

society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

Madam Speaker, the substantial contributions and rich cultural heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better, stronger nation for everyone. As someone who represents a significant Arab American population in my district, I am honored to help celebrate and recognize National Arab American Heritage Month here in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WILLIAM NATHAN SALIN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Indiana Secretary of State, William Nathan Salin who passed away on May 4th. Bill was born in Anderson, Indiana and was a dedicated public servant and lifelong Hoosier who established a community bank creating hundreds of jobs in northern and central Indiana. In addition, Bill worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Indiana students with scholarships he provided to help fund their college education.

Bill's commitment to his community and state was well known. He was the two-time recipient of Indiana's highest honor, receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash award from both Governor Dr. Otis R. Bowen and Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. Typically, the Sagamore of the Wabash honor is given for wisdom, public commitment, and a concern for the well-being of others.

After graduation from Indiana School of Business in 1954, Bill went on to join the U.S. Army, and the following year married Jane Robertson on June 4, 1955. Bill then earned a law degree from Indiana University, and he and Jane moved to Kendallville, Indiana where he began his professional career as an attorney with the law firm Findlay & Findlay. Later, Bill continued his active community involvement serving as Kendallville City Attorney.

In 1962, Bill and Jane moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Bill once again was an active community leader managing Indiana Bank's trust department. In 1968, Bill was elected as Secretary of State serving along with Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. After completing his service as Secretary of State, Bill returned with his family to Fort Wayne.

In Fort Wayne, Bill continued to practice law at the firm of Kennerk, Dumas, Burke, Backs & Salin. Bill was a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana, and American Bar Associations; Indiana and American Bankers Associations; American Business Club; Economic Club of Indianapolis; Indiana University Varsity Club and of the Well House Society; The Columbia Club; The Indiana Society of Chicago; and The Forum Club of Southwest Florida.

In 1983, Bill founded and was Chairman of Salin Bank & Trust Company, a family owned community bank serving Columbus, Delphi, Edinburg, Fishers, Flora, Fort Wayne, Galveston, Gas City, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Marion, West Lafayette, and Indianapolis. Bill and the entire Salin family took great pride in serving Hoosiers and their banking needs. It was during his tenure at the bank that Bill

and his wife Jane established the Salin Family Foundation in order to provide annual scholarships to students to fund their education at colleges and universities in Indiana. In 2018, Salin Bank merged with Michigan City-based Horizon Bank and today Horizon Bank provides community banking services in both Indiana and Michigan.

In addition to Salin Bank & Trust and Salin Bancshares, Inc., Bill served on the boards of several banks and bank holding companies. Bill also served on a number of community and education boards including serving as a Trustee of Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana; a Trustee of the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University; a member of the Board of the Indiana Historical Society; and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Bill was an active in the United Methodist Church for many years. Together, he and Jane established an endowed scholarship for ministers' children attending Anderson University in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District. In 1997, Bill and Jane served as co-chairs for the capital campaign which raised funds to build the sanctuary at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. One of Bill's favorite places was with his family at Lake Wawasee where he spent 55 years enjoying the outdoors and beautiful lake with Jane and their children and eight grandchildren. The entire family enjoyed many summer days sailing and water skiing at the lake. Bill also enjoyed winter out west, and spent many special days snow skiing with his grandchildren in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Bill was a leader in Indiana who cared deeply for all the communities both large and small served by Salin Bank. He will be missed by many. I want to extend my most heartfelt condolences to his family in their time of mourning. Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Jane (Robertson); his children Bill II (Peggy), and their children Bill III (Julie), Sophie and Sam; daughter Sherri (Curt) Fritsch and their children Bob and Will; and daughter Susie (Garth) McClain, and their children Charlie, John and Margaret.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACQUIE
KAUFFMAN GRIBENS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Jacquie Kauffman Gribens, who passed away on May 6, 2019, after a lifetime of public service to her community.

Born in 1966 in Mexico City, Jacquie moved to Massachusetts when she was 14, where she later graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She then earned her law degree from Suffolk Law School in Boston. After meeting her "bashert" Bruce during law school, they spent the next few years travelling around the country. In 2006, the family moved to the Bay Area, where she spent much of her time volunteering for the local public schools and Congregation Rodef Shalom.

Jacquie's life was spent delivering on her strong desire for public service, in particular

for the most vulnerable in her community. Most recently, she did this through her work with Lifehouse; a non-profit that works to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. Starting as a volunteer at Lifehouse, Jacquie stepped up to serve on the board of directors in 2014, and then became Board Chair in 2018. She also spent time volunteering for the Marin County Board of Education, where she supervised a grant program to help first-generation students attend four-year colleges.

Jacquie is survived by her husband, Bruce, their three children, Josh, Nick, and Allie, as well as her mother Wanda, sister Michelle and brother-in-law Bruce, and many other family and friends across the world. While she will be greatly missed, Jacquie's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact she had on our community and beyond. Madam Speaker, please join me in offering our sincere condolences to Jacquie Gribens' family and many friends and in appreciating her many good deeds.

RECOGNIZING EVAN MARKS AS
THE CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize yet another exemplary citizen, Evan Marks, as my Constituent of the Month for May. Each month, it's my pleasure to recognize residents of the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to make our community stronger, and Evan has done just that as the Founder and Executive Director of The Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano.

At The Ecology Center, Evan and his team turned a vacant lot into an educational space, featuring a vibrant farm, kitchen, and artisan goods store where they teach community members about the importance of sustainable living practices. With roughly 70,000 visitors per year, The Ecology Center is a critical resource for our community that shows people how to save water, grow healthy food, and produce goods with a minimal impact on our environment.

Evan's work is imperative as we confront the dangerous impact that climate change is having on our planet. Just this week, the United Nations released a landmark report that found the health of the planet's ecosystems deteriorating rapidly, with over one million species of plants and animals on the path toward extinction due to human actions. However, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Chair, Sir Robert Watson, highlighted that "it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global." That is exactly what Evan and The Ecology Center inspire us to do, to take action at the local level that will help protect our planet for future generations.

I am proud to represent a community that recognizes the impact we have on our environment and knows we are all responsible for combatting climate change. Evan and all of the dedicated staff at The Ecology Center have led by example and made an extraordinarily positive impact on the region. I am