

Vacaville Imagine That, where she has made learning fun at a non-profit children's hands-on museum focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The tremendous positive difference Lauren has made in her community cannot be overstated, and she is greatly deserving of this recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF UC DAVIS
MIND INSTITUTE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the UC Davis MIND Institute. As faculty members and families gather here today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the MIND Institute for their clinical expertise and collaborative efforts to better understand neurodevelopmental disorders.

Since its founding by an influential parent group in 1998, the UC Davis MIND Institute has grown a multidisciplinary team of experts, achieving international recognition as an innovative leader in research and approaches to treating a broad range of disorders, including autism spectrum disorder, fragile X syndrome, ADHD22q11.2 deletion syndrome and Down syndrome. With more than 50 faculty from five UC Davis schools and colleges, the MIND Institute studies everything from environmental factors and cellular processes to community programs, all with the goal of improving the lives of people with neurodevelopmental disorders and their families.

Over the past 20 years, faculty members at the MIND Institute have made significant research discoveries advancing the scientific knowledge and etiology of neurodevelopmental disorders. They have found biomarkers and identified genetic and environmental factors that increase the risk of autism and other disorders. They have also developed interventions and technologies to improve outcomes for children. Through the collaboration of families, educators, researchers, and the community, the MIND Institute has become a research powerhouse that has generated exceptional results with international implications.

Mr. Speaker, as faculty members and families of the UC Davis MIND Institute celebrate their twenty years of milestones, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their dedication to the awareness, support, and research for neurodevelopmental disorders.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
GERALD SCHUSTER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the beautiful life and legacy of my dear friend, Gerald Schuster, who died on October 17 in his home in his beloved city of Boston.

Jerry was a leader of great vision and generosity, driven always by the deep responsi-

bility he possessed to build better futures for families in Boston and across the country. Together with his beloved wife of 66 years, Elaine, Jerry dedicated his life to philanthropy and progressive activism.

Jerry's vast generosity of spirit blessed countless Americans. His support for Boston hospitals, including the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, have brought healing and hope to so many lives, and have helped strengthen families and the community. His vision in establishing the Schuster Family Transplantation Research Center at the Brigham will leave a powerful legacy for generations to come. Jerry also understood the deep toll that poor health can take on families' well-being and economic security, and transformed lives by helping establish Hospitality Homes, a nonprofit organization providing free housing for more than 15,000 families and friends of patients receiving care in the Boston area.

As a self-made business leader, Jerry believed firmly in the importance of empowering young leaders, and cared deeply about mentoring others so that they can succeed. As part of this mission, he and Elaine established Operation PEACE (Partnerships in Education and Community Enrichment), which provides mentoring, tutoring and life skill training for children in urban communities in Atlanta and Boston. Recognizing that there is no greater investment we can make than in our children's education, they also started a fund at Tufts University to support faculty development and civic engagement.

Jerry believed profoundly in the importance of a free press. He and Elaine created the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University, which has made an extraordinary contribution in strengthening America's public interest and investigative journalism. Since its founding, the Center has empowered scores of graduates to seek truth through journalism and public service.

Jerry also was a tireless champion for progressive causes, and for the need to encourage a robust, healthy debate over policy. For decades, he and Elaine opened their home to civic and political leaders of all levels, fostering important conversations about how to create progress for all Americans.

Our country has been strengthened by Jerry's leadership and generosity. We will all deeply miss his warmth, his brilliant spirit and his deep empathy. Most of all, we will remember his extraordinary love for his family. The great love he had for Elaine, his beloved and inseparable partner in all aspects of life; for Mark and Audrey, Scott and Heidi, Jodi, and Todd and Laurie; and for his nine wonderful grandchildren, continues to bless us all.

May it bring some measure of comfort to Jerry's many friends and loved ones that so many grieve with them and pray for them during this sad time.

HONORING LINA HERNANDEZ WITH
CALIFORNIA THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lina Hernandez as a woman of the

year. She is diligently committed to serving her community. As the program director for the Knights Landing Family Resource Center; Ms. Hernandez facilitates the operation of a vast network of resources, opening the center daily to help individuals and families navigate complicated federal, state, and local programs. Sponsored by Empower Yolo, the Knights Landing Family Resource Center is an essential community asset that seeks to improve the social, educational, and economic outcomes of Yolo County residents. When she isn't focused on her duties at the center, Ms. Hernandez can be found volunteering her time with the Friends of the Library, the local school, or the Knights Landing Environmental Health Project. Additionally, her dedicated advocacy as a concerned parent resulted in the creation of the UC Davis Knights Landing One Health Center. Ms. Hernandez was the driving force in assembling a team of knowledgeable community builders to serve as advisors to the One Health Center, pushing for accessible, holistic health services for the entire community. Her presence in our community is an asset that has enriched the lives of countless residents from all walks of life. Ms. Hernandez is a role-model for community leaders everywhere.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY FIELDS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Ms. Beverly Fields, who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 21.

The daughter of a Romanian father and Russian mother, Beverly has truly lived the American Dream. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York with her three siblings. Beverly attended P.S. 156 and was elected class president because, in her words, "she went to school every day."

After graduating, she went straight to work for a manufacturing company, and over the course of 20 years, she rose to the position of Manager. Despite the hard work she put in, she always made sure to find time for traveling and dancing. She was a regular patron of the Roseland Ballroom, and has visited Israel, Spain, St. Thomas, and St. Martin.

Since retiring, Beverly's civic commitment has come full circle, as she is currently the President of the Resident Council at Park Summit senior living community. Like many of us, Beverly loves music, especially Jazz and concert symphonies. Her favorite artist is Frank Sinatra and her favorite song is Autumn Leaves.

Beverly's most admirable trait, however, is her ability to always find ways to keep herself active and engaged. From playing cards and bingo, to reading adventure books and writing poems, to watching the travelogue and hanging out with her friends, Beverly's endless joy and companionship are attributes we should all strive to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, today I call on my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Beverly Fields and her contribution to our community. Happy birthday, Beverly.