

professional experience. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Carnegie Mellon University, where she met her husband, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Alongside her husband, Mrs. Turnbull raised two accomplished children who excel in their work, volunteer in their communities, and devote time to their families. She taught her children by example. For 20 years she wrote a syndicated poetic essay column which appeared in major newspapers throughout the country. Her essays and short stories have also appeared in popular magazines, and she ultimately published several books of her collected essays. Mrs. Turnbull is also an educator whose career has spanned 60 years. She has taught at a wide variety of schools across the country and within the California State University system. She had the honor of being featured as a Multiple Year Honoree in the national edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." She also devotes time to her community by serving as the Chairwoman of the Orland Arts Commission and the Gallery Director for the Orland Arts Center where she uses her many artistic talents to teach others. Mrs. Turnbull is an accomplished woman who has put her education, artistic gifts, and hard work towards a long and distinguished career. She is an outstanding and inspirational example of talent and dedication for her family and people throughout her community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LILIA  
GONZALES CHAVEZ

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 19, 2018*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career achievements of Ms. Lilia Gonzales Chavez. Lilia is being honored by Arte Americas with the Armando Rodriguez Legacy Award, in honor of her dedication and commitment to the preservation of the arts of California's Central Valley. This award is given to a person who has broken barriers in civil rights, education, and/or the promotion of the arts to the broader community and selflessly promoted the advancement of the underrepresented. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Lilia today for her years of service to our Valley.

Lilia, a native of Fresno, attended California State University, Fresno and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Development and a master's degree in Administrative Leadership from Fresno Pacific University.

In 1987, Lilia co-founded Arte Americas and for nearly ten years served as their director. Arte Americas is currently the Valley's largest non-profit Latino Cultural Center. After her time at Arte Americas, Lilia took on a new challenge. In 2011, she was appointed as the

Executive Director of the Fresno Arts Council. Lilia has also served on the board of the Fresno Art Museum, the board of the Fresno Arts Council and is a key member of the League of Mexican-American Women in Fresno where she serves as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

Lilia has worked as an educator at Fresno City College where she taught child development and psychology. Lilia also worked with the County of Fresno as an Administrative Analyst and Coordinator of the Inter-Agency Council for Children and Families, where she assisted many underserved communities throughout Fresno County.

An achievement that Lilia is most proud of was being appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as a Trustee on the Board for California State Summer School for the Arts, serving on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Department of Arts and Humanities at California State University, Fresno and the California State University Summer Arts Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Mrs. Lilia Gonzales Chavez for receiving the Armando Rodriguez Legacy Award. Lilia has been an inspiration, not only through her professional achievements, but also through the community leadership throughout the years. I ask that you join me in wishing Lilia and her family continued success and prosperity.