

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 Fresnan 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.