

542 and No. 543. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 542, and NAY on Roll Call No. 543.

TRIBUTE CELEBRATING THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF FRANK B. WASHINGTON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank B. Washington in honor of his 90th birthday.

Frank B. Washington was born on September 5, 1929 in Estill, South Carolina. He was raised in Columbia, South Carolina, in the Waverly and Allen Benedict Court communities. Frank attended public schools in Richland School District One, graduating from the historic Booker T. Washington High School in 1945. A 1949 graduate of Allen University with a degree in Psychology, he later pursued graduate studies at my alma mater, South Carolina State University as well as Catholic University and Bradley University.

Frank began his professional career at the South Carolina Department of Education in 1951, serving as the state's Speech Therapist. He served in various roles including State Supervisor and Chief Supervisor of the Audit Division where he became the first African American to hold an administrative role within the department. Frank retired in June 1986 after an illustrious 35 years of service.

Devoted to advancing social justice, Frank joined the Columbia Chapter of the NAACP, and was elected President in 1970, a position he held for sixteen years. Frank held multiple leadership roles within the NAACP including State Vice President for eight years and a member of the National NAACP Board of Directors for four years. His leadership within the NAACP was critical during the civil rights movement and resulted in the advancement of equal opportunity and access.

Frank was directly involved in the court decisions that reapportioned the South Carolina Legislature leading to the first three African Americans being elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1970. Also, he participated in the federal lawsuit that created the 42-1 districting plan for the City Council of Columbia, South Carolina allowing the election of two African Americans to the City Council.

The morals and values that are the foundation of his life are rooted in Frank's faith in God. Since 1965, he has been a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where he has been a member of the Vestry, and served as Senior Warden.

Throughout his journey he has been empowered by the encouragement and support of his beautiful family. Frank has been married to the former Vivian Deloris Wingard for 69 years. They are parents of three adult children: Carla Washington, Kent Washington, and Robin Major. They are also proud grandparents of three grandsons.

Madam Speaker, Frank B. Washington has spent his lifetime as a selfless leader and humble servant to his fellow citizens of the great state of South Carolina. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 90th birthday of Frank B. Washington and

wishing him continued good health and great prosperity in the days ahead.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mrs. McBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Celebrated from September 15 to October 15, Hispanic Heritage Month is designed to celebrate the history and culture of Americans who have ancestors from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. This observation was first established as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to a full monthlong celebration. Within the thirty-day period are many celebrations of independence for Latin American countries. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Furthermore, Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18.

Whether they came here as immigrants or their family has been here for generations, Hispanic Americans are woven into the fabric of this great nation. No matter when they arrived, these men and women came to America in search of a better life for themselves and their families. Guided by the promise of freedom and the chance to participate in the unique American experiment in democracy, some of these individuals arrived with nothing but the clothes on their back and the hope of a better tomorrow. Motivated by their own goals and aspirations, Hispanic Americans have made their mark in American history, whether it be in sports, fine arts, sciences, or politics. Today, I am pleased to recognize their many contributions to our country's story. Every day, I witness the critical role that these men and women bring to Georgia's Sixth Congressional District. I continue to be impressed with organizations such as the Hispanic Business Center, Candid South, and the Latin American Association. The hard work of these organizations is truly making a difference in our community and improving the lives of all my constituents.

The Hispanic community in Georgia is vibrant and continues to grow significantly. During Hispanic Heritage Month, I want to focus on what that means for our country. Despite the many contributions to our society, millions of proud immigrants have suffered discrimination at the hands of the Trump administration. I stand alongside Hispanic Americans in rejecting such rhetoric and discrimination. I am proud to stand up and fight for the men and women who have contributed so much to our communities each day in Washington. Hispanic Americans help contribute to what makes this nation remarkable, and I am honored to lift up the voices of those who have selflessly dedicated their lives to building up themselves, their community, and this country.

Hispanic Americans represent a diversity of experiences and professions—they are farmers, construction workers, teachers, doctors, entrepreneurs, elected officials, and service-

members in our armed forces. I am struck by the common desire among Hispanic Americans in my district to give back to their own communities. Not only have these men and women earned incredible success for themselves, they also demonstrate an impressive commitment to improving their community and the entire state of Georgia. Their love of this district, this state, and this country is worth recognizing every day, but particularly during Hispanic Heritage Month. Therefore, I am honored to highlight three constituents who deserve special recognition this month: Gabriel Vaca, Maria Azuri, and Aixa Pascual.

Gabriel Vaca is the Executive Director of the Hispanic Business Center. In 2018, Gabriel received special recognition at a celebration of the 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia. Just this year, he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. Gabriel served UPS International for 24 years as a consultant in logistics and the global supply chain. During his time with the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, he has served as Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Hispanic Business Center, and a member of the Senior Executive Corporate Advisory Board of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. Born in Mexico City and raised in Washington, D.C., Gabriel currently resides in Roswell, Georgia with his two children.

Maria Azuri is the Director of Candid-South, an organization that focuses on philanthropic efforts for immigrant communities across the southeast. Maria came to this country as an undocumented immigrant when she was a child which fuels her passion and commitment. As an Hispanic American citizen and leader she engages frequently with her communities around issues of mental and public health, criminal justice, immigration, and entrepreneurship. Prior to her work at Candid-South, Maria worked in the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs as its first Director of Programming. There, she successfully created numerous programs to strengthen immigrant communities through community engagement. Maria has taught at Georgia State University's School of Social Work and designed a program that trains community health providers to offer health information from culturally and linguistically sensitive perspectives—the first of its kind in the south. Her work has been recognized by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the White House under President Barack Obama. Maria lives in Atlanta with her three boys.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aixa Pascual is a champion for Hispanic communities in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District. For the past seven years, she has worked at the Latin American Association in Atlanta, where she serves as the managing director of advocacy, civic outreach, and cultural engagement. Aixa is the child of two Puerto Rican parents, and she spent her life traveling between Puerto Rico and the mainland United States. She is a graduate of Princeton and Columbia University, and has worked previously as a journalist for Business Week, Time and People magazines, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, and Puerto Rico's El Nuevo Dia. Aixa's childhood in Puerto Rico gave her a strong sense of her cultural and linguistic identity which she cherishes to this day. Her work with the Latin American Association has allowed her to engage closely with Georgia's

Latino population, which she says enables her to understand the struggles of immigrant families and their desire to make sacrifices to give their children better opportunities.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize three of the many Hispanic Americans in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District who are working hard every day to make a difference in their communities. As we continue to celebrate the observation of Hispanic Heritage Month, may we recommit to the spirit of service demonstrated by these individuals and the many others whose stories have yet to be told. On behalf of myself, the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I am proud to join in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. In telling the stories of constituents like Gabriel, Maria, and Aixa, we celebrate the power of our Hispanic community in Georgia. As their representative, I will continue to champion their values of strength, service, and patriotism every day.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
DUMPLING DAY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor National Dumpling Day. National Dumpling Day was inaugurated back in 2015 in Brooklyn, NY and is now celebrated across America every year on September 26.

Dumplings made their humble beginnings in Ancient China, almost 1,800 years ago, where they were known as jiaozi. In America, dumplings were introduced in the mid-1800s by Chinese laborers building the transcontinental railroad. From Korean mandu and Chinese soup dumplings, to the Indian samosa and Tibetan momo, dumplings have become a world delicacy and bear tremendous cultural significance in our Asian Pacific American communities. Today, families come together across our country to the table to wrap, cook and enjoy this delightful treasure.

In the 7th Congressional District of New York, we are proud to have CJ TMI Foods, a part of CJ America, as one of the country's largest dumpling manufacturers and the founder of National Dumpling Day. Since 1989, CJ TMI Foods has been a minority-owned business, creating fresh and tasty dumplings and noodles. The company has grown exponentially over the years by expanding into new facilities and employing over 400 people. I admire their trailblazing mission of connecting and inspiring individuals of all cultural identities through exposure to Asian food.

Dumplings are more than just delicious comfort food, they are a bonding experience among many of our families. I ask my colleagues in the 116th Congress to join me in celebrating National Dumpling Day and recognizing the value these ubiquitous and delicious pockets of dough carry, unifying neighbors and sparking joy.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT GRIFFIN AND RECOGNIZING HIS INDUCTION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S HALL OF HONOR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the life and service of the late Senator Robert Griffin on the occasion of his induction into the Department of Labor's Hall of Honor. Through a lifetime of unparalleled leadership and devotion to the public good, Senator Griffin became an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Robert Paul Griffin was born November 6, 1923, in Detroit, Michigan. The son of an auto factory foreman, Griffin spent his youth working on auto assembly lines. During the Second World War, Robert enlisted in the 71st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, where he served from 1943 until 1946. Following his military service, Robert attended Central Michigan University and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1950. He practiced law in Traverse City until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives as the Congressman for what was then Michigan's Ninth District in 1956.

Representative Griffin became a national leader in the fight against organized crime and union corruption, eventually helping to create the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959—also known as the Landrum-Griffin Act. This landmark piece of Labor legislation has helped to promote democracy, weed out corruption, and allow members to participate more freely in the affairs of their union. After serving in the House for five terms, Griffin was appointed to a vacant Senate seat, where he would go on to win reelection and serve as the Senate Minority Whip. Following his time in the Senate, he returned to Traverse City to practice law until his election to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1986. He served on the Court until his retirement in 1994. He passed away in 2015 at the age of 91.

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Landrum-Griffin Act, the U.S. Department of Labor has inducted Senator Griffin and former National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) member Howard Jenkins, Jr., into the Department's Hall of Honor. With his lifetime of promoting fair and responsible practices in unions, none are more deserving of this honor than Senator Griffin. The impact of his life's work on the people of the United States cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the incredible life of Senator Robert Griffin and his induction into the Department of Labor's Hall of Honor. His family can take great pride in knowing that the legacy of this dedicated leader will live on for generations to come.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INNERCITY STRUGGLE

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate InnerCity Struggle on its 25th anniversary of movement building on the Eastside of Los Angeles.

InnerCity Struggle (ICS) was started in 1994 by a group of parents, youth, and residents in Boyle Heights who joined together to find solutions to a crisis in their community. ICS has organized young people and families to demand educational justice, an end to the school-to-prison pipeline, and college access for all.

A quarter-century later, ICS has built an impressive record of significant policy victories, including \$940 million in public resources for neighborhood schools. It has empowered more than 1,200 grassroots leaders who work together to engage decision makers and hold them accountable.

In 2004, ICS won its first significant campaign when the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) agreed to build new Eastside schools for the first time in more than 80 years. The Eastside's Roosevelt and Garfield High Schools were among the most overcrowded schools in the nation. LAUSD ultimately opened three new high schools and a new elementary school on the Eastside between 2009 and 2012. And in 2018, after years of ICS demands, the school board agreed to invest \$173 million in modernizing the under-resourced and neglected Roosevelt High School campus. By 2022, the district will have transformed the school into a state-of-the-art center anchored in college and career preparation.

ICS parents and students have also taken the stance that all students should be eligible to apply to college. In 2005, ICS was part of a citywide coalition that helped secure the "A-G Life Prep" policy, which mandated that LAUSD align its graduation requirements with California public university eligibility. That year, only 44 percent of LAUSD graduates from Eastside high schools had A-G college course requirements. By 2016, a historic 80 percent of Eastside graduates had A-G requirements.

ICS also recognizes the power of voting to shape our communities. That is why the organization has invested in engaging and mobilizing voters on the Eastside. In all, ICS has engaged over 51,000 voters, and registered 4,000 new ones.

ICS helped form the Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition in 2013. This county-wide coalition was formed to end the criminalization of young boys and men of color by creating and influencing public policy that invests in young people. One of the coalition's key victories was a demand for ending the use of "willful defiance" as grounds for school suspension. The "willful defiance" category had a long record of disproportionately targeting African American and Latinx students, particularly males. The LAUSD Board voted to ban "willful defiance" suspensions in favor of restorative justice interventions, making it the first district in the nation to do so.

In 2014, ICS secured \$50 million for the construction of comprehensive school-based