

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THANKING DALVINDER MULTANI
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dalvinder Multani, who recently retired after 20 years of serving the House, five years as a Software AG contractor and fifteen years as the Director of Legislative Information Management Systems (LIMS) in the Office of the Clerk. In his job as the director of LIMS, Dal lead a team of highly skilled professionals responsible for developing, maintaining and supporting one of the most important applications used in the House, a system that records and tracks all legislative activities, creates official records, and disseminates legislative data to our partners, the Senate, the Government Publishing Office, and the Library of Congress's Congress.gov platform.

As the one in charge of LIMS, it was his duty to make certain that LIMS was operational and fully supported each and every day. Dal's depth and breadth of expertise in the products he managed as well as his understanding of the legislative process was invaluable in navigating multitudes of complex changes required of LIMS over the years of his tenure. He could always be counted on to respond to support requests in a timely and accurate manner, often during late nights and weekends. Dal was and is a consummate professional, excelled at his craft, and understood the importance of his mission to serve the House. He was always proud to serve this great institution.

Dal looks forward to retirement and spending time with his wife and family, traveling to our national parks, and dedicating more time to his second passion: performing arts and theatrical work. I wish Dalvinder Multani many years of health and a well-earned retirement. Congratulations to Dal.

HONORING RANDY KENDRICK

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Randy Kendrick for her many years of support and commitment to Arizona and our Nation.

For as long as I have known her, Randy has been a strong advocate and supporter of candidates and organizations that promote the values and principles that have made our Nation great.

In the early 2000s, I met Randy while I served as a Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Federation of Tax-

payers, an organization that fought for low-taxes, opposed wasteful government spending, and supported free-market principles.

Randy not only advocates for common-sense policies like these in Arizona, but she supports conservative candidates, especially women candidates, from across the country. Before I ran for Congress, I attended events at Randy and Ken Kendrick's home, where Randy hosted conservative women candidates running for federal office.

When I ran for Congress, Randy was there to support and encourage me.

As I end my time in Congress, I want to thank Randy Kendrick for her passion, encouragement and support for not only me, but for the countless number of people and projects she has had a positive impact on throughout Arizona and the United States.

I know Randy cares about the future of our state and Nation. I can hear it when I talk to her. She is a true American patriot and for that I am truly grateful.

May God continue to bless Randy and her family now and for evermore.

HONORING THE CAREER OF STEVE
BAKER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Steve Baker, longtime principal of Bluffton High School (BHS), who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Steve Baker has dedicated over 25 years as the head of BHS, having served the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District in some capacity for a remarkable 40 years. Shortly after college, he began his career in Bluffton as a high school math teacher and coach. After 11 years, he transitioned to become the assistant principal at the middle school before returning to the high school as its principal—a role he has meritoriously held ever since.

Under Mr. Baker's leadership, Bluffton High School has achieved notable success. The school earned Four Star School standing by the Indiana Department of Education five times and was recognized as an "A" school 14 of the last 15 years.

Beyond his direct responsibilities at BHS, Principal Baker has been a continuous advocate for the students of Bluffton. He contributed to numerous Indiana Department of Education committees, has advised state and federal legislators, and served on the Governor's Indiana Educational Roundtable and the Indiana Association of School Principals.

Additionally, Mr. Baker was named the quarterly Principal Advocate Champion in 2018 and Indiana State Principal of the Year in 2012 and is known throughout northeast Indiana as a trusted and supremely qualified voice on education.

Alongside this long list of accolades and achievements, Principal Baker's students, staff, and fellow principals will remember his mentorship, warmth, and unwavering dedication to his school. He leaves a tremendous legacy and big shoes to fill at Bluffton High School.

It is an honor to present this official congressional document as a token of appreciation for his exceptional service to our community. I wish Principal Baker the best as he heads into retirement with his wife and family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARGO
GOODWIN-GORDON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Margo Michelle Goodwin-Gordon, who passed away at the age of 59 on July 11, 2024, in Oakland, California.

Margo was born on March 25, 1965, in St. Louis, Missouri. She later moved to the Bay Area and attended El Cerrito High School. She loved to learn and pursued higher education at Contra Costa Community College, UC Berkeley, and the Academy of Art in San Francisco.

Margo had a thriving career, spanning different fields including finance, entrepreneurship, architecture, and design. She was dedicated to giving back to the community, and held leadership roles at the Black Repertory Theatre, Women's Alliance Program, Crescent City Harbor District, and the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts.

Margo had many hobbies, including writing, photography, fashion, and cooking. She was known to be a master gardener with a love for nature and spirituality. She said she would live forever in the gardens she nurtured over the years.

Margo was preceded in death by her mother Marcella Goodwin and her siblings Frank Alan Goodwin, Truman Durley, Terry Goodwin, Avis Hall, and Julie Von. She is survived by her husband John M. Gordon, siblings Risa Durley, Gina Johnson Stelly, Ellen Arlon, Todd Goodwin, Toby Goodwin, Steven Goodwin, and Greg Goodwin, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Margo Goodwin-Gordon was a phenomenal woman and loving wife, sibling, cousin, and aunt. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her, and her generous and loving spirit will live on in those whose lives she touched. May she rest in peace and power.

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HONORING MANNION'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mannion's Irish Pub and Restaurant on their 25th anniversary. I am extremely honored to be able to celebrate this impressive milestone with Mannion's and the Somerville Community. Mannion's Irish Pub and Restaurant harbors a warm environment where food, music, conversation, and laughter all find a home.

For the past 25 years, Mannion's has shown its commitment by serving authentic Irish specialties and fostering a "proper Irish pub" by ensuring friendly service, making it feel as if you are entering not just a restaurant, but also a home.

As we look back on the past 25 years of Mannion's, they have exceeded the expectation of what an Irish pub can provide for a community. I am honored to have such an amazing establishment in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, and I look forward to what is to come.

HONORING SOPHIA SORIANO'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sophia Soriano, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Sophia is from St. Paul, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Sophia, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Sophia has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Sophia for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING THE SAN JOSÉ DE GRACIA CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY OF LAS TRAMPAS

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the community of Las Trampas, and the generations of New Mexicans who built, maintained, and protected the San José de Gracia Church. The community of Trampas was settled in 1751 by 12 Spanish families who painstakingly carved out an existence in one of the most beautiful parts of our state and country. They relied on the strength of family, the power of community, and faith in God; so much so, that after more than 10 years of backbreaking work they raised up the San José de Gracia Church. The church, which is designated as a National Historic Landmark, is approaching its 250th anniversary.

After spending nearly a decade handcrafting, carving, shaping, lifting, and tenderly decorating; the community of Las Trampas spent the next 250 years upkeeping this gem of 18th Century culture, architecture, and faith. For 250 years, it was their faith that kept the candles burning, the vigas and planks intact, and the adobe plaster fresh and strong. For 250 years this community has worked as one to preserve their faith and heritage in such a way that is unmistakably New Mexican—and unmistakably a reflection of unwavering faith in God and in one another. The San José de Gracia Church is the only distinctly Spanish Colonial building that remains completely intact within the original historic district of Las Trampas.

Walking in, you are reminded of the original builders, members of the community from all walks of life, the fathers and mothers, the sons and daughters who lent any talent they could to their community for the sake of honoring God and creating a remarkable place to worship. The original floorboards, under which are buried countless members of the Trampas Community creak and pop as you approach the original 18th century altar. The altar, which is covered in frescos, is unlike anything else standing in this country—and still vibrant enough today to steal the breath and inspire awe from all who behold it. In addition to the faith that it has taken for a community to continue such painstaking work for so long—I also wish to honor the love that it took to keep this church alive. It is love that makes it more than just a structure, but a symbol of resilience, survival, and compassion. I wish that every single American could open their heart and draw from that example as we live and work with one another today and into the future.

For the countless hours spent on its construction, for the countless hands that plastered its 6-foot-thick adobe walls, for the thousands of hearts that looked to God for salvation in its pews, and for the 250 years that it has graced the mountains of northern New Mexico, I honor the San José de Gracia Church, and the community of Las Trampas. Mr. Speaker, members of Congress of the United States of America, I also pray that God grants at least 250 more.

HONORING JANAE SHAMP

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I want to recognize Arizona State Senator Janae Shamp, whose commitment to service throughout her life has impacted many lives.

Shamp has called Arizona her home for over 30 years, earning degrees from Arizona State University and Grand Canyon University to become a registered nurse.

In 2022, she began her public service career in the State Legislature, where she has served as Vice Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and as a member of the Finance and Commerce Committee, Government Committee, Military Affairs, Public Safety, and Border Security Committee, Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee, and the Senate Ethics Committee.

Senator Shamp has been a champion for strong border security, conservative values, and free-market health care. In all aspects of life, Senator Shamp has proven herself as a committed, hardworking, and outspoken leader, who will always look out for those in need.

I thank Senator Shamp for her service and dedication to the state of Arizona.

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN SKIPPER, JR.

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a faithful husband, friend, father and grandfather, John Durwood Skipper, Jr.

He graduated from Dothan High School in 1970 and from Troy University in 1974. He served in the Coast Guard for 31 years and was a Regional Sales Manager with DPC Enterprises. John was an active member of the Mobile County Republican Party and of the Mobile Sunrise Rotary Club. Additionally, he served on the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee for over 15 years. He was a man of deep faith and a devout member of West Mobile Baptist Church for over 30 years.

I am honored to have known such a courageous civic leader and friend. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAX
ANDERSON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Max Anderson, a beloved Berkeley activist and public servant who passed away on July 5, 2024. Max Anderson was born on December 15, 1944, in Decatur, Illinois. At age 18, he enlisted as a Marine and served in Vietnam. He

later earned a degree in Respiratory Therapy at the Community College of Philadelphia and later his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University. He moved to Berkeley with his wife Linda in 1985.

In Berkeley, Max cemented his legacy as a community organizer and public figure, serving as Commissioner of Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board from 1994 to 2004 and on Berkeley's City Council from 2004 to 2016. He was a co-founder of the Alcatraz Avenue Neighborhood Association, a founding member of the Friends of Adeline, and a member of the Berkeley NAACP and the Sierra Club.

Max was known as a fierce advocate for the underserved in Berkeley and fought tirelessly for progressive policy initiatives, including raising the minimum wage, expanding public health services, raising green building standards, and fighting for workers' and tenants' rights.

Max was known by his friends and family as a "Renaissance man" who loved the outdoors, travel, history, and science. He is survived by his loving wife Linda Olivenbaum and daughter Marisha Anderson.

Max Anderson was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, and community leader. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and all whose lives have been touched by his great contributions to our community. Berkeley is a better place because of his incredible leadership and dedication to his community. May he rest in eternal peace and power.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I was delayed due to travel conflicts. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 442 (S. 3764); YEA on Roll Call No. 441 (H.R. 8958); and YEA on Roll Call No. 440 (S. 2228).

RECOGNIZING CLAIRE NASH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Claire Nash, a longtime resident of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, who will celebrate her 100th birthday in October. Claire is a beloved member of the Wolfeboro community whose giving heart continues to touch the lives of all who have come to know her. Today, I honor Claire for her steadfast commitment to spreading love and joy throughout her community.

Claire is loved throughout Wolfeboro and the towns surrounding it. Those who know her best would likely agree that it is better to describe her as 100 years young, not old. Everywhere she goes, she brings with her the exuberance and energy of the youngest at heart. As we celebrate Claire's 100th birthday, we recognize her unwavering dedication to her

community and her continued contributions to the lives of countless others.

Claire has long been passionate about crochet and other hand crafts, skills she perfected over the years and continues to share with the world. Through the years, Claire has handmade and gifted countless quilts, pillows, and other crafts to the Police Department, Fire Department, Children's Center, veterans and many other local organizations in and around Wolfeboro. In all she does, she inspires us with an enduring legacy of caring, creativity, and selflessness.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I wish Claire a happy and healthy 100th birthday. We thank her for bringing so much happiness and caring to her community and for her continued commitment to the people of New Hampshire.

HONORING PASTORS LARRY AND LINDA SMITH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Pastors Larry and Linda Smith, of New St. Mark Baptist Church, who has announced their plans to retire later this year.

For the past forty-four years, they led New St. Mark Baptist Church with integrity and devotion to the congregation and the greater Detroit community. Their unwavering commitment and exemplary leadership have undoubtedly been a beacon of hope and inspiration for countless individuals.

Throughout these decades, your steadfast guidance has nurtured a thriving and vibrant congregation. From your work with Sunrise Sister's and your leadership in the Michigan District Association and the B.M.E. State Convention and Congress has not only shaped the spiritual lives of many but has also made a lasting impact on the broader community. Your dedication to spreading faith, love, and compassion is a testament to your profound commitment to your callings.

Please join me in thanking Pastors Larry and Linda Smith for their outstanding service to our residents in Southeast Michigan.

HONORING JAN SHANK

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Jan Shank, 1st Vice President of the Sun City Grand Republican Club.

Jan has distinguished herself through tireless advocacy and dedication to the residents of the West Valley. Jan has been a driving force for educating members on the civic engagement process and bringing programming events to the community that educate the electorate on critical issues.

The efforts of Jan and the Sun City Grand Republican Club have been pivotal to the success of elected officials and candidates in the Phoenix West Valley.

I am thankful for Jan's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to the 8th Congressional District and the State of Arizona.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unable to cast my vote due to a scheduling conflict with Pennsylvania-based events. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440; Yea on Roll Call No. 441; and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

HONORING KATE FETTER'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Kate Fetter, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Kate is from Cottage Grove, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Kate, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Kate has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as a constituent and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Kate for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIVING JAZZ

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of Living Jazz and their steadfast commitment to jazz rooted music education and performance programs for the San Francisco Bay Area. I want to congratulate Founder Stacey Hoffman and new Executive Director Lyz Luke on building and cultivating an organization that identifies and supports areas of need for all ages in music and performance. Their combined passions have had an immeasurable impact on the music culture in our community.

Founded in 1984, Living Jazz has worked tirelessly to provide access to transformative programming that not only preserves and promotes the music, spirit, and culture of jazz in the Bay Area, but fosters an eminent and vibrant sense of community and shared humanity among all who take part. All ages, all abilities, all backgrounds are represented in their dynamic offerings, as the programs of Living Jazz are known not only for their artistic quality, but also for their commitment to build community based on diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. The distinctive way in which Living Jazz encourages and supports artists of all skill levels and the artistic and personal growth they foster in participants has bolstered the cultural ecosystem of the areas they serve for the last 40 years.

Living Jazz has developed a reputation for designing and launching programs that go on to become Bay Area treasures, as well as for incubating programs to the point of maturity at which time they successfully spin off to stand on their own and continue to develop and grow independently.

During the pandemic, Hoffman and Luke ensured the survival of Living Jazz by identifying and securing relief funds and pivoting all programs to online, and even launching new programs focused on imminent mental wellness needs as a response to social isolation. Luke launched the Living Jazz Pickup Sessions to address serious issues around Oakland food insecurity and, in the summer of 2021, Living Jazz was able to safely and successfully bring back the internationally recognized in-person summer programs—Jazz Camp West and Jam Camp West.

The organization's jazz-rooted performing arts education programs have expanded rapidly with the Living Jazz Children's Project in 14 underserved East Bay schools. Living Jazz is launching new mentorship programs, reigniting localized jam sessions, and renewed partnerships with local schools and businesses.

It has been a fantastic journey watching Living Jazz support and transform the lives of people of all ages over the years. Their work honors the Black roots of the artform and continues to inspire generations of musicians. I thank Living Jazz for their dedication and commitment to music education. I want to wish Living Jazz the best of luck in their continued success. On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of California, I am proud to honor Living Jazz for their tremendous achievements. Congratulations on 40 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed Roll Call votes on September 23, 2024, to attend the Memorial service of Senior Community Liaison, Jaci Winship. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440; YEA on Roll Call No. 441; and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

HONORING DAVID LIVINGSTON

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I would like to recognize State Representative David Livingston for his dedication to our community and the people of Arizona.

Representative Livingston began to call Arizona his home in 1983 and graduated from Arizona State University in 1988. He then built a successful financial consulting business, where he proudly served the Peoria community for over two decades. In 2012, he started in the State Legislature, representing the northwest valley—first in the House, and then in the Senate, where he was selected as Majority Whip for the Republican Caucus. He later returned to the House where he currently serves.

Throughout his tenure, he has played a critical role in passing many important pieces of legislation, including a balanced budget for the state. He also chaired several committees, including the Finance and Transportation Committees in the Senate, and the Appropriations and Finance Insurance and Banking Committees in the House.

I thank Representative Livingston for his service to Arizona.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL SHAWN D. DILLON, PROUD RESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED 20-YEAR CAREER IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. STEPHANIE I. BICE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Shawn D. Dillon of Oklahoma City on his retirement from the United States Army after a distinguished 20-year career.

Lieutenant Colonel Dillon's service in the United States Army began after graduating from Wentworth Military Academy where he was a MacArthur Awardee and the Tedd Messmore Honor Graduate. In 2004, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and entered Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Second Lieutenant Dillon went on to serve as a fire support officer in 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry. After being promoted to First Lieutenant, he then went on to serve as the executive officer of B and E Companies in 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry. From 2010 to 2012, he served as the battery commander in charge of 160 field artillery soldiers responsible for the headquarters support of a M777 Field Artillery Battalion in Colorado and Afghanistan for 2nd Battalion 77th Field Artillery Regiment, and the office-in-charge of Torkham Gate strategic port of entry from Pakistan. In 2015, Captain Dillon was selected to instruct English Composition and Literature at West Point Military Academy. From 2017 to 2018, Major Dillon served as the operations officer for a 400-soldier Multiple Launch

Rocket System Battalion, preparing the battalion for deployment to Korea. Major Dillon was subsequently selected for the 75th Fire Brigade as the executive officer, and then hand-selected to be the fire support officer to manage fire support functions and operational plans for the largest field artillery brigade in the United States Army, with over 3500 soldiers. In this position, he developed and executed the largest combined, live, and virtual exercise in over five years, incorporating nearly 1,000 soldiers, to prepare the brigade for deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield in 2020–2021. In 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Dillon became the division chief for the Army MultiDomain Targeting Center, responsible for building an Army-wide targeting enterprise of over 40 organizations and thousands of soldiers and civilians.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant Colonel Dillon demonstrated remarkable leadership and dedication, participating in deployments to Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. A lifelong learner, Lieutenant Colonel Dillon earned his Master of Arts in English Language and Literature from the University of Central Oklahoma and attended the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Mr. Speaker, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Dillon for his exceptional service and unwavering dedication to our Nation. His remarkable career and leadership in the Army significantly contributed to our Nation's defense. As he continues to serve his community in new ways, we commend him for his achievements and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Lieutenant Colonel Dillon a happy retirement as we celebrate his legacy of selfless service to the Nation. Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Dillon's outstanding contributions and steadfast commitment have left an indelible mark on the United States Army and our Nation. His dedication to duty serves as an inspiration to all who follow in his footsteps.

CELEBRATING DR. WILLA GRANT BATTLE

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate, recognize, and honor Dr. Willa Grant Battle. Dr. Battle has been a trailblazer in the field of theology, education, and a devout community leader. Her accomplishments have impacted communities beyond measure and will have lasting effects here in the United States and beyond.

Dr. Battle relocated to Minnesota in 1946 where she committed herself to education. After graduating from Northwestern College with a degree in Theology, she went on to the University of Minnesota and majored in American Studies and minored in Afro-American History and Music history. She proceeded to earn her Master's in American Studies and later a Doctorate in Philosophy from the Trinity Seminar.

Dr. Willa Battle was married to Walter Battle for 54 years. She and her husband founded House of Refuge, now Grace Temple Deliverance Center in South Minneapolis and Gospel

Temple in Saint Paul. Dr. Battle later founded House of Refugee Missions in Haiti, where she has been a missionary for 67 years. Through this mission, several schools and churches were built in Haiti, as well as the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Dr. Battle is a true warrior and role model for women here and in Haiti. Her efforts have inspired countless individuals to pursue their dreams and aspirations no matter their background or circumstance.

Please join me in celebrating the incredible achievements of Dr. Willa Grant Battle and in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

HONORING CADEN NORRING'S
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HON. ANGIE CRAIG

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Caden Norring, who worked in partnership with his peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Caden is from Hastings, Minnesota. His brother, Devin, was an honors student who loved playing football, making music and skateboarding.

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I thank Caden for sharing Devin's story and demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING BISHOP ROBERT (BOB)
L. JACKSON AND ACTS FULL
GOSPEL CHURCH'S 40TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Acts Full Gospel Church located in Oakland, California.

As this occasion also marks his 40th Pastoral Anniversary, I want to congratulate the church's founder, Bishop Bob Jackson, for his enduring service and commitment to the East Bay community.

Deriving from a small bible study, the church held its first service on May 6, 1984, with just 15 members. Four decades later, Acts Full Gospel Church has a congregation of more than 6,000 members, with 30 ministries diligently working to improve the lives of Oaklanders.

As Senior Pastor, Bishop Bob Jackson has continuously used his platform to give back to those in need. Working alongside his wife, First Lady Barbara Jackson, they have made Acts Full Gospel Church a community pillar.

Additionally, he has founded several non-profits, educational institutions, and small businesses. This list includes, the Acts Christian Academy, Men of Valor Academy, Acts Anointed Acres, Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce, Oakland House of Ruth, amongst others.

In his establishment of the Acts Community Development, Inc., he has also developed 59 units of affordable housing in Oakland. Given the significant need in the Bay Area, he is currently working to develop 58 more.

In his spare time, Bishop Bob Jackson also holds several leadership positions in local organizations, including serving as the Chairman of Oakland's Chapter of the Our Kids "OK" Program. In this role, he helps empower young Black men and boys to transform their communities via their unique mentorship program.

Through his incredible work and commitment to Oakland, in 2022, Bishop Bob Jackson was awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award—one of the nation's highest civilian honors.

Therefore, it brings me great joy to celebrate Bishop Bob Jackson, and the entire Acts Full Gospel congregation. I am tremendously grateful for their 40 years of service to the East Bay community and wish them continued success.

HONORING BONNIE ANGSTER

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Bonnie Angster of the Sun City Republican Club.

As Programs Chair, Bonnie has distinguished herself through tireless advocacy and dedication to the residents of the West Valley. Bonnie has been a driving force for educating members on the civic engagement process and bringing programming events that educate the electorate on critical issues.

The efforts of Bonnie and the Sun City Republican Club have been pivotal to the success of elected officials and candidates in the Phoenix West Valley.

I am thankful for Bonnie's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to the 8th Congressional District and the State of Arizona.

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA STATE
SENATOR SCOTT WILK

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of our community who has proudly served the people of Santa Clarita for more than 12 years, State

Senator Scott Wilk. As Senator for the 21st Senate District, Scott Wilk has dedicated his life to the betterment of his residents and to solving California's problems.

His leadership in the Problem-Solvers Caucus as well as his membership in the Little Hoover Commission and the State Allocation Board has provided invaluable contributions to California residents and small businesses who needed a helping hand. Within Sacramento, Senator Wilk has worked tirelessly to enact change and deepen the bonds between his constituents.

As a member of the Valley Industry Association, Senator Wilk has helped the Santa Clarita Valley business industry thrive and acted as an indispensable mentor to young entrepreneurs. His voice and actions have been paramount to the continuous growth of the Valley as the network he has built supports both businesses and individuals in need.

A champion of change and a loving family man, I want to sincerely thank State Senator Scott Wilk for his years of service. The 21st Senate District and the state of California are better because of his voice and actions, and I look forward to seeing how he continues making a positive impact to those around him.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
REPRESENTATIVE GEANIE MOR-
RISON FOR 26 YEARS OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, whose extraordinary 26-year career of public service to the Crossroads region and the state of Texas is coming to a close. Throughout her 13-term career in the Texas Legislature, Representative Morrison has exemplified dedication, leadership, and a tireless commitment to improving the lives of all Texans.

Since her election in 1999, Representative Morrison has represented Texas' 30th District in the Texas House of Representatives which today includes DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Victoria counties. Over the course of her tenure, she has become a trusted leader in the Capitol and a steadfast advocate for her constituents.

Representative Morrison's legislative record is filled with notable achievements, but one of her most profound and life-saving contributions is her authorship of the country's first Safe Haven "Baby Moses" law, passed in 1999. This legislation provides a compassionate and responsible alternative for desperate mothers who may otherwise feel they have no choice but to abandon their newborns. Through the Safe Haven law, mothers are given the option to safely and legally surrender their babies at designated locations, such as hospitals or fire stations, without fear of prosecution.

This law has had an immeasurable impact on saving lives. Since its passage, hundreds of newborns across Texas have been safely surrendered, and all 50 states have since implemented similar measures. Thanks to Representative Morrison's initiative, countless lives have been saved and will continue to be.

Her work in higher education has been impactful to Texas as well. As Chair of the House Committee on Higher Education, she played a pivotal role in the expansion of the University of Houston-Victoria into a four-year institution, significantly increasing access to higher education for students in the region. Her efforts have been recognized by many, including the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which awarded her the Leadership Star Award. She has also been named Legislator of the Year by the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and honored with the Texas Community College Teachers Association Legislator of the Year Award.

Beyond her legislative work, Representative Morrison has always been deeply committed to community service. Her 17-year involvement with the Junior League of Victoria allowed her to lead programs like "Making the Grade" and "Great Expectations," where she worked with young people to inspire academic success and provide support for pregnant teens in completing their education. Her leadership in these initiatives has touched countless lives and opened doors of opportunity for those who need it most.

Representative Morrison's service extended beyond her district and into key leadership positions at the state level. Prior to running for office, she served as Executive Director of the Governor's Commission for Women under Governor George W. Bush, and she was appointed to the Texas Commission for Volunteering and Community Service and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

Her long-standing dedication to public service has earned her numerous awards, including the Boy Scouts of America South Texas Council's Distinguished Citizen Award, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, and recognition as one of South Texas' Women of the Year. These accolades are a testament to her unwavering commitment to her constituents and her deep-rooted belief in the importance of community involvement.

As Representative Morrison embarks on this new chapter of her life, it is my honor to recognize her remarkable career and thank her for her faithful service to Texas. We are better off having had someone of Geanie's caliber involved in public service. May God bless her and her family in the days and years ahead.

MRS. ESMERALDA HETRICK

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Mrs. Esmeralda Hetrick for her continuous, tireless and dedicated service to the community—and for earning the Estamos Unidos Lifetime Achievement Award.

Esmeralda Hetrick was born in Texas as one of six children—where they lived on welfare and government assistance—but fortunately had an amazing mother that instilled integrity, values, hard-work and a strong belief in God in her children. She was the first in her family to graduate post-secondary education earning a bachelor's degree and an MBA. Esmeralda married in her twenties but her late

husband, Max's tragic death left her a widow and single mother with a five-year old to raise. She then moved to Pennsylvania in 1988, where she's found her home.

Esmeralda worked as a Health Equity Consultant for an insurance company where she influenced corporate strategy, product development, and healthcare disparity issues, while leading the community outreach and small business minority procurement of the company. Her expertise enabled the insurance company, to tailor effective messages and ad campaigns to inform the community of their healthcare options. Perhaps most importantly, she mentored disadvantaged Pennsylvanian students to help create future leaders. Mrs. Hetrick also owns an English and Spanish newspaper, La Voz Latina Central of PA, and is the personal talent manager for her husband Graham S. Hetrick, a Dauphin County Coroner who has a TV show "The Coroner—I Speak For the Dead."

Her continuous community efforts garnered media attention and positioned her as a go-to spokeswoman in Pennsylvania—earning her selection in the 2005 YWCA "Women of Excellence", her selection in the 2006 Harrisburg Magazine's "Movers and Shapers", a feature story in 2009 in the first Issue of "Women Connect—Connecting Women All Over the World", and the Jefferson Award Medal for Public Service in 2006, 2007, and 2009. She is also just the third person to receive the Estamos Unidos Lifetime Achievement Award—an award serving for serving the Latino Hispanic community for at least 15 years—it's certainly well-earned.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged recognize Mrs. Esmeralda Hetrick for her tireless service to Central Pennsylvania in her myriad roles, and her earning of the Estamos Unidos Lifetime Achievement Award. Her dedication to family, community, and country is the standard by which we should all be judged—and I wish her continued success in all her endeavors.

HONORING HAYLEY NORRING'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Hayley Norring, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Hayley is from Hastings, Minnesota. Her brother, Devin, was an honors student who loved playing football, making music and skateboarding.

On April 4, 2020, Hayley and her family lost Devin to fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Hayley, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning her grief into activism, Hayley has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as a constituent

and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Hayley for sharing Devin's story and demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING AUSTIN SMITH

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I would like to recognize State Representative Austin Smith.

Smith is a fifth-generation Arizonan and began his involvement in political activism in 2016, when he helped to foster a strong conservative network in Arizona. In 2022, he started a career in public service of his own, when he won a seat for Legislative District 29 in the Arizona House of Representatives.

In his first term in the Arizona Legislature, Smith served as Vice Chairman of the Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee and has been outspoken on many issues that are vital for the future of our great state, including water conservation, border security, Second Amendment rights, economic growth, and life.

Representative Smith's commitment to preserving the state he and his family love so much is admirable, and I am thankful for his service to Arizona.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NATHAN HARE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a civil rights icon, a fearless truth-teller, this country's "Father of Black Studies," Dr. Nathan Hare.

Born on April 9, 1933, Dr. Hare was a son of Oklahoma sharecroppers. Academically gifted, he excelled through the state's segregated school system, earning a bachelor's degree from Langston University. He went on to receive a master's degree and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago, finishing his education with a second Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology.

Throughout his academic and professional career, Dr. Hare was a champion of Black history and power. In 1965, as a professor at Howard University, he published "The Black Anglo-Saxons," the first of his many groundbreaking works.

In 1968, he arrived at San Francisco State University, where he sought to develop an interdisciplinary program dedicated to understanding the Black experience. After significant pushback from the university's administration, which resulted in a five-month strike with students and faculty, Dr. Hare completed the proposal for the program. With its adoption, Dr. Hare became the first head of a Black Studies Department in the United States.

In 1969, Dr. Hare co-founded the Black Scholar magazine. Through this publication,

he granted me the privilege of writing an edition about the Non-Aligned Movement. The Conference on Non-Aligned Nations was held in Havana, Cuba and I received credentials as a journalist to cover this impactful summit on behalf of the Black Scholar and the Sun Reporter newspaper.

He also asked me to write an article about the nonviolent revolution in Grenada. Through our friendship, work, and his mentorship, he taught me what a Black perspective on foreign policy and international relations meant as an African American. For this, I am deeply grateful.

Dr. Hare was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dr. Julia (Reed) Hare, an activist and scholar who joined him on the frontlines of his academic efforts. In 1979, they founded a research institution, called the Black Think Tank, where they wrote several books about Black life in America.

Dr. Nathan Hare was an incredible scholar, whose contributions to Black academia and media have made a lasting impact on our world. He will be greatly missed by those who had the honor of knowing him and remembered by all who stand upon his shoulders. May he rest in eternal peace and power.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR CALVIN
CREWS, JR.

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of one of my constituents, Reverend Dr. Vassar Calvin Crews, Jr., a dedicated servant of God, a distinguished Veteran, and a pillar in his community.

Following his high school education in Lynchburg, VA, Reverend Crews pursued an Electronics Engineering program at Central Virginia Community College before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1970. He served honorably as a Fire Control Technician aboard the nuclear-powered submarine, *USS James Madison*, SSBN 627 Blue Crew. After four years of service at sea, he was stationed in Virginia Beach, where he simultaneously pursued a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University.

It was during his time in Virginia Beach that Reverend Crews recommitted his life to God, a decision that would shape his future and calling. Following his discharge from the Navy in 1979, he moved to New Jersey and later to Pinellas Park, Florida, where his faith continued to guide him. At Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, he served in numerous leadership roles, including as Choir Director, Trustee Board Member, and Sunday School Superintendent. Reverend Crews's dedication to education and ministry was evident throughout his life. He earned multiple degrees, including a B.S. in Engineering Technology from the University of South Florida, a B.A. and M.A. from Florida Beacon Bible College, and a Ph.D. from Andersonville Theological College and Seminary. Licensed as a minister in 1986, he was ordained in 1988 and installed as Pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in January 1989, where he faithfully led his congregation until September of 2024. Reverend

Crews's legacy is marked by his deep faith, his commitment to education, and his unwavering service to his community and to his country. He is a man of conviction and compassion who has touched the lives of many through his ministry and mentorship. As we honor his lifetime of service, let us celebrate a life well-lived and a calling answered. Dr. Calvin Crews, Jr.'s impact will continue to resonate through those who served. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING MAJOR THOMAS "TK"
KENNEDY

HON. MICHAEL LAWLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Major Thomas "TK" Kennedy, a true son of Rockland County, whose unwavering dedication to serving his country with valor and distinction is a shining example of patriotism.

Born in Suffern, New York, and raised in New York City, Tom was the youngest of three boys. He loved to play hockey, playing for the Ramapo Saints, followed by Don Bosco Preparatory School, and eventually as part of the Black Knights of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in June 2000.

On August 8, 2012, Major Kennedy tragically lost his life in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, when a Taliban suicide bomber struck while he was escorting a group to a provincial governor's meeting. His sudden departure left a void that can never be filled. He left behind his wife, Kami, and their twins, who were just weeks shy of their second birthday.

Throughout his distinguished military career, Major Kennedy earned an impressive array of awards and service medals, including two Bronze Star Medals, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star posthumous, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, and three Army Achievement Medals, among many others. His dedication to his country and his fellow soldiers will always be remembered.

We honor Major Thomas "TK" Kennedy for his ultimate sacrifice and service and remember him as a loving husband, father, and hero who gave everything for his country. His sacrifice is a solemn reminder of the weight of service bore by our brave soldiers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes taken yesterday, September 23, due to travel issues. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440; YEA on Roll Call No. 441; and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

RECOGNIZING KEIR SCOUTES

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Spanish Fork's Keir A. Scoutes, who was recently promoted to Land Component Commander with the Utah Army National Guard. Scoutes served in Iraq and Afghanistan and has been serving as a Lieutenant Colonel with the National Guard. In addition to his military career, Scoutes has also been a City Councilman and a teacher at Spanish Fork's Larsen Elementary. He is a perfect example of someone bringing their talents to the community and finding a way to contribute.

I congratulate Colonel Scoutes on his tremendous accomplishment.

HONORING KEVIN PAYNE

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Arizona State Representative Kevin Payne from Legislative District 27, covering the northwest valley in the Phoenix-metro area.

Kevin served our nation's military in the U.S. Navy, where he was honorably discharged after eight years. He has an impressive resume in the private sector, working as an Electrical Engineer, Aerospace Technical Consultant, and in Information Technology. Kevin has also been a small business' owner and operator, which gives him unique insight into how government should work for all Arizonans attempting to achieve the American Dream for themselves.

Representative Payne is the Chairman of the Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee, and he is a member of the Government and Regulatory Affairs Committees. He has worked to defend Arizona's standing as one of the top conservative states in the nation.

Arizona's 8th Congressional District is thankful for Representative Payne's endeavors on behalf of his district and our state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on Roll Call Nos. 440, 441, and 442. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 440, YEA on Roll Call No. 441, and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE DON
DAVIS

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Judge Don Davis on his upcoming retirement after 24 years of service.

Upon graduation from the University of South Alabama and Cumberland School of Law, Judge Don Davis began his legal career at McDermott, Slepian, Windom, & Reed in 1981. The firm later merged with Sirote & Permutt, and Judge Davis remained with the firm until 2001, when he became the judge of probate of Mobile County, Alabama. He was elected to serve as the judge of probate in November 2000 and was reelected in 2006, 2012, and 2018 without opposition.

His numerous accomplishments include implementing a new election system for Mobile County, receiving the More Than A Lawyer Award, formulating the Mobile Volunteer Guardian Program, and chairing the triathlon host committee for the Tri the Gulf Triathlon.

I am honored to congratulate Judge Don Davis on his career accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

HONORING BROOKE SEVERSON'S
COMMITMENT TO COMBATING
THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Brooke Severson, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Brooke is from Cottage Grove, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Brooke, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Brooke has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as a constituent and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Brooke for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my votes for H.R. 4866 and H.R. 4755.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 153 and YEA on Roll Call No. 154.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROL
CHRIST

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Carol Christ as she celebrates her retirement from the University of California, Berkeley after serving as Chancellor of the university since 2017. I honor Chancellor Christ for her dedication to this distinguished university in California's 12th district and wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Carol Christ has had an incredible career in higher education that has made a lasting impact on the Berkeley community. Before becoming Chancellor, Christ was a professor and administrator at UC Berkeley for more than thirty years, serving as executive vice chancellor and provost from 1994 to 2000. During that time, she was the highest-ranking female administrator at the university. She then served as the president of Smith College from 2002 to 2013 before returning to Berkeley as the director of the Center for Studies in Higher Education and interim executive vice chancellor and provost in the years leading up to her being named chancellor.

Christ received her Bachelor of Arts from Douglass College and her Master's degree and Ph.D. in English from Yale University. In 1970, she joined UC Berkeley's faculty in the English department, focusing on Victorian literature. She later served as both chair of the department and dean of the Division of Humanities.

As Chancellor, Christ has been a champion of women's issues and diversity on UC Berkeley's campus. She has fostered a positive campus climate for students, staff, and faculty of all backgrounds. She has addressed critical issues such as the housing shortage and has embraced and celebrated UC Berkeley's spirit and commitment to free speech.

I am happy to congratulate Carol Christ on her retirement from the University of California, Berkeley. Christ has made a lasting positive impact on UC Berkeley and California's 12th Congressional District, and I honor and thank her for her continued contributions to our community.

HONORING TIMOTHY SCHWARTZ

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Timothy Schwartz, Chairman of Republican Legislative District 26. This district includes the Central West Phoenix area of Maricopa County.

As Chairman, Timothy has worked tirelessly to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of citizens through civic engagement. His efforts to ensure Republicans are elected have been instrumental to the success of Legislative District 26 and beyond.

I am thankful for Timothy's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate his service to the legislative district and to the state of Arizona.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI CHAVEZ-DeREMER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DeREMER. Mr. Speaker, I was attending a funeral of a family friend this weekend, and my flight back to DC on Monday was severely delayed due to maintenance, causing me to miss the vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440; YEA on Roll Call No. 441; and YEA on Roll Call No. 442.

RECOGNIZING NEPHROLOGY
NURSES WEEK

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vital contributions of nephrology nurses and address the profound impact Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) has on the Greater Philadelphia Community. Nephrology nurses are critical to the support and care of patients who suffer with CKD and often go above and beyond to meet their patients' needs. Recognizing their critical work, I am proud to support the designation of September 8–14, 2024, as National Nephrology Nurses Week.

CKD statistics are staggering: about 1 in 7 Americans are affected by chronic kidney disease, over 1.8 million people in Pennsylvania alone. We must provide the necessary education and care to this vulnerable population and their families and recognize the significance of the nurses who practice in all areas of nephrology.

Nephrology nurses practice in countless different areas as they care for patients with CKD, such as inpatient (hospital) and outpatient hemodialysis, transplantation, home therapy, pediatric dialysis, and CKD education. Nephrology nurses' responsibilities include care coordination, outcome management, supervision and delegation, patient-centered

care, interdisciplinary collaboration, and focused, one-on-one teaching of patients, their families, and their support systems.

I call upon all members of our community to join me in celebrating the strength, courage, and dedication of nephrology nurses. Let us honor those who care for this patient population in the Greater Philadelphia area and reaffirm our commitment to supporting these dedicated nurses.

Congress should also support the designation of September 8–14, 2024, as National Nephrology Nurses Week. Together, let us acknowledge the role of these nurses in our community regarding the care and support of those with CKD.

I encourage all individuals to learn more about chronic kidney disease and the impact it has on our health system and our population in Pennsylvania, as well as to celebrate the invaluable impact made by nephrology nurses.

HONORING NATALIA SHEVTSOVA'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Natalia Shevtsova, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Natalia is from St. Paul, Minnesota. Her sister, Anastasia, loved playing the piano, singing, painting and drawing.

On April 20, 2022, Natalia lost her sister, Anastasia, to fentanyl poisoning. She purchased what she thought was Percocet marketed by a dealer. Those pills turned out to contain fentanyl.

Anastasia was 15 years old.

The Devin Noring Foundation, in partnership with Natalia, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning her grief into activism, Natalia has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Natalia for sharing Anastasia's story and demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

REMEMBERING SEAN GRIFFIN

HON. MARY SATTLER PELTOLA

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and remember a very special Alaskan.

On August 25th, a devastating landslide in Ketchikan destroyed homes and took a fellow Alaskan from us. That Alaskan was Sean Griffin. Sean was a selfless husband, father, son, neighbor, and public servant. Ketchikan families knew him for his positive spirit and his devotion to his friends, family, and community. At the time of the landslide, Sean, a senior maintenance technician for the city, was clearing stormwater drains on his day off.

It's heartbreaking to see that such a model Alaskan and public servant is now gone from

our Ketchikan community. He will be so deeply missed.

Earlier this month, I witnessed the landslide damage in Ketchikan firsthand. It was horrific. Alaskans had their entire lives uprooted.

Our delegation will be working closely with those affected to make sure Ketchikan is safe. But Sean was taken from us too soon. I am sharing my deepest condolences to his friends, family and all those whose lives he touched. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING SHELLY McLAREN

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the exceptional work demonstrated by Shelly McLaren, who selflessly dedicates her life to ensuring individuals feel comfort following life-altering events across the State of Iowa and the United States. This remarkable woman demonstrates an exceptional volunteer commitment to serve our communities. As the team lead for the Iowa chapter of Crisis Response Canines (CRC), a national nonprofit that provides comfort visits and crisis response support following traumatic incidents, she has made an indelible mark on Iowa communities and beyond.

Her dedication to rigorous training has earned both her and her canine partner, Jacks, the highest certifications. Embracing the credo "Purpose Beyond Oneself," she is committed to selflessly caring for those experiencing life-altering traumatic events.

She consistently shows an unparalleled ability to mobilize swiftly in response to crises, coordinating with operations leaders to support those impacted by critical incidents. During these interactions, she and Jacks bring their healing, compassionate presence to individuals enduring the most traumatic events of their lives. Their deployments include responding to the January 4, 2024, shooting in Perry, Iowa; assisting in Minden and Greenfield, Iowa, following spring 2024 tornadoes; and most recently, aiding multiple counties in northwestern Iowa after severe storms and flooding.

When not responding to tragic events, she and Jacks are a well-known and respected team, visiting community organizations and attending special events.

Her work has inspired others to join, creating a ripple effect that strengthens the community's ability to respond to crises effectively. The countless lives touched by her compassion and dedication serve as a testament to the lasting impact of her volunteerism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable woman and Jacks for their service to the State of Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL KEVIN STEWART

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Kevin Stewart, the

first President and CEO of the Carolina Museum of the Marine. BGen Stewart, an Iraq and Afghanistan War veteran, has served our Nation and his community with great honor and integrity. He retired from the Marine Corps in 2021 as the Director of the Global Operations Center at U.S. Transportation Command. He also served as the Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, as well as Chief of Staff for the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, at the United States Marine Corps headquarters.

In his two years as CEO, BGen Stewart has demonstrated remarkable fundraising and marketing prowess. He secured \$4 million from the state government, over \$1.9 million in private sector donations, and additional funds from the city and county governments. He also launched the first regional TV and live-streaming ad campaign for the Carolina Museum of the Marine. BGen Stewart implemented the organization's first brand guidelines and upgraded the website.

Under his leadership, the Carolina Museum of the Marine is coming to life. BGen Stewart is to be commended for assembling a team of outstanding design and construction firms and finalizing the necessary approvals for the museum. The official groundbreaking earlier this year celebrated the start of museum construction, and you can now see the walls going up as you drive by the Lejeune Memorial Gardens. To support this physical progress, he also strengthened the museum's organization, building a top-notch staff, improving fiscal management, and planning for its operations.

This transformational project is becoming so much more than just a museum and far surpassing traditional expectations. BGen Stewart led development of the Carolina Museum of the Marine's Al Gray Marine Leadership Forum that teaches the core values of the Marine Corps, strategic thinking, and leadership traits. He oversaw construction of the studio for the Leadership Forum and helped to shape the compelling programming created there.

Words do little justice when trying to fully capture the contributions BGen Stewart has made to our great Nation and to the development of this museum from the ground up. His talent and leadership skills are truly second to none. It has been an honor to witness his efforts to memorialize the history of our beloved Sailors and Marines in the Carolinas. I wish BGen Stewart swift recovery and look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes in the future.

HONORING JOSEPH CHAPLIK

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my

honor to recognize Arizona State Representative Joseph Chaplik from Legislative District 3, covering the northeast valley in the Phoenix-metro area.

For almost three decades, Joseph has been a successful business executive. He is the founder of Joseph Bernard Investment Real Estate, handling more than one billion dollars of sales volume. The Portland Business Journal recognized him as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Business Leaders, and he has won awards including Business Ethics Finalist and Top Corporate Philanthropy.

As a member of the Arizona Legislature, Representative Chaplik has sponsored many bills that reflect the values of our great state, including proposals to enhance our border security, election integrity, and economic freedom.

Arizona's 8th Congressional District is thankful for Representative Chaplik's endeavors on behalf of his district and our state. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber and achievements in the State Legislature.

FRIENDSHIP HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the historic Friendship Hose Company No. 1 on its 150th Anniversary.

The Friendship Hose Company No. 1 has provided fire protection dating back to the 1830s—with the purchase of a fire engine called "Juno"—originating in Newville Pennsylvania. Formally established on January 14, 1874, the then-Newville Fire Company officially formed and elected its first officers. Facing the continuous challenges of staffing and funding, the Friendship Hose Company No. 1 endured and prevailed when other fire companies fell short.

Over the past 150 years, the Friendship Hose Company No. 1 has operated out of three locations in our community, has had hundreds of members, and currently operates with approximately 20–25 active volunteers. Under the current leadership of President Trent Wagner and Fire Chief David Bobb, the Company continues to serve our community through tireless service and heroic work in fire protection.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to recognize the Friendship Hose Company No. 1 on their 150th Anniversary. Their selfless and tireless service to the community, Commonwealth, and Nation is the standard by which we should all be judged. I wish them Godspeed in their continued endeavors and pray for their safety and security for years to come.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIERRA CLUB SAN FRANCISCO BAY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the

San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, and their continued dedication to conservation and environmental action and advocacy in the Bay Area.

The Sierra Club was originally founded in 1892, and the San Francisco Bay Chapter was established in 1924, including Alameda, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Marin, and San Mateo counties.

Since its founding in 1924, the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club has persisted in its mission to advance conservation and environmental action in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Throughout their history, the chapter has advocated for the preservation of natural landscapes, the protection of wildlife habitats, and the promotion of sustainability in public policy. Now in 2024, the Sierra Club continues its work to be a leader of climate action and environmental justice.

Early accomplishments of the Bay Chapter include supporting the creation of Mt. Tamalpais State Park and the East Bay Regional Park District, a system of parks and trails throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. In the decades that followed, the chapter played a key role in the creation of landmark legislation such as the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Save the Bay movement of the mid-'60s, and the creation of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park in Berkeley, California.

In more recent years, the Bay Chapter has focused on addressing pressing environmental challenges such as climate change and urban sprawl. Through grassroots organizing, advocacy campaigns, and community outreach, the Sierra Club has worked to promote renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and advocate for sustainable land use policies. The Bay Chapter balances its important campaign priorities with a love of the outdoors, encouraging community members to experience the outdoors for themselves through one of their vibrant activity groups.

The Bay Chapter's commitment to environmental justice and equitable access to nature is a central part of its mission. From tree-planting campaigns in Oakland to passing Climate Literacy resolutions in local school districts, the Sierra Club aims to create a Bay Area where the outdoors and healthy, livable communities are available to all.

I honor the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club for a century of environmental advocacy and critical service to our community. Their legacy of leadership and commitment to action will inspire positive change in California's 12th Congressional District and beyond for years to come. Here's to many more years of inspiring dedication to exploring, enjoying, and protecting our environment.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. WALTER HEARNE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an exemplary staff member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Mr. Walter Hearne, as he retires from Federal Government service this year.

For twenty-five years, Walter has served the U.S. Congress with distinction. He began his career in 1999 as a Staff Assistant with the Senate Budget Committee where he developed an affinity for the federal budget process. In 2002, he transitioned to the U.S. House of Representatives, and the House Committee on Appropriations, where he served for several years as professional staff on the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government and the Subcommittee on Transportation and the Treasury.

In 2004, Walter began working on funding our national security when he joined the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. For seven years, Walter worked to pass annual appropriations bills that improved the quality of life for service members and their families including improvements in medical care, housing, and child development centers. At the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Walter also worked to pass several supplemental appropriations bills in support of ongoing military operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

In 2011, Walter brought his national security and appropriations experience to the Subcommittee on Defense, where he would work for the next fourteen years. On the Subcommittee, Walter primarily served as the professional staff member in charge of the Air Force portfolio. He worked on programs of tremendous national security importance like the modernization of America's nuclear triad, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the KC-46 tanker, and Intelligence Community programs. Ultimately, Walter would assist in shepherding fifteen appropriations bills through Congress while serving as staff on the Subcommittee on Defense.

In the 117th Congress, I was honored to serve as the Chair of the Defense Subcommittee during a particularly tumultuous time in America's national security. This Congress included the COVID-19 pandemic, the end of the War in Afghanistan, and the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. I was able to be successful as Chair during the 117th Congress because of the incredible Subcommittee staff serving with me, Walter chief among him. As Chair, I knew I could always count on Walter's utmost professionalism, deep wealth of knowledge, and his best counsel, which he has always provided to Clerks and Chairs of the Subcommittee from both parties. His work and was critical to helping me enact the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Defense Appropriation Acts, and I will always be grateful to him for his work.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in recognizing Walter Hearne's achievements over 25 years working in Congress and his record of incredible service to our Nation. I wish him all the best in the years to come.

HONORING NATALIA RUSTAND'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Natalia Rustand, who

worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Natalia is from St. Paul Park, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Natalia, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Natalia has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as a constituent and an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Natalia for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

JENNIFER JAIME'S COMMITMENT
TO COLORADO EDUCATION

HON. GREG LOPEZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, Colorado native Jennifer Jaime is a testament and great example of the hardworking students Colorado has to offer. She is a first-generation student from metro Denver, and enrolled in CU Denver in 2017, and participated in the Marc U-Star Program—a scholarship program for students interested research careers and plan in pursuing their Ph.D's in behavioral and biomedical sciences. Through the MARC U-program Jennifer participated in a summer research program at Princeton University.

She graduated in 2019 with a BA in psychology and was admitted to the University of Michigan's competitive Neuroscience Graduate Program for her doctorate. Jaime received her PhD in May 2024 and has chosen to return to Colorado for her post graduate work at CU Anschutz where she started her post-doctoral fellowship in August 2024.

It is my distinct privilege as the United States Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to congratulate Jennifer for her hard work in achieving this accomplishment and I'm so glad she chose to return home to Colorado. Welcome home to Jennifer, and I thank her for her example and the research she is doing.

HONORING JERRY WEIERS

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I would like to recognize the mayor of Glendale, Arizona, Jerry Weiers.

Originally born in South Dakota, Mayor Weiers moved to Phoenix as a child where he went on to serve in the Arizona House of Representatives before becoming mayor of Glendale in 2012. Outside of public service, Mayor Weiers was also a proud small-business owner and family man.

During his time in both the state legislature and as mayor of Glendale, Mayor Weiers has been a strong advocate for the military and veterans, reduced bureaucratic red tape, and created conditions for small businesses to thrive. As mayor, he has created a thriving business-sector through public-private partnerships, increased public safety, worked toward reducing homelessness, and been a strong advocate for Luke Air Force Base and Glendale's veterans.

His successes in public service have left a lasting impact on both the Glendale community and the state of Arizona as a whole. I thank him for his service.