

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JAMES PAPARIELLO

#### HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and accomplishments of James Papariello, who sadly passed away on June 12, 2023, at the age of 84.

In 1969, the Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, native built his own business, Jim Papariello Studios, that served the Greater Pittsburgh community for over 50 years. Throughout his career in commercial industrial photography, James captured many of Pittsburgh's important figures and organizations, including Mario Lemieux, Dr. Earl Starzl, U.S. Steel and Heinz corporations. Pittsburgher Magazine featured several of his works on their cover in recognition of their quality and significance to southwestern Pennsylvania. These covers and photographs are currently on display in the Heinz History Center for all to enjoy.

Apart from his life's work, James also devoted himself to his family. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Linda, and his beloved children and grandchildren. His family will fondly remember James as a man whose greatest happiness came from spending time together.

Mr. Speaker, James Papariello's love of his community and dedication to his family is an example to us all. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I wish his family comfort and healing during this difficult time.

### HONORING DESIRÉE S. MATTHEWS AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIB- BEAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Desirée S. Matthews has been with the city manager's office since 2001—previously serving as the assistant to the city manager and assistant city manager. She was promoted to deputy city manager in August of 2011.

As deputy city manager, Desirée is responsible for assisting the city manager with the day-to-day operations of the organization, including overseeing Parks & Recreation, Public Works & Engineering, Information Technology, and the city's various social service programs and special initiatives.

Desirée received her Bachelor of Science from Florida Atlantic University and her master's in public administration from the University of Central Florida.

She is the proud daughter of Jamaican-born parents and is especially proud of her mother, Ivett Spence Brown, the first Black female firefighter for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Desirée's Jamaican roots are evident in her values, good vibes, love of diverse cultures, and her spirit of resolve and resilience commonly found in Caribbean people. Jamaica's motto, "Out of Many, One People," shows that Jamaicans are, indeed one. No matter what race, class, religion, age, or gender.

This culture of unity is why Desirée considers Kissimmee home. No matter where we are from, we can be a united people, live in harmony, and make our community better.

### HONORING DR. MALCOLM WOODLAND

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Dr. Malcolm Woodland, my fellow who is transitioning from my office to continue his mission.

A Washington, D.C. native, Dr. Woodland came to my office ready to positively impact the African-American community. While in my office, he has pushed my civil rights agenda to great lengths—from coordinating events for the Caucus on the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to conducting research, to uniting people of color impacted by racial disadvantages.

In our time together, I have recognized that Dr. Woodland is a force in civil rights policy. His passion has been powerful over the last year as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged young men of color. His commitment to equality has led him to serve as the deputy director of juvenile probation in the District of Columbia, and he was also the chief psychologist of the Child Guidance Clinic at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In addition to his work in the government, Woodland is the founder and director of the Young Doctors Project, a nonprofit organization for boys and young men of color interested in careers in health and medicine.

Dr. Woodland has and will continue to make a difference and leave his mark on education, health, and juvenile justice policy as he continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Malcolm Woodland for his exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

### RECOGNIZING THE ABOLITION ROW PARK AND HISTORICAL DIS- TRICT

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the ribbon cutting ceremony for

the new Abolition Row Park and Historical District in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The park will sit across from three buildings on the National Register of Historic Places—the Nathan and Mary Johnson properties and the Friends Meeting House. Each of these buildings, and the people who lived and met in them, played a significant role in New Bedford's abolition movement. The park was developed through a partnership between the New Bedford Historical Society, the City of New Bedford, and local organizations to reclaim and preserve the 19th century neighborhood that was once home to key members of the Underground Railroad and the city's anti-slavery movement, including Frederick Douglass.

Nathan and Mary Johnson's house was the first home that Frederick Douglass lived in after escaping slavery in Maryland in 1838. It was at this house that Douglass changed his name from Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey to Frederick Douglass, and it was in New Bedford where Frederick Douglass and his wife, Anna, started their family and Douglass earned his first wages as a freeman.

On June 23, 2023, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to celebrate the opening of Abolition Row Park and to commemorate the new local Abolition Row Historical District, which includes four blocks of historic buildings, many of which were the homes of critical anti-slavery advocates leading up to the civil war. The Abolition Row Park will also include a seven-foot statue of Frederick Douglass, who spent his first years of freedom right across the street from that very park.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the opening of the Abolition Row Park and Historical District, and I ask that my colleagues join me in acknowledging and honoring the crucial role that the City of New Bedford played in our country's abolition movement.

### HONORING WILLIAM LAWSON AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN- TRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, William Lawson, a proud half-Puerto Rican, has emerged as a prominent community leader and advocate for working families in Central Florida. Born and raised in Miami, Florida to William Lawson and Elise Del Rio, William's diverse heritage, with roots tracing back to the Bahamas and Puerto Rico, has influenced his unwavering commitment to empowering underrepresented communities.

William's passion for politics and social justice was ignited during his college years, where he pursued studies in anthropology. It was through grassroots movements and protests that he discovered the transformative

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power of collective action. Motivated by a desire to effect meaningful change, he immersed himself in electoral and issue-based campaigns, channeling his energy into making a difference.

In late 2015, William found his calling when he joined the Florida AFL–CIO, a formidable force representing over 70,000 unionized workers in the region, as a field representative. In this role, he has tirelessly fought for the rights of working-class individuals, championing their cause in the political arena. Working closely with unions and grassroots organizations, William has dedicated himself to developing strategic campaign plans, aiming to elect pro-union candidates who prioritize the well-being of working families at every level of public office.

William has made his presence felt in Tallahassee, annually lobbying against legislation that threatens the rights and livelihoods of workers that often favor corporate interests. These efforts have been instrumental in safeguarding the well-being of countless individuals and ensuring a fair and just work environment.

Beyond his political endeavors, William has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to immigrant communities. Through his involvement in an immigration program, he has assisted hundreds of legal permanent residents in Central Florida to navigate the path to citizenship in the United States, providing them with opportunities for a better future.

In collaboration with numerous unions in the area, William has spearheaded various organizing projects, representing the voices of teachers, custodians, electricians, painters, cooks, housekeepers, and many other vital workers. Through these initiatives, he has been instrumental in promoting fair wages, safe working conditions, and equitable treatment for those who form the backbone of our communities.

#### RE-INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO RECOGNIZE THE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF EID AL-ADHA AND WISH MUSLIM AMERICANS AND MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD A PROSPEROUS HOLIDAY

##### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize Eid Al-Adha and wish Muslims around the world an Eid Mubarak.

I am honored to partner with my colleagues, Rep. RASHIDA TLAIB, Rep. ILHAN OMAR, and Rep. DEBBIE DINGELL to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Adha is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.8 million Muslims globally. This resolution helps highlight the significance of this Islamic holiday and to recognize the contributions of Muslims across the world. American Muslims are part of every industry and space in the United States since the founding of our country.

Eid Al-Adha commemorates Abraham's symbolic sacrifice of his son to God, as ref-

erenced in the Quran, Old Testament, and New Testament. The holiday is a three-day celebration filled with prayers, charity, and the annual pilgrimage, for those who are able. I congratulate the 1 million Muslims that are participating in the annual pilgrimage, Hajj, this year. May God bless them always.

I thank the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), Islamic Relief USA, Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS), and the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) for their support on this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the religious significance of Eid al-Adha and wishing Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous holiday by signing on to this important legislation.

#### HONORING OLIVIA MORALES

##### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Olivia Morales, my fellow who is transitioning from my office to continue her mission.

A Florida native, Olivia came to my office ready to change the American educational system. While in my office, Olivia has pushed my education agenda to great lengths—from drafting legislation, to conducting research, to writing education policy pieces.

In our time together, I have recognized that Olivia is a force in education policy. Her passion has been powerful over the last year as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to educational equality has led Olivia to complete her undergraduate degree in Public Policy at Duke University and spend a year working as a College Adviser with the Duke College Advising Corps. After her service with the Corps, she began her doctoral studies in the University of Florida's Higher Education Administration and Policy program. Her research uses critical quantitative methods to evaluate higher education policies and student outcomes. Olivia has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on education policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Olivia Morales for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

#### HONORING STEPHANIE BECHARA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Stephanie Bechara calls Osceola County home and is proud to work for the City of Kissimmee as their communications and public affairs officer. Stephanie serves as a liaison between the city, the community, and the media.

Before working for the City of Kissimmee, Stephanie was a multimedia journalist and worked in television news for more than a decade. As a former reporter, she's enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people and put herself in the shoes of others daily. "For it is storytelling that moves people," she says.

Stephanie received her master's degree from the University of Florida. Having grown up in a Hispanic household, Stephanie is fluent in both English and Spanish. Stephanie's exposure to diverse people with unique backdrops is what ignites her spark for communicating.

Stephanie usually wears multiple hats while working with cross-functional teams including marketing and social media. But what she looks forward to every single day is the community engagement aspect of it all. Stephanie serves as a two way street fostering goodwill among residents, businesses, and non-profits, all in hopes of making Kissimmee thrive.

Stephanie is resourceful and creative when it comes to planning, enterprising, and delivering storytelling. She has received several awards from the Florida Associated Press, one of them highlighting her as Best Mobile Journalist. Stephanie was also nominated for an Emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for the Suncoast Chapter. Additionally, Stephanie was recognized for her work on immigrant-related stories by the Central Florida chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Stephanie has fallen in love with Osceola County and is honored to work in the place she calls home. Stephanie lives in Poinciana with her husband Ray and is the proud mother of their baby, Zion, and little girl, Starlett.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF PAT FRISCH

##### HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the service of Pat Frisch, Program Director and Director of Content for Central Montana Radio Stations in Great Falls, Montana.

Pat has a broadcasting career that has lasted over 40 years and has taken him from Cary, Illinois to Great Falls, Montana with stops in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, Prescott, Arizona, Lake Tahoe, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pat holds a spot in the Nevada Broadcaster Hall of Fame.

Pat has announced his retirement from broadcasting due to health issues. He will be missed for his early morning humor and his ability to get to the bottom line of a story. Pat is a go to resource for breaking news for Great Falls and the many Agricultural communities that 560 KMON serves. Pat's passion for his family, friends, and especially his three dogs (Chica, Lucky, and Feefs) is evident when he shares his stories.

Community members and listeners have often said they appreciate the questions and interviews Pat does with the elected official representing the state of Montana. Regardless of their political affiliation, Pat is always open and welcoming to politicians and remains fair and balanced in his questioning during interviews. This type of reporting has become lost

in the United States, and Pat is truly one of a kind.

Pat Frisch's story is that of a man coming from a small community 50 miles north of Chicago and growing his brand and reputation through hard work to become a trusted public figure to thousands of listeners throughout all of the markets he has worked in. I'm proud to acknowledge Pat Frisch for his service, and it is a privilege to honor him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING JUNE CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH JERI NICOLAS

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Jeri Nicolas as my June Constituent of the Month. As an employee of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center in Oceanside, Jeri embodies the Center's mission by advocating for resources and promoting educational programs to assist members of the LGBTQ+ community and create a more equitable and safer region.

Jeri has more than two decades of experience doing this work. Jeri also uses her background as a native Hawaiian to promote the preservation of Hawaiian culture and conduct outreach to LGBTQ+ individuals in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. I have no doubt she will continue to make a difference in my district and across our greater region.

During Pride Month, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional efforts of individuals like Jeri Nicolas who spend their time helping others and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm so grateful for CA-19 residents who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our residents and community, and I'm proud to honor Jeri Nicolas as my June Constituent of the Month.

#### HONORING NELSON LEANDRO SEPULVEDA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Nelson Leandro Sepulveda was born on September 6, 1978, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He is a dedicated education professional and community advocate known for his unwavering commitment to education and his students.

His educational achievements include an associate degree from Valencia College, a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in marketing from the University of Central Florida, and a master's degree in strategic leadership from Mountain State University. Throughout his college years, Nelson faced numerous challenges. These experiences shaped his character and fueled his passion for supporting college students during their transformative years.

He held various roles within the college, including working in Enrollment Services, College Transitions, and Student Development. Currently, Nelson serves as the director of the Osceola Prosper program. This life-changing initiative has already had a profound impact on the Osceola County community in just a couple of years by providing all Osceola County graduates with free tuition for Valencia College or a technical school so they may pursue their dreams without limitations.

His motto in life, inspired by the film "Glad-iator," is "What we do in life . . . echoes in eternity," reflecting his deep belief in the lasting impact of his work. Additionally, he embraces the mantra, "Everything you want is on the other side of fear," encouraging others, especially students, to overcome their barriers and pursue their dreams.

Throughout his over 24 years of work at Valencia College, Nelson's hard work and dedication have positively influenced countless lives, leaving a lasting legacy in the pursuit of education and community growth. Starting next year, the college's Legacy Award will be renamed to reflect Nelson's impact, making it the Nelson Sepulveda Legacy Award.

Looking ahead, Nelson's goal is to continue serving the community and empower young adults to discover their talents and passions. He envisions building a compassionate and inclusive community that celebrates diversity, respects student choices, and fosters a culture of learning.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 59TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE 1964 MARSHALLS CREEK EXPLOSION

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a significant milestone in the history of our region. June 26, 2023 marked the 59th anniversary of the Marshalls Creek Explosion in Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

On June 26, 1964, the Marshalls Creek Fire Company responded to a tractor trailer fire on State Route 209. Shortly thereafter, the trailer exploded killing firefighters F. Earl Miller, Leonard Mosier and Edward Hines. Three passersby also died: John Regina, Joseph J. Horvath Jr., and Lillian Paesch. The explosion also injured 10 other people, caused damage to the Regina Hotel, Middle Smithfield Elementary School, and the Pocono Reptile Farm.

After our community endured the chaos of the explosion, it was discovered that the tractor trailer had no identification placard reporting its explosive contents. During numerous Congressional hearings, the Marshalls Creek Explosion served as a catalyst for remarks concerning increased traffic safety measures and inspections. The concerns expressed ultimately became law with the enactment of the Transportation Safety Act of 1974 and further development of the Emergency Response Guidebook, which is widely used as a resource by Fire Responders across North America.

Today, 59 years later, the Middle Smithfield Township community comes together to dedi-

cate a historical marker at Regina Farms, across from where the explosion occurred. The business is owned by Ed Regina, brother of the late John Regina. This marker will help preserve a piece of history of the community and continue to educate future visitors of the site.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 59th anniversary of the 1964 Marshalls Creek Explosion to acknowledge the importance and impact that this event has had on the families of those killed in the explosion, Middle Smithfield Township, and traffic and transportation safety across the Nation.

#### HONORING WILLIAM MAXWELL "BILLY" CARROLL

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a dedicated husband, loving father, extraordinary funeral practitioner, humble community servant and friend of longstanding, Mr. William Maxwell "Billy" Carroll. Sadly, Billy transitioned this life from labor to reward on June 18, 2023. A home going service celebrating his remarkable life was held on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Baconton, Georgia.

William Maxwell Carroll was born in Camilla, Georgia on October 6, 1936, to the union of the late Horace Carroll of Atlanta, Georgia and Thelma Jester Carroll White of Albany, Georgia. He received his early fruits of knowledge in the public-school systems of Atlanta, Camilla and Moultrie, Georgia. Following high school, Billy matriculated at the Agricultural and Technical College of Greensboro, North Carolina where he majored in Business Administration. He then attended Atlanta College of Mortuary Science and upon completion returned to his hometown roots in Camilla to operate a family-owned business.

A licensed funeral director and embalmer, Billy used his stewardship of the Robert Jester Mortuary to serve and comfort thousands of families during their times of bereavement. He and the entire staff did whatever it took to support the needs of those who entrusted Robert Jester Mortuary with the care of their dearly departed loved ones. He was a longtime member of the Georgia Funeral Services Practitioners Association, Inc. where he served as President from 1982 to 1984. He was chosen 4th District Mortician of the Year in 1972 and selected as Mortician of the year in 1988 by Alpha Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, Inc.

It has been said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Billy Carroll paid his rent, and he paid it well! He gave his time, talent and treasure to numerous social and civic organizations to include City of Camilla Zoning Board; Mitchell County Hospital Endowment Board; Camilla Chamber of Commerce; Kiwanis Club of Mitchell County; NAACP; and Boys and Girls Club; to name a few. He was appointed by Gov. George Busbee to serve on the Georgia State Commission on Indian Affairs and by Gov. Joe Frank Harris to serve on the Governor's Education Review Commission. He

was politically astute, active, a trail blazer and was the first African American to run for City Commissioner in Camilla, Georgia. He received the Living History Award in 2009, the Great Man Award in 2017 and was honored by the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Georgia Department of Public Safety and was nominated by the African American Funeral Services Museum for the Hall of Fame.

A faithful man of God, Billy was an active member of Saint Peter AME Church where he was both a Steward and Trustee.

Billy accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God, the love and support of his beloved wife, Naomi, and his two children, William Carroll, Jr., and Vinai Carroll English.

On a personal note, Billy was my friend and longtime supporter. Over the years he gave me wise and sage counsel, for which I will be forever grateful. Likewise, during his life he did so much for so many for so long. He touched countless lives and because he did, the world is a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 765,000 people of the 2nd Congressional District in honoring the life and service of Mr. William Maxwell "Billy" Carroll and in extending our deepest condolences to Mr. Carroll's family, friends and all who mourn his loss. May they all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

**HONORING ANJIRO DORWAY GABRIEL AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Anjiro Dorway Gabriel began her healthcare career more than 27 years ago when she graduated from Hampton University with a baccalaureate degree in healthcare and nutrition sciences. In 2006, Anjiro received her master's degree in public administration from Troy University. Over the years, Anjiro has worked extensively in the healthcare field in numerous capacities, including policy formation, mental health modalities, quality assurance/compliance, education/training, data analysis, program evaluation, risk management, strategic planning, coordination of services, and budgeting.

As a Guyanese-American, she has remained very connected to her Caribbean culture and is committed to various forms of community activism and volunteerism.

For that reason, in 2003, Anjiro founded the only known 501(c)(3) non-profit Caribbean community service-driven organization in Central Florida to date: the Caribbean Community Connection of Orlando, Inc. This agency has provided direct services to more than 15,000 children and families in its 20-year history.

In 2021, Anjiro stretched her arms again and founded an educational institution: the Caribbean Community Advanced Education Center, Inc., designed to provide a platform for educating the public at large. The marriage

coaching designed with prayer, praise, and healing serves as its first program.

Anjiro has received numerous awards and accolades denoting her tireless efforts working in the community, including the Caribbean and Floridian Association Community Service Award, Additions School Volunteer Recognition Award, and Compaq-Partners in Education Award, OCPS. Anjiro speaks English, Creole, and Spanish and spends most of her free time engaging in motivational public speaking engagements. Her hobbies include traveling, swimming, gardening, and dancing.

Anjiro is a very proud and active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Anjiro Dorway Gabriel is a wife, mother, community activist, prayer warrior, CEO, motivational speaker, and friend. She has been married for 27 years to Barthelmy Gabriel and has 2 daughters, Nereida and Mirelya.

**HONORING KATHY BURNS**

**HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathy Burns, a remarkable veteran who has dedicated herself to serving and supporting our military and their families. Following her marriage to Mike Burns in 1981, Kathy and Mike attended the Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, GA. During her 26 years of service, Kathy completed assignments in Fort Leavenworth, KS and the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA, where Mike attended two Army courses. Because Kathy and Mike served at Fort Benning for a total of five tours and eleven years, when it came time to retire from active duty, Kathy and Mike decided to retire in Columbus, GA.

Throughout their military journey, Kathy consistently volunteered to lead and support her husband's family support groups which provide guidance and mentorship to junior spouses and families. Her contributions were instrumental in unit readiness and the well-being of countless families in many military installations. Kathy's impact extended beyond the military realm. She made it her goal to bridge the gap between the Army and the civilian community, serving on the boards of the Springer Opera House and Wynn House, among other community organizations.

Throughout her 42-year marriage, while balancing multiple jobs and raising her son John, Kathy remained an unwavering role model for other Army spouses. Her positive impact on hundreds of Army spouses and families lives cannot be overstated. Mr. Speaker, her selfless actions have provided an amazing resource to our local families and beyond and we are extremely grateful for her dedication to our Nation's Army.

**CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. HAAKAN JONSSON**

**HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the retirement of

Dr. Haakan Jonsson, who will step down as President of Covestro, LLC, on June 28, 2023.

For 25 years, Dr. Jonsson worked to become an accomplished leader in both business and science. At the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden, he received a Ph.D. in Polymer Technology and a MS in Chemical Engineering. In 1992, he began his career at Covestro as a scientist working in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Over the years, Dr. Jonsson rose through the ranks to become Vice President of the Polycarbonate Business Unit, Senior Vice President and Head of Global Innovation, and President of Covestro.

Forever dedicated to his work, he sits on the boards of the American Chemistry Council, the Society of Chemical Industry America, and several other related industry boards.

Dr. Jonsson's leadership also went beyond business and positively impacted the Greater Pittsburgh community. He sits on the Board of Visitors for the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering and the Board of Variety for the Children's Charity of Pittsburgh, among other boards of organizations providing important services to the communities of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jonsson's service to his community and dedication to Covestro are an example for us all. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate him on both his retirement and his many impressive accomplishments throughout a successful career in the sciences.

**HONORING SANDRA FATMI-HALL AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Sandra Fatmi-Hall is the founder and executive director of the United Foundation of Central Florida, Inc. (UFCF). In 2014, she turned her lifelong dream of starting a non-profit organization into a reality, aiming to positively transform families and individuals through early intervention and educational resources.

Sandra's comprehensive approach focuses on addressing the needs of families, education, and mentoring in our community. Collaborating with neighborhood organizations, school administrations, and students, she has made significant strides in transforming schools and increasing graduation rates.

Driven by her commitment to higher education, Sandra established an educational scholarship program that has awarded over \$182,500 in scholarships. Through Future Leaders United (FLU), she has guided 180 students to graduation, with 168 now attending college, 10 serving in the military, and 2 participating in workforce development programs. Beyond FLU, Sandra has mentored over 500 students preparing them for life after high school. The FLU Program focuses on 7 key pillars: college readiness, career preparedness, health and wellness, leadership development, S.T.E.A.M. education, life after high school, and financial literacy. It stands as the most extensive and well-rounded after-school program at Maynard Evans High School.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sandra recognized the urgent need in communities and revitalized her food distribution program. Through this initiative, she has distributed over 3.7 million meals in the Central Florida region. Sandra's efforts, alongside the efforts of her board of directors, have contributed over 49,080 volunteer hours and programmatic services, resulting in an economic impact of over \$4,907,965 within the communities UFCF serves.

Sandra's unwavering dedication has earned her over 50 awards for community service and philanthropic work. She currently serves as the immediate past president of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce of Florida and as the president of the Pine Hills Community Council, representing the interests of over 86,000 residents in the Pine Hills community. Sandra holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and is happily married to her best friend, Dennis Hall.

#### RECOGNIZING STEVE BLACKBURN

##### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Steve Blackburn from Glasgow, Kentucky after 43 years of service with the T. Marzetti Company.

Steve began his career as a temporary employee in the processing department in their first manufacturing plant on Indianola Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. He has proven to be an important team member at the T. Marzetti Company, being instrumental in the greenfield startup in Horse Cave, Kentucky in 2006 and Sister Schubert's in 2007. Nearly a half century later, Steve will retire as the Senior Director of Operations.

A loving father of 4 and grandfather of 6, Steve plans on enjoying retirement with his wife of nearly 14 years, Angela. Congratulations to Steve on his hard-earned retirement.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICIALS RESIDENCY EQUALITY ACT

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Federal Judicial Officials Residency Equality Act, which would require the federal district court judges, federal circuit court judges, U.S. Attorney, U.S. Marshals and federal court clerk appointed to serve D.C. to reside in D.C. In nearly every other jurisdiction in the United States, such officials are required by federal law to reside in the jurisdiction they have been appointed to serve. The only exceptions are the U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal for the Northern Mariana Islands who at the same time are serving in the same capacity in another jurisdiction, and officials appointed to the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of New York, which are the only districts in different parts of the same city.

The requirement that these federal officials reside in the jurisdiction they serve is related to knowledge of the community and to the effect of decisions. As stated in the official commentary to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, "a judge should not become isolated from the society in which the judge lives." The same holds true for other federal officials. This bill recognizes that D.C. deserves federal officials with the same understanding and links to the community as Congress has seen fit to require for federal officials in other jurisdictions.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING CHAD MASCOE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Chad Mascoe has been a pillar in the community for over 20 years. He is a native of Kissimmee, Florida who always strives to pour into the community. Chad was born and raised in Kissimmee and attended Osceola High School. He was a member of the 1998 Osceola High School state champion football team.

He continued his education at Southwest Mississippi Community College then transferred to the University of Central Florida and played football at both schools.

Chad is the CEO of Athletes United Group which is an organization that strives to focus on creating opportunities for all student-athletes to develop skills through peer interaction and competition. Chad has taken young men from Kissimmee on college tours, 7-on-7 tournaments, and to several community service events throughout the years. Each year he hosts a Feed the Homeless tournament in which he collects and donates goods to various homeless shelters in Central Florida.

Chad Mascoe is very passionate about what he does and always makes sure that no kids are left out. His gentle disposition has a way of rubbing off on those around him.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2023, I missed a rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 289.

#### RECOGNIZING PAM MOORE

##### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Speaker Emerita NANCY PELOSI and Representatives KEVIN MULLIN, ANNA

ESHOO, MARK DESAULNIER, BARBARA LEE, RO KHANNA, and JIMMY PANETTA to recognize KRON4 evening news anchor, Pam Moore, on her retirement on June 29, 2023, after 32 years of keeping our community up-to-date and informed on local news and events.

Born and raised in Detroit, Pam earned a Bachelor of Arts in Radio, Television, and Film from the University of Michigan. Following graduation, she began her career as a news reporter in Detroit at WJLB Radio, eventually working around the country, including at KCBS-TV in Los Angeles and WBZ-TV in Boston.

In March of 1991, Pam began her career in the Bay Area with KRON as the KRON4 Evening News anchor and general assignment reporter. Throughout her tenure, Pam reported and anchored on all of KRON's platforms and interviewed numerous notable figures. Such as: then-Senator KAMALA HARRIS and the late Congressman John Lewis.

In 1997, Pam received nominations for two Northern California Emmy Awards for her projects on medical reporting, namely, "Diets Don't Work" and "The Brain." In 1997, KRON4's five-part series "About Race," earned Pam the George Foster Peabody Award, the Pew Center Batten Prize for Civic Journalism, and Best Documentary Award from the California Associated Press Television Radio Association, among others. Pam's work on the ten-part series "Who Owns Your Health" in 2000, also received a Northern California Emmy Award.

A decorated journalist, Pam was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Silver Circle. She was also honored for her commitment to journalism by the Bay Area Black Journalists Association in 2009.

Beyond her profession, Pam continually gave back to the community. She was active in numerous organizations, such as Women in Science, Girls Inc., Bay Area Black Journalists, and Performing Stars in Marin County. She was awarded the Vanguard Supporter Award for her work with the East Oakland Youth Development Center. Pam's commitment to her community was also recognized when she was made the inaugural recipient of the San Francisco NAACP Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Civil Rights Award in 1998.

For over 32 years, Pam has remained steadfast in her commitment to journalistic integrity and supporting her community. Her absence on the KRON4 Evening News will not go unnoticed, but we will be lucky to still engage with her work at KRON as a special contributor. We wish her well-deserved rest and relaxation with her son, Anthony, as she enters this new chapter of her life.

#### HONORING ART FRANCO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Art Franco was the first generation born in the United States. He is of Cuban descent. His family like many others came to the U.S. with nothing and built what they had through hard work. He will



never forget where he came from. Art lost his mother in a tragic car accident at the age of 13. His father, grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins were all there for him. They gave him support, strength, guidance, knowledge, understanding, and unconditional love.

Art remembers the struggles and sacrifices that were made by his family to have a better future. He is very grateful and appreciative of them. Art worked as a bouncer/bartender in his youth. He then started working in the electronics field not thinking it would last long, but he made a career out of it. He has grown and developed greatly. Art currently represents LCLAA (Labor Council for Latin American Advancement), UAW (United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America) Local 788, UAW Region 8, and the LGBTQ+ community by participating in events in the community. Art volunteered with LCLAA in the Osceola Housing Crisis Workshop with The Salvation Army. He also volunteers with the Central Florida Labor Council in the Citizenship Clinic helping members of the community become United States citizens. He does that in his family's memory to pay it forward and help others like his family obtain the American Dream. He also volunteers yearly for the Paralyzed Veterans Association Fishing Tournament. Art has gone to Tallahassee and Washington to lobby and fight for what's right. Never in his wildest dreams did he think he would be doing that and continues to fight the fight.

Art has held leadership roles such as chairperson of his local union and Florida State CAP (Community Action Program) vice chair for UAW Region 8. Art is currently holding multiple roles such as vice chairperson of the Bargaining Committee of UAW Local 788, UAW Region 8 Florida State CAP/PAC president, and he is a delegate of the Central Florida Labor Council and trustee on the Executive Board. Art has worked at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control as an inspector on the quality assurance side of the business since 2008. Art is a very passionate and proud individual. What he does he does from the heart. His family and the leadership roles he has had are what made him the man he is today.

#### HONORING GEORGE BADEN

### HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Baden, a veteran and public servant of Virginia's Seventh District, for his lifelong dedication to our Nation.

Over the course of his life, Mr. Baden has always answered the call to service. After growing up in rural Maryland as the youngest of five boys, Mr. Baden enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps to serve in Vietnam. During the Tet Offensive, Mr. Baden was called to action and bravely led his unit to safety after taking heavy fire from Vietcong and North Vietnamese Army forces.

Upon completing 13 months of service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Baden returned home and transitioned to civilian service, beginning his career working on HVAC systems in Federal buildings. By the end of his 37-year

career, Mr. Baden held the position of Supervisory Program Manager at the Defense Logistics Agency in Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In retirement, Mr. Baden has continued to look for ways to serve his community. For example, as a leader of the Virginia Chapter of Optimist International, an organization whose mission is to "to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs," Mr. Baden has played an extensive role in facilitating fundraising for the Special Olympics.

Outside of his military and public service careers, Mr. Baden would tell you that he is most proud to be a father and grandfather. Several of his children have followed in his footsteps, with careers focused on public service, charity organizations, and community building; he does not have to look far to see the impact of his legacy.

As a Member of Congress, I am proud to represent Virginians like Mr. Baden who have answered America's call to service. Our Nation is undoubtedly stronger because of his contributions, and I wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.

#### HONORING ANTONELLA ROCCO

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Antonella Rocco, my fellow who is transitioning from my office to continue her mission.

A Florida native with Chilean origins, Antonella came to my office ready to change the American environmental system. While in my office, Antonella has pushed my transportation and infrastructure agenda to great lengths—from drafting legislation to promote homeowners' defense, to researching environmental data.

In our time together, I have recognized that Antonella is a force in environmental policy. Her passion has been powerful over the last year as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to environmental justice has led Antonella to work with a team of ecologists producing hydrologic and ground-elevation data for the Everglades and she will present her research at the annual Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration conference. Antonella has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on environmental policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Antonella Rocco for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

HONORING ANA L. CRUZ AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Ana L. Cruz moved from Puerto Rico to New Jersey right after Hurricane Hugo hit the island in 1989.

In June of 1990 and for the next 18 years, she worked for INROADS, Inc., a national organization that places minority college students in corporate internships. She worked for INROADS, Inc. in different capacities from administrative assistant to manager to acting regional director.

In August of 2008, she accepted the position of aide to City of Orlando Commissioner Tony Ortiz.

In June of 2016, she was hired as the new City of Orlando Hispanic Office for Local Assistance Coordinator. HOLA provides valuable information and referral services to bilingual residents and newcomers to Central Florida, connecting them with more than 100 government and community organizations to find jobs, senior housing, healthcare services, educational opportunities, and other resources.

After Hurricane Maria in 2018, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer deployed Ana to the Orlando International Airport's Welcome Center. This center was opened to assist the people affected by the hurricane. Under Ana's leadership, over 6,000 people were assisted and connected with services and resources.

In February of 2023, Ana partnered with the Orlando Center for Justice to provide guidance and assistance to immigrants that recently arrived in Central Florida by giving them an orientation and free legal assistance.

For her unwavering devotion to serving and helping the community, Ana has received many awards and recognitions such as Mayor Buddy Dyer's Leadership Award, WKMG News 6's Getting Results Award, Casa de Venezuela's Leadership Award, and the National Latino Peace Officers Association Volunteer Award. She has also been named as a Florida Puerto Rican Parade, Inc. Community Leader, among others.

Ana is a proud mother. Her daughter, Ana Lucia, graduated in December of 2017 from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in early childhood development and education.

CONGRATULATING SALLY CHEN'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sally Chen, the New Democrat Coalition Senior Member Services Advisor. Sally is leaving the Coalition to work for the White House Office of Legislative Affairs.

During her 2 years with the Coalition, Sally played an integral role in growing our Member Services portfolio, amplifying our communications work, and ensuring that staffers from our

98 Member offices are connected to the resources and professional development opportunities they need to succeed in their roles.

In particular, Sally helped Member offices bolster their mail and constituent outreach programs and provided support to legislative staff in Coalition Member offices, helping them move their legislative priorities through committee and the House.

Having had the pleasure of working closely with Sally during my last five months as Chair of the New Democrat Coalition, I have seen firsthand how Sally's dedication, work ethic, and 'can do' attitude has elevated our Coalition to new heights.

Although her departure is bittersweet, I extend my sincere best wishes for her continued success at the White House.

#### SUPPORT FROM THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ARLINGTON HOUSE ESTATE FOR REDESIGNATION

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, to accompany the introduction of H.J. Res. 76, I am including in the RECORD statements and letters of support for the Redesignation of Arlington House from the descendants of the estate.

CONGRESSMAN BEYER: I am writing to express my support for the redesignation of the National Park Service site currently known as 'Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial' as the 'Arlington House National Historic Site.'

The memorial to Lee was established in two pieces of legislation 18 years apart. Public Law 84-1071, passed in June 1955, dedicated the memorial and stated that "Lee, whose name will ever be bright in our history as a great military leader, a great educator, and a great American." It went on to say that "he was a truly great man through the simple heritage of his personal traits of high character, his grandeur of soul, and his unflinching strength of heart." The 1972 legislation established public law 92-333 which gave the site its current name, 'Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial'.

I continue believe this redesignation is long overdue. The name Arlington House National Historic Site is not only inclusive, it is consistent with how the National Park Service manages and interprets this iconic, historic property.

I am a descendant and historian of the Syphax family. Syphaxes were enslaved on the Arlington House plantation by both Robert E. Lee and George Washington Parke Custis before him. Although I disagree with how the earlier legislation characterizes Lee, I disparage neither Lee nor the Custises. I do, however, work hard to give agency to the Syphaxes and all of the Arlington House plantation enslaved community. Their lives and stories are equally as important to the history of this site as is those who enslaved them. Their stories are educational, inspiring and uplifting. Their stories are intertwined with the Lees and Custises. The stories and history told completely can help our country better understand slavery at the Arlington House plantation and have the ability to help generate important and necessary conversations that can help repair and heal from a painful, divisive past.

This redesignation is important to the entire country, not just Arlington House de-

scendant families, the state of Virginia and Washington, D.C. It is important to all Americans. During the short time our on line petition (RedesignateARHO.org) has been collecting signatures, citizens from every state in the country and 9 other nations have expressed their support for the site redesignation.

I live in Loudoun County, VA. I intend to share this message with my own elected officials. Your colleague, Representative Jennifer Wexton, and Senator Tim Kaine, have both co-sponsored and sponsored legislation in the House and Senate, respectively. In addition, I will attempt to seek the support of Senator Mark Warner as a co-sponsor of the Senate legislation.

Thank you again Congressman Beyer for your leadership on this effort. Please don't hesitate to call on me if you would like to discuss this legislation further or I can help in some way.

Respectfully,

STEPHEN E. HAMMOND.

REPRESENTATIVE DON BEYER: I am writing in support of the legislation you plan to introduce to change the name of 'Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial' to the more neutral 'Arlington House, National Historic Site.'

The name 'Arlington House, National Historic Site' is much more appropriate, accurate, inclusive, and consistent with how the National Park Service manages and interprets historic properties.

As a direct descendant of George Washington Parke Custis and the great-granddaughter of Robert E. Lee. I own over 100 artifacts currently on display in the mansion and the museum—portraits, furniture, silver, documents, and ephemera. It has always been important to my branch of the Custis/Lee family to maintain close ties to Arlington House, despite our tragic history. Over the last 100 years, we have sought to provide a context for learning about the complicated history of the estate, in the hopes that visitors will be able to experience the house as more than just a mausoleum.

With the generous grant from David Rubenstein, the National Park Service has been able to update their interpretation of the site to include the perspectives of the enslaved who built and worked the plantation. The work that has been done here has been exemplary, and other institutions have taken note.

I have also been a member of the Family Circle of descendants of the enslaved and enslavers for more than a year, and although I was prevented from attending the reunion in April by health issues, I have found the group to be inspiring in these dark days of American politics. We can use as much thoughtful conversation and reconciliation as possible, and the group has proved to be a model for others who are trying to understand why some of our country's oldest wounds have never healed.

As other descendants have pointed out, this redesignation is important to the entire country and all Americans. In my opinion, this property should never have been named a memorial to Robert E. Lee in the first place—the 1972 legislation is directly related to the cult of the Lost Cause and should be seen as political backlash to desegregation. As Ty Seidule has pointed out in his important study, Robert E. Lee and Me, names matter, and this change is long overdue.

Thank you again for your efforts. Please do not hesitate to call on me if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely yours,

DR. SUSAN VOGEL.

REPRESENTATIVE DON BEYER: I am writing in support of the legislation you introduced

to change the name of the 'Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial' to the 'Arlington House National Historic Site.'

As a descendant of the Lee family, I was present at the recent Family Reunion, Finding our Voice, at Arlington House, in April of this year. I was very happy to see you there, supporting the redesignation to better reflect all the residents who lived at both Arlington House and at Arlington Plantation. It was a very moving day.

My direct ancestor, Richard Bland Lee, Robert E. Lee's uncle, was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Loudoun County from 1796-1797. His enslaved people built and ran Sully Plantation, which is now called Sully Historic Site, in Chantilly, Virginia. I am glad it is no longer called Sully Plantation, and instead called a Historic Site. The same could be true for Arlington House.

Thank you again for your efforts. Please don't hesitate to call on me if you would like to discuss this further.

SARAH TARR FLEMING.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BEYER: I am writing to express my support for redesignation of the National Park Service site currently known as 'Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial' as the 'Arlington House National Historic Site'.

I am a direct descendant of both George Washington Parke Custis and Robert E. Lee and have been working with the National Park Service, Lee descendants and descendants of the enslaved people at Arlington to review the exhibition planning process. One of our most important goals is to ensure that future exhibits and interpretation honor all of the Arlington Family truths and narratives by including and genuinely presenting ALL descendants' voices.

Through this process, I have become acutely aware of the intrinsic barriers that might deter individuals from having any interest in visiting the site—the most obvious of these being the current name of the plantation house that was established in 1972. By representing itself as a memorial to Robert E. Lee, Arlington House is omitting and dismissing an incredibly significant part of its history. We, as Americans, have an opportunity—and more importantly—a responsibility to change this.

CUSTIS GLOVER.

CONGRESSMAN BEYER, I write to express my support for your legislation to redesignate the Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial in northern Virginia as the Arlington House National Historic Site. I feel that the current name glorifies a soldier who took up arms to maintain the institution of slavery. This place is so much more than a Lee Museum. Its name should reflect the lives of all who lived, worked, and died there, both enslavers and enslaved.

As a member of the Syphax family, my third great grandmother, Maria Carter Custis, was enslaved at Arlington House. She was the daughter of George Washington Parke Custis, original builder of the plantation. Maria married Charles Syphax in 1821 in the same parlor of the plantation house ten years before her half-sister Mary Custis married Robert E. Lee.

Telling the factual story of Maria, as well as all who labored there, would initiate a conversation about America's past and hopefully be the first step toward healing a badly divided nation.

Arlington House National Historic Site could be an example for other historic sites to present the complete, true stories of eighteenth-century America. The time is right for this legislation, and I heartily support it. I'm pleased that you do too.

I live in Northridge, California. I have also written to my elected officials: Representatives Mike Garcia, (CA-27) and Brad Sherman (CA-32); and Senators Alex Padilla and Diane Feinstein.

Thank you for your leadership Congressman Beyer.

Respectfully,

DONNA KUNKEL.

DEAR SENATORS KAINE and WARNER: As a descendant of the enslaved Caroline Branham (and most likely, George Washington Parke Custis as well,) I have been in the process of turning what was hidden family lore into a complicated and fascinating history; one that encompasses the entire communities of Arlington House and Mount Vernon.

It is crucial to me, as an American, that the name of Arlington House reflect the broad history of one of the most popular destinations in the US, and not focus on the legacy of—or be allowed to glorify—Robert E. Lee.

Please support the name change legislation for Arlington House.

My most heartfelt thanks.

DAVID C. LUCAS.

FROM JOCELINE JULIEN: Thank you for this opportunity. Here is my paragraph:

“As a descendant of Caroline Branham, who was enslaved at Arlington and Mount Vernon, I fully support and call for the removal of slave owner and Confederate General Robert E. Lee’s name from Arlington House. To have Lee’s name on this historic property, conjures horrific images of slavery and brutality to those descendants of the enslaved at Arlington House and beyond. To this day, there is a pain of association that must be remedied. It is time to cut the slavery ties.”

My best,

JOCELINE.

FROM TAMARA MOORE: James Parks was born in 1843 on the Arlington estate. After his freedom at 19 years of age, he continued to live, work and finally transitioned into eternity on August 1929. As a part of the descendants group, we endorse the legislation being sponsored to change the name so that it accurately reflects the numerous families that were essential to the Arlington House community. James Parks was honored for his service by the Assistant Secretary of War in 1928 with approval to be buried with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery. As a part of this group, it is amazing that the descendants are able to connect and share the many family stories that began over 150 years ago.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: As an Arlington House and Decatur House slave descendant (Syphax family), I’ve long-since given my complete approval to the effort to change the Arlington House name from its present form to “Arlington House” simply. My approval comes from an appreciation of the idea that doing this would make the name more inclusive. I note that members of the Lee family agree with my fellow slave descendants regarding this. Given the high level of visitorship at Arlington House, the

name change will likely have a broad and thought-provoking effect. The National Park Service has already done a great deal to make inclusiveness at Arlington House real. It’s time to do the same with name.

KENNETH D.M. JENSEN,  
Oakton, Virginia.

TO REPRESENTATIVE DON BEYER: I am writing in support of the legislation you introduced to change the name of the ‘Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial’ to the ‘Arlington House National Historic Site.’

As a descendant of the Lee family, I was present at the recent Family Reunion, Finding our Voice, at Arlington House, in April of this year. I was very happy to see you there, supporting the redesignation to better reflect all the residents who lived at both Arlington House and at Arlington Plantation. It was a very moving day because of the warm reception of the descendants of those our family enslaved. The hugs and conversations enriched the weekend for my husband and myself, our daughter Sarah and her then 10 year old Margaret. Margaret and Sarah also read aloud the names of the ancestors of the enslaved and then gave a report at school.

My direct ancestor, Richard Bland Lee, Robert E. Lee’s uncle, was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Loudoun County from 1796–1797. His enslaved people built and ran Sully Plantation, which is now called Sully Historic Site, in Chantilly, Virginia. I am glad it is no longer called Sully Plantation, and instead called a Historic Site. The same could be true for Arlington House.

Thank you again for your efforts. Please don’t hesitate to call on me if you would like to discuss this further.

MARY LEE FLEMING KOWALSKI.

Quote from NPR story: “I am Gen. Lee’s great-great-grandson, and I am Robert E. Lee the Fifth. I don’t feel like we’re taking the name away,” says Rob Lee. “I think when you call it the Arlington House, you’re just opening it up to more of the families who lived there, honestly. And I think it’s just more appropriate.”

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BEYER: I strongly support legislation to redesignate “Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial” as “the Arlington House National Historic Site.” I am a descendant of the Lee family of Virginia.

Like other Lee/Custis descendants, I view this change not as a repudiation of my ancestors who lived at Arlington House, but as a far more accurate representation of this historic place and its scores of other residents—who literally built the house, cleared the land for agriculture and then maintained it all. They were skilled artisans, farmers, seamstresses, nannies, cooks, and experts at backbreaking labor. The imprint of these enslaved workers is on every inch of the property; without them, it would not exist. Redesignating their home as a National Historic Site will invite and welcome THEIR descendants, who, it must be acknowledged, cannot feel welcome at a place that honors only their great great grandparents’ enslaver. Intaking this action, we are being

true to the most basic morals and values of our country.

CONGRESSMAN BEYER: I am deeply grateful to you for your support, and your commitment to this effort. I am contacting my North Carolina representatives, Senator Thom Tillis, Senator Ted Budd and House Representative David Rouzer, hoping they will join you in supporting this legislation.

With my sincere thanks,

LENI FLEMING.

## RECOGNIZING BARBARA TALLEY

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Barbara Talley, a long-time resident of Southfield in Michigan’s 12th District Strong, for her leadership in the civil rights movement and numerous contributions to the community.

Known locally as the “Mother of Civil Rights.” Ms. Talley blazed the trail for women of color to pursue elected office by being elected as the first African American to serve on Southfield’s City Council. She has worked tirelessly to elevate the voices of people of color and championed issues that would create a more equitable and better quality of life for all.

During her two terms of service on Southfield’s City Council, Ms. Talley initiated an Affirmative Action Plan for hiring more diverse police, fire, management personnel and elevating women in city government. In 1985, she founded the Southfield Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force and held the first annual Peace Walk and Program, which continues to be one of the largest events honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King in the state of Michigan. In 2008, she coordinated a Peace Mission to Liberia, West Africa to meet President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and conducted several workshops aimed at helping to heal trauma of the Liberian Civil War on teen soldiers. She is the author of a book entitled Pathways to Interfaith Dialogue: An Innovative Model for Peace and Community Building. She formerly served as the executive director of Detroit Renaissance District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church. As a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Ms. Talley continues to promote their mission of service as a member of the Southfield Alumnae Chapter and as a Delta Dear. She remains active with the Task Force, Hope Church and the sorority. She is also a member of the National Congress of Black Women and Southfield Historical Society.

Mother Talley has been a paragon of public service, a promoter of peace and equity, and a fearless leader in the civil rights movement in Southfield and beyond. Please join me in recognizing her leadership and dedication.