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IN HONOR OF RACHEL MEYER

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 25, 2020*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rachel Meyer, Executive Director Emeritus of CuriOdyssey, a science playground and zoo for children ages 1 to 100. Rachel was executive director for 13 years, 2007 to 2020. She recently departed to find new challenges, but she leaves a legacy of love and educational achievement.

CuriOdyssey is nestled under the eucalyptus trees at Coyote Point in San Mateo. It's a spectacular setting for a science facility because the natural splendor of Coyote Point is itself something to behold.

During her tenure, Rachel really put CuriOdyssey on the map. It went from being the Coyote Point Science Museum to being the place on the Peninsula to bring small children, and those a bit older, to learn about physics, math, animals and much, much more.

CuriOdyssey is all about experience.

Rachel Meyer brought exhibits to CuriOdyssey that challenged children to immerse themselves in science. Under Rachel, exhibits reflected how children learn—through touching, listening, drawing, reading, jumping, grabbing. Many museums are static with thick glass separating patrons and the exhibits. At CuriOdyssey, it was sometimes necessary to put a warning sign discretely on the exhibit so that smaller children wouldn't overwhelm the display by trying to physically engage with whatever was moving, popping, clanging, flashing, howling or flying.

Rachel was a great fundraiser and under her leadership both attendance and donations soared. She invited the community to donate to an expanded CuriOdyssey and they responded with gusto. Her team of co-workers were talented and dedicated. They raised enough money that a new facility will open this decade, dedicated to the belief that you can't shut down curiosity even during a pandemic.

Science education is embedded in the DNA of the San Francisco Peninsula, home to some of Silicon Valley's greatest companies and to the faculty of many great universities, such as Stanford, the University of California, Berkeley or the University of California, San Francisco. These parents know quality science when they see it, and they came by the tens of thousands to witness the displays, and to teach their children, because of Rachel Meyer's energy and imagination.

Rachel did not arise from a vacuum. She was the Executive Director of the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo for 11 years before her 13 years at CuriOdyssey. She learned

about science education through studying under a master, Dr. Frank Oppenheimer of the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

CuriOdyssey is a zoo as well as museum. The facility is home to animals injured and unable to return safely to the wild as well as those born in captivity. Rachel was an outstanding mother to them all even though, if asked, the porcupine might not concede the point.

It takes a special kind of educator to lead an all-hands-on-deck institution like a children's experiential museum. Rachel was an outstanding choice. She never let a good deed by staff or board go unmentioned, never left a fundraising dime hidden beneath the cushions on the couch, and always used her love of learning through fun to guide CuriOdyssey.

She is now on a new path in life but it's really the same path: Education and science. She will consult and stay close to CuriOdyssey. Indeed, the burrowing owls might otherwise wonder where their mentor has gone. So good was she at burrowing into the fabric of our lives that we can scarcely believe she left her station at Coyote Point. Good news for us all: The bald eagle will keep us apprised of the sightings, and comings and goings, of Rachel. Undoubtedly this noble bird will report that Rachel is up to great good in the years ahead.

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IN HONOR OF ROSA MITCHELL

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 25, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a resident of Detroit, Michigan, Ms. Rosa Mitchell, as she celebrates ninety years of life.

A long-time resident of Detroit, Ms. Mitchell raised her family in a loving home in the city's southwest 48217 neighborhood. I first met Ms. Mitchell when I served in Michigan's State House of Representatives. She is engaged on the issues that affect her community and will readily share her keen insights. Not only is Ms. Mitchell thoughtful and well-spoken, she is big-hearted and caring. My staff and I always welcome a call or visit from Ms. Mitchell.

Her strength of character and kind nature make her a natural matriarch in her community. Rosa Mitchell became a well-known fixture of the community as the former First Lady of New Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church and Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, where she often provided counsel to flock members in need of spiritual guidance. She is an integral part of her neighborhood and can be counted on for a warm smile and a friendly word. Her daughter Yvette best describes her affable personality in a quote: "Mama Rosa meets no strangers." Rosa Mitchell is simply a joy to everyone who knows her.

Please join me in recognizing this milestone and wishing Ms. Rosa Mitchell the happiest of birthdays.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR  
MICHAEL COPELAND OF OLATHE

**HON. SHARICE DAVIDS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 25, 2020*

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life and service of Mayor Michael Copeland, who passed away on August 19, 2020. Mayor Copeland was a devoted father and husband, who is survived by his wife Maria, and children Olivia, Abigail and Joshua.

Mayor Copeland began his career in public service in 1993, when he was elected as Ward 4 Councilmember in Olathe. He went on to be elected mayor in 2001, an office he held until his passing. As Olathe's longest-serving mayor, he was a wonderful champion for his beloved community. During his tenure, he guided Olathe through a time of unprecedented growth and pioneered several programs to improve the city. One of these initiatives, a children's literacy program called "I Read with Mayor Mike," reached thousands of kids in Olathe and was recognized by First Lady Laura Bush, who visited Olathe in 2008 to celebrate the program.

Not only did Mayor Copeland dedicate his life to public service, he also devoted his time to charity work. He created the Olathe Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, which raised more than \$1.5 million for children's charities since 2007. He received numerous accolades, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award given by the Olathe Branch of the NAACP, the Olathe Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award, and the Daily Points of Light Award.

Mayor Copeland leaves behind a legacy that has touched the lives of many in the Olathe community. During his 20 years of service, he added 18 parks and 29 miles of trails, opened the new Olathe Community Center and new Indian Creek Library, and completed the Santa Fe railroad grade separation—among many other notable accomplishments.

Personally, I will miss Mayor Copeland's wise counsel. I very much enjoyed each one of our many conversations since I took office. He was always generous with his time and knowledge, willing and eager to represent the people of Olathe.

Madam Speaker, I offer my deepest condolences to Mayor Copeland's family and friends, and all of those who will miss his kindness and leadership.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRIS JACOBS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 25, 2020*

Mr. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, during the Saturday evening vote series on H.R. 8015, the Delivering for America Act, I unintentionally voted NAY on final passage. Had I been able to correct my vote, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 182.