

any capacity that he could. Gerard's hard work was evident throughout his career. He was promoted to Executive Vice President after being employed over 20 years at Fresno Association of REALTORS, and in 2016, Gerard was honored with the Presidents Award by past president, Colleen Wiginton.

In 2002, Gerard met the love of his life, Donna or "Dolly" as she was affectionately known. Their love for each other flourished throughout their marriage. Gerard was a football fan for the Oakland Raiders and San Francisco Giants. He enjoyed music and was a drummer.

Gerard is survived by his wife, Donna; parents Michael and Dolores Lozano; brothers Daniel, David and wife Marisela; Raymond and wife Kristin; Benjamin and wife Esmeralda; sister-in-law Linda Donabed and husband Jim.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the life of Mr. Gerard Lozano. His kindness and leadership will be remembered by those who had the pleasure of working with him. I join his family, friends, and the community in honoring his great life and legacy.

HONORING THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR AND THE BATTLE OF JANGJIN RESERVOIR

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 28, 2020*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seventieth Anniversary of the Battle of Jangjin Reservoir. I am proud to join those who worked tirelessly to ensure this milestone is recognized and honor the service of those who fought during this crucial event.

In November of 1950, approximately 15,000 brave service men and women in the United States Marines and Army soldiers and another 15,000 United Nations troops fought under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur against approximately 120,000. The brutal conditions of war these soldiers faced were compounded by being in a mountainous region of North Korea, where they endured below-freezing temperatures, severe losses, and an agonizing retreat.

Despite these trials and tribulations, enemy forces were stopped in the mountains. "The Chosin Few," named in honor of the Japanese pronunciation of the Jangjin Reservoir, helped evacuate 100,000 North Korean men, women, and children. This impressive rescue operation resulted in one of the most dramatic, large-scale humanitarian events of the war.

Those involved in the Battle of Jangjin Reservoir have rightfully been awarded a total of seventeen Medals of Honor, seventy Navy Crosses, twelve Distinguished Service Crosses, and 9,000 Purple Hearts for their actions. This represents the most awards of this nature for a single battle in United States military history.

The people of New Jersey's Ninth Congressional district and many across our nation are indebted to those courageous individuals who overcame great burdens and made tremendous sacrifices overseas. In a recognition of

this service, my home state of New Jersey named a nearly forty-mile portion of Route 35 stretching from Brielle to Aberdeen the Chosin Few Memorial Highway. It is a small fraction of respect and honor these exceptional individuals deserve.

That is why I am proud to recognize the tenacious serving as members of the United States Armed Forces and the Memorial Committee of the Battle of Jangjin Reservoir for their strong character and notable determination.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAFER JOHNSON

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 28, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rafer Johnson, a notable athlete and Gold Olympic medalist recently passed away on December 2, 2020.

Johnson was born in Hillsboro, Texas on August 18, 1934. When he was nine years old, he and his family moved to Kingsburg, CA. While attending high school, he was on the football, basketball, and baseball teams. He served as Class President both in junior high and high school. Johnson competed in a high school invitational decathlon and won the event. He also won the 1953 and 1954 California state high school decathlon meets.

After graduating from Kingsburg High School, he attended the University of California, Los Angeles. He joined Pi Lamda Phi fraternity and served as Student Body President. He competed in his first decathlon in 1954 as a sophomore at UCLA. In 1955, he competed and won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in Mexico City. He was the first Black American to be the flag bearer for the U.S. Olympic team. He continued his athletic journey and eventually won a silver medal in the 1956 Olympic decathlon in Melbourne, Australia.

In 1960, he competed once again in the Olympics, held in Rome, Italy. He faced a unique challenge, as he competed against a fellow UCLA alumni and friend, Yang Chuan-Kwang. While both posed fierce challenges, Johnson won the gold medal. For his Olympic performance, Johnson received the James E. Sullivan Memorial Award, as the outstanding amateur athlete of 1960.

After graduating from UCLA and finishing his decathlon career, Johnson embarked into a new chapter and began his film and media career. He worked in motion pictures as a sportscaster and then as a sports anchor on the local NBC affiliate in Los Angeles.

Johnson also worked on the presidential election campaign of U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy and was there when he was assassinated. He was able to subdue the gunman. He later got involved in the Special Olympics, serving on the organizing committee. In 1979, he was asked to join the board of the committee working to bring the 1984 Summer Olympics to Los Angeles.

Johnson had a bright and impactful career with many great achievements. In 2005, Johnson was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree from Whittier College. In November 2014, Johnson received

the Athletes in Excellence Award from The Foundation for Global Sports Development, in recognition of his community service efforts and work with youth.

Rafer Johnson Junior High School in Kingsburg, California is named after Johnson, as are Rafer Johnson Community Day School and Rafer Johnson Children's Center, both in Bakersfield, California.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring Mr. Rafer Johnson. His legacy and teachings will live in many for years to come. I join his family, friends and the community in celebrating his great life and legacy.

HONORING KACIA CAIN AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 28, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise before the House to recognize Kacia Cain, an Iowan who has dedicated her life to teaching students about the importance of STEM. Kacia has devoted her life to encouraging Iowans to participate and foster a love and appreciation for STEM. She has inspired, motivated and provided a platform for so many students and individuals in Iowa to cultivate their appreciation for the sciences. That is why I want to honor Kacia as Iowan of the Week for the week of December 25th.

Kacia grew up in Ames, Iowa before she graduated from Iowa State University, and then moved on to get her master's degree in biology from Northwestern State in Louisiana. Kacia had always been interested in science and biology and worked as a veterinary assistant. While she was in grad school, however, she was able to teach as a part of an assistantship program. She claims she fell promptly in love with teaching and made the decision to get certified and come back to Iowa to teach. Kacia is currently a teacher at Winterset High School, but previously was teaching students from all five high schools at Des Moines Central Campus.

As a science teacher, her goal in the classroom has been to introduce her students to a varied group of subjects, such as anatomy, physiology, genetics, and microbiology. An important aspect of Kacia's curriculum is to use more than the resources that can be accessed in a classroom. Kacia and her students were able to learn from various people within the community. Pre-COVID-19, they were able to take trips and bring in individuals to allow a perspective of what STEM can look like in the real world. They traveled to colleges so that students could better visualize themselves as a college STEM student and see and understand the components of what a future in the sciences could look like.

One of Kacia's favorite parts of being a teacher is being able to take a difficult concept and bring it to a level that students can better comprehend. The ability to see and understand a concept that she helped morphed into a lesson that the student can take with them even after the year is over is not only rewarding for Kacia, but it also simply helps the sciences and opens the idea of STEM for more students.