninsula was Palos Verdes Estates in 1939, followed by Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates in 1957, and most recently Rancho Palos Verdes in 1973.

On June 17, 1923, real estate developers hosted a rally to encourage individuals to buy property on the peninsula. This event invited people to hear about the development plan for the Peninsula and led to one of Nation's first planned communities. The original site of the rally is where the offices of the Palos Verdes Unified District now stands. What was once empty land with rolling hills and scenic views has transformed into a beautiful community with an amazing school district, businesses, and homes. Today, the Peninsula is home to roughly 80,000 residents—all of whom are my constituents.

The illustrious history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula was celebrated on June 17, 2023, with Doors Open Peninsula 2023: Celebrating 100 Years of History on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Community leaders, residents, elected officials, and business owners worked in conjunction to honor the Peninsula's history. On behalf of the residents of California's 36th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Palos Verdes Peninsula community on their 100-year anniversary and wish the cities a prosperous future.