

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 Lambda 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 to 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.

Her role as a STEM teacher landed her a spot on the STEM Council and Executive Committee in September 2013 where she has since served on the Business Engagement Committee that built the "Guidelines for School+Business Partnerships in STEM" and contributed to the STEM Council's Seal of Approval. She has also since been honored as STEM MVP and received the Iowa STEM Teacher Award.

Now a teacher at Winterset High School, Kacia's goal remains the same. She wishes to work hard to ensure that all Iowans can access the same opportunities, materials, and resources that are available everywhere, whether you be in an urban or a rural setting.

Kacia said she has always believed that STEM is about building partnerships through links beyond school walls and is excited to be a part of a group in a state that puts that idea at the forefront. Kacia is an example of how dedicated, selfless, and incredible hard work teachers and Iowans are. I cannot thank Kacia Cain enough for all she's done to help the young people of our community, and I couldn't be happier to name her as Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRUCE BRONZAN

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 longtime Fresno and former State Assembly member, Bruce Bronzan, who passed away on September 28, 2020.

Bruce was born on September 28, 1947 in Fresno, California. He was a distinguished alumnus of California State University, Fresno and was a former Student Body President in the late 1960s. While serving as President, he found his calling for public service. This passion was the beginning of a lifetime career of strong leadership in service.

Bruce served on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors from 1975 until 1982, when he was elected to the California State Assembly, representing the Fresno area. During his time in state legislature, he focused on health care and mental health policy. He held key positions including Chairman of the Assembly Health Committee and Select Committee on Mental Health. As a result, he wrote hundreds of pieces of legislation relating to health care. He played a key role in the passage of the Mental Health Reform Act.

After serving in the State Legislature for eleven years, Bruce became the Associate Dean for Administration and Development at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) from 1993 to 1997; where he furthered his efforts and commitment for health care education and policy. Bruce's major objective was to help build a model health care delivery system to address the shortage of primary doctors in the San Joaquin Valley. His contributions helped transform UCSF Fresno into the institution that is now. His vision created a path for the future of health care.

Additionally, he also served as a Senior Scholar with the UCSF Phil Lee Institute of Health Policy Studies and President of Trilogy, a healthcare internet company that developed

web portals for health and human services for counties and states.

Bruce is survived by wife, Jeri; his son Forrest Bronzan and wife Laura; and daughter Chloe Bronzan.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the life my friend Mr. Bruce Bronzan. I join his family, friends and community in honoring his great life and legacy.

SAM ALTMAN

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 28, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Samuel H. Altman's legacy in the Lowcountry.

A true Charlestonian, Sam was born and raised in the Lowcountry. Sam was a hard worker and began working in his father's furniture shop, studied hard in school, and went on to become an attorney for 54 years. He met a beautiful and talented artist named Susan, who ended up stealing his heart. They spent 55 magical years together, traveling often, and spending time with their children.

Sam had many different interests and creative pursuits in life. He loved the Big Easy and would visit New Orleans time and time again. Sam took pride in the sights and culture of Charleston, and felt called to serve on the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Adjustment for over 25 years. Sam was a frequent fan in the stands at the College of Charleston Cougar basketball games, but was also the number one fan and biggest champion of Susan's art.

Sam was a man of integrity who led by example and was happy to help any and everyone. It was a privilege to know him and a blessing to call him a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and loved ones mourning his passing.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LARRY SALINAS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 28, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a longtime friend, Mr. Larry Salinas for being appointed as Senior Advisor to Chancellor-Select Castro of the California State University System. Larry will be leaving his role as Executive Director of Governmental Relations for California State University, Fresno, where he served since 2016.

Larry is a native of Austin, Texas and a 41-year resident of the Central Valley, where he resides in Clovis, California. He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Fresno State in 1986. Salinas served as the District Director to former State Assemblyman and Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante of Fresno. He also served on the staff of three members of the United States Congress.

He then joined the private sector, working for PG&E as a Governmental Affairs Manager from 1995 to 2000. In fall of 2000, Larry was

selected as the Founding Director of Governmental Relations for the development of the University of California, Merced. His knowledge and experience led him to be appointed to serve in a higher capacity within the University of California system, as the Associate Director of Institutional Relations & Advocacy to former DHS Secretary and UC President, Janet Napolitano.

Larry currently serves as the Executive Director of Governmental Relations at Fresno State. In this position, he serves as the principal governmental liaison and advisor between the University and policy makers at the local, state and federal levels.

In early 2019, he was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve on the California 21st District Agricultural Association, Big Fresno Fair Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Donor Network Board of Directors, in which he is a strong advocate for organ and tissue donations at many levels to help give hope to thousands of people waiting on the transplant list.

Larry has over 36 years of political and public affairs experience. He is a proud Fresno State alumnus, Central Valley native, father and grandfather. He has made a significant difference in public service and in the lives of many students.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Larry Salinas as he enters this new chapter in his life and career. I look forward to seeing the valuable initiatives and success that he will contribute to the Chancellor's Office and the CSU System.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 28, 2020

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to make the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 247; YEA on Roll Call No. 246; YEA on Roll Call No. 245; and YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES ALEXANDER AREIAS

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 James Areias, who passed away on September 30, 2020. He was a husband, father, and a veteran.

James was born in Volta, California on July 25, 1928 to Jess and Genevieve Areias. He attended and graduated from L.B. High School. James started working in the dairy business immediately after high school with his dad. In January of 1952, he joined the United States Air Force.

During his time in the Air Force, James was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and at Texas & Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, New Mexico. He specialized in medical training and was honorably discharged.