

Fresno, California and attended California State University, Fresno. He comes from a family of farmers, working in Central California for over 100 years. Don's farming experience started in 1982 in Westlands, south of Three Rocks, California. He grows almonds, wine grapes, and pomegranates alongside his two sons and daughter.

He has been heavily involved in career-related board positions, including banking, insurance, agriculture and water. He served as a director of Westlands since 2008 and was elected president in 2011. Don served on the Valley Children's Hospital Foundation Board and has been actively involved with the Fresno Catholic Diocese. He chaired for the Step Forward campaign for San Joaquin Memorial High School for their new science wing and library.

As president of the largest public irrigation district in the United States, Don worked to promote more transparency and better decision-making. He helped develop a steady water supply to farms in Fresno and Kings counties, integral for farming. Under Don's leadership, the district negotiated revisions to the Coordinated Operations Agreement, converting the district's water service contract to a repayment contract, and developed a ground-water sustainability plan. Don crafted immediate solutions and worked directly with members of both the House of Representatives and Senate to find pragmatic solutions that benefit the state of California. For example, he assisted with the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act), which helped improve the nation's drinking water infrastructure.

Without a doubt, Don Peracchi has made a big impact on resolving California water issues. Tom Birmingham, the general manager of the district, commends Peracchi for leading the district through difficult times, including the drought and regulatory that severely reduced water supply in Central California.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Mr. Don Peracchi and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, on March 2, 2020, I did not have a chance to cast my vote for two bills on the floor of the House of Representatives due to unforeseen travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act, as amended, and H.R. 5932, the Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act of 2020, as amended."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the following votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 80, the Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act, and YEA on Roll Call No. 81, H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act.

#### RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SETH EAKER-MORGAN

### HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Seth Eaker-Morgan and his incredible contributions to the City of Seal Beach. Mr. Eaker-Morgan truly made an incredible difference and touched countless lives.

Mr. Eaker-Morgan worked tirelessly to make an impact in our community, including through his involvement in the Lions Club, Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, and the Seal Beach Police Foundation. Mr. Eaker-Morgan was also the founder of Black Marble Consulting and worked with many large and small businesses throughout the United States.

A well-respected member of our community, Mr. Eaker-Morgan held numerous leadership roles. He was selected as Grand Marshal of the Seal Beach Christmas Parade in 2012 and was named Seal Beach Citizen of the Year by Cypress Community College in 2014.

Mr. Eaker-Morgan was unexpectedly taken from us much too soon on December 18, 2019. His legacy will continue to impact people across Orange County and our nation for years to come.

I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Seth Eaker-Morgan and extending our condolences to his family, friends, and all of those whose lives he touched.

#### HONORING MICHAEL AND SUSIE LORGE

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael and Susie Lorge, who are being honored by Keshet at its annual gala on March 15, 2020 for their community leadership.

Susie has been an early childhood educator for 30 years and anchors the kindergarten staff at Chicago Jewish Day School. In addition to teaching, Susie leads Kabbalat Shabbat for the lower grades, tells stories and works on special projects. Susie also performs with her music group, Kol Sasson, which delivers an Israeli and American folk sound and performs throughout the United States.

Michael is Corporation Counsel for the Village of Skokie, where he works on municipal law, public policy and community engagement. Michael's career began as a prosecutor and continued at the firm Laser Pokorney. He was also an Administrative Law Judge and a Special Assistant to the Illinois Attorney General.

Michael and Susie share a passion for teaching and the arts. They are the founders

of the wonderful Greater Chicago Jewish Festival, the largest cultural event in the Chicago Jewish community and the longest running festival in the country.

They are true partners and together they support important institutions in the community, including their local synagogue, Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute summer camp, the Union for Reform Judaism, the Skokie Arts Board, and the board of Hebrew Union College.

As they are being recognized for their years of work on behalf of the community at the annual Keshet Gala, I congratulate Michael and Susie Lorge for their untiring commitment to serving others, fostering community, and working toward a society that reflects values towards which we all aspire: diversity, inclusion, generosity, kindness, and justice.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF KATHERINE MACAULAY

### HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Katherine MacAulay, who recently retired from her role as Executive Director of the Northeast Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she served for forty years.

Katherine's lifelong desire to help and serve others forged a long and fruitful career for which our region and state are forever grateful. Her dedication to the lives and struggles of others has earned her three Red Cross awards, the lasting respect of her peers, and the gratitude of countless men and women whose lives have been forever changed by her selflessness.

From her beginnings as an administrative assistant at the Red Cross, Katherine rose through the ranks after years of hard work and, above all, a desire for service. For a time, she worked with my wife, Amanda, and it was then we witnessed firsthand Katherine's commitment to her community. Though she will no longer be with the Red Cross, her spirit of service there will serve as a proud example for others and her life's work will have an impact for many years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

#### HONORING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF ANTHONY EUGENE ROZA

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my cousin Anthony Eugene "Gene"

Roza on the special occasion of his 80th birthday. Gene is a beloved husband, father and friend to many.

Anthony Eugene “Gene” Roza was born on January 24, 1940 to Georgina Cardoso Roza and Manuel J. Roza. In 1950, the Roza family moved to Fresno, California where Gene attended American Union Elementary School and Washington Union High School. Gene graduated high school in 1957 and began attending classes at Fresno Junior College until 1960 when he enlisted in the United States Navy. He continued to serve for another four years until his honorable discharge in 1964.

Gene began working for Pacific Telephone in 1966, owned by AT&T, until 1990 when he retired. After retiring, he began his second career in real estate sales. During his time working for telephone companies, he was a union representative. Additionally, he has worked on behalf of Senior Citizens issues through the California Alliance for Retired Americans at the local and state level. Gene was also a frequent contributor to the editorial page of the Fresno Bee.

Gene is a loving family man and there is nothing he will not do for his family. Gene and his wife Mary Lou have been married for 28 years. Gene’s family include his five children: Ernie, Tony, Damien, Terri and Kristi; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gene as he celebrates his 80th birthday. I ask that you join me in wishing Gene continued health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 2, 2020 I regret not being present for a vote session. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of H.R. 5003—Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act, Roll Call vote 79, and voted in support of H.R. 5932—Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act of 2020, Roll Call Vote 80.

CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NETWORK REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and

Watertrails Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2427). I am an original cosponsor of this legislation. This legislation would reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Program for six years, providing continued congressional support to the National Park Service (NPS) as it partners with state and local governments to promote public access to the Chesapeake Bay, which is the nation’s largest estuary and spans six states and my own district, the District of Columbia. Nearly 98 percent of the Bay’s vast shoreline is privately owned, with only a small portion available for public use. The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Program helps to maximize the effectiveness of public access points to the Bay by providing resources for infrastructure improvements, signage, exhibits and public education. The Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails network includes over 170 gateways, including parks, wildlife refuges, maritime museums, historic sites and watertrails, which serve as points of recreation and exploration along the Bay.

The history of the Bay is rich, and gateways allow the public to engage with the life of the Bay through learning about its history, ecology and people. For example, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail allows visitors to retrace the journey Captain John Smith and fellow colonists took when they arrived at the Chesapeake Bay in 1607. Through over 3,000 miles spanning Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District, visitors can experience the sights and sounds of the trail both by water and land. Another key point in the gateway system is the 125-mile Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway. Visitors can explore the byway via car and learn about Harriet Tubman’s upbringing in Maryland’s Eastern Shore and view historic sites important to her legacy. Other attractions of note include the Pamunkey Indian Reservation, the George Washington Birthplace National Monument and Kingman and Heritage Islands Park in the District.

The preservation of these sites, and the numerous other gateways along the Bay, is critical to the NPS’s mission of maintaining the national park system and preserving the legacies of the communities in which parks and monuments are located. I am proud to support this legislation and know that it will greatly benefit the District, as well as the broader Bay region and visitors to these important sites.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAYOR KEN JOE MA’AÑO ADA

**HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, a beloved husband, a loving father, and a dear friend to all who knew him. It is a privilege to recognize the life and legacy of Mayor Ken Joe Ma’añó Ada, the 2nd eldest son of Roland and Louisa M. Ada and is survived by his wife Estelle Borja Marie Alig and his two children, Anchor Sway and Levi Knox Ada.

A resident of Yoña, on the beautiful island of Guam, he graduated from the Guam Adventist Academy and pursued a Bachelor of

Science in Public Administration from the University of Guam in 2004. He then joined the United States Merchant Marines, which enabled him to travel to many countries. He also lived in Louisiana, Maryland, and Puerto Rico while attached to the USNS *Bob Hope*.

Ken Joe pursued his master’s degree in Public Administration at the University of Guam in 2008 and received the Academic Excellence Award. In 2012, he was elected Mayor of his home village, Yoña, and served from 2013 to 2017.

After his tenure as Mayor, naturally positioning himself to influence others positively, Ken Joe went on to teach at the University of Guam. Aspired to put his vision to greater use, he ran for Senator in the 35th Guam Legislature.

Ken Joe was more than all of these to many, including myself. He was, first and foremost, a light in the lives of everyone privileged to share in his embrace.

I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Estelle, his two children, Anchor Sway and Levi Knox, extended family members, and dear friends.

Ken Joe was genuinely a kind spirit. His impact, vision, and passion for the community will forever fill our hearts.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANNE LOUISE LOPEZ GASTON

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anne Louise Lopez Gaston, who passed away on February 17, 2020. Anne was a lifelong resident of west Fresno and was actively involved in the community, volunteering her time for many causes.

Anne was born on July 9, 1951 in Fresno, California to Howard Lopez and Estella Pearson Lopez. Anne was a cosmetologist by profession, but she spent much of her time volunteering for causes that were close to her heart. Anne was involved with numerous ministries including, the West Side Church of God, Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries, a ministry volunteer at the Chowchilla Women’s Prison, Missionary Mary Circle at 2nd Baptist Church, Jacob’s Well-a Jesus Ministry, West Fresno Ministerial Alliance, and Component Choir Northern California Chapter. Anne has also volunteered as Past Vice President of Black Political Council, was a lifelong member of the NAACP, served on the Martin Luther King Unity Committee for the City of Fresno and much more.

Anne married Richard Damaree Gaston and the two were married for 32 years at the time of her passing. They were deeply committed to each other and loved serving their community. Together they were the proud godparents to I’sonn Wright, Cesar Chavez, and Donte Demery. They were also Big Brother and Big Sister to DeShawna Porter.

Anne is preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Estella Lopez, and brother Donald Demery. She is survived by her husband Richard Demaree Gaston, brothers and sister-in-law Don and Margie Lockett, brother and sister-in-law, Everett and Gail Gaston, sister-in-law Theresa Demery; nieces and nephews,