

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MRS. ANGELA LICATA
AND HER TERM AS PRESIDENT
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF METRO-
POLITAN WATER AGENCIES

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated service of Angela Licata as she nears the conclusion of her term as President of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.

Angela has spent more than thirty years of her career at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, which each day delivers more than one billion gallons of fresh, clean drinking water to the taps of nine million customers throughout New York State. Over the years Angela has played key roles in contributing to New York City's PlaNYC blueprint for sustainable growth, identifying climate change adaptation strategies, launching analyses of sustainable water rate structures, and managing capital expense budgets to ensure appropriate investment in the infrastructure necessary to provide safe and reliable water service.

In addition, Angela has been a leader among her colleagues at the nation's drinking water utilities. Since 2014 she has served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), an organization representing the nation's largest publicly owned drinking water systems. She began her term as President of AMWA's board in 2020. During her time on the board she has testified before Congress on the challenges posed by lead service lines, actively participated in initiatives to increase diversity in the water sector, and outlined innovative approaches to achieving collaboration between climate scientists and the water utility community.

This month, Angela's term as President of AMWA's board will come to an end. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join with me today in recognizing Angela Licata for her service to AMWA, the people of New York, and the water sector as a whole. I am proud to count Angela among my constituents, and I wish her continued success and happiness in her career.

RECOGNIZING MS. MAGAZINE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. I rise to recognize Ms. Magazine for its work to provide comprehensive coverage of women's issues and to celebrate the magazine's fifth anniversary.

When feminist activists Gloria Steinem and Dorothy Pittman Hughes started Ms. Magazine

in December 1971 with a 40-page insert inside New York magazine, few could have predicted its longevity and its far-reaching impact. But the magazine immediately struck a chord with women, selling 300,000 copies in eight days and generating 26,000 subscription orders and more than 20,000 reader letters within weeks.

While most magazines marketed to women at the time emphasized domestic topics such as the importance of finding a husband, Ms. Magazine featured stories on prominent women's issues including abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, domestic violence, and sexual harassment.

In July 1972, the first issue of Ms. Magazine was published with an image of Wonder Woman on the cover. In the same issue, 53 women, including Billie Jean King, Nora Ephron, and Gloria Steinem, signed a "we have had abortions petition," one year before the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

In the years following, Ms. Magazine has covered and influenced the feminist movement. On a personal note, the magazine also profoundly impacted my career aspirations and legislative agenda in both the New York City Council and in Congress.

Over the course of my career, I didn't have to call Ms. Magazine five times to convince them to cover issues and legislation like the Debbie Smith Act, the horrific crime of sex trafficking, and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Ms. Magazine also faithfully chronicled my 20-year fight to create the National Women's History Museum on the Mall. Without Ms. Magazines' coverage and advocacy, we might still be fighting.

Women comprise half the population. But we get nowhere near half the attention on critical issues. Most other magazines and new outlets swoop in to cover monumental women's issues like the rollback of *Roe v. Wade*. But Ms. Magazine is there every day to cover issues of importance to women and to shine the light on women's often-hidden contributions to all fields.

I join millions of women worldwide in recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of Ms. Magazine over the past 50 years, and in wishing them every success in the next 50. Because Ms. Magazine isn't just a magazine. It's a movement.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOHN
WALKER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Walker, a Central Valley born photojournalist who dedicated his career to documenting the world around us. John used his craft and camera lens to capture the joys and sorrows of our community and tell countless stories that helped emotionally connect us all.

John's passion for photography developed alongside his father's, who was an amateur photographer. When John was a sophomore in high school, his dad bought him his first camera and turned one of the rooms in their house into a darkroom. His father helped him develop his photography skills.

After graduating from Fresno State University with a degree in journalism, John got his first newspaper job in 1980 at the Mesa Tribune in Arizona. In 1985, the Fresno Bee offered John a position and he spent the next 37 years as a photojournalist.

John's work is well respected and has received acclaim. He's won many awards, including picture of the year from the National Photographers Press Association, Society of Newspaper Design, Best of the West, and California Newspaper Publishers Association. His work has appeared in newspapers across the United States and published in Time Magazine, Newsweek, and Sports Illustrated.

In his 42-year career in journalism, John had to evolve along with new technology. He started out shooting film and developing images in a darkroom, transitioned to digital photos and continued to adapt his storytelling abilities through in-depth video stories.

John's success in photojournalism comes from his deep understanding of people and the power of pictures to tell a story. He has the ability to communicate across language barriers, cultural and political differences. He cares about the people and places he photographs—it's that empathetic approach that captured readers attention and brought our community to life.

I invite everyone to celebrate John's career with me. May his work continue to inspire future journalists to tell meaningful stories and shed light on areas of improvement in society. His images preserve the history of the San Joaquin Valley and offer an empathic perspective that we should forever cherish.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of John Walker. May we continue to be inspired by work. His photographs are an outstanding source of pride for the Central Valley.

RECOGNIZING RED PARKA PUB'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Red Parka Pub celebrating 50 years of business in the Mount Washington Valley. This incredible milestone is a testament to the staff and ownership who have been serving up quality home cooked meals with a smile for half a century. Known for its live music acts, comfortable patio seating for hot New England summer days, and active involvement in the community, it's no wonder that the Red Parka Pub remains a popular destination for locals and tourists alike.

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Dating back to the pub's opening on November 3, 1972, the ownership realized that the Red Parka could serve as more than a family-style restaurant and took an active role in the community by promoting numerous causes and hosting fundraisers meant to give back to the state of New Hampshire. Today, that spirit of service lives on in the Red Parka Pub Challenge Cup, considered to be one of the longest continuously running dual giant slalom races in the country. This race has raised more than \$250,000 for the Eastern Slope Ski Club over its history, including a whopping \$21,000 last year.

The management team have taken an active leadership role in the hospitality industry as well, forming the Valley Originals as a coalition of independently owned restaurants. This coalition annually contributes \$335,000 to the community, and the management team here at Red Parka still serve in the leadership of the coalition to this day.

Under the leadership of General Manager Terry O'Brien and co-owner Jean Melczarek, the Red Parka Pub has established itself as a mainstay in the town of Glen, and I would like to commend them both for their incredible dedication to this storied pub. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate the Red Parka Pub on 50 years of service and wish them another successful 50 years.

RECOGNIZING WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Westlands Water District on their 70th Anniversary.

Located on the west side of Fresno and Kings Counties, the Westlands Water District is home to some of the most fertile and productive farmland on the planet. On September 8, 1952, per the request of farmers on the westside of the San Joaquin Valley, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors officially announced the creation of the Westlands Water District. Initially, the district encompassed approximately 400,000 acres of land. After merging with West Plains Water District in 1965 and purchasing Broadview Water District in 2007, the district reached its current size of approximately 615,000 acres. On average, the district and its farmers provide for over 35,000 jobs and generate over \$4.7 billion in economic activity each year.

One distinct aspect of the Westlands Water District is that it remains one of the only water districts in the world that distributes irrigation water exclusively through a highly efficient system of pressurized pipe. With approximately 1,100 miles of buried pipe throughout the district, they are able to track every drop of surface water delivered in the district—from the moment the water enters the system to the moment it reaches the field. Additionally, the district and its farmers have invested millions of dollars each year in its water infrastructure system so the system can continue serving all of the district's water users for future generations.

For seven decades, even while battling droughts, unpredictable climates, and changing regulations, the farmers within the Westlands Water District have been leaders in implementing cutting-edge water conservation technologies and efficient irrigation practices through their hard work, innovative technologies, and commitment to continuous improvements. The district and its farmers have been, and will continue to be, an essential part of developing a robust water infrastructure throughout the Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the achievements of the Westlands Water District on their 70th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING CLEVELAND UNIVERSITY-KANSAS CITY'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Cleveland University-Kansas City. For an entire century, Cleveland University-Kansas City has been recognized as a leader in the chiropractic care field, serving as one of the oldest nonprofit chiropractic colleges in the Nation. This institution prepares thousands of healthcare professionals that prioritize creating a healthier world for our community. It is truly an honor to celebrate the Cleveland University-Kansas City and its 100 years of history.

Since its inception, Cleveland University-Kansas City has been an integral contributor in teaching the next generation of healthcare professionals. Originally named Central College of Chiropractic, the institution enrolled their first class of students in 1922 and celebrated the graduation of its first doctor of chiropractic in 1924. Founded by graduates of the world's first school of chiropractic care, Palmer College of Chiropractic, Dr. C.S. Cleveland Sr., Dr. Ruth R. Cleveland, and Dr. Perl B. Griffin became one of the first established families in chiropractic care in the Nation. After two years of operation, Central College of Chiropractic was renamed to Cleveland Chiropractic College, reflecting the influential contributions of the founding family.

As enrollment at the institution began to grow, it remained centered on creating a tight-knit community amongst students, staff, and faculty to ensure there was an existing support system as students continued their academic and professional journeys. As a result of the institution expanding, Cleveland Chiropractic College acquired the Ratledge System of Chiropractic Schools located in Los Angeles in 1951 and was renamed as Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles in 1955. With roots in Kansas City and Los Angeles, the college became known across the country, attracting students from every corner of the Nation. After Dr. C.S. Cleveland Sr.'s leadership was over, his son, Dr. C.S. Cleveland Jr. served as chancellor of both campuses and saw the establishment of a new bachelor's degree in human biology and a new program focused on pre-professional Health Science. Known as a worldwide chiropractic lecturer,

Dr. C.S. Cleveland Jr. began the process of expanding the college's degrees while keeping chiropractic care as the foundation of the institution.

To provide students with more hands-on experience and access to advanced technological facilities, a newly developed facility was created in 2008 and by 2011, the Los Angeles campus consolidated operations with the Kansas City campus. Under the leadership of fourth-generation chiropractor and grandson of the founders, Carl S. Cleveland III spearheaded the transition to university status, changing the institution's name to Cleveland University-Kansas City. Under the new name, the university was able to support the addition of multiple degrees such as new associates, bachelors and masters' programs to enhance the opportunities available for students.

As the university continues to evolve to meet changing needs in the health science fields, it remains invested in promoting health, wellness, and vitality, ultimately leading to better healthcare for all.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring Cleveland University-Kansas City for their monumental achievement of 100 years of service and their indelible mark on communities across the Nation. I am certain that this institution will continue to support its students and instill in them a spirit of care as they further develop their personal and professional skills and enter the healthcare field. Let us celebrate this milestone achievement and wish Cleveland University-Kansas City continued prosperity for the next 100 years to come.

REMEMBERING ERIC POMEROY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Eric Michael Pomeroy.

Passing away far too soon at the age of 54, Mr. Pomeroy leaves behind an indelible legacy in the education and wider community in Yuba City.

Mr. Pomeroy was a lifetime resident of the Yuba-Sutter community who served his community with sincere devotion and joy. Mr. Pomeroy devoted 24 years of his life to education including 10 years as a teacher for CTE, Academic, and Alternative Education, and 14 years as an educational administrator. As the Assistant Superintendent of Career and Adult Education for the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Pomeroy oversaw Sutter County One Stop, Tri-County ROP, Sutter County Adult Education, and North Central Counties Consortium. Throughout his career, Mr. Pomeroy worked ceaselessly to create opportunities for students and provide a supportive environment for educators.

Mr. Pomeroy was a lifelong volunteer across the Yuba-Sutter community. He served as a board member of Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way and was a former member of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. His passion for swimming led him to serve as not only the President and Head Coach of Sutter Buttes Swimming, but also a Special Olympics Swim Coach. Mr. Pomeroy also served as a CCA official for Sierra Nevada and officiated for the CCA swim

team in Roseville. In all these endeavors, Mr. Pomeroy believed in finding the joy and humor in life—always searching to do what was right.

Mr. Pomeroy is survived by his wife of 15 years, Daniela, and two loving daughters, Erica and Gianna. His family and the Yuba-Sutter community will dearly miss his joyful and adventurous spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Pomeroy's loved ones. I know that they, along with the entire Yuba-Sutter community, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

HONORING NATIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize October 15, 2022, as National White Cane Safety Day.

White Cane Safety Day is observed every year to celebrate the accomplishments of people who are blind or visually impaired. The white cane carries special significance because it is a tool that helps visually impaired people be independent. To celebrate this year, the El Paso Council of the Blind is partnering with the El Paso Community College, Center for Students with Disabilities and Diversity and Inclusion Programs to host a community-wide event to bring awareness about issues that blind and visually impaired people have learned to conquer.

The El Paso Council of the Blind has been active in our community for nearly ten years and has welcomed hundreds of members over that time. They provide essential programs like peer support for persons with vision loss and their families, Braille for Badges, sensitivity training for paratransit drivers, guide dog meet and greet sessions, and assistance to older individuals who are blind or visually impaired. They also fight to protect the right to voting privacy and accessibility, and they advocate for the expansion of much-needed training resources in Texas and El Paso.

I am grateful to the El Paso Council of the Blind and our community partners for gathering on this day to raise our consciousness to the plight of the blind and visually impaired and for their tireless work to help those who carry a white cane lead their lives with independence, dignity, and hope.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR RONALD K. BENSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize Pastor Ronald K. Benson of Greater Haven of Rest Church of God in Christ, in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as he celebrates his fifty years of service in faith.

Pastor Ronald K. Benson was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He is the eldest of ten siblings. Pastor Benson is the fourth generation of his family to be raised in the Church of God in Christ. He was called to the ministry

as a young man and member of the Conner Avenue Church of God in Christ. Pastor Benson's mission has been to be a faithful servant of the Lord and the people of his flock. Pastor Benson has served over the years in many capacities; he is the Superintendent of the Progressive District, Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Executive Secretary and Liaison to the late Honorable Bishop P.A. Brooks, Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Finance Committee member and Trustee Board member and Secretary.

Pastor Benson possesses a true passion for community service. He has assisted and coordinated numerous programs and events, including an annual school supplies giveaway, winter coats for children in need program, and a community health screening fair. He also spearheaded the creation of a resource center for adults. The 13th Congressional District is grateful for Pastor Benson's compassion and humble spirit by the many people he has helped on his journey.

Please join me in celebrating Pastor Ronald K. Benson for fifty years of service to Greater Haven of Rest Church of God in Christ and the community of Detroit.

HONORING JEFFREY SIEGEL

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a cherished friend, Jeffrey Siegel. For over the past six decades, Jeffrey Siegel has graced concert halls around the globe as a solo pianist for the world's greatest orchestras. As Jeffrey Siegel celebrates his 80th birthday, I wanted to join the huge chorus of grateful music lovers who continue today to be inspired and enthralled by his performances.

Jeffrey grew up in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, as did I. He attended grammar school at Rogers School and graduated from Sullivan High School—as I did, just a couple of years behind him. With home-town pride, we watched Jeffrey advance in the world of classical music. I was more than a little impressed when Marion Block, my neighborhood piano teacher, invited the young Jeffrey to our very modest recital at her home to expose us to the wonders of a truly talented young pianist. I never forgot it.

Jeffrey Siegel is a remarkable communicator as well as performer, bringing music to life in a unique way. For several decades, he has presented "Keyboard Conversations," during which he gives the audience fascinating background about the composers, the world and times they lived in, and the important features of the composition that deserve special attention. Everyone from the newest to the most experienced listeners have a richer musical experience.

Each "Keyboard Conversation" ends with a Q and A and a lively discussion with the audience. Jeffrey presents these well-attended programs on a regular basis throughout the country including at Northwestern University where my husband and I try to never miss a concert, and occasionally spend an evening talking politics and policy over dinner.

Jeffrey Siegel is a remarkable human being and one of America's most esteemed pianists.

"An achievement of the sort seldom heard." The New York Times.

Jeffrey Siegel has everything: massive technique, musical sensitivity and character-wide tonal resonance, immense reserve of power, and ability to communicate." Los Angeles Times.

I wish my dear friend a Happy Birthday.

6TH ANNIVERSARY OF FILVETREP

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project's 6th anniversary and all their work to raise awareness and support for Filipino-American World War II soldiers.

FilVetREP is a volunteer initiative with the mission to obtain national recognition for all Filipino-American World War II soldiers for their service in the Philippines from July 1941 to December 1946. The initiative worked to successfully secure legislation that would award the Congressional Gold Medal to soldiers and survivors, which I proudly cosponsored and voted for during my first term in Congress.

After nearly 75 years, Filipino-American soldiers who served finally received their much-deserved recognition with the passage of the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015.

FilVetREP has since conducted over 80 ceremonies across the United States and in the Philippines to award veterans and their families the Congressional Gold Medal.

From a grateful Nation, I thank all of the Filipino-American soldiers for their service, and thank FilVetREP for their work to support and recognize our veterans. I extend my congratulations on the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project's 6th anniversary and wish them many more decades of servant leadership.

CELEBRATING THE DAY OF RESTORATION

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our ally, and a friend to our Nation, Azerbaijan, on its Day of Restoration. This day recognizes the emancipation and liberation of Azerbaijan from the authoritarian communist Soviet regime. The scourge of communism and leftist authoritarianism is not just something we face today, but people across Europe were subjected to this evil since the 1920's. Azerbaijan was taken over by leftists aligned with the communist block leading to generations of misery and oppression.

But all that changed.

I wish nothing but peace and prosperity for the Azeris. There has been conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over borders and other issues. It is my fervent prayer that the

people in that region know peace and turn to God for guidance. There are many factors that lead to military action, and I will not pretend to know the circumstances of every conflict, but I do know that war must be a last resort, and nations must do everything in their power to minimize death and destruction.

During these tense times of global uncertainty, I hope and pray that peace will prevail. While not failing to admit that flaws are present in the decisions of every nation, I am happy that the United States has maintained a strong relationship with Azerbaijan. May both of our nations never experience the bondage of an evil, foreign, totalitarian power ever again.

HONORING TYLER SHIELS AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Iowa State Trooper Tyler Shiels as our Iowan of the Week.

Every day our law enforcement officers respond to unclear situations that pose varying degrees of risk. These officers never know exactly what will happen when they are presented with a situation. Whether it's responding to a distress call or handling a traffic stop, officers must rely on their training and instincts to get a full sense of what each situation is presenting them.

Back in December, then Cass County Deputy Tyler Shiels had to do just that when he made a traffic stop that turned into a possible terror threat. After Deputy Shiels made the stop and started interviewing the driver by his vehicle, Deputy Shiels noticed something was off. This did not seem like the other routine stops he had to perform in the past. Upon further inspection, Deputy Shiels discovered a firearm, ammunition, magazines, and a GPS with directions to the White House. Deputy Shiels was stunned, and even further surprised when the driver was so transparent about what they were trying to accomplish. The driver was traveling from California to Washington, D.C. with plans to harm the President of the United States. However, once Deputy Shiels stopped him and found out what the driver was doing, he quickly got in contact with Federal authorities to notify them of what was happening in rural Iowa.

On Tuesday, April 19th, now Iowa State Trooper Shiels, along with the Cass County Sheriff's Department, were recognized by the United States Department of Homeland Security at the Cass County Courthouse. Trooper Shiels was recognized for stopping a possible act of terror, and the Sheriff's department was recognized for the outstanding training and resources that they've provided their officers.

I am incredibly grateful to have officers like Trooper Tyler Shiels serving the great State of Iowa and our Third Congressional District. It's officers like him whose diligent work protects our communities and even the Nation as a whole. I am honored to name Trooper Tyler Shiels as this week's Iowan of the Week, and I am thankful for his service to Iowa and our Nation.

HONORING JOHN GALER

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend John Galer. On October 8th, Mr. Galer was named the chairman of the National Newspaper Association.

John owns The Journal-News and several other publications in Central Illinois. As the publisher of 10 newspapers in the area, John clearly has had a highly successful career and is a respected leader in the newspaper community.

The Galer family came to The Journal in 1945 when John's grandfather, Del, took over production management duties. John's father, Phillip Galer, purchased The Journal's first offset press in 1968. He and John helped expand the business during the 1970s and 1980s. In 2004, John and his wife, Susan, bought the Montgomery County News, also in Hillsboro, and merged that publication and staff into The Journal operation. The Journal-News, a 6,000-circulation, twice weekly, has been well received throughout the community and is a community advocate.

John received the Illinois Press Association Distinguished Service Award in 2017. He also gives his time to numerous civic, foundation and charity organizations. Mr. Galer also is a member of Image Hillsboro, a nonprofit seeking to revitalize the town through economic and community initiatives.

I have no doubt John will continue to thrive in his new leadership position as the chairman of the National Newspaper Association, and I wish nothing but the best for my friend. The National Newspaper Association is in good hands under John's new leadership.

HONORING EDNA LEWIS

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a distinguished Virginian, Ms. Edna Lewis.

Edna was born in Freetown, Orange County, Virginia in 1916. As a child growing up in a small farming community of emancipated slaves, Edna learned how to grow and cultivate food on her grandfather's farm. Drawing upon the heritage and culture of her African-American ancestors, Edna developed her distinct style of traditional Southern cooking.

At the age of sixteen, Edna left Freetown and eventually settled in New York City. Working as a seamstress and dressmaker, it wasn't until 1949 that she began cooking professionally as the head chef at Café Nicholson, a new restaurant in Manhattan. The restaurant and Edna's unique style of Southern cooking quickly gained a dedicated following—including prominent individuals ranging from Eleanor Roosevelt to Truman Capote.

Even after Edna eventually left Café Nicholson, demand for her cooking and culinary expertise did not diminish. She published her first cookbook in 1972, followed shortly after

by *The Taste of Country Cooking* in 1976. The *Taste of Country Cooking*, her seminal work, combines recipes and stories from her childhood in Freetown. Edna's ability to impart her voice and heritage in the cookbook made it loved and adored by many.

Edna published two more cookbooks over the course of her life. She was the recipient of numerous accolades, including the James Beard Living Legend Award and International Association of Culinary Professionals Lifetime Achievement Award, among many others. In 2014, she was honored by the creation of a U.S. postal stamp with her image.

Now, in honor of Edna's life and achievements, the Orange County community will be installing a historical marker so that visitors can learn more about her and her contributions to our Commonwealth and our Nation. As the U.S. Representative for Virginia's Seventh District, I thank Orange County for creating an enduring memory of Edna so that future generations can remember one of the great champions of Southern cuisine.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with an abundant sense of joy to recognize the 40th anniversary of the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, located in Kansas City, Missouri. Home to the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the most extensive collections of historic toys currently on public display, the museum has educated, inspired, and delighted adults and children alike since its opening in 1982. Founded by close friends Mary Harris Francis and Barbara Hall Marshall, the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures stands out as one of the most treasured institutions in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Born less than four years apart, Mary Harris Francis and Barbara Hall Marshall not only established the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City, as it was known until the summer of 2015, but also provided the cherished collections that went on display. Barbara—one of three children of Hallmark founder J.C. Hall and his wife, Elizabeth—developed an appreciation for art at an early age, when she helped her dad review card designs. Having always looked forward to receiving the smallest presents from her father, Barbara acquired her first fine-scale miniature in the 1950s—a rocking chair that could fit in the palm of her hand. Drawn to the artistic efforts required to create fine-scale miniatures, Barbara became a serious collector by the 1970s. With her eye for detail refined through her professional career in the art department at Hallmark, along with her volunteer service at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Barbara only collected miniatures of the highest quality, and frequently commissioned works from artists who could meet her standards. Setting aside her personal stylistic preferences, Barbara encouraged artists to create the works of their dreams, and in doing so, the boundaries of

fine-scale miniatures as an art form were explored and redefined through her patronage.

Mary Harris Guinotte Francis, whose lineage included the Guinotte family that helped found Kansas City, taught elementary school at Notre Dame de Sion and never lost the connection she felt to her own childhood. Guided by her sense of playfulness and her love for the make believe, Mary developed a passion for collecting dolls, dollhouses, toys, and games of many time periods. Most interested in objects that had been handmade and well-loved, Mary acquired her first antique dollhouse in 1974. Assuring her husband she would “never need another,” Mary’s ever-expanding collection of large, antique dollhouses soon began occupying a significant portion of her family’s home as she continued to put her curatorial acumen to use. Mary’s sense of joy in life was evident in her collection, but it became apparent that a larger space was needed to house the treasure trove of toys and miniatures that she and Barbara had acquired in their respective homes. When the two women returned from a trip and showed Mary’s mother what they had purchased along the way, Mary’s mother stated that “if you girls get one more thing, you’re going to have to start a museum.” This remark, having planted an idea in the minds of Barbara and Mary, would prove prophetic.

Opening its doors in 1982, the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City was first located in the historic Tureman Mansion at the corner of 52nd and Oak on the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus. At this time, the 7,500-square-foot museum employed only two full-time staff members. Expansions in 1989 and 2004 saw the museum grow to 33,000-square-feet, and by 2012, the museum’s collection included 72,000 objects. Embarking on their first public capital campaign in 2012 to support building and exhibit improvements, the museum raised nearly \$11 million and began a nineteen-month renovation in 2014. Reopening on August 1, 2015 as the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, the collection currently numbers more than 86,000 objects. In 2016 and again in 2018, the museum received Leadership in History Merit Awards from the American Association of State and Local History, testaments to the institution’s educational significance.

The museum’s fine-scale miniatures include architectural works, room settings, fine and decorative art, tools, equipment, and figures made to scale, most commonly 1:12. Crafted by master artists, the miniatures collection includes working reproductions of objects in the full-scale world, highlighting the ingenuity and skill that miniature artists employ to create their intricately detailed works. Without stepping foot outside Kansas City, the miniatures collection allows visitors to see Louis XV’s study at the Palace of Versailles, an Italian Renaissance studio, and a Boston Beacon Hill mansion.

The museum’s toy collection, the largest of its kind in the midwestern United States, documents society’s cultural beliefs, technological advancements, and the hopes and dreams of generations of children from the 18th century to the present. The collection examines the role that toys play in providing comfort and teaching skills, while stories collected and told through children’s points of view encourage visitors to think about the meaning of their own toys, thereby fueling conversations about

childhood and the importance of memories. Indeed, toys represent touchstones to our earliest and most personal memories, containing important historical and cultural clues about the past.

It is often said that the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures offers something for everyone, and it is a place where art meets history. Barbara Hall Marshall once explained that “the most enjoyment you can get from a collection that you put together is to share it with other people.” For forty years, the museum has welcomed visitors from around the world and shared with them the precious collections that Barbara and Mary Harris Francis first assembled. Luckily for those visitors, they all left a little younger. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures on forty years. Here’s to many more.

RECOGNIZING MICHELLE BALL FOR AIDING AFGHAN ALLIES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michelle Ball from Galena, Illinois, for her efforts in aiding our Afghan allies in a time of crisis.

Michelle is currently a graduate student at the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and has held a leadership role in the counter terrorism working group at Fletcher. Formerly, she was an intern for the Jamaican consulate, the Bureau of Oceans International, Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Michelle later volunteered with Syrian refugees for a nongovernmental organization in Jordan for a total of 350 hours. Prior to her education at Fletcher, she graduated from North Park University.

Upon the collapse of the Afghan government in August of 2021, Michelle immediately sprang into action, assisting the Fletcher Afghanistan Evacuation & Resettlement Working Group’s founder Lark Escobar in registering hundreds of Afghans for evacuation. During the course of these efforts, Michelle’s brother, who was stationed in COP Charkh in Logar Province, mentioned that his interpreter had contacted him for help evacuating from Afghanistan. Michelle helped prepare his evacuation applications and compiled all the necessary components of his visa for the Department of State vetting. This interpreter had been wounded in combat by the Taliban while supporting Michelle’s brother in their duties and has successfully been relocated out of Afghanistan, in addition to his wife and 9 children. These people will now have a safe future because of Michelle. She has saved 11 lives and aided countless others.

It is because of the leadership displayed by Ms. Ball that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Michelle Ball for her selfless efforts to aid and find safety for our Afghan allies in danger.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS REPORT ON DROUGHT RAVAGING CALIFORNIA’S SACRAMENTO VALLEY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work by the University of California, Davis to quantify the ongoing, unprecedented drought’s devastating impacts on the Sacramento Valley economy. This ravaging drought has left hundreds of thousands of acres of Sacramento Valley farmland unplanted this year, causing dramatic harm to people, fish, waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife.

On August 29, 2022, researchers at UC Davis in my Congressional district published a report entitled “Continued Drought in 2022 Ravages California’s Sacramento Valley Economy.” I encourage all Members of Congress to review this important study and work with me to help mitigate this historic drought impacting the Sacramento Valley, other parts of California, and the American West. The report reads as follows:

Drought in 2022 is severe by any measure. The 2020 and 2021 water years left California, and especially California agriculture, damaged and vulnerable (Sumner et al. 2021, Medellin-Azuara, et al. 2022). After a promising start, the record failure of precipitation in January and February left the state with such a deficit that despite some snow and rain in March and April, levels of water tables, snowpacks, and reservoirs have left the available irrigation water supply in a perilous condition. The water situation for Sacramento Valley agriculture is as bad as it has ever been. The depth of this drought was reflected in repeated dismal announcements during the spring of huge reductions in projected irrigation availability.

In this report, we assess the likely economic impacts of drought for farms and ranches on the Sacramento Valley in 2022. First, we briefly describe the economics of Sacramento Valley agriculture in 2019, which, while still drought impacted, was relatively “normal” in the water situation and in the broader economic situation. We used data from Sacramento Valley county agricultural commissioners’ reports for values of farm output and the IMPLAN data set on linkages across sectors of the economy to extend implications of farm economics of the 2022 drought to the broader Sacramento Valley economy. The Sacramento Valley, which here is taken to include Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties, has a large, diverse, and vibrant agricultural economy. Farms and ranches rely on precipitation within the Valley as well as the surrounding hills and mountains for production of crops and livestock.

Several key assumptions and limitations of any projections of economic effects of the current drought must be listed at the outset. These are important to interpret our results.

First, irrigation water availability for the rest of the growing season and water year has been mostly determined; however, the growing conditions that affect crop yields and crop production as well as the market conditions that affect farm costs and revenues are yet to play out. That means, while we can project the economic impacts of this drought relative to a baseline, we cannot speak with great confidence about, for example, crop yields or market prices for the farm

commodities currently growing or yet to be planted in the Sacramento Valley. Agricultural outcomes remain uncertain until final crops and livestock products are sold.

Second, because our main source of data on economic linkages across sectors of the economy is the IMPLAN data base, we formally delineate upstream connections from farms to purchased inputs used on farms. This limits the scope of the modeled impacts of drought and leaves out some important implications. When farm production falls in a region, there also will be less economic activity downstream a step or two from the farm and IMPLAN modeling based on farm-level data does not capture that. For example, Sacramento Valley peaches or tomatoes that are not produced cannot be processed or shipped. However, there is no comprehensive data to consider implications of farm production shortfalls for food processing and similar industries. A dearth of detailed data on economic linkages for many specific agricultural industries in the Sacramento Valley limits our ability to assess downstream impacts quantitatively for each industry. To partially remedy this limitation, we use the data that is available for rice and rice milling and processing, and extend those results (on a proportional basis) where appropriate to the rest of agriculture in the Sacramento Valley.

Third, the simulations that underlie our projected impacts are based on illustrative judgements about how much the 2022 drought is likely to cut crop and livestock output. As discussed more below, we assume, based on historical data, recent news about water cutbacks, and other assessments, the most probable output reductions relative to a normal water year. These current judgements are subject to revision as new information becomes available.

For the simulations in this report, we attribute the following output impacts to the 2022 drought relative to the 2019 base: Rice: -50%; Fruits and tree nuts: -10%; Vegetables, other grains, and all other crops: -20%; and Livestock and livestock products, including apiary services: -10%. Of course, some farms will have much larger cuts than others, and some specific commodities within a category will face larger water cuts leading to increased output reduction. Our results are roughly proportional meaning, as data allows better projected output impacts, the economic impacts can be readily adjusted. The drought in 2022 is likely to reduce direct farm and ranch value of output in the Sacramento Valley by about \$950 million, or more than 20%, in aggregate. These losses will cost the Sacramento Valley about 5,000 on-farm jobs and reduce the value added generated from farming and ranching by about \$560 million. The impact of these farm losses and their upstream impacts to the Sacramento Valley economy are a loss of more than 9,000 jobs and almost \$1 billion in economic value added. A fuller accounting, however, takes account of the impact of lost farm production on farm processing, marketing, transport, and related downstream implications. We do not have data for detailed calculations of these implications. However, using data from rice farm production and rice milling as a guide, we have made the best assessment available. We project that the 2022 drought impacts on farm production are likely to cause a loss of about 14,300 jobs and about \$1.315 billion in economic value added in the Sacramento Valley.

In 2019, the region produced about \$4.83 billion of direct farm revenue. Table 1 lists agricultural value of output by commodity category for the Sacramento Valley based on data from County Agricultural Commissioners. Tree nuts, primarily almonds and

walnuts, are the leading category of farm commodities, having recently grown to more than one-third of the value of output. Grains account for almost one-quarter of output; rice accounting for more than 80% of grains or almost 20% of the value of Sacramento Valley farm output. Other grains include corn, wheat, and grain seed crops. Fruits, especially wine grapes, olives, prunes, peaches, and other tree fruits, are important as are vegetables, led by processing tomatoes. Other crops include hay, pasture, and a variety of seed crops. Livestock include beef cattle, a few dairies, some poultry, and eggs and, importantly, products and pollination services from the apiary industry.

Table 1 also includes direct farm and ranch jobs, which totaled about 34,000 in 2019, and the upstream jobs tied to farm and ranch output through indirect and induced effects. Indirect jobs are those tied to farm production because they are employed in industries that supply farm inputs and services and the jobs for input purchases that ripple out from there. These jobs include such services as farm equipment repair, veterinary services, or crop consultants. They also include jobs in industries that supply farm inputs such as feed processing, fertilizers, or farm equipment. Induced jobs are those caused by expenditures by proprietors and employees included in the direct and indirect impacts. So, for example, induced employment includes that generated by expenditures of farm operators and employees and the local businesses and employees from whom farms and ranches buy inputs.

As noted above, the standard approach to estimating economywide impacts using multimarket relationships is to only consider impacts from upstream linkages in order to avoid double counting and related errors. For example, local supermarket jobs are not linked to farm output within the local region, even though supermarkets certainly sell some products derived from local farms. This is appropriate because people buy the same amount of food whether it is grown locally or not, and most food consumers live farm from where their food is grown.

However, in important cases, upstream economic activity and jobs really are tied directly to local farm production. That is especially true for the shipping and processing of bulk farm commodities. For example, rice grown in the Sacramento Valley tends to be dried and milled in the Sacramento Valley. Likewise, tomatoes are almost always processed near where they are grown. These facts mean that, just as with the impact of rice production on rice milling and shipping jobs, Sacramento Valley tomato processing jobs fall when Valley tomato acreage and production declines. Below, when we assess Sacramento Valley economywide impacts, we include some downstream economic activity when we are confident that it is tied closely to local farm production quantities.

Using 2019 as the recent base for a “normal” year, we apply our drought induced projected losses to the 2019 data to simulate 2022 drought impacts. Our assessments of the likely direct impact of the 2022 drought on output are based on past drought consequences and the cost to farms of making acreage and yield adjustments (Sumner et al. 2021a, and Medellín-Azuara 2022). The tree and vine crops tend to have the smallest acreage or yield adjustments of any crops, as farms typically try to avoid permanent adjustments to what may be a temporary water shortage. Additionally, tree and vine crop operators tend to be willing to pay extra to pump groundwater or to transfer water from annual crops. We project a 10% cut in tree and vine crop output to reflect additional culling of older vineyards and or-

chards as well as some yield reduction that follows from reduced water application rates.

Annual crop cutbacks for grains, oilseeds, hay and silage, vegetables and other crops are much larger than we expect for tree and vine crops, but still less severe than the reduction for rice. Higher prices for vegetables and harvested forage crops will offset some of the revenue declines caused by reduced acreage and yields. Historically, falling rates are moderate for these crops; even in the San Joaquin Valley where drought cuts usually have been more severe. The USDA Prospective Planting report, released on March 31, 2022, indicated only slight reductions in intentions to plant wheat, feed grains, and hay in California relative to 2020 (NASS, USDA). Rice was the exception to moderate intensions to reduce acreage planted. California rice growers indicated a 30% planned reduction in acreage.

Based on the June 30 USDA acreage planted report and local report from the industry and water district personnel, our judgment is that rice acreage will be down by about 50%. The water situation turned out to be even worse than growers expected during the survey period of mid-March. Also, most rice acreage is eligible for indemnities from prevented planting provisions in crop insurance policies when severe irrigation water cutbacks imply there will not be enough water to support the crop. Therefore, some of the loss to growers will be mitigated. Moreover, if rice acreage is left unplanted, some water that would have otherwise been used for rice can be transferred to other crops on the same farm, on nearby farms or to farms outside the Sacramento Valley.

Finally, we estimate that livestock output will decline by 10%. The drought affects irrigation for pasture and forage crops as well as the feed value of rainfed pastures. In addition, honeybees represent a significant livestock industry in the Sacramento Valley. The revenue from pollination services has been already earned. Honey yields are lower in drought years because bees have less forage, which contributes to our projected livestock losses. Only small reductions due to drought are expected for the (relatively small) Sacramento Valley dairy and egg industries.

Table 2 shows the results of applying these assumptions to the 2019 farm and ranch revenue data. The bottom line is that direct farm output is likely to be lower by about \$950 million or about 20% from 2019. The projected direct revenue loss is larger because farms and ranches will make many adjustments and incur higher costs to keep production losses to a minimum. Notice that more than half the overall loss of direct farm value of output is for grains, most of which is due to rice acreage left unplanted.

The output losses discussed in Section 3 translate into on-farm job losses. The job losses are roughly proportional to output reductions within an industry. However, some parts of agriculture are more labor intensive than others, so they have larger influence on overall farm labor use. For example, fruit farming is much more labor intensive per dollar of revenue than is grain farming. The first column of Table 3 shows the 2019 farm and ranch jobs in the Sacramento Valley for each industry sector and for the total, which is taken directly from Table 1. We note that other crops are labor intensive because many of the farms are small, part time family is included in the totals.

The projected farm and ranch agricultural jobs in 2022 are listed in the second column of Table 3. For example, we project 14,313 jobs in the tree nut industry and a total of 28,780 farm and ranch jobs. These are lower than the jobs in 2019 because of the impact of

drought. The losses in direct farm and ranch jobs are shown in the third column. We project a direct loss of more than 5,000 jobs on farms and ranches in the Sacramento Valley due to the 2022 drought. Of course, the losses to the broad economy from drought in agriculture go much deeper than the direct losses of jobs. Table 4 summarizes economywide losses in the Sacramento Valley caused by drought in agriculture for value of output, employment, labor income and value added. (Value added is the measure of economic activity that removes any double counting across industry segments and is used for economic aggregates such as national, state, and regional GDP).

The first row of Table 4 shows the direct agricultural losses and the losses for value of output and employment that are familiar from Tables 2 and 3. Labor income in column 2 shows earnings from jobs, including earnings of the proprietors such as farm owners and operators. As expected, many of these agricultural jobs are seasonal and many farms are operated part time, so the annual earnings are well below what full-time, year-around employees of full-time business operators would earn. The "value added" column represents the wages paid to hired workers and income attributed to proprietors. Another way to think of value added is the revenue of the industry minus the value of goods and services purchased directly from other industries. Value added for the economy as a whole is economic output being careful to remove any potential double counting. For example, output of the dairy industry includes the value of the grain, hay and other feeds that are turned into milk by the dairy cows and sold by the farm. Value added of the dairy industry nets out the value of all inputs purchased by the dairy farming industry, including purchased feed and nutrition consultant services, and others. The sum across industries of all the direct losses of agricultural output due to drought in 2022 is \$954 million, whereas loss of value added is \$572 million, which may be thought of as loss income earned by hired workers and farm operators (farms and ranches) within the agricultural industry.

The second row of Table 4 includes losses to upstream suppliers to Sacramento Valley agriculture. Industries that supply goods and services to farm and ranch operations lose sales and profits and their workers lose jobs when farm output falls due to drought. Such businesses include local repair shops, fertilizer firms, insurance companies or law offices that work with farms and ranches. These indirect effects reflect losses of output jobs, labor income and value added of Sacramento Valley businesses that rely on farm and ranch customers. The third row of Table 4 includes induced losses. These reflect lost output, jobs and income in all sectors affected by lost agricultural incomes (mostly reduced incomes of labor and those contributing labor, management, and capital). This includes the reductions in goods and services that farmer and farm worker families buy in the Sacramento Valley. The ripple effects of such purchases include everything from haircuts to autos and schooling.

The direct and upstream losses for the Sacramento Valley economy, shown in row 4 of Table 4, are the sum of the direct, indirect, and induced effects. One must be careful interpreting the sum of the direct and indirect output rows. The direct output includes the value of inputs used in production; therefore it incorporates the indirect output and to simply add them up would be double counting. For example, the output of almonds includes the contribution of the honeybees (included in livestock income) that pollinated the crop. Thus, in evaluating the overall contribution of agriculture and the

economywide impact of the drought we focus on value added in the fourth column. We note that Table 4 contains only the farm and the upstream economywide losses due to drought. Upstream economywide losses due to specific agricultural industries are in an appendix available from the authors.

In this section, we emphasized the results in Table 4 are upstream impacts. This means that the reduced economic activity in transport and processing of farm commodities is not included in the impacts. We do not have data to estimate such impacts for agriculture broadly. For some products; the downstream economic activity within the Sacramento Valley may be relatively small. For example, many calves raised and sold in the Sacramento Valley are shipped to feedlots in the Midwest and slaughtered and processed outside the Sacramento Valley. However, for other important products such as tree nuts, processed fruits and vegetables, there is substantial value added in the Sacramento Valley and jobs in downstream industries depend on Sacramento Valley farm production.

Fortunately, we do have data within the IMPLAN system on rice milling, which is an important downstream agricultural processing industry that relies on farm production of rice in the Sacramento Valley. The next section shows how considering rice milling indicated a larger economywide economic impact of the 2022 drought. Above, rice farm value of output was combined with other grains, which is how rice farming is reported within the IMPLAN data sets. The Agricultural Commissioners data show that the value of farm rice production in 2019 was almost \$0.95 billion based on about 500,000 acres of rice. These totals, as expected, differ slightly from the aggregate statewide data from the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The top half of Table 5 uses rice farm revenue data, together with linkage multipliers from the IMPLAN data set that are applicable to the "grains" category, to assess upstream economywide contributions of Sacramento Valley rice in 2019. Notice the results reported in the top half of Table 5 data equal 80%, or more, of the magnitude of the impacts for grains as a whole in 2019. Total direct sales, jobs, labor income and value added are all only slightly lower than for all grains in 2019.

The bottom four rows of Table 5 represent the economic output and other aggregates for rice milling as an industry. Because these results are for rice milling, the main upstream input (indirect output) is rice grown on farms. The direct output is milled rice, which has a price and output value almost double that of farm rice output. The output of farm rice is the main contributor to the indirect output of \$1,282 million for rice milling. Because of this, economywide impacts on rice milling are built directly on the base of rice farm output; therefore, anything that reduces rice farm output necessarily reduces rice milling output in the Sacramento Valley. The economywide impacts of drought on rice milling subsume the effects of rice production and capture much of the downstream impact.

Table 6 shows the projected effects of the 2022 drought, which, based on currently available information, we assume cuts rice production by 50% and reduces economic contribution of rice production and milling by 50%. The bottom panel shows that the reduction in rice output caused by the drought reduces Sacramento Valley employment by 5,293 jobs; including jobs in rice farming and milling as well as the other indirect and induced losses. The important effects on Sacramento Valley income are the loss of labor income of \$398 million and reduced value

added in the Sacramento Valley of \$703 million. The loss of value added is 36% larger (\$703 million/\$514 million) than the impact of rice farming without capturing the first step downstream. The employment impact of rice milling is 52% higher than of rice farming. These results for rice milling show the importance of capturing downstream economic activity when it is reliant on local farm production. Unfortunately, we do not have enough data to fully evaluate the contributions of other processing activities in the Sacramento Valley for crops such as tree nuts, fruits, and processing vegetables. Nonetheless, we expect the impacts for these industries may be similar to those of rice. In the final remarks we make the appropriate adjustments to the results of Table 4 to take into account the first step of downstream impacts.

Table 4 showed projected losses from the 2022 drought for the Sacramento Valley, including direct and upstream indirect and induced impacts, are: employment loss of 9,396 jobs, labor income loss of \$504 million, and economic value-added loss of \$967 million. Using the more detailed results for rice presented in Table 6, however, we show that these upstream results do not capture the true extent of the economic implications and are likely too small by between one third and one half. When we adjust the employment and value-added results to account for downstream processing, using the rice results as a guide, we find substantially larger impacts.

Our best estimates are that the farm impacts of the 2022 drought are likely to cause economic losses of about 14,300 jobs and loss of value added of about \$1.315 billion.

IN HONOR OF FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Filipino American History Month. Across the United States, Filipino Americans have played a crucial role in this country's success and have built a remarkable legacy that deserves to be recognized and celebrated.

In our community especially, Filipino Americans have a rich and storied history. In the early 1900s, thousands of Filipinos immigrated to the United States, with many settling in and around Stockton, California. In fact, according to 1930s census data, over half of all Filipinos in the United States were in San Joaquin County. From this large population grew Little Manila, a Filipino neighborhood in Stockton that served as a home for the newly formed immigrant community. Little Manila was a safe harbor from discrimination and became a place for Filipino culture and families to thrive. While only a small portion of Little Manila remains, its impact can still be felt throughout Stockton all these years later.

Today, Filipino Americans have built on the legacy started by their parents and grandparents and continue to enrich our nation. In San Joaquin County, we have a strong and vibrant Filipino American community of nearly 30,000. They work in every industry, serve our community in numerous ways, and have brought immense value to the Central Valley. The history of Filipino Americans is preserved

and rightfully applauded thanks to the hard work of advocacy groups like the Filipino American National Historical Society, which chose Stockton as the location for the organization's museum.

In countless ways, the history of Filipino Americans embodies the ideals of the American Spirit: hard work, dedication, resiliency, and a firm belief that better days lie ahead. Filipino Americans are an integral part of our area and have played an irreplaceable role in the larger American story. I am incredibly proud to celebrate October as Filipino American History Month and eagerly anticipate the role that Filipino Americans will play in our community's future.

HONORING MR. FRANK SCARFO OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Scarfo, a 94-year-old U.S. Army veteran in my Congressional District who has quite an interesting history. Mr. Scarfo served our country as a counterintelligence officer based in Italy during the Korean War. In a little-known Army operation, Mr. Scarfo helped identify and report communist party operatives who were attempting to infiltrate the Army's leadership by working as support staff in Italy.

Born and raised in a small coal-mining town called Norton in West Virginia, Mr. Scarfo was brought up speaking only Italian in his parent's household until the age of eight. After graduating from college, he registered for the draft in December 1950 and after making the Army aware of his fluency in Italian was sent to Fort Holabird, Maryland, home of the Army's Intelligence School from 1945 to 1972, where he was trained as a counter-intelligence officer.

Assigned to the 7617 Military Post in Livorno, Italy, Mr. Scarfo served his country for two years supporting the 4th Logistical Command, uncovering potentially dangerous enemy operatives who were working for the U.S. Army in Livorno, Pizza, and Florence, Italy. The cover name for the operation was the "Labor Control Detachment" and it remains somewhat secretive to this day. Mr. Scarfo went on to serve for an additional four years in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of sergeant.

Proud of his contributions to the American occupation of Europe in the early 1950s, Mr. Scarfo would have continued his service in the Army if he didn't need to return home to West Virginia to take care of his ailing parents. He later moved to California and worked with space pioneer Wernher von Braun's operation at the Aerospace Corporation, which led to the successful moon landings in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

In honor of Frank Scarfo's participation in this little-known military operation in the European theater, I am pleased to bring to light his service to our country and thank him for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING MR. ART CHIANELLO

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Art Chianello for his 20 years of service to the City of Bakersfield and congratulate him on his retirement.

Mr. Chianello started his career in the city of Bakersfield working as an Engineer in the Design Division of the Public Works Department. He quickly rose the ranks to become the Manager of the Bakersfield Water Resources Department. In this position, Mr. Chianello oversaw the River and Agricultural Water and Domestic Water divisions. His duties included administering the regulation, distribution, water banking, and recordkeeping operations on the Kern River, as well as monitoring the city's domestic water system. Mr. Chianello's work ensured that over 143,000 residents and local businesses in Bakersfield had access to clean drinking water.

One of Mr. Chianello's proudest professional accomplishments occurred during his work as a wastewater manager in the Bakersfield Public Works Department. There, he played an instrumental role in the predesign, design, and construction of a project that aimed to double the treatment plant capacity of the city's wastewater plant. Mr. Chianello's dedication and hard work allowed the department to complete the project on-time and on-budget. This passion to serve his community honorably only grew throughout his career.

For 20 years, Mr. Art Chianello has been an exemplary public servant. His leadership, ability to work collaboratively, and desire to help others have been essential to securing successful outcomes for the Bakersfield Water Resources Department and for all the residents of the City of Bakersfield.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the career of Mr. Art Chianello and wishing him the best in retirement.

LES REARDANZ RETIREMENT

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the retirement of Les Reardanz and his remarkable 31-year career of service in the United States Navy.

Les's years in uniform have meant time away from his family and friends. He has served our country, the Navy and our community with devotion and integrity. Whether on deployment in Afghanistan, advising the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on legal matters, or helping safeguard Puget Sound following 9/11, Les's tours of duty were as expansive as his skill set. The Navy and the Judge Advocate General's Corps are undoubtedly better off thanks to his years of service and leadership.

Les also served as Executive Director for the Port of Everett. During his tenure, he strengthened the critical relationship between the Port and the Navy and helped lay the

foundation to expand the seaport and redevelop the Everett waterfront. Also, Les played a key role in reaching the agreement that created the Blue Heron Slough.

I wish Les the best as his Navy career ends, new chapters begin and as he continues serving his community at the Whatcom Transportation Authority.

I thank Les for his dedicated service and congratulate him on a job well done.

RECOGNIZING ELLIOT BERRY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague Congresswoman ANN MCLANE KUSTER to honor Elliot Berry and his forty-seven years of service to New Hampshire Legal Assistance. Through his impactful career, Elliot embodied the highest values of service to our state's most vulnerable community members.

Witnessing the systematic and legal challenges faced by the residents he served, Elliot dedicated his efforts to not only helping his clients navigate the system but making positive changes to our state's housing policies. New Hampshire residents enjoy more protective renter's rights and housing laws thanks to Elliot's work. These protections will continue to benefit hundreds of families across New Hampshire long after his retirement, making our state safer and more economically viable for the future.

In 1975, Elliot began his journey with New Hampshire Legal Assistance after graduating from Boston College Law School and starting out as a VISTA volunteer. Throughout thousands of cases for individual clients, appeals, and class-action lawsuits, Elliot stayed resolute in his commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities. This spirit of service was exemplified in Elliot's challenges to a series of local zoning laws proposed in the 1990s that precluded the development of low-to-moderate income housing units. Elliot's advocacy extended past housing issues to include representing incarcerated men and women across New Hampshire, resulting in the construction of a new prison facility for women in Concord and improved access to mental health and drug counseling services for men and women.

Elliot's belief in the right to safe and affordable housing distinguishes him as a true champion for low-income families, and the legacy of his service will continue to improve the lives of residents across the Granite State for years to come.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First and Second Congressional Districts, we thank Elliot for his many years of service, and for being part of what makes the Granite State such a special place to live. We are honored to recognize and congratulate Elliot on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in his next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GERI
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HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a beloved Northeastern Connecticut public servant, Mr. Geri Langlois of Windham, Connecticut. Geri Langlois sadly passed at the all too young age of 68 on Sunday, September 18, 2022, after a valiant battle with myelodysplastic syndrome. Mr. Langlois was a leader who was instrumental in executing successful development projects in eastern Connecticut which will have a lasting legacy on the lives of residents throughout the region.

Born on April 16, 1954, in Putnam, Connecticut to Carol and Edrose Langlois, Geri grew up with his family only a few towns south of Windham in Canterbury. Geri graduated from Windham High School and continued to practice his devotion to learning at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Geri was a true jack of all trades, including, for example, the additional education he gained from MIT where he studied computer sciences, as well as his numerous other passions, from gardening to crafting custom guitars.

Upon his graduation from university, Geri's lifelong arc began to bend to its true form: public service. In applying his unique ability to master any new skill or challenge before him, Geri first started out as an organizer for the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, committing himself toward the mission of creating a just and sustainable Connecticut. Given his natural success at community organizing, Geri then ran for and was elected to the position of First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, yet another community in the northern reaches of the Second District of Connecticut. Among his countless skills, Geri was clearly most adept as an advocate for others, and his neighbors ultimately promoted him to the elected office of State Representative of the 51st District. Madam Speaker, I had the pleasure of serving in the Connecticut General Assembly in the 1980s and early 1990s as a colleague of Geri, and had a front row seat to watch him in action. I witnessed his intelligent, principled advocacy for the people of the 51st District which was highly successful. State Representative Langlois specifically facilitated many key economic development projects including the revitalization of Windham Mills, an iconic site in the Town of Windham as well as the enactment of a prescription drug plan for Connecticut seniors in 1987 which predated the U.S. Congress passage of Medicare Part D by 14 years. Geri was a great friend and an ally on many issues during our time together and his honorable service will be remembered for all time.

Geri Langlois' charisma extended far past the state officials he routinely worked with and came to be known as a "fighter of the people." After his terms as State Representative and First Selectman, Geri remained a stalwart champion of economic development through his tenure as Executive Director at the Northeast Connecticut Economic Alliance and President of the Windham Mills Development Corporation. At the Northeast Connecticut Economic Alliance, he helped struggling small

businesses obtain funding when they were locked out of obtaining funds from traditional lending sources, spurring economic activity throughout all of Windham County. As a member of the Windham Zoning Board of Appeals, he remained an active participant in community-based discussions, oriented toward economic development, through to his final days.

Geri's most defining trait was his love for his family. Despite Geri leading an immensely busy life and career, he always made certain to prioritize his wife of 27 years, Sherry, children, and grandchildren. In fact, the bond between Sherry and Geri was so well tuned that they even co-founded a business together, Rapid Framework, which was missioned toward supporting other businesses through website development services.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents as devoted to the prosperity of their community as Geri Langlois. Geri's storied career of public service is a shining beacon that has reflected onto countless others to inspire good citizenship. I am honored to have gained the opportunity to work with such a remarkable individual on behalf of eastern Connecticut. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family and throughout the communities and businesses which he helped grow. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Geri's life, so that his distinct work in service to the region may never be forgotten.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
KEITH SWARTZENTRUBER

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Keith Swartzentruber, the executive director of Snyder Village, who is retiring after 34 wonderful years of service across Central Illinois.

Keith Swartzentruber joined the staff as an administrator of Snyder Village when it opened its doors in 1988 and has held the position of executive director at Snyder Village for the last 17 years. Under his leadership, Snyder Village has grown from a modest organization offering a health center and six independent living cottages to the full-life plan community that it is today. Currently, over 400 residents call Snyder Village home, and roughly 240 staff members make up the Snyder Village team. Spanning over 48 acres, Snyder Village now encompasses a skilled nursing health center, assisted living, home care services, inpatient and outpatient therapy, and a retirement community with 40 apartments and 170 cottages.

As a true servant leader, Keith encourages and supports staff to embody the Snyder Village mission statement: to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others in a loving, dignified, and Christian atmosphere. Keith exemplifies the high level of care and service which has made Snyder Village the remarkable place it is. He can often be found visiting with residents and staff members, ensuring they feel valued and cared for. His leadership and service have been recognized by his peers and the community through several awards, including the Life Services Network Leadership Recognition Award.

Our community has been fortunate to benefit from the service and leadership of Keith Swartzentruber. I extend my sincere congratulations to Keith on his 34 years of service at Snyder Village. I wish him much success as he continues to lead a life of service to the Metamora community and central Illinois.

HONORING THE WORK OF DR.
ROBERT FICKLIN

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Robert Ficklin, forestry professor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, for receiving the Society of American Foresters (SAF) Fellows Award. The SAF Fellows Award is the highest recognition in the forestry profession. It is a testament to Dr. Ficklin's lifetime of service to the industry and the Society of American Foresters in particular. Dr. Ficklin is only the third forestry professor in the history of UAM to receive this esteemed honor.

Dr. Ficklin has made extraordinary contributions to the forestry industry at a local, state, and national level. His service and leadership over the last twenty years at UAM has left a lasting impact on his students. His former students now hold professional forestry and environmental management positions in state and federal agencies, as well as various academic positions. Dr. Ficklin was recognized for his impact in the UAM forestry program by being the first forestry faculty member to become a finalist in the Hornaday Outstanding Faculty Award.

In addition to his impact on students, Dr. Ficklin has been instrumental in research and innovation. His research on forest soils in the Ozark uplands, the Western Gulf Coastal Plain, and the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley have been presented nationally. His research has resulted in numerous publications, papers, reports, abstracts, and presentations that will be used for many years.

I am proud to recognize Dr. Ficklin today for his many accomplishments and to thank him for his commitment, dedication, and service to the forestry industry. Dr. Ficklin's contributions to the forestry sector will be felt for years to come. Arkansas is the gold standard when it comes to forestry, and that is in large part due to forestry leaders like Dr. Robert Ficklin.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL P.
STACHEL AND DAVID WINDHOLZ
FROM DOYLESTOWN, PA

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two outstanding constituents from my district, Michael P. Stachel and David Windholz. Since the 1960s, these gentlemen have given their time and financial resources to organize fishing derby events for children, disabled individuals, and seniors throughout our community. They sponsor and

run these events at no cost to any of the attendees. The families, children, and the seniors from the local nursing homes and the Veterans home in my district gather to spend the day fishing from a well stocked local pond.

They enjoy free food and refreshments; they are furnished with complimentary fishing gear so they can enjoy a day outdoors with their friends and families. Mike Stachel and David Windholz ask nothing for themselves and provide a joyous and wholesome experience that creates memories that last forever. They have been doing this selflessly for over four decades.

We commend them for their community spirit and their commitment to the families, the children, the disabled, and the seniors of my district. We are proud to salute their efforts to continue to provide these wonderful events for so many generations of my district's residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEATRE
WEST'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Theatre West in Los Angeles, California, upon its sixtieth anniversary.

Theatre West, a non-profit arts organization, is one of the oldest continually running theater companies in Los Angeles. Since its establishment in 1962 with a small group of actors, it has grown to include over one-hundred-sixty-five actors, producers, stage managers, directors and writers. With its mission to entertain, enlighten and educate, Theatre West has given artists the opportunity to develop their talents and skills by providing public performances and workshops, and to serve the community with their educational programs. Through these programs, the theater provides quality performances for younger audiences and presents upbeat and inspiring programs that meet California Visual and Performing Arts standards. The theater also hosts benefits for local schools and organizations, including Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. In addition, Storybook Theatre, a children's interactive theatrical experience, has been an integral part of Theatre West for nearly four decades.

Throughout the past sixty years, some of Theatre West's plays have transferred to Broadway: *Anthology*, *Spoon River* and *Aesop* in Central Park. Theatre West's productions have toured throughout the United States in Atlanta, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle, and also overseas in Dublin, Ireland and Edinburgh, Scotland.

Theatre West has been home to many of Hollywood's most creative artists, including Lee Meriwether, Richard Dreyfuss, Betty Garrett, Bridget Hanley, Beau Bridges, Harold Gould, Martin Landau, Carroll O'Connor and Philip Abbott.

Theatre West is a recipient of numerous prestigious honors such as the Obie Award, Tony Award, Valley Theatre Award, nine Los Angeles Drama Critics Awards, Ovation Award nominations, seven NAACP Image Awards and over one-hundred-thirty Drama-Logue Awards. The theater has also been recognized locally by the Hollywood Arts Council, and

internationally at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland.

It is my pleasure to recognize Theatre West for six decades of outstanding theater and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Theatre West upon its sixtieth anniversary.

HONORING DEZIE WOODS-JONES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Ms. Dezie Woods-Jones on her 2022, "Spirit of Faithful Leadership" Fannie Lou Hamer Award. She is a Trail Blazer in the Central Valley and works selflessly to help others.

Dezie was born in Ruston, Louisiana and later moved to California. She was raised in Fresno and Oakland. At California State University, Hayward, Dezie earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. In her early years, Dezie was involved in groups such as the Black Conference Planning Committee and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to name a few. In 1968, Dezie worked at the Peralta Community College district until 2002. She held many positions and retired as Assistant Chancellor of External Affairs.

In 1991, Dezie served on the Oakland City Council, then as City Vice Mayor, and later became the first woman to run for Mayor for Oakland. Her influence in the community did not go unnoticed. Many well-known Civil Rights leaders acknowledged her leadership abilities. She has worked along side people such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Julian Bond, United States Representatives such as Maxine Waters, Dianne Watson, and Barbara Lee.

Former Governor Jerry Brown appointed Dezie to the California Commission on Crime Control & Violence Prevention, and Former Governor Gray Davis appointed her as a member of the California Postsecondary Education. She was a member of many organizations such as the Oakland Education Cabinet, and Executive Committee of East Bay Regional Board of Directors for the American Heart Association. Dezie's voice was heard on Bay Area radio and television, podcasts, South Korea, South America, West Africa, and Mexico.

One of her accomplishments in life has been her stance on advocacy in the community. Dezie is the founding member of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA). For over 50 years, she has held her position as president in the state of California. This is the oldest organization in California and her leadership helps many. Dezie is also the president and CEO of DWJ & Associates consulting firm. They specialize in public affairs, leadership training, civic engagement, event planning, and governmental relations. Her firm has helped many organizations such as the National Black Caucus Foundation, Ramsay Group, Fresno Unified School District, and more.

The love of her life, Reverend Carl Jones who pastors the St. Paul Pixley AME Church has been by her side. They raised a beautiful son, Robert, who recently went home to Heaven, and have two grandchildren that they love and adore. The contributions and leadership

Dezie carries has reached many people all throughout her life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dezie Woods-Jones. The passion and love she has to stand up for others is evident from student sit-ins to national marches for the struggle for social justice and roles in leadership. May her joy to help others continue to impact more lives, and her story be a role model to many.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT
ASHTON CARUTHERS, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Robert Ashton Caruthers, Jr. in honor of his 60th birthday on November 3, 2022, and his service for the Bowling Green Fire Department.

Robert, or Robby, is a native of Hanover County, Virginia, but has lived in Caroline County, Virginia, since 2000.

Robby is a dedicated husband and father. He and his wife, Dr. Ada Caruthers, have two children, Katie and Ashton. He is a beloved member of his family and community, and they are grateful for his unwavering contributions and selfless service.

Robby is a diligent farmer who is the second largest sweet corn producer in Virginia. He farms 1,100 acres of grain and 400 acres of vegetables. He is on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Farm Bureau and the Agricultural Advisory Board for the Caroline County Agricultural Fair. And he donates to the Virginia State Fair and advocates for "Farm Use" license plates and non-insurable crops policies.

Robby is a leader of his community. He is an honorary member of the Bowling Green Fire Department because he helps raise \$60,000 annually for the department through the Sportsman's Dinner Auction. He avidly supports the Future Farmers of America and the Caroline County Little League. He helped start some food banks in Caroline County, and donated produce to local churches. He helped write the Virginia Bottle Bill to reduce litter on Virginia's roads, and he volunteers to clear snow off the roads during the winter.

Robby is also passionate about preserving local history. He is a lifelong contributor to the Port Royal Historical Society and is a Hanover Tavern Foundation Sponsor. Furthermore, he maintains two historic properties in Caroline County.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and 60th birthday of Mr. Robert Ashton Caruthers, Jr. A U.S. flag has been flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor. May God bless him and his family.

RECOGNIZING URBAN UPBOUND

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Urban

Upbound for eighteen years of dedicated service to the Queens community. Urban Upbound is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Queens public housing residents with economic mobility and increased self-sufficiency.

Urban Upbound was founded in 2004 by Bishop Mitchell G. Taylor and Debra-Ellen Glickstein to serve the residents of public housing across many areas of Queens, including Astoria, Woodside, and Far Rockaway. Urban Upbound serves the community through a variety of programs designed to provide low-income residents the tools they need to succeed. Its financial counseling program helps people tackle debt, budget incomes, and save money.

The organization founded the Urban Upbound Federal Credit Union, the first credit union founded in Queens in the last 30 years. By offering low fees, rates, and flexible loan policies, Urban Upbound Federal Credit Union has saved its members hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of all, the credit union encourages NYCHA residents to open bank accounts in a community where many do not have access to mainstream banks and face additional hurdles to securing a bank account. Urban Upbound has also helped over 25,000 residents prepare their taxes and file returns, helping them secure more than \$25 million in tax refunds. Through this work, Urban Upbound promotes long-term asset building and provides economic mobility to the community.

Urban Upbound's efforts extend beyond financial aid. The organization provides college counseling through SAT prep courses and advising, which has led to a 95 percent college placement rate for residents enrolled in the pre-college program. The heavy emphasis Urban Upbound places on the importance of education signals its commitment to the generational growth and success of its neighborhoods.

Urban Upbound also provides employment services, helps create and polish resumes, conducts mock interviews, and provides career counseling, which has helped approximately 1,800 clients secure employment. When it comes to helping residents achieve their goals of a better life, Urban Upbound truly is a champion for the residents of public housing.

Urban Upbound is hosting a gala to honor its eighteen years of service with the appropriate theme "Celebrating Success." This year's festivities mark a return to in-person celebrations following the COVID-19 Pandemic, during which Urban Upbound provided the community with resource assistance. As a partner in New York City's COVID-19 Take Care Initiative, Urban Upbound helped individuals throughout the Queens NYCHA community find recovery care, practice quarantine protocols, and secure basic needs such as food, medicine, and laundry. This year's gala celebrates in the triumphant resilience of Urban Upbound and the community it proudly serves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of Urban Upbound. For eighteen years, Urban Upbound has worked to help break the cycle of poverty and create a positive impact on low-income communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S.
JUDGE STERLING JOHNSON

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Judge Sterling Johnson who passed away on October 17, 2022. Judge Johnson will be remembered as a devoted family man, advocate for individuals suffering from AIDS, dedicated jurist, special drug prosecutor, member of the New York City Police Department, U.S. Marine veteran and mentor to the next generation of young attorneys.

At a time when AIDS was still considered a terrifying death sentence, Judge Johnson fought relentlessly for the humane treatment of individuals suffering from AIDS. In 1993, he ordered the government to immediately shut down a Guantánamo Bay detention facility that was full of Haitian refugees who had been found eligible for asylum but were denied entry into the United States solely because they had H.I.V. or AIDS. He likened their living conditions to "an H.I.V. prison camp". In another remarkable case, Judge Johnson ruled that New York City had failed to provide necessities to thousands of residents who were poverty stricken and suffered from AIDS. These necessities included emergency housing, food stamps and Medicaid. He ordered a federal magistrate to make sure that the AIDS stricken population had access to these benefits. In this way he used his power to alleviate the suffering of thousands of society's most vulnerable members.

Prior to his time on the bench, Judge Johnson was a member of the New York City Police Department. While serving in this capacity, he received his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College and graduated in the top ten percent of the Brooklyn Law School Class of 1966. Judge Johnson left the police force the following year to accept an appointment as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York based in Manhattan where he prosecuted more than 7,000 criminal cases. He also served as the City's special narcotics prosecutor and was named executive liaison officer for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Presidential Drug Advisory Council under President Gerald Ford. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Johnson for the United States Court for the Eastern District of New York. During his 30-year tenure on the bench, Judge Johnson ruled in over 500 cases.

Judge Johnson also served as the executive director of the NYPD Civilian Complaint Review Board, investigating allegations of police misconduct and brutality. Judge Johnson was a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement. The New York Chapter of this organization is named in his honor. He was also instrumental in founding the National Black Prosecutors Association. Judge Johnson was also a sought-after guest lecturer and gave speeches at universities around the world.

Despite his demanding career, Judge Johnson always made time to mentor young attorneys. His office was full of young lawyers seeking his wisdom and advice. He instilled the values of duty, dedication, discipline, integrity, and social justice in the next generation of

lawyers. He would often say "If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you are late." He deeply believed that one must be a leader, take initiative, and zealously chase one's ambitions. When Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson started her career, she asked Judge Johnson if she should become a judge. As a result of his guidance and encouragement, she went on to make history as the first black female Supreme Court Justice.

In addition to his distinguished career, Judge Johnson also raised a remarkable family. He was a devoted husband to Barbara Johnson and a loving father to his children Sterling III, Alicia and Jennifer, and daughter-in-law Wendy Johnson. Judge Johnson was especially close to his son-in-law, David Daniels. Judge Johnson was lovingly called G.Pa by his grandchildren Jessica Barnes and F. Attiyya Akinwale; and was a doting great grandfather to his adorable great grand puppies Jibe, Oba, and Enzo. Judge Johnson enjoyed fishing and playing solitaire. We take solace in the thought that Judge Johnson has been reunited in heaven with his daughter Alicia and dog Oba.

I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers to Judge Johnson's family and hope that the knowledge that he is remembered so dearly by his friends and colleagues will bring comfort during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID PAUL
HORAN'S 80 YEARS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE AND LEGAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Key West native Mr. David Paul Horan for his community leadership and notable achievements in admiralty and maritime law.

David Horan has spent almost 50 years serving on various community boards and commissions in the Florida Keys. Since 1973, he has served as a Director of the Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce. Other leadership roles have included serving on the Key West Military Affairs Committee, the Florida Keys National Marine Advisory Sanctuary Counsel, and the Special Environmental Counsel for Monroe County. In 2001, Mr. Horan was inducted into the Key West Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, Key West's highest community service award.

In addition to his work serving the community, David is an accomplished lawyer. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1972, David specializes in complex federal and state litigation. Much of his career has been dedicated to protecting local interests against excessive regulation. One pro-bono case of David's, *Young v. DCA*, was monumental: the Florida Supreme Court's opinion reversed almost twenty years of decisions on the "burden of proof" issue, significantly restricting the state of Florida's authority to overturn local governmental decisions. David has also represented many commercial fishermen in addition to salvors of historic shipwrecks, generally centuries-old Spanish galleons sunk along Florida's coast.

Another of David's notable legal victories came in his successful oral argument in the

1982 Supreme Court case *Florida Dept. of State v. Treasure Salvors, Inc.*, which concerned the ownership of salvage from the 1622 Spanish Galleon *Nuestra Senora de Atocha*. The Supreme Court rejected the State's claim to the property and upheld the transfer of artifacts to *Treasure Salvors*.

What an honor it is to recognize David Horan for his phenomenal career in law and life of service to the Florida Keys and Floridians across the state. I wish David, his wife, five children, and many grandchildren all the best as he begins a ninth decade of a very full life.

REMEMBERING LOUIS J.
FRANCHIMON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Louis J. Franchimon. Passing away at the age of 84, Mr. Franchimon leaves behind an indelible legacy in the labor community throughout the Bay Area.

Mr. Franchimon was born on March 12, 1938, in the Netherlands. At a young age, Mr. Franchimon and his family immigrated to the United States for his father's work with the Dutch Embassy in Washington, D.C. Throughout his career, Mr. Franchimon developed a passion for bettering the working conditions and furthering the development of proper training, organized labor, and fair compensation for working people in construction. His ceaseless devotion to this work throughout the Bay Area, especially in Napa and Solano counties, earned him the admiration of his community as well as numerous accolades. As a lifelong advocate, Mr. Franchimon greatly benefitted the labor community in Northern California through his tireless efforts.

Through his passion and advocacy, Mr. Franchimon left a lasting impact on the community. His significant legacy is commemorated in the annual "Lou Franchimon Lifetime Achievement Award" awarded by the Napa Solano Central Labor Council. In 2012, Mr. Franchimon received the first of this award, the highest honor given by the Council to date. It is now awarded each year to a worthy recipient who embodies Mr. Franchimon's devotion to defending and bettering the labor movement.

Mr. Franchimon is survived by his two sisters, three children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a community that will miss his enduring spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Franchimon's loved ones. I know that they, along with the entire Bay Area community, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING MR. FRANCISCO
CASTILLON

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 21, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Francisco Castillon for receiving the National Association of Community Health Center's Lifetime Achievement Award.

As a migrant and seasonal farmworker for over 12 years throughout his youth, Mr. Castillon experienced the challenges in accessing healthcare firsthand. As a result, his career has been centered on delivering high-quality medical, dental, behavioral, and other services to the medically underserved, especially the poor, the voiceless, and farmworkers and their families. For over 30 years, Mr. Castillon has worked for Community and Migrant Health Centers (C/MHC) as CEO, Dep-

uty Director, Program Manager and Consultant. In addition, Mr. Castillon served as the President and CEO of the California Health Federation, representing over 300 health centers throughout California. Furthermore, he was also the Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), which is based out of Washington D.C. and represents over 1,500 C/MHCs.

Since 2010, Mr. Francisco Castillon has served as CEO of Omni Family Health, a growing network of state-of-the-art health centers located throughout Kern, Kings, Tulare, and Fresno counties. During Mr. Castillon's time as CEO, Omni has expanded from 12 health centers to 38, more than doubling the number of patients served. Mr. Castillon continues to lead Omni's growth, with plans to open future locations in Kern and Fresno Counties. Serving the medically underserved individuals and families in our communities has been Mr. Castillon's lifelong passion.

Mr. Castillon is a mission-driven executive, well respected among his peers and within the communities he has served. One of the keys to his success is a firm commitment to managing C/MHCs with honesty, integrity, and transparency. He is one of very few executives within the C/MHC movement that has earned five national awards for his contributions and accomplishments in serving these vulnerable groups. For these reasons, Mr. Castillon was the perfect candidate to be honored by the NACHC with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his achievements, dedication, and contributions to the community health center movement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the achievements of Mr. Francisco Castillon and congratulating him on receiving the NACHC Lifetime Achievement Award.