

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’añõ 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,