

Shenzhou Preaching Team), Minister Wang Xiao (Henan Dongguocun Church).

Pastor Zhu Jiahao (Wenzhou Shenzhou Preaching Team), Minister Xinyi Chuandao (Datong Lirenzaio Church), Minister Zhao Lihui (Datong Lirenzaio Church), Pastor Lin Jinlian (Wenzhou Shenzhou Preaching Team), Pastor Yan Xiaojie (Wenzhou Shangjiang Church), Minister Chen Jiafu (Chen Dawei) (Fuzhou Boteli Reformed Church), Pastor Du Youchang (Jingmen Ganlanshan Church), Pastor Wang Yongcheng, Elder Feng Guangxiong (Shen Ai Shi Ren Fengshou Church), Pastor Ruan Dawei (Zhanjiang Gengxin Church), Minister Guan Xinyuan (Jiangsu Liyang Family Church), Minister Zhao Ruohan (Henan Xihuo Church), Minister Sun Chanli (Hubei Shiyuan Rongguang Biliya Church), Elder Li Youhong (Chengdu Shengming Zhi Quan Church), Elder Yan Xixia, Elder Su Bingsen, Elder Li Yingqiang, Elder Tan Defu, Minister Zhang Xudong, (Chengdu Early Rain Covenant Church).

HONORING WENDY ZAPATA WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wendy Zapata as a woman of the year. She is a well-known as a community leader, mentor, activist and small business owner. In 2012, she and her sister established the NorCal Assets Solutions which aims to provide Medicare Planning, Long Term Care alternatives, Safe Retirement, and importantly educates individuals on making informed choices to save for their future through a variety of resources. Ms. Zapata is instrumental in serving her community and annually organizes open workshops such as the Senior Resource Fair to inform the community about resources and organizations available to them. As a member of the Soroptimist International, Ms. Zapata generously dedicates her time to better the status of women and girls in the community by encouraging social and economic empowerment for women. She is especially passionate about organizing and supporting local community events to ensure their success and further assist individuals in her community. Her passion for volunteerism is evident from her role in organizations such as United Way, the Alzheimer's Association, Marysville Stampede, Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, Adventist Fairway to Golf, and many more. Wendy Zapata is known within her community to be hard-working, kind, and a leader with integrity. She aims to make a positive difference and her contributions to the community cannot be overstated.

RAISING AWARENESS OF NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate National Bullying Prevention

Month, a nationwide campaign held during the month of October to provide efforts in uniting communities to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.

As a Co-Chair of the House Congressional Children's Caucus, member of the Mental Health Caucus, and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, I have been saddened by one episode after another of children losing their lives and the lack of a coordinated response to incidents of bullying.

In September of 2018, the Jackson Lee Anti-Bullying bill, H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization Act was passed by the House.

This legislation makes positive steps toward reform in juvenile justice and targets bullying and bullying prevention.

This bill: targets bullying and bullying prevention; reauthorizes the award of grants to consider this problem in the amount of \$30 million for one year; and, subjects grants to accountability measures: the Office of Inspector General in the Department of Justice (DOJ) must conduct annual audits of selected grant recipients and the Department of Justice must submit an annual certification to Congress and identify and report on duplicative grant awards.

In October of 2015, I held an Anti-Bullying Town Hall Hearing in my district where over 40 witnesses—organizations, experts, bullying victims, and even bullies themselves—came out and shared their stories and experiences.

National Bullying Prevention Month was founded by the PACER Center's National Bullying Prevention Center, this campaign has been recognized by school communities all over the United States, for the past 12 years.

Bullying is defined as the use of repetitive aggressive behavior such as force, intimidation, threat, or abuse, which depicts an imbalance of power, socially or physically.

Studies show that at some point in a child's life, they experience bullying in some capacity, no matter what form.

No single factor puts a child at risk of being bullied or bullying others.

Time and time again, the root causes of bullying are racial, gender, sexual orientation, and religious discrimination.

Justification for this matter shows that when children perceived as different are not in supportive environments, they are more prone to being bullied.

Bullying based on religious differences tend to be the result of misinformation or spreading of negative perceptions on how an individual expresses their belief.

American schools harbor approximately 2.1 million bullies and 2.7 million of their victims.

Derrin Bridges, a 13-year-old boy from Kansas City, Missouri, was bullied and held at gunpoint by a 17-year-old.

Derrin who was noted to be on the autism spectrum, was severely mistreated; he was verbally assaulted with racial slurs, he was physically beaten, and money was stolen from him.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Darren Bridges, his loving mother, Emily Bridges, and the rest of his family.

This type of disheartening experience can affect a child for a lifetime.

It is important to note that a significant increase in bullying rates is due to the prevalent use of technology among teens.

The internet enables information to spread far and wide across the globe with the click of a button.

It is estimated that in 2011, approximately 2.2 million students experienced cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that happens over any digital device.

This consists of sending and posting negative, presumptuous, or harmful content about someone else, as well as sharing private information about someone in aim to cause humiliation.

Social media is an avenue that children and teens can easily access and use to engage in cyberbullying.

Sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and YouTube, are all platforms where the risk of cyberbullying is prevalent.

With easy access to an individual's page, users gain the ability to search and post discreditable information anonymously about anyone.

Bullying is now increasingly viewed as a contributor to the inflexed rates of suicide amongst youth.

It can leave a harsh toll on those affected, causing lasting impacts on mental health, substance use and suicide.

In 2016, Brandy Vela, an 18-year-old high school resident of my Congressional district, took her own life after experiencing relentless cyberbullying.

Brandy was a beautiful young lady, who was friendly and all around well-liked by her schoolmates.

Despite all the love given to her from friends and family, she took her own life due to the threats and messages she would continuously receive online, causing her to feel worthless.

I cannot fathom the sorrow that the Vela family endured at that time.

Brandy's memory lives on through her family and friends along with all those who work tirelessly to exterminate bullying.

The American youth witnesses bullying at least once a day.

Suicide rates solely among 10 to 14 year olds have grown more than so percent over the last three decades.

It is important that we act promptly to prevent such instances from happening; many of the deadly cases of bullying arise when children are teased and tormented simply for being different.

Our children are our future hence they must be our first priority.

HONORING SHERIFF RICHARD CUTTING AND UNDERSHERIFF MICHAEL BADGER ON THEIR RETIREMENTS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. STEFANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate both Sheriff Richard Cutting and Undersheriff Michael Badger on their retirements from the Essex County Sheriff's Department.

After two years of service with the United States Marine Corps, Sheriff Cutting joined the Essex County Sheriff's Department in 1977 as a Deputy Sheriff. He became the first Essex

County Deputy to become a certified Police and Corrections Instructor as well as the first Jail Administrator before taking on the role of Undersheriff. In 2010, he was appointed to fill the office of Essex County Sheriff and has since then run two successful campaigns. From the opening of the Department's new Public Safety Building to the success of his animal cruelty and opioid task forces, Sheriff Richard Cutting has undoubtedly made a lasting, positive impact on the Department.

Undersheriff Michael Badger started in the Sheriff's Department in 1987 as a Deputy Sheriff and Jail Dispatcher, and worked his way up through the ranks until he became Undersheriff in 2011. During his tenure in the Department, he implemented the Project Life Saver Program in Essex County and was instrumental in the Essex County Jail's transition to its modern Public Safety Building. Truly dedicated to serving his community, Undersheriff Badger also sits on the Essex County Drug Court and has served for 19 years as a volunteer firefighter in Moriah.

Both men have exhibited outstanding commitment to Essex County, leaving their positions with big shoes to fill. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to join the Essex County community in honoring Sheriff Richard Cutting and Undersheriff Michael Badger and thanking them for their many years of public service.

HONORING MICHAEL & LESLIE
TUGETMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor two members of the Northeast Jewish Center Community who this year are being honored at the Center's Annual Event, Michael and Leslie Tugetman.

Michael is a talented musician, singer, songwriter as well as a family health physician who owns an urgent care practice. He performs in a Jewish music/Rock cover band, MIDlife with other physicians, lawyers, accountants, Real Estate executives and other professionals.

For most of her career, Leslie was a corporate interiors renovation project manager. For the past 11 years she was the office manager of a busy physician's office. These days she offsets her time by helping with administrative duties in Michael's practice. Leslie has been known to aid friends and family with interior design issues in their homes or offices.

Michael and Leslie are the proud parents of two wonderful children, Graham and Jessica. Graham, married to Alana, teaches the next generation of Jewish children in Toronto, and is a tremendously gifted drummer. They are the parents of two charming sons, Yonatan and Asher. Dr. Jessica, married to Dr. Noah, are busy training in Pediatrics and Surgery, respectively.

Michael and Leslie both have a terrific sense of humor and share a deep love for their community. The Northeast Jewish Center has made a terrific choice in honoring them with a Special Service Award at this year's Annual Event. Congratulations to them both on receiving this wonderful honor and I want to also thank them for their service to the community.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARNORS THEATRE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Warnors Theatre of Fresno, CA on the occasion of its 90th anniversary. Since its creation on October 20, 1928, the Warnors Theatre has maintained its historic landmark graciously alive by providing continuous use of its facility for entertainment and live events for the local community to come together and enjoy.

For nine decades, the Warnors Theatre has thrived in the heart of downtown Fresno and today it is recognized as a historic entertainment icon. The Spanish revival architectural style facility has served the greater Fresno area through many entertainment events. The Berlin Philharmonic, AC/DC, The Clash, R.E.M. and Miles Davis are merely a small number of legendary artists and entertainers who have performed at the Warnors Theatre.

Since the amphitheater's founding, members have worked with the local community to ensure efforts towards its progression and continued success. Warnors Theatre presently strives to promote an enriched experience for the community.

With the passing of its former owner Frank Caglia, the facility was generously donated and is now looked after by a non-profit organization. Today, Warnors Theatre is a non-profit organization that continues to have a historical value in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Warnors Theatre 90th anniversary. I commend the service of all the members of this organization who have worked collectively to assure the historic landmark continue thriving in serving the community.

70 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH SRI LANKA

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that October marks 70 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Sri Lanka.

I am proud to serve as Co-Chair of the Sri Lanka Caucus. U.S. development and humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka, totaling roughly \$2 billion, has improved livelihoods and living conditions across Sri Lanka through substantial investments in agriculture, economic development, education, health care, energy, and humanitarian activities.

The 2015 presidential election in Sri Lanka paved the way for renewed engagement in support of Sri Lanka's commitments to reform and reconciliation. In December 2016, Sri Lanka was selected to develop a Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact. In August 2017, we celebrated the creation of the Sri Lanka America Association of Las Vegas to foster solidarity within the Sri Lankan commu-

nity in Southern Nevada. In February 2018, Sri Lanka and the United States signed a bilateral agreement to have the Peace Corps re-establish programs in Sri Lanka. The United States is Sri Lanka's largest export market; and as a partner legislature of the House Democracy Partnership, Sri Lanka's Parliament has engaged in training and exchange programs with the United States.

It is my hope that the U.S. will continue to support Sri Lanka on a path of reform and development and continue to reinforce our shared goals of regional security and stability, good governance, and commitment to democratic values. In doing so, our relationship will continue to flourish.

HONORING CATHY SADERLUND
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD
DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cathy Saderlund as a woman of the year. She is the epitome of public service, continuously making invaluable contributions with unparalleled selflessness and dedication. In her roles as Lake County Auditor-Controller and Disaster Finance Chief, she put forth extraordinary efforts during the eight wildfire disasters Lake County faced over the past four fire seasons. In the face of these repeated disasters, she served full-time in the Emergency Operations Centers while unflinchingly balancing the priorities and demands of her elected office. Ms. Saderlund repeatedly exceeded expectations as she managed disaster spending, tracked reimbursements, and made certain that all available state and federal support would be in place for future recovery efforts. Her value to the community in managing the enormous costs of these disasters cannot be overstated. Ms. Saderlund is dedicated to serving the public and continues to do so with excellence no matter what challenges may arise. In addition to her dedication to the duties of her elected position, she demonstrates her devotion to her community through her volunteer work. For more than 25 years, she has served as the Area Director for the local Special Olympics, spearheading year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Through this work she has enabled countless individuals with special needs to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and share their remarkable gifts and skills with their families, fellow athletes, and the community. Ms. Saderlund is an inspirational example of service to the community both through her professional and volunteer roles.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. ROBERT
HEVEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Mr. Robert Hevey